

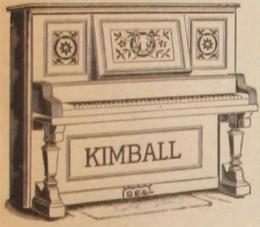
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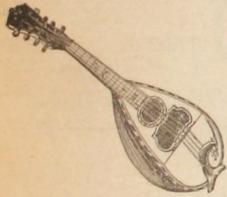
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New School House.
Many of our people have recently been rudely awakened to the fact that while the schools of Dwight are in excellent condition, the buildings in which they are held are entirely inadequate for the demands. There is no doubt but the people have made mistakes in the past by putting money into the old buildings or in additions, and there is no use of spending any more money on them. The arrangement of the present buildings is not good; they are not properly heated and cannot be, and the wonder is the schools have not had to close on account of the weather during the past winter. There were times when it was impossible to make some of the rooms comfortable, and under the circumstances was very liable to cause ill-health among the pupils. The buildings are cold and not properly ventilated.

The two school sites are splendid ones, the east side being the finest grounds in this section, and with a commodious modern school house erected there could not be surpassed anywhere.

There are different views regarding plans for the future, but there seems to be a unanimity of thought that something must be done before long.

There are nearly 400 scholars enrolled at present—a constant increase—and it will only be a matter of two or three years when the number will reach 600. It is impossible to give the present number proper accommodations and the increase is sure to come. Dwight is growing all the time, and the schools are excellently managed and popular.

The public schools are the bulwark of our free institutions and must be maintained. They turn out good American citizens, and any reasonable cost should be met by the people.

Some of our people believe that one central, modern school building would be the right thing, others that two sites would be best. It seems to us that one central site would be best. There are always jealousies and bickerings regarding location, etc. The present sites are, as we said before, good ones, and either one would be good for a large building. It is not so much a question of location as it is to get the means to build an appropriate building to locate.

We should be pleased to hear from any of our citizens regarding this vital question. The columns of the STAR AND HERALD are always open to any one who desires to advance thoughts for the benefit and prosperity of our beautiful city.

Death of Mrs. Paul Beier.

Mrs. Paul Beier was born in Denmark and came to Dwight in 1881. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jens Mickelson, who live three miles east and two miles south of Dwight. A little over a year ago she was given in marriage to Mr. Paul Beier, who, with a little baby boy, suffer the great loss of a dearly loved wife and mother. Mrs. Beier was a favorite with all her relatives and had a host of friends. She is greatly missed in her home and neighborhood. She was buried on the 11th day of March. The funeral services were held in the Danish Lutheran church of which she was a member, Rev. Mr. Bekker, her own pastor, being absent, Rev. Wilhelmson, pastor of the M. E. church, conducted the services.

The many friends of the family extend sympathy to the relatives.

RESOLUTIONS OF CONDOLENCE.

HALL OF FREDEN LODGE,
No. 34, D. B. S., Dwight, Ill.
WHEREAS, The Great Ruler of the universe has in His infinite wisdom, removed from our midst Mary, the beloved wife of our brother, Paul C. Beier, therefore be it

Resolved, That the sudden removal of such an esteemed lady and beloved wife and mother from our midst, leaves a vacancy, and casts a shadow that will long be realized by all her associates, and will prove a grievous loss to those who are left behind.

Resolved, That with deep sympathy for the afflicted relatives and friends of the departed, we express our earnest hope that even so great a bereavement may be overruled for their highest good.

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon the records of our lodge; that they be published in the DWIGHT STAR AND HERALD, and that a copy be presented to the bereaved husband and parents of the deceased.

O. C. JENSEN,
J. E. PETERSEN,
SIMON P. KLITZ,
Committee.

Obituary.

Mr. George Short, an old resident of this township, and a highly respected citizen, departed this life at his home south of Dwight last Friday forenoon at 11:30 o'clock, March 8, 1895. The deceased would have been 66 years of age June 1, 1895, he having been born near Columbus, Ohio, in 1829. He had resided in Grundy and Livingston counties for about thirty years, with the exception of six months spent in

Nebraska. He was taken sick January 15 with erysipelas, and was sick seven weeks and suffered greatly. Blood poisoning set in and death was a relief to his sufferings. His beloved wife passed away a year ago last May. He leaves five children, three boys and two girls, as follows: W. G., G. F., F. A., Maggie and Stella, to mourn the loss of father and mother. Mr. Short was married to Miss Levenia Fortney in 1861 at Mendota, Ill.

The funeral was held in Odell Sunday at 1 p. m., at the M. E. church, Rev. Lord, the pastor, kindly making the arrangements and Rev. C. W. Ayling, of Dwight, preached a feeling and comforting sermon. The funeral was largely attended. The remains were laid to rest in the M. E. cemetery. The many friends of the family extend their sympathy to the afflicted ones.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to return our sincere thanks to the many kind friends who assisted us before and after the death of our beloved father. Especially to Revs. Lord and Ayling for the arrangements and funeral. MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY.

Brown-Bristo.

We are in receipt of the Crittenden (Kentucky) Press, with the following notice regarding the marriage of the parties referred to, and extend congratulations:

Yesterday evening at 3:30 at the residence of Mr. P. C. Stephens, the home of the bride, Miss Etta Bristo and Mr. John M. Brown were united in marriage, Rev. J. F. Price officiating. Quite a number of friends witnessed the happy consummation of the happy event. The bride is a young lady of many womanly virtues and attainments. She is a member of one of the oldest and best families of the county. The groom lives in Illinois, near Dwight, and is a prosperous man and a good citizen, worthy of such an estimable bride.

