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More than 3500 new settlers have come into Western Michigan during the past four years.

DWIGHT OPERA HOUSE
Tuesday, April 22nd, 1913
at eight o'clock

Everything Free! Everybody Welcome!

A souvenir booklet will be given away. You will not be asked to buy land as The Western Michigan Development Bureau is supported by taxation and has nothing for sale.

Two Reels of Pictures will be shown
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Notice to Advertisers.

All copy for change of advertising must be in this office Thursday to insure appearance in that week's issue. We trust all our advertisers will bear this in mind in the future.

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A Quarter Section

of good farm land, such as we have in Livingston county, is more than equal to the average gold mine.

IT IS A SURE THING.

Under proper tilling it produces a competence. And all the time it is increasing in value.

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DR. C. L. HAMILTON
GIVEN A RECEPTION.
Men's Organized Class of M. E. Sunday School Give Party in Honor of Teacher.

Last Friday evening the Men's Organized Class No. 13 of the Methodist Episcopal Sunday School met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Hayes on West Seminole street, in honor of the resignation of Dr. C. L. Hamilton as teacher of the class.

There were twenty-three members present, and after a light luncheon was served the president, Mr. L. L. Harrison, in behalf of the class, presented the Doctor with a Masonic Knights Templar charm, who in return expressed his appreciation for same in a short talk.

Following Dr. Hamilton's talk, Rev. McClung, Roy Baker, George Hager and T. E. Weary gave short talks which were very interesting. Mrs. Hayes then rendered some very beautiful selections on the piano, also some vocal selections were given by Mrs. Hayes, Mr. Hayes and Mr. Harrison which were enjoyed very much by those present.

At a late hour the party broke up wishing Dr. Hamilton good health and that some time in the future he would be able to teach the class again.

Chicago & Alton to Make Extensive Improvements in this City.

Announcement was made Monday that authority had been issued for extensive improvements by the Alton at Dwight. A new round house of six stalls will be the most extensive structure to be erected, taking the place of the present antiquated house which is in a sadly dilapidated condition. In addition there will be a new water tank of 100,000 gallon capacity; a sand house; cinder pit; office; oil house, and coal tipple. There will also be some additional tracks at that terminal in connection with the new structures. The present layout of the buildings and tracks at Dwight will likely be changed radically in order to secure better results. The coal tipple is a badly needed improvement and will prove a wise investment. It is planned to commence operations immediately.

School Caucus.

At Town House, Friday, April 18th, Two o'clock P. M., to nominate candidates for President Board of Education and Two Members.

Adv. Per order, Board.

Notice to All the Voters of the Village of Dwight.

The candidates of the Independent License Party, if elected, pledge themselves to vote on all questions that come before them without prejudice and according to the Laws and Ordinance.

They will not at any time sacrifice the interests of the public for the benefit of the few. Consideration invited.—Adv.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has won its great reputation and extensive sale by its remarkable cures of coughs, colds and croup. It can be depended upon. Try it. Sold by all dealers.—Adv.

Testing Seed Corn.

Over 50,000 bushels of seed corn will be needed this spring to plant the corn crop in this county. Do we have this amount of seed in store? If so, the next question is, will it grow? One bad or dead seed ear in every hundred will lower the total annual yield in the county by more than 100,000 bushels and yet it is safe to say that five per cent of the seed corn, on the average, planted in this county, is either dead or low in vitality. This means a loss of from 200,000 to 500,000 bushels of corn annually.

Seed corn of low vitality and consequent poor stands can be almost entirely avoided by carefully testing seed for germination. The testing of seed corn requires little time and labor and small expense. It pays to test seed under practically all conditions.

The Iowa Experiment Station reports a yield of 10.6 bushels in 1910 and 19.6 bushels in 1911 more corn per acre for tested seed than for seed not tested. This increase in yield represented 45 per cent of the profits received from the corn crop during those two years. The testing of seed corn in this county would bring to light figures equally as startling as these.

