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## FATAL ACCIDENT.

G. A. Seymour Dies From Injuries Received.

Mr. Geo. A. Seymour, the well known druggist, on East street, Dwight, was injured by the cars at the crossing near the C. & A. depot last Saturday evening about 6:30, from the effects of which he died almost immediately. He was just returning from supper, and as he arrived at the depot a freight train was switching there as usual. Two cars attached to the front of an engine were going south and Mr. Seymour did not see them and as he stepped from the platform he was struck and knocked down with the above sad result.

The remains were taken to C. M. Baker's undertaking establishment and cared for. The sad accident was a great shock to this community.

## OBITUARY.

George A. Seymour was born in Cleveland, Ohio, March 17, 1842, and was 58 years of age at the time of his death. He came to Dixon, Ill., while yet a boy, and resided there until the war broke out. When the 13th Ill. Vol. Infantry was raised in 1861, under the first call for troops after the fall of Fort Sumpter, Mr. Seymour showed his patriotism and love of the old flag, by enlisting, and served honorably for three years and saw hardships and trials from which no man ever thoroughly recovers. After service of three years he re-enlisted, wishing to give his services as long as the country was in danger, and served something over another year. He was but nineteen years of age when he enlisted, and a young man when he came home.

The year after the war closed, 1866, he was joined in happy wedlock to Mary Dryden, of Gen. Grove, Ill., and soon afterwards came to Dwight. They were blessed with four children, Edith, Eugene, R. V., and Earnest. Edith died some fourteen years ago, and the sons, Eugene is farming land belonging to his father in North Dakota, R. U. attending the state university at Champaign and Earnest attending Rush Medical College in Chicago.

Mr. Seymour was proud of his boys, and did all that mortal man could for them in the way of educating them and fitting them for their battle with the world.

Mr. Seymour went into the drug business in Dwight and was a compiler of medicines, and it was at his store where the late Dr. Leslie E. Keeley made his headquarters in early days when practicing here, and undoubtedly

there that the great remedy was discovered which has done so much for mankind.

Mr. Seymour was a very loyal and patriotic, and was one of the charter members of Dwight Post, G. A. R. and served in all the offices and was commander only two years ago. He was a splendid citizen in every way and his untimely death is mourned by all.

The funeral was held at the house Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, and was attended by the Masons, Grand Army, Sons of Veterans and a large number of people.

Rev. Morgan of the M. E. Church, conducted the services. He is an honored veteran himself, and in his remarks his heart was deeply touched by the sad circumstances of his death and he paid a fine and deserving tribute to the dead veterans and to all veterans.

The remains were laid to rest in Oak Lawn beside their deceased daughter.

The sympathy of this whole community goes out to the sorrowing widow and children in the hours of their deep grief.

The family feel very thankful to all those who so kindly and thoughtfully made their burdens as light as possible.

## Prey-Collins.

Dennis Collins, of Geneseo, and Katie Prey, of Atkins, were married on Oct. 17 at 2:30 p.m. at Hoop Poe, Catholic church. Mr. Collins is a prosperous, young farmer near Geneseo, and Miss Prey a well known young lady, formerly of Round Grove Township, this county. After the ceremony a sumptuous dinner was served at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Prey, well known here having been a resident of Livingston County, for twenty-five years. The guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Fitzgerald, Atkins; Mr. and Mrs. John Collins, Geneseo; The Misses Anna and Lucy Collins, Emma Becker, Emma Beechel, Maud Reynolds, Jno. Collins, Jr. Joe Rink, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Allen, J. W. Baker. The presents were numerous, and valuable.

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## BUSINESS.

Some Propositions Which no Honest Man can get Around.

There is no doubt of the business ability of the republican party and no doubt of the confidence that the money people of the country have in it. Under the last democratic administration money was tied up, no one would invest a cent if he could help it or buy anything if he could possibly get along without it. These are facts, but for the sake of comparison we quote a few figures regarding our local enterprises:

For instance The Leslie E. Keeley Co. during the last year of Harrison's term as president had over three hundred patients for treatment and at the close of Cleveland's about sixty. Their business has improved right along ever since the republican administration and bids fair to be larger all the time. This shows that even the business of this company is controlled largely by the times. While there are those who need treatment they cannot raise the money during hard times.

## HAY PRESS.

Probably the greatest effect on any business here is that of the Alligator Hay Press factory of J. A. Spencer. Taking as a basis of 100 during the last year of Harrison's term, the business of this factory during the first year of Cleveland's term was 82 per cent; second year 56 per cent; third year 46 per cent; fourth year 30 per cent. During the fourth year Mr. Spencer would have made money to have closed his factory, but he managed to keep a few men at work.

