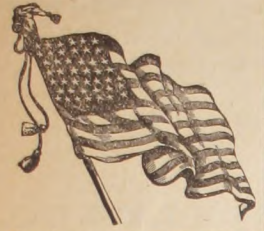


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The flag symbolizes our purposes and our aspirations; it represents what we believe and what we mean to maintain, and wherever it floats it is the flag of the free, the hope of the oppressed; and wherever it is assailed, at any sacrifice it will be carried to a triumphant peace.—Wm. McKinley.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

FOR SENATOR. Dr. M. B. Keeley, of Dwight, herewith announces his candidacy for the republican nomination for state senator from the 20th senatorial district, subject to the decision of the county convention of Livingston county and the senatorial district convention, composed of the counties of Livingston, Woodford and Marshall.

FOR REPRESENTATIVE. Hon. M. C. Eignus, of Forrest, herewith announces his candidacy for the renomination for representative from the 20th senatorial district, subject to the decision of the Livingston county republican convention.

STATES ATTORNEY. Ray Blasel, of Pontiac, herewith announces himself a candidate for renomination for States Attorney before the republican convention of Livingston County.

SUPERVISOR. Geo. L. Kern announces himself as a candidate for the office of supervisor, subject to the decision of the Peoples caucus.

COLLECTOR. A. Rhoads hereby announces himself as a candidate for the office of Collector of Dwight township, subject to the decision of the Republican primary.

H. Spellman hereby announces himself a candidate for the office of Collector of Dwight township, subject to the decision of the Republican primary.

J. K. Dunlap wishes to announce to the public that he will be a candidate for the nomination for the office of Collector of Dwight Township, subject to the decision of the republican primary.

The President signed what is known as the gold bill March 14, 1900, and there is no question of what this country stands for now on the money question.

Free trade with Porto Rico would mean free trade with Hawaii, the Philippine Islands, Cuba, and thereafter no protection to American labor anywhere. It would mean the disbandment of the republican party by abandoning republican principles.—Freeport Journal.

If Judge Haney is nominated by the republicans of Illinois for governor it is likely that Mayor Carter Harrison, of Chicago, will be nominated by the democrats, and Harrison may defeat Haney as Altgeld defeated Governor Fifer. The democrats think that quarreling among republicans gives them a chance to elect the next governor of Illinois, and the next United States senator, and if the republicans do not quit quarreling that is likely to be the case.—Freeport Journal.

A cheap parcel post means sure death to the country merchants, a blow to the prosperity of every little country village, and an enormous reduction in the business of regular jobbing merchants—and all for the benefit of a few mercantile aggregations that are not satisfied to corral all business within 100 miles of their establishments, but now want Uncle Sam to pay delivery charges on their



FOR GOVERNOR, WALTER REEVES, M. C.

packages so that they can capture the retail trade of the entire country. If we are not very much mistaken the million or so of the country merchants will have something to say before Congress passes any new postal laws which would inevitably drive these merchants out of business.—Freeport Journal.

That Livingston county is entitled to the senator from the twentieth senatorial district, there is no doubt. The county has more votes than the other two and gives three times the republican majority of both Woodford and Marshall. The newspapers of Marshall, of course, stand by Senator Fort, but they know as well as the rest of the people, that he is not entitled to the office. This district four years ago gave the office of senator to the small county of Marshall and it is only impudence to ask it again.

The announcement of Major M. R. Keeley for the state senate is being well taken throughout the 20th district. The interests of the district demand a man of ability, good solid character, and one able to cope with questions of public character which are constantly arising. Major Keeley is a thorough business man, having shown this in handling large interests; he was a faithful soldier during the late war, rising to the rank of major, and an exemplary citizen in every way. The district will make no mistake sending Major Keeley to the senate.

A wild and woolly scheme comes from Marshall county to the effect that the senatorial committee will recommend that the convention be called in the middle of April and that delegates be elected direct from election precincts. The first proposition to hold the senatorial convention before the state would necessitate the holding of three conventions in Livingston county. One has been held, one would have to be held for the purpose of electing delegates to senatorial convention and other such business as the committee decided, and no matter if county officers were nominated, another convention would have to be held to select delegates to the congressional convention after the state convention. No one knows who the candidate will be and the personal of the delegates will probably cut some figure. The second proposition is unknown in Illinois politics and is simply advanced to nullify the wishes of a majority in Livingston county. What Livingston county wants is fairness in all things and has no use for tricks or schemes and will not countenance them. The old way, the honest and fair way is good enough for Livingston county and should be for the whole district. The committee is called to meet in Minonk next Monday.

La grippe coughs cured by Dr. Kay's Lung Balm. Most pleasant to take Sold by all Druggists.