Dittus-Burkhart.

Mr. William M. Burkhardt, four miles north of Dwight, and Miss Lulie M. Dittus, of Union Hill, Ill., were united in holy matrimony by Rev. George Schwartz, at the home of the bride, March 7, 1895. There were present at the wedding about 140 guests, and all enjoyed a good time. Mr. and Mrs. Burkhardt received many presents both in money and other valuable things. Mr. Burkhardt will locate five miles north of Dwight, where he is now building a house and will go to farming. May happiness and success crown their lives.

Oats and Money.

Our Danish citizens in Dwight and among the farmers around here, have done a noble act of charity. Wednesday a car load of oats for seed and feed, containing about 1,000 bushels, was loaded in Dwight and sent to Lexington, Dawson county, Neb., for the benefit of the farmers in that locality.

There has also been raised up to the present time among the Danish citizens about \$50 in cash in Dwight which will be sent to Howard county and distributed where it will do the most good.

All the citizens in this neighborhood have been very liberal, and it is as we have always said, there is no people anywhere who are more liberal in cases of want than those of Dwight and the farmers hereabouts.

The Danish citizens in charge wish to return their thanks to Mr. Metzger for his kindness in handling the oats in his elevator and loading it.

Supervisors to Be Elected.

Dwight township will not elect a supervisor this year. The following are the towns which will: Waldo, Nebraska, Reading, Pike, Rooks Creek, Amity, Eppard's Point, Pontiac, Belle Prairie, Indian Grove, Owego, Fayette, Forrest, Union, Germanville, Sullivan and Round Grove.

Of the seventeen towns named thirteen last fall gave Republican majorities ranging from 5 to 151. If this is any criterion to go by the next board will be Republican by a good majority.

Cities.

The "village" of Harvey, the beautiful suburb to Chicago, on the Illinois Central railroad, is a "city" now.

The "village" of Fairbury is a "city" now. The election for that purpose was held Tuesday and was carried by nearly 200 majority.

The "village" of Dwight is a "village" yet.

How is the Result?

To many merchants who devote a week to advertising and then condemn it because they did not get returns, are like the boy who studied law with a lawyer for two days and said, "The law is not what it's cracked up to be. I am sorry I learned it."

"Sweet Marie."

The Baby Marie Edwards entertainment Thursday evening at M. E. church, under the auspices of the Junior Epworth League, was, indeed, a very pleasant affair. Of course Baby Marie was the principal attraction, on account of her tender years and remarkable ability. She gave two selections alone on the piano and two with her father, C. W. Edwards, and a remarkable test of tone perception and blackboard writing. She is surely a wonder. In playing a duet with her father she was as unconcerned as could be, and was looking around watching the children present, and when her parts came in she would turn around suddenly and always strike the right notes with her tiny hands. With all her wonderful knowledge of music she is thoroughly a child and enjoys herself much more with the little ones than with grown people. She also had a child's impatience, and when asked a second time regarding a tone on the piano, she snapped out "B," so there could be no further chance for mistake.

The program opened with a song by the Junior League, followed by a duet by Baby Marie and C. W. Edwards. Rev. C. W. Ayling sang a solo, and Baby Marie gave a selected piano solo very nicely. Will J. Leach gave a very fine recitation, the rendering of which was splendid. Mr. Edwards gave a violin solo, which was followed by Miss Mabel Huey with a very pretty vocal solo, the accompaniment being played by Miss Minnie Lower. This was followed by the tests as above. The vocal solo was dispensed with on account of Baby Marie having a severe cold, but she gave a piano solo instead. A violin and piano selection by Baby and papa closed the very successful entertainment.

Bye, Baby, Bye.

A Child's Letter.

In the postoffice of one of our great eastern cities, not long ago, the mail-gatherer found a much handled and tear-stained postal card. The writing upon it was, from appearance, that of a little child. The address was, "My dear mama in heaven." The letter runs:

"dear mama—I am so lonesome since you went to home to heaven. I want to go to you. The time seems so long. You said I could come to you. Mrs. C. is kind to your little girl but she is not like you. Show this to God and send for me sure. My arm hurts me so and you said it would be well in heaven. I send you a kiss, from your little girl, Nellie."

Cold, indeed, must be the heart that does not moisten the eye that looks upon that touching and pathetic letter, with its baby love and unquestioning faith, an illustration of the love between child and mother that passes understanding. The whole world of pathos is in the child's cry—"Mrs. C. is kind to me, but she is not like you."

Primary Caucus.

The republican committeemen of Pontiac have adopted the primary plan for caucuses this year, and it cannot help but be a good thing because it is fair, and the will of the people is paramount. It does away entirely with ring rule, and no half dozen men can get into a caucus and carry it to suit themselves. The primaries are close to the people and the sooner all parties adopt that course, the better for them and the more confidence the people will have in the nominations.

The way to proceed is for the committeemen to appoint three judges for the primaries, and every man who wishes to be a candidate for any office must present his name to the committee at least twenty-four hours prior to the caucus. These names will then be printed on one ticket, each under the heading of the office wanted, with the little square, (the same as regular tickets) in front of each name. The voter will then place a cross in the square opposite his favorite for each office to be filled. The votes are counted afterwards and the names having the most votes in caucus are placed on the regular ticket and voted for election day.

The vote is open and fair—no caucus manipulating—and the choice of the people settles it.

The candidates pay the expense of the primary, before hand, and we hope the plan will be adopted in caucuses to-day and carried out in future.

Clerks and Judges.

The following clerks and judges were appointed at the last meeting of the village board for the corporation election:

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Clerks—John Baker, Thos. McIlhuff and H. F. Adams.

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