One of the most convenient, satisfactory and inexpensive ways of testing seed corn is by means of the so-called "Rag Doll" tester. This tester is made of medium weight muslin. It should be about nine inches wide and four to five feet long. Draw a line lengthwise through the center to within one foot of each end of the cloth. Now draw lines perpendicular to this line at intervals of about 2 1/2 inches. Twenty blocks should be laid off in this way. Number these squares in order from top to bottom. When ready to test, number and lay the ears of corn to be tested in a row side by side. Remove six kernels from each ear with a blunt instrument like an iron shucking peg. Take kernels from opposite sides of ear. Two kernels should be taken from about an inch of the butt of the ear, two from the middle and two from about two inches from the tip. Now wet and spread the cloth tester along the row of ears, and place six kernels taken from ear number 1 on square number 1, and the six kernels taken from ear number 2 on square number 2 and so on. Begin rolling cloth at end furthest from number 1 square. Roll in to a loose bundle and tie around center just tight enough to hold kernels in place. This tester should contain kernels from twenty ears.

When all "Rag Dolls" have been made up in this way, set them perpendicular into a ten-quart pail. Do not pack tightly. Now fill the pail with warm water and wrap it up carefully in heavy wrapping paper so as to retain the heat. In two or three hours unwrap, drain off water and cover ends of rolls with a wet cloth and again wrap up as before. In about two days remove wrapping paper and fill pail with warm water again, let stand five or ten minutes until the rolls are thoroughly soaked. Then drain off and replace the covering. Keep the pail in a warm room. Take care not to let the rolls freeze under any circumstances, or let them dry out. In seven or eight days when the sprouts are about two inches long, unroll the cloth carefully so as not to misplace the kernels. Examine the kernels in each of the squares and save for planting only those ears the kernels of which show strong, vigorous roots and stem sprouts. Discard all the ears the kernels of which show one or more dead kernels, weak sprouts or kernels affected with mould, which kills the sprouts after they have started.

Kernels making decidedly less vigorous growth than other kernels under the same conditions, taken from the same ear are weak.

When ears testing five strong kernels and one weak kernel are planted, the stand is decreased 6 per cent and the yield about 3.4 bushels per acre.

When ears testing five strong kernels and one dead kernel are planted, the stand is decreased about 11 per cent and the yield over six bushels an acre.

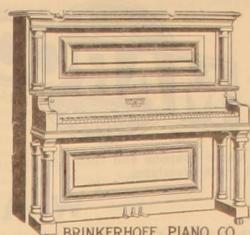
There is only one way of telling whether or not seed corn will grow and that is by trying it. Do it now and be certain of getting a stand. When you have done this it will pay you to run the seed through the grader, so as to make more certain of your planter dropping just the number of kernels desired in the hill. Careful grading of seed corn will increase the consistency of dropping 10 to 15 per cent and the yield two to four bushels per acre.

If you have no well bred seed corn on hand for this spring, why not write to a good seed corn breeder near home for a bushel of well bred corn. This would give you a good field of corn from which to select pure bred seed for the next year's crop.

The old adage, "Well begun is half done," is certainly true in corn raising. The seed and the seed bed preparation is the beginning. Subsequent cultivation is the other half.

ADVERTISING IN THIS PAPER PAYS

An After Contest "Thank you"



BRINKERHOFF PIANO CO.

It's all over—even the shouting. On second thought, no, it isn't all over. It has just begun. You Boosters—we have begun to know you as never before. We have learned what a glorious lot of splendid fighters you are, and we wish in the very bottom of our hearts that we could send every one of you the same handsome premium.

We can't do that, but we are sure to retain a fine regard for every one of you, and henceforth to feel thankful to you for helping our campaign to become the brilliant success that far exceeded our expectations.

And all you friends of the Boosters—a fine army of enthusiastic hustlers—we have learned to know you and are decidedly anxious to know you better. Our store will be open-house for you hereafter. We desire to retain and enlarge upon your friendship.

To the Public: There is one part of this campaign that we are NOT going to put a stop to. That is our offering good quality, up-to-date, always dependable merchandise, at prices that you'll agree to. Also, we have pledged ourselves to serve you in such a way as to make you thoroughly satisfied to stay right here with us.

The following is the report as submitted by the Committee appointed to count the votes.

STANDINGS.