Call for Republican Convention. Chas. S. Rennells, chairman, and Jas. R. B. VanCleave, Secretary, of the Republican Central Committee have called a convention to meet at Peoria, May 8, at 10 a. m. for the purpose of placing in nomination candidates to be voted for at the November election 1900, for the following offices: Governor. Lieutenant Governor. Secretary of State. Auditor of Public Accounts. State Treasurer. Attorney General.

Three Trustees of the University of Illinois. Also to nominate two electors at large; one elector from each Congressional District, which district elector shall be selected by the delegates to the said state convention from each district; four delegates at large to the National Republican Convention; a republican state committee consisting of one member from each congressional district.

The State Convention will be composed of delegates from the several counties of the state to be chosen by republican county conventions to be held for that purpose, except in counties where the primary election law is in force, in such counties they shall be chosen in accordance with said law.

The basis of representation for the several counties will be one delegate for every 400 votes cast for the republican electors in 1896, and one additional delegate for each additional fraction of 200 or more.

The delegates from Cook county will be selected by primary election districts of wards and towns in accordance with law, and be called by wards and committeemen's districts on the roll in the state convention.

Livingston County has 14 delegates

District Convention. FAIRBURY, ILL., Feb. 1, 1900. By direction of the Republican District Committee of the Eleventh Congressional District the Republican voters of the several counties of said district are requested to send delegates to the district convention to be held at Peoria, Illinois, May 8, 1900, at 9 o'clock a. m. for the purpose of appointing two delegates and two alternates to the National Republican Convention to be held at Philadelphia, Penn., June 19, 1900, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before such district convention.

The basis of representation for the several counties of said district in such district convention shall be one delegate for every four hundred votes cast for the republican electors in 1896 and one delegate for each additional fraction of two hundred or more.

The number of delegates to which each county is entitled in said convention, on the basis aforesaid, is as follows: Bureau.....14 La Salle.....29 Livingston.....14 Woodford.....6

Total.....63 The committee recommends that the delegates to the district convention herein above called be appointed at the county convention called to select delegates to the republican state convention to be held at Peoria, May 8, 1900, and that the delegates to the state convention be constituted and appointed delegates to the district convention aforesaid. WRIGHT ADAMS, Chairman. B. E. ROBINSON, Secretary.

What do the Children Drink? Don't give them tea or coffee. Have you tried the new food drink called GRAIN-O? It is delicious and takes the place of coffee. The more GRAIN-O you give the children the more health you distribute through their systems. GRAIN-O is made of pure grains, and when properly prepared tastes like the choice grades of coffee but costs about 1/4 as much. All sell it. 15c. and 25c.

Teacher's Institute. The teachers' institute at the Dwight High School last week Saturday was granted the attendance of the teachers of the different school districts, and a wholesome and very enjoyable session was held. It was not easy to prefer any particular one of the papers read, for their subjects and arguments were all good.

The responsibility of the teacher and the will of the pupil received extensive attention, and memory relative to the formation of character and its influence on the pupil's work, also the controlling and proper guidance of that will was thoroughly discussed. The importance of not breaking the child's will by aggravating it unwisely was also urged. The difference between will power and stubbornness was discussed in reference to the teacher's work.

Native and acquired teaching ability, the growth of power was considered, the chief aim, power intellectually and executive. It was suggested that the teachers put themselves in the pupil's place and look from the learner's standpoint. The growth of knowledge was likened to the growth of a garden and the teacher was likened to the gardener who cultivated it. It was advanced by some that teachers, like poets, are "born not made," and that there must be something more than acquired ability.

Ancestry and surroundings were also considered a great factor in the teacher's ability.

It was urged that the pupil appreciated the best efforts of the teacher in their behalf and that a school is sometimes dull because of lukewarm efforts in the school room.

The width of interest evidenced by the celebrated teacher, Dr. Arnold, and his extensive information on every subject was cited, and teachers were advised to extend their research further than the four walls of the school room. Clear and simple language was advised, and the muddled head of the pupil was often considered to be because of lack of knowledge of the thing itself, the thing under study. It was suggested that if one were teaching fractions to Tommy Jones, it might be well to know Tommy Jones as well as the fractions, and the saying of Macaulay that "not his own taste but that of the fish baits the fisherman's hook." A love for the children was urged and sympathy with their work and adaptability was advised.

Recent educational movements were discussed, and Prof. Earnhart talked humorously of the old-time sort of school, describing the idea of a central township school. He complimented the work of the directors and told several humorous stories to illustrate the difference in the schools of yesterday and to-day. He complimented the new text books throughout his remarks.

The importance of accepting only the pupil's best work was dwelt upon, and considered a preventative of lax work in the school room. Basket socials for fund raising was brought before the institute.