During the first year of McKinley's term the business jumped from 30 to 95 per cent and since then has increased right along until this year it bids fair to be fifty per cent larger than ever before. This means something. Over four times as many men have been employed and better wages paid. Naturally Mr. Spencer is interested in the success of the political party in which the people with money have confidence and whose business policies make a market for the farmers products so that the farmers can afford to buy Mr. Spencer's products. This factory of itself is a pretty big thing for Dwight and for merchants and if the amount of money coming indirectly from that factory to our merchants and going through the channels of business was computed it would be considerable. Men who work for a living, and men who depend upon factory work should think hard and long before they deliberately cast a vote for democratic times.

Reeb Bros. inform a representative of this paper that it was a hard struggle for them to do much with their large marble business four, five or six years ago, but during the last three years they have had to add hundreds of dollars worth of new and up to date machinery, and now there are from eight to twelve men employed there all the time, and they do more than ten times the business they did. People have money, and they are more liberal in their expenditures in honoring the memory of their departed ones. They of course, are satisfied with the times.

Thus it might be said of every business in Dwight, and still there are a few who seem to want to monkey with their own pocketbooks and try some scheme which there is no certainty in, with a probability of putting a stop to this general prosperity.

Every farmer ought to be able to see that prosperity of the manufacturer and the business men generally causes them to hire more help and the more help hired the better home market it makes, and thereby increases the price of their products. It is a simple, plain business proposition to all. Every man who works for a man who is prosperous ought to understand that his job and wages are dependent on that prosperity. He can't hire or pay you if he isn't prosperous.

Every fair man should take these facts home to himself and just think it over fairly, and he'll vote for a continuation of the party in power which has brought about this condition.

It makes no difference where a man comes from what his nationality is or his condition, or how poor or rich he is, or whether he runs a bank, store, farm, digs ditches, lays tile or anything else, the general interests of one is the interests of the other. If times are not prosperous none of them are successful. If they are they all do well.

All a laboring man has to do is just to think back four and five years ago and make a comparison with the present and then if he can't see the difference he can't see much. There are a few laboring men who seem to think that if the man they are working for is doing well and other men of money are doing well, that it is for their interests to keep them from getting too rich or making too much. They don't seem to appreciate the fact they are hurting themselves more than the employer, and that the employer can get along without them much easier than they can get along without the employer.

All classes should think well about voting to change the present conditions

## R. R. Crossings.

It has been fully demonstrated in Dwight that bells at railroad crossings amount to nothing as a protection to the public, and more than that they are not where the public need the most protection. The bells will ring for a half an hour at a time with trains standing still and thereby stop traffic and delay those who wish to cross, but the worst places in Dwight and the most dangerous are the crossings at the elevator and at the station. They are absolutely dangerous at all times, and there simply must be something done for self-protection. If it was only passenger trains one might keep track of them, but when freight trains are switching, backing up and down, all times of day and night, cars coming sliding almost noiselessly across the sidewalks, no one's life is safe. While railroads are entitled to the rights of individuals, they have no right to maintain a right of way which endangers the lives of people. For instance the Branch freight pulls in almost every night about the time people are coming from their suppers and pulls over those crossings for a half hour or more. The way freight does the same thing and indeed most of the freights.

The south switch is just so situated that every train has to pull up over both crossings before they can put cars on the side tracks, south of the water tank. The east track by the elevator is generally full of cars with barely room enough to get through on the sidewalks, and no one knows half the time when they will back up and catch some one.

During the past few months two of our respected citizens have lost their lives by the unfortunate condition of affairs, and it has arrived at a point when some action must be taken.

There is only one way the STAR AND HERALD knows of and that is gates at every crossing and the sooner this is done the better. The railroad company cannot afford to allow the present conditions to exist, neither will our people.

The city council should demand protection in a reasonable way and see that the people get it. Part of the spring campaign was made on the railroad issue, and now is a good time for them to carry out some of their promises to the people.

The accident Saturday happened just where there had no business to be any switching at any time.

There is another point the attention of the railroad company is called to and that is that it might be a little better if they had a switch engine and a crew that knew something about the condi-

tions instead of green men on every train.

The STAR AND HERALD believes in recognizing the rights of railroads and that they too are entitled to protection, and also that they are as anxious to avoid accidents as the public, and therefore calls their attention to facts as they prevail in Dwight.

## ORDINANCE.

At a meeting of the board Tuesday night the ordinance committee was instructed to draw up an ordinance providing for gates at the crossings in the city limits, which will be done and it is hoped that it will be effective.

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