C. M. Baker & Son, Dwight, Ill.

We the undersigned committee appointed to canvass the vote in the Piano Contest hereby certify that the following is the correct vote and standing of the respective contestants:

Mrs. Lester Pierce.....	6,379.560
Miss Florence Snyder.....	4,688.415
Miss Katie Mommson.....	4,039.780
Miss Ethel Orr.....	335.745
Miss Anna Fowick.....	555.745
Miss Anna Worm.....	318.095
Miss Louise Hansen.....	252.435
Miss Margaret Hagerty.....	207.255
Miss Louise Flach.....	200.205
Mrs. Jesse Tambling.....	82.915
Miss Veronica Coveny.....	78.385
Miss Pearl Stacy.....	71.465
Miss Clara Rosendall.....	61.430
Miss Katie Farrell.....	51.675
Miss Christine Sorenson.....	42.155
Miss Mary Finch.....	34.715
Miss Margaret Carey.....	28.220
Miss Pearl Meier.....	27.690
Miss Mary Linton.....	22.480
Miss Sadie Burns.....	13.160
Miss Alice Jenkins.....	10.545
Miss Clara Sorenson.....	5.400
Mrs. Gladys Gillispie.....	3.840
Miss Laura Doherty.....	3.020
Miss Carrie Thompson.....	2.000
Miss Audrey Frissinger.....	1.650
Miss Layle Skaggs.....	1.500
Miss Anna Mortenson.....	1.100
Miss Josephine O'Brien.....	1.100
Mrs. Thomas Perschnick.....	1.000
Mrs. Beatrice Short.....	1.000
Miss Katharine McShane.....	1.000
Miss Ellen Rhode.....	1.000
Miss Julia Kepplinger.....	1.000
Miss Anna Jensen.....	1.000
Miss Fannie Gillett.....	1.000
Mrs. Thomas Devlin.....	1.000

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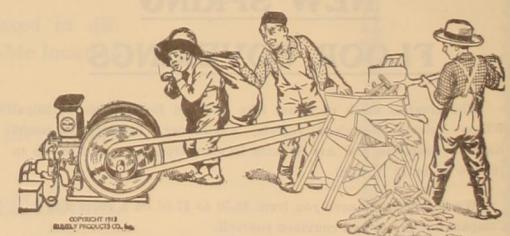
Dated, April 9th, 1913, 9 o'clock, p. m.

On launching the contest we had figured on but the one prize as advertised, The Brinkerhoff Piano, Style 52, and, although had thought some of additional prizes not until the night before the close did we definitely decide to present the next eight standing highest with anything, although we would like to have presented each contestant with a piano, as a token of our appreciation for services rendered.

Contestants, your services were appreciated and shall not be forgotten and we trust you may always be Boosters for The Furniture Store, and we shall favor you in return in any way we can.

C. M. BAKER & SON

Proprietors of "The Piano Contest Store"



Olds Engine Shelling Corn

SHELLING corn isn't such a hard job if you do it with an Olds Engine. Neither is your other work; the Olds will do a lot of it for you; better and quicker.

Let's get together and talk this engine matter over some day; let us tell you about the Olds; that's really the engine you ought to have. We've a sheller for you, too.

Make this your store; you'll get what you want here.

If you can't find time to come and see us, ask us to come and see you or send you a free catalog of Olds Engines.

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give us the chance.

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Plain Tailored Suits \$11.95

These suits reveal a happy blend of comfort and style at a price for small incomes. Perfectly plain, tailored suits with smart, graceful lines becoming to all figures, carefully cut and finished are specially priced for quick clearance at \$11.95. Their appearance tells a value of \$15, but this special price of \$11.95 makes them a value worth investigating. In dark and light colors.

Stunning Afternoon Dress \$11.50

Paris peeps out of this dainty messaline model that is such a big value at \$11.50. The heavy lace collar with smart frill of shadow lace enlivened with fold of a contrasting shade makes this a most attractive dress for general or dress wear.

Desirable Coat Values

Bulgarian coats with the low waist line, especially becoming to young women.....	\$10 and \$12.50
Stunning coats in large black and white checks, for.....	\$15.00
Checked coats for Misses, at.....	\$10.00
Belted coats in Bedford cords and Botany serges, with Bulgarian collar and cuffs.....	\$15.00
Draped effects in Mistral cloth, with beautiful colored linings, at.....	\$22.50
Metalasse Coats—one of the very latest styles in soft and Metalasse Coats—one of the very latest styles in soft grey and burnt leather shades.	

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Batiste, Voile, Crepe and Crepe de Chine.
at..... \$1.00, \$1.25, \$2.50 up to \$6.50



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