A precise idea of the subject itself and what the thing discussed is, was urged, and a humorous reference as to what he used to understand was a watershed aptly illustrated his remarks.

The folly of hurrying children into examinations was noticed and it was advised to get them full of the subject, and they would not need hurrying. The rapid advance in music was discussed and approved.

Rev. E. F. Wright, Dr. Hamilton and Supt. Tombaugh offered valuable suggestions and new ideas. The relation of father and school board and parents and school board was accurately defined.

The Glee club rendered harmonious selections throughout the programs.

EXHIBIT.

The exhibition of the work of the pupils of the various grades was an interesting and praiseworthy affair. From the primary to the highest grade the parents and friends were given an opportunity to judge of their children's efforts. The room was ample enough to conveniently display the different department exhibits and the attendance was large and all present were interested.

The work of the eighth grade in relief map work, showed an accurate idea of proportion and color, the copy books containing their daily lessons, and which were in the vertical penmanship were very neat and the penmanship was very plain, a thing which is the effort of the teachers to cultivate. Maps showing the products of the different countries were very well drawn and such work must be a great help to the student. Map enlarging, or drawing from a small map and enlarging it to the size of a hemisphere has received careful attention and there was an exhibition an enlarged map of this kind, and one which required close figuring. Enlarging or the contrary is part of the work.

The map work in all the grades was good, in some cases nearly perfect. Mathematics as exhibited in the work of the pupils gives very high marks and the copy books were as received in the class room. Unique and effective methods of drawing cubes, etc., are employed and were shown. Samples

of cereal seeds, stone coal, etc., from which the students learned were also displayed. Petrified wood, in fact everything that would assist the student to help himself were on exhibition. Every department of the school work and the method of teaching were shown.

A most noticeable feature of the exhibition was the drawing, freehand and otherwise. Some of the sketches were very good, as the human sketches, and we may expect to hear from some of these young artists as cartoonists before long.

There was a great diversity of efforts on exhibit, and the work in the primary department was very interesting, showing how the little people can be amused and instructed at the same time. Passing from the hearing of the program of the afternoon and looking over the exhibits one could apply various suggestions made and note the results in the very commendable work of the pupils.

The musical efforts of the primary department were evidence of progress and a knowledge of the rudiments of music which might surprise a stranger to the work being done during the last few years.

Examples of the pupils' work as shown in the copy books of the different grades in the various sorts of learning testified to the good work done by the teachers and directors.

The parents should be proud of the Dwight Schools after inspecting the exhibit of Saturday last.

Farmers Look Here!

I am now conducting the business of buying Poultry, Veal, Hides and Horse Hides and Wool, Mink Skunk O'Possum and all kinds of Furs, at the Old Losee & Brown stand. Having no partner to divide profits and no rent to pay, I am prepared to pay the highest price for everything in my line. Do not sell without giving me a call as I will put the price to equal any buyer in the State. Don't forget the old reliable poultry house.

E. B. LOSEE, Prop.

City Elections.

The city election will be held this year April 16 and the primaries for the nomination of a president and two members of the board and city clerk, must be held fifteen days previous to the election, which would bring it on Saturday, the 31st day of March, from 2 to 5 p. m.

The retiring officers are President J. R. Oughton and Trustees H. F. Adams and John Stewart.

The STAR AND HERALD has heard of no avowed candidates and believes the people generally are satisfied to let well-enough alone.

Dwight was never in better condition, gradually getting out of debt, taxes getting less and everything running along smoothly.

Primaries To-day.

The republican primaries to place in nomination candidates for supervisor, collector, assessor, school trustee and road commissioner, etc., will be held at the town house, from 2 to 5 p. m. to-day.

Printed tickets will be prepared on which the names of all those who wish can have their names printed, and names handed into the STAR AND HERALD office by 9:30 this Saturday-morning will be printed.

Every republican in Dwight township should go to the polls and express his choice as to whom the candidates shall be and then stand by them.

The "peoples" caucus will be held at the townhouse at 2 p. m. Monday next.

Gregg for Supervisor.

Alderman R. D. Gregg, of Dwight, has consented to a low his name to go before the republican primaries today as a candidate for the nomination for supervisor. Mr. Gregg is an excellent man, honorable and able to fill the position and should receive the united support of the party in Dwight township.

Lee Reeder, who has filled the office of town clerk acceptable for several years, will probably be renominated.

J. D. Empie will be a candidate for the nomination for assessor, subject to the primaries today. He is a good man.

There are three candidates for collector—Henry Spellman, A. Rhoads and J. K. Dunlap, all good men.

