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## DWIGHT.

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We cordially invite strangers to locate in Dwight, and all the people to trade with our business men and to call at our office or call us up and tell us your troubles. Local and Long Distance Phone No. 7.

The "No War Developments" news from the city of Mexico reminds us of "All quiet on the Potomac" in 1862.

The Chicago papers say the new Chief of Police—Gleason—is going to "sweep out vice." That sounds good and rather ancient.

The women say they are going to vote Chicago dry. They may do it but we are inclined to think one would have to look through a glass to see it.

The Eagles of Moline have O. K.'d tango, and employed a teacher. It is said that the Eagles never overlook anything good, and one cannot fly too high to be an Eagle.

There is a movement to move the headquarters of the I. O. O. F. from Springfield to Decatur, Springfield has

so much that she sometimes forgets to pay any attention to pretty big things until too late.

The Illinois Railroad and Warehouse Commission has taken up the question of grade crossings. It would be a protection to the people if there was a general law governing this question and it was strictly enforced.

It looks as if the Harvester Trust was in bad this time. Attorney General Reynolds is after them. If the Democratic administration would break up that outfit and with it their official organ—the Chicago Tribune, everybody would say Amen!

The Democrats in Illinois are getting together and James Hamilton Lewis is to be the Moses to lead them out of the wilderness. A joint arrangement is to be made between Gov. Dunne, Roger Sullivan and Mayor Harrison. Everything then is to be submitted to J. Ham and if he O. K.'s it the matter will go through. —Peoria Star.

Now is the time of year especially when the road drag should be used liberally. There are some roads around Dwight and vicinity which are always in good condition except in extreme weather and there are others which are simply rotten. It is a mighty wise plan to look after them because the time will surely come when the rural mail delivery will be cut off from those living on roads which receive no attention.

Reports come from different localities that several national banks will give up their charters and apply for state charters, if the financial bill, known as the Glass bill is passed in its present shape. There are other national banks which contemplate retaining their present charters and also taking out state charters. These comments have been brought about by paragraphs in the bill which tend to interfere with the conduct of the banks' private affairs.

The attempt on the life of Felix Diaz by a Mexican assassin was nothing so very unusual. There has hardly been a prominent man and many not so prominent who have not been threatened in the same manner. It does not follow that this country should offer armed intervention, or put this nation to great expense to settle their troubles. It is all right to protect the interests of the United States everywhere and her citizens as far as international affairs are concerned, but to settle the internal squabbles of Mexico would mean war

for the next twenty-five years at billions of expense to our people. There is much "Jingo" talk about intervention, and it has cost our people millions up to the present time. Mexico is in a bad way, but intervention, in our judgment, would be similar to interfering in a family row and nine-tenths of the people would ask us to mind our own business.

Governor Dunne has appointed Ex-Governor Richard Yates the minority member of the Railroad and Warehouse Commission. This will meet with the approbation of Republicans generally in the state. It is reported that the ex-governor will be appointed later a member of the general utility commission, the best appointment the governor has. The governor has also appointed several third party men to office, recognizing the political end of his party's existence in power. Everyone knows that the Democratic party owes its success today in the state and nation to the split in the Republican party, and the Democrats know that their continued existence depends upon keeping the division in good working order. The Democrats in power can be depended upon to appoint third party men to office and also to help a little in campaign expenses, etc., to prevent the Republicans from getting together. They, however, will not be able to fool the Republican voters very much longer.

Almost every city of any size has a Commercial Club. Some of them are purely for social purposes and others are of more material benefit to their communities. The former are of benefit to a certain extent, but the mistake they make is not providing a permanent committee among the members who are business men to look after improvements and especially the locating of business enterprises. Not long since there was an opportunity to secure a factory for Dwight, but there was absolutely no person in the city, or a committee who were authorized officially, to take up the matter and push it, and there was not a dollar available for any such purpose. The enterprise in question did not demand money. The letter was replied to by the president of the Commercial Club and the right information given but what the case needed was someone to go to the parties interested and see them personally and make a special effort to secure the enterprise. The Dwight Commercial Club is composed of good men interested in Dwight but they should unite on the proposition to have a committee appointed with power to take immediate action where there is a chance to benefit our city and a fund should be set aside for

that purpose. A large fund is not necessary. Why not the Club take this matter up immediately?

## THANKSGIVING.

Thanksgiving means exactly what is implied in the name—a giving of thanks to the Great Giver of all for the manifold blessings bestowed upon us during the year. No one need hesitate as to what he has to be thankful for, because there is not one of us that has not been the recipient of many favors at His hands. If for nothing else, we should give thanks that we still have life, with time yet before us for the accomplishment of much that is beneficial to ourselves and others. Nor is it alone for benefits received that we should be thankful, but also for the power and ability to be of assistance to others who are less fortunate than ourselves. In our true appreciation of this fact and the exercise of it, grow the ability to accomplish even greater results. Let us be thankful for the things that come our way, and see in each and every one of them an agent whereby we can fulfill the wish of the Master. Be thankful and rejoice with all your heart on the occasion which but prepares the way for the happy festival season that follows so soon after the heels of Thanksgiving Day.—Selected.

