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**D W I G H T.**  
The home of 2,500 of the best people  
on earth. Twenty miles from Pontiac  
and twenty miles from Morris, twenty  
miles from Streator and thirty miles  
from Kankakee. Splendid territory for  
trade in every direction.

Dwight is surrounded by good farm  
land as there is in the state and the  
farmers are popular and successful.

Dwight has splendid public schools,  
well conducted and well patronized.

Dwight has beautiful churches of all  
denominations.

Dwight has liberal merchants and  
business men who command trade for  
miles around.

Dwight is seventy-four miles south-  
west of Chicago, and has fine railroad  
and shipping facilities—the Chicago &  
Alton, the C. I. & S., and the Peoria  
Branch.

Dwight has a fine printing plant, not  
excelled anywhere, and newspapers  
which cover the north half of Livingston  
county and the south half of Grundy  
county and for twenty miles east and  
west. We publish news from Livingston,  
Grundy, Kankakee, La Salle and other  
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have to worry about it being continued  
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expired just the same as if you were  
taking a big daily.

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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 Dis-  
tance Phone No. 7.

The forty-first annual state conven-  
tion of the Illinois Young Men's Chris-  
tian Associations will be held in De-  
catur February 19 and 20. The con-  
vention will open on the evening of  
the 19th with a banquet.

**WILL CELEBRATE PARTY'S BIRTH-  
DAY.**

The Republicans of the Seventeenth  
Congressional District will celebrate  
the sixtieth anniversary of the birth  
of the Republican party with a great  
banquet and rally on May 29. This  
was determined at a meeting held at  
the Illinois Hotel, Bloomington, of the  
members of the Republican congressional  
committee of this district and other  
prominent Republicans there last Friday afternoon. The personnel  
of this committee consists of the mem-  
ber of the state committee from this  
district and the chairman of the re-  
spective county communities.

The entire committee was present  
at the meeting with one exception.  
  
**WITH THE EXCHANGES.**  
  
The Herscher Pilot was sold recently  
to A. L. Funk, the principal of the  
Herscher schools. Mr. Corman, the  
former publisher, is to remain as pub-  
lisher until the close of the school  
year.

The Ransom Journal appeared last  
week for the first time as a seven  
column paper. Although only six  
months old the Journal is a paper of  
which the people of the town should

be proud and will fill a long felt want  
in that vicinity.

Incidentally, a whole lot of men can  
profit by reading the instructions  
which are being printed by the news-  
papers for the women on how to regis-  
ter and vote. Ignorance as to election  
details is not confined wholly to the  
fair sex.—Rockford Register-Gazette.

The Minonk News-Dispatch has just  
installed a new quick change Model 5  
Linotype, similar to the one in use in  
the STAR AND HERALD office. This shows  
prosperity and a desire upon the part  
of the publisher of the Dispatch to  
keep abreast of the times. Our con-  
gratulations to Editor Denson.

With its last issue the Forest Ram-  
bler came out as a seven column pa-  
per. The Forrest paper has long been  
one of the best papers published in  
the county and a distinct credit to its  
publisher and the community. With  
the change in ownership it bids fair  
to continue its service in an even  
greater capacity if that were possible.

There is a good deal of talk about  
making it easier for the farmer to  
borrow money. That is not what is  
bothering the honest tillers of the  
soil. They find the bankers very  
willing to lend the money on approved  
security. What they are interested in  
is some scheme that will make it  
easier for them to pay back the loans.  
Will some far-seeing statesman get  
busy on this problem.—Ex.

To know that so much vice exists  
is enough to call for its condemnation  
without uncovering it before the  
gaze of a decent community. It is no  
more necessary to flaunt the disgusting  
details of the lower world before  
the faces of self respecting people  
that it may be condemned than it is to set  
rotten food on the table along with  
the wholesome that the wholesome  
may be appreciated and the other  
loathed. The harm done by those eng-  
aged in this show window display of  
human frailty and sin may be far  
greater than supposed. Good taste  
never demands it and as for any other  
it does not have to be catered to, in-  
deed it is not safe to pander to it.—  
Bloomington Pantagraph.

**Prohibition Doesn't Prohibit.**  
Neither do laws against murder and  
all sorts of crime absolutely prohibit  
those crimes. If you doubt that pro-  
hibition very largely prohibits go and  
ask the brewers and distillers why  
they hate it so. It would make no  
difference to them if "They sell as  
much anyway!"—Adv.

### Pioneer Passes Away.

Hon. Michael Cleary, one of the  
best known farmers and prominent  
Democratic politicians of Livingston  
county, died at his home in Odell on  
Sunday evening, February 8, 1914, at  
6 o'clock, after an illness covering  
four months. The funeral was held  
from the Catholic church in Odell on  
Tuesday morning at 9:30 o'clock.  
Burial was in the Catholic cemetery  
at Odell.

Michael Cleary was born in County  
Tipperary, Ireland, Parish of Cahir,  
February 9, 1840, where his parents,  
Phillip and Mary (Heffenan,) also  
were born, and where those bearing  
that name had tilled the soil for five  
centuries before.

His father was the first of his fam-  
ily impelled by sufficient discontent to  
discard romantic national attachment  
for the practical results of labor. His  
ambition led him, on March 5, 1840,  
when his son Michael was less than  
two months old, to embark on a sail-  
ing vessel, which, after two months  
of storm and calm, arrived at Philadel-  
phia. The family soon afterward  
moved to Youngstown, O., where he  
secured employment on the old Hock-  
ing Valley canal. A year later the  
family came by way of prairie schooner  
and steamboat to what was then  
Spring Creek, now Spring Valley, Bu-  
reau county, Ill., where he purchased a  
forty acre farm and engaged in  
farming. In 1848 the family moved to  
Ottawa.