There will be candidates for trustee and road commissioner, and Walt Weese will be elected pound master by a large majority.

Name City, Alaska.

Is twenty-eight hundred miles from Seattle, via ocean. It is said to be the richest gold field discovered up to this time. The first steamer to leave Seattle on or about May 10, 1900. For full particulars, maps, etc., address E. G. Hayden, Traveling Passenger Agent, Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway, 95 Adams Street, Chicago, Ill.

Here it is.

I have many patterns of the best wall paper, Wall, ceiling, and border to match, and in beautifully graduated shades.—JOHN SEYMOUR, with A. Bower, seed store.

A Surprise. It must be conceded the ladies are ahead when a movement is to be initiated and carried to completion, in the way of a genuinely pleasant and every-way successful surprise. Such a movement as this, which has been brewing for several days, came to a very happy and exciting culmination last Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Stevens were the innocent parties to this wide-spread conspiracy. They have turned their faces, and are soon to direct their steps westward, with the avowed purpose of pressing in that direction until beyond the father of waters. So the ladies determined to give them a surprise. The commodious home of Mr. and Mrs. Fenn was selected as a suitable place for the occasion and at 7:30 p. m. between seventy-five and one hundred people gathered here to engage in the festivities incident to the occasion. A short program had been arranged by Mrs. F. A. Haise and Mrs. Naffiger. Mrs. Barr, president of the Ladies Aid Society, presided during the rendition of the program. Misses Minnie and Addie Barr and Addie Fenn sang a trio. Misses Nellie McWilliams and Addie Fenn gave an instrumental duet; Miss Kate Wooley gave an instrumental solo; Mrs. H. T. McLane a select reading and the pastor of the M. E. church, Rev. Woolley, sang a solo. The program seemed to please the company very much.

Following this Mrs. Manning Smith on behalf of the members of the choir, which Mr. Stevens had led so long, presented him with a beautiful Oxford Bible, and Mr. Woolley, on behalf of the two ladies societies in the church of which Mrs. Stevens was an active member, presented her with a beautiful writing desk. Responses were made by both Mr. and Mrs. Stevens. They invited the entire company to visit them when they got settled in their Iowa home. And immediately following the invitation the company voted unanimously to accept it. Following this a most toothsome repast was served, which was universally conceded to bear every mark of the highest culinary art. At this point everybody had a finger in the pie. Mr. and Mrs. Stevens will be greatly missed in our town and especially in the Methodist church, of which they have been long and faithful members.

The Dedication.

The dedication of the new hall in Romberger & Smith's new block, "The Mazon," was certainly one of the most pleasant social affairs ever given in Dwight. The hall is simply a beauty and what might be expected from the proprietors who are enterprising and up-to-date in all things.

The Mazon was built by The Leslie E. Keeley Company a few years ago, and is comparatively a new building, and the street floor was used for a cafe and the rooms above for sleeping apartments. When it came into the possession of the present proprietors they realized that Dwight needed a reception hall suitable for local doings and one the citizens would feel proud of and they have fully carried out these plans.

The reception was cordial; the music furnished by the celebrated Johnny Hand's Orchestra, of Chicago, was the finest which could be secured. The invitations were public and everyone who desired took advantage of the occasion to inspect the beautiful hall, and reception rooms, and all were well pleased. It was certainly a social affair which will long be remembered.

The reception rooms and hall was beautifully decorated with cut flowers and palms. The first part of the evening up to about 9:30 was spent in visiting and inspecting the hall, and during this time some six or seven hundred people were welcomed. Then came the dancing which was enjoyed by those who desired.

The dimensions of the main hall is 80x40 and the reception rooms 44x20. The latter are handsomely furnished. The ladies and gents rooms in opposite ends of the hall and furnished with handsome wicker furniture, and the general reception room in center of oak, and all have beautiful bureau's, rugs. The ball room is handsomely decorated, and furnished with oak chairs and settees, of inviting and pretty design. Handsome portiers are hung between the reception rooms and ball room.

Ray Blasel For States Attorney.

We take pleasure in announcing Mr. Ray Blasel as a candidate for renomination for states' attorney of this county. The office for which he seeks to succeed himself is perhaps the most responsible and undoubtedly is the most difficult of any to fill in the county. Mr. Blasel has filled it faithfully and with satisfaction to the people and honor to himself. In no instance has he dealt other than honorably and honestly with the people in his official duties. For the past two years he has made an enviable record as a prosecutor, in the present term of the circuit court, alone having conducted criminal cases in which nine guilty men were sent to the Joliet penitentiary, which shows much hard work on his part. No doubt the people in selecting a nominee for this office, will take into consideration Mr. Blasel's four years experience in criminal work and that he will have a strong following in the county convention.