**PREPARING FOR THE STOCK SHOW.**  
Preliminaries of the International Live Stock Exposition at Chicago, Nov. 29 to Dec. 6, have been completed, entries are being tabulated and the groundwork laid for the best display of food animals and draft horses ever congregated in America or elsewhere. Entries largely outnumber those of previous years and the galaxy of purebred and fat live stock to be assembled may never meet in a competitive arena again.

Construction gangs are busy increasing show facilities, buildings are being enlarged or altered to accommodate the expansion of the exposition and unsurpassed accommodation will be furnished both exhibitors and spectators.

In consequence of impending shortage of beef, pork and mutton, producers all over the United States and Canada are devising ways and means to expand production and on this account unusual interest is being taken in the 1913 exposition. The imperative lesson of economy in production will be taught forcibly and effectively, by the men who are now engaged in adapting their methods to changing conditions. New feeding and breeding problems will be presented in the stage of at least partial solution at this gathering.

The 1913 International Live Stock

Exposition at Chicago will be so dissimilar from previous events of the same nature that both those seeking instruction and diversion will be well rewarded by attending.

## THE STEEL CAR.

A report on the use of steel cars to diminish fatality in accidents, adopted at the state railway commissioners' conference held in Washington last week emphasizes some important facts which have not been generally recognized in the consideration of railway accidents.

It has been generally assumed that steel cars are the chief factor of safety in travel. This idea has become so prevalent that it is very difficult for the managers of railroads to impress the fact on the public mind that strong roadbeds, strict discipline, alertness to signals and other similar safeguards are of as much, if not greater, importance than the use of the steel cars.

Steel cars do not prevent accidents, although in case of accident they tend to reduce the number of casualties which would follow in the smashing up of wooden cars. The steel car actually increases the danger of accident owing to its weight, which makes the danger of spreading rails greater.

Then, too, a heavy train is much more difficult to stop than a light train—a decided disadvantage in an emergency.

As a result of the many serious wrecks in the past few years there has come a demand upon the railroads for the replacement of wooden coaches with cars of steel construction. To meet this demand will require tremendous expenditures on the part of the railroads and probable retrenchment along other more important lines. For instance, if we are to have all-steel trains there should be a strengthening of the roadbeds.

Most important of all, however, is the human factor. Disobedience of signals and other forms of negligence are the causes of nine out of ten train wrecks. Officials who regard the safety of the traveling public as above every other consideration and employees who are loyal and careful are needed more than anything else in the solution of the railway accident problem.—Pantagraph.

## Notice.

On and after this date the Dwight blacksmiths herewith agree to do business only on the thirty day basis. This means that all bills become due and payable the first day of each month.—Adv.

C. S. ANDERSON,  
JEP JENSEN,  
TOM PERSCHNICK,  
WALTER JENSEN.

## THAT REMINDS US

That one paper says that some churches will serve lunch at Sunday School to keep up the attendance, but that it will not be necessary to commence until after Christmas.

That the American girl is it all over the world: "There's something very simple and charming and direct about the American girl," said a Bishop in a recent address. "Once in the far west I married a pretty American girl to a cowboy and asked her if she would take the man for better or worse." She shrugged her shoulders and said, "I can't tell until I've had him awhile."

That a man who had made his money selling shaving soap endowed a chair in a university. People were unkind enough to want to know if it was a barber's chair.

That the following taken from an exchange is pretty good: "Of course one has been hearing things all one's life, but did you ever hear of a family who moved out of a house and left it cleaned?"

That a teacher said to a class that arithmetic may have an important relation to ethics, but ethics cannot always be reduced to arithmetic. The teacher asked a boy: "How many commandments are there?" "There are ten." "What would happen if you broke one?" "There would be nine."

That a doctor in a nearby town took his machine to a garage and when he got the bill he said: "Repair work has cost me more than the original machine." The auto man replied "Repair work does pay better. You find it so in your work, don't you, doctor?"

That a lady was driving a machine a few days ago and in trying to turn around it went dead and she couldn't crank it, and remarked "Darn it." Just then a man came along and said, "Lady, you can't darn it, it's too cranky."

## Special Notice.

We are planning for two weeks of evangelistic services January 4-18, 1914. It is earnestly requested that all who are interested will plan their social and business affairs so as not to interfere with this meeting, this notice being given weeks in advance. These meetings will be for the up-building of God's kingdom here in Dwight, and will be open to all.—Geo. H. McClung, Pastor M. E. Church.

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