Michael Cleary laid the foundation  
of his business success by study at  
the subscription school at Ottawa, while  
assisting his father on the home farm.  
At the age of twenty-one he became  
manager of the property and in 1865  
bought a half section of land, paying  
for it in a characteristically original  
and resourceful manner. This land  
was of the prairie order, part of it ob-  
tained from the government, and he  
began paying for it at the rate of  
twelve bushels of corn per acre. He  
did not occupy it, however, until the  
indebtment was entirely canceled, in  
1868, the year 1867 yielding a large  
crop of corn which netted him \$1 a  
bushel. He began housekeeping with  
his wife and daughter and father, and  
so well were his affairs managed that  
continual increase in his possessions  
continued, when at the time of his  
death he was the owner of 1,200 acres  
of land in Odell, Union and Nevada  
townships, 200 acres in Indiana, 280  
acres in Iowa, and 440 acres in Will  
county, besides property in Odell,  
where he occupied one of the hand-  
somest residences at the time of his  
death, besides in other towns.

In keeping with his material suc-  
cess Mr. Cleary evidenced many sided

interest in the affairs of the communi-  
ties which have profited by his sag-  
acity and business judgment. An earn-  
est champion of Democratic prin-  
ciples, having been a member of the  
board of supervisors almost continu-  
ously since 1874, having represented  
his home township, Odell, since that  
time. For a part of that time he was  
chairman of the board and for many  
years was chairman of the commit-  
tee of public property. His most  
prominent service was rendered, how-  
ever, as a member of the general as-  
sembly, to which he was elected for  
three successive terms (1882-1888),  
and during which terms he was a  
member of many important commit-  
tees. He himself was the author of  
and secured the passage of three  
bills, that regulating the charges at  
the Union Stock Yards in Chicago,  
farm drainage and game laws. In  
1898 he was again elected and took  
part in many discussions and meas-  
ures calculated to improve the gen-  
eral conditions of the farmer. He  
vigorously supported the measure ap-  
propriating \$50,000 to send Mr. and  
Mrs. Murphy, to Paris to promote  
American flour and meal. He was also  
one of the presidential electors at the  
time of the last election of Grover  
Cleveland (1892), and was in the  
thick of the Logan-Morrison contro-  
versy in 1885.

The marriage of Mr. Cleary and  
Helen Burke occurred at Ottawa Au-  
gust 14, 1865, the ceremony being per-  
formed by Rev. Father Turner. Mrs.  
Cleary is also a native of County Tip-  
perary, Ireland, and who came to the  
United States in 1852.

To Mr. and Mrs. Cleary were born  
the following children: Katherine, at  
home; William P., who was killed in  
a street car accident August 2, 1907;  
John, a prominent attorney of Kansas  
City, Mo.; Frank, a prominent farmer  
of Odell township; Alice, living at  
home; Michael, Albert, Joseph, Nellie,  
Lillian and Leo.

A character study of Mr. Cleary re-  
vealed a man of bluff and kindly na-  
ture, having the Irishman's apprecia-  
tion of the human and irresistible  
smile. The sterner side of his nature  
was often uppermost, but in the con-  
trast thus displayed one but recog-  
nized the altogether lovable nature  
which make the sons of Erin welcome  
in any land. It is not known that  
any one in need had ever appealed  
to this man in vain, and certain it is  
that all efforts toward the enlighten-  
ment and advancement of the commu-  
nity have found in him a wise and  
generous supporter.

Mr. Cleary was a faithful and con-  
sistent member of the Catholic church.  
He was largely instrumental in the  
erection of the handsome church and

school edifices in Odell owned by that  
church. Livingston county offers no  
more inspiring example of practical  
and successful adaptation to its lar-  
gest needs and opportunities than was  
found in Mr. Cleary.—Pontiac Leader.

### TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL.

Dwight Could be Center of Large Edu-  
cational Territory—Two Such  
Schools in County.

Livingston county now has, or rath-  
er will have, two township high  
schools. One already in existence is  
at Pontiac, and Fairbury has just  
voted in favor of the question and will  
have one next September. Dwight has  
the same resources, if not better than  
Fairbury and it would be to her ad-  
vantage in many ways to have a  
township high school.

In 1911 the General Assembly pass-  
ed a new Township High School Law.  
Under the old law (the law under  
which Pontiac high school was organ-  
ized) the township high school was  
only possible by a majority vote of the  
township division of the county.  
Under the law of 1911 (which the  
Supreme Court of Illinois declares  
constitutional) a township may be orga-  
nized, made up of parts of different  
townships or different counties if  
necessary. Under this provision it  
would be possible for Dwight to or-  
ganize a township, making Dwight the  
geographic center, so no one in the  
country need have many miles to  
travel to go to school.

The popularity of this law is proved  
by the fact that thirty-six township  
high schools have been organized in  
Illinois since its passage. Some of  
the poorest farming communities in  
the state having excellent high schools  
for the teaching of Agriculture, Com-  
mercial, Scientific and Classic courses.  
The expense is small, because of the  
large territory, while the benefits to  
both country and village are beyond  
measure.—Contributed.

[Next week we shall publish an ar-  
ticle favoring the establishing of a  
township high school. The columns  
of this paper are open to any of our  
readers for the discussion of this ques-  
tion pro and con. Let us have your  
views upon it.—Ed.]

### The Mayor of Hooperston

Hon. I. E. Merritt, Mayor of Hooper-  
ston, Ill., and Mr. W. L. Ewing, will  
address a Temperance meeting at  
Odd Fellows Hall next Monday even-  
ing on the general business condi-  
tions in Hooperston, a city which has  
been dry for years, and where the  
laws have been well enforced. All in-  
terested in this great issue, whether  
wet or dry, are given a cordial invita-  
tion to be present.—Adv.

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