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DWIGHT.

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 as good farm land as there is in the world, and the farmers are up-to-date and successful. Dwight has splendid public schools, well conducted and well patronized. Dwight has beautiful churches of almost all denominations. Dwight has liberal merchants and business men who command trade for miles around. Dwight is seventy-four miles southwest 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 counties. Our advertisers reap rewards and we make a living. Our circulation is reaching close to the 2,000 mark. We print anything any printing office prints. Our paper is \$1.50 a year, absolutely in advance, and you don't have to worry about it being continued after the time is up, because it will be stopped promptly if you don't pay after being notified by us that your time has expired, just the same as if you were taking a big daily. 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.

Work on the new Burke buildings on East and Chippewa streets is progressing and the "flat iron" block will be a great improvement. Success go with you, Mr. Burke.

The sowing of oats is practically finished, and the preparation of ground for corn is going on rapidly and there are quite a number who are ready. Everything looks encouraging, but a rain would not hurt anything at this writing.

For the first time in several years a new factory has opened for business in Dwight. Last Monday the Carburator company commenced work. For a week or so prior the manager and stenographers were busy in corresponding regarding orders.

Already Illinois has been called upon to mourn the loss of her citizens in the war. But, the great state, second in furnishing soldiers, during

the war of the rebellion, is ready and willing to do more than her part. Indeed, Illinois soldiers could easily settle the whole business.

General Fred Funston, the commander of the first brigade of the United States troops to land at Vera Cruz, to assist the navy, is from Kansas, and is a Son of a Veteran and belongs to a camp in his native state. He made a splendid record in the Spanish-American war in the Philippines, and will undoubtedly have much to do with the result in Mexico.

It's a curious coincident that General U. S. Grant was a captain in the U. S. Army sixty-eight years ago now, and took a prominent part in the Mexican war. Last week, his grandson, the only son of General Fred Grant, went as a captain to Vera Cruz to take part in the Mexican war. Thus sons and grandsons of the gallant veterans of the war of '61 to '65 are doing their duty to their country.

There seems to be a great decline in railroad business, caused by too much legislation and depression in business. Nearly every, if not all the roads in the country, have laid off hundreds of thousands of men, and still, from the official reports, there seems to be a general decline in business. It has been, and to a certain degree, is yet, that when a legislator ran out of anything to do, he took a shot at the railroads. The railroad business is a wonderful enterprise and their misfortune is bound to bring misfortune to the whole country, directly and indirectly.

While every true citizen of the United States will back up the administration in the war with Mexico, many think there has been a lot of bungling in getting at it. It does seem that action should have been deferred until all Americans who desired could have gotten out of the country. It has resulted in absolute murder now and not a citizen of the United States in Mexico is safe. Of course there can be only one result of the war, but it means many lives and millions of dollars. It is war, pure and simple, and there is no honest way out of it, but it should be done as McKinley did it in 1898—sure and swift. Imagine Wm. McKinley commencing a war as this one was commenced. But "right or wrong," stand by the flag is the wish of every true citizen.

April 25, 1864, fifty years ago last week, President Lincoln issued a call for ninety day men for service. Governor Yates, the great war Governor

of Illinois, immediately issued a call and her quota of 20,000 was filled in twenty days. The Governor closed his call with these patriotic words: "The people of Illinois have confidence in her sons and in the great commander, General Grant, whom she has given to the country, as well as in the armies under his command. Let us do all in our power to uphold and strengthen their arms. Glorious Illinois in every period of this war you have done your duty! The shining achievements of your sons are the admiration of the world! In this most eventful hour you will not fail!" So today the great state stands ready to do her full duty.

There is a strong feeling among the people that the proposed mediation is a useless waste of time, in the Mexican trouble. It will undoubtedly result in a disagreement on the part of one of the factions in Mexico. On the other hand the intermediators are representatives of Latin-American republics which would naturally sympathize with Mexico, and their report would never be accepted by the loyal people of the United States. It is the honest opinion of, we believe, a large majority of our people, that there should be no more quibbling, but that Mexico must be subdued and that afterwards they should pay the expenses and full penalty, even if it took every foot of land in that misguided republic. There is no use of letting such a vast, rich country go to rack and ruin for the lack of ability to agree among themselves.

There is much talk among our citizens to have a "home coming" week during the month of June or next fall. June is a beautiful month to have it, and it is to be hoped it will be decided at that time. This paper would consider it a favor if every patron or anyone would send names to this office of all the people they know who have moved away at any time, so that they may be communicated with. We would be pleased to hear some opinions from those who are subscribers and live away as to what their views are as to time or anything which would make the occasion interesting. Please give this move your hearty consideration, and it will succeed. It means the getting together of hundreds of relatives and friends and renewing the "ties that bind." Most every city has its "home coming week" and Dwight has been behind, but can catch up. It will mean much to both the social and business interests of Dwight, especially the former, and when one thinks and thinks hard, what is there in life when we become so enhanced in business that we cannot take time to give

a welcome and hearty handshake to our friends and our neighbors' friends. Let's hear from anyone regarding this matter.

BIG BANQUET.

The Republicans of the Seventeenth Congressional District Will Celebrate at Bloomington Friday, May 29.

The fifty-eighth anniversary of the birth of the Republican party in Illinois will be celebrated in a manner fitting for the occasion. State Central Committeeman Colonel Frank L. Smith, of Dwight, is taking a great interest in this matter and the local Republicans of Bloomington and the whole district are interested and are doing all they can to make the meeting a grand success. We clip the following from a recent issue of the Bloomington Daily Pantagraph:

Preparations for the celebration on May 29 of the fifty-eighth anniversary of the birth of the Republican party in Illinois are going forward favorably and there is no doubt that the meeting will be one of the greatest political gatherings ever held in Bloomington.

INCLUDES CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT. The celebration is in charge of the Republicans of the Seventeenth congressional district, which includes the counties of McLean, Logan, Livingston, Woodford and Ford. The district executive committee in general charge of the celebration includes Col. Frank L. Smith, state committeeman, of Dwight, chairman; W. H. Bentley, Livingston county; Charles Ireland, Woodford county; E. A. Gardner, Ford county; Lee Quisenberry, Logan county; E. E. Jones, McLean county.

LINCOLN'S "LOST SPEECH." The occasion which will be celebrated is that of May 29, 1856, when Abraham Lincoln delivered the address now known throughout the world as Lincoln's "Lost Speech." The Republicans had met here in convention, the session being held in old Major's hall on East Front street. On that occasion Lincoln delivered an address that took the convention by storm. Reporters were here from many of the Chicago papers, but all the newspaper men present were so carried away by the eloquence of Lincoln that not one of them succeeded in getting a verbatim report of the speech. Years afterward one of these reporters reproduced the address as faithfully as possible from memory and this is the only record we have of the famous "Lost Speech" made by Lincoln in Bloomington on May 29, 1856. The convention at which it was delivered was practically

the beginning of the Republican party in Illinois.

GREAT SPEAKER SECURED.

Those in charge of the celebration have felt that the occasion demanded a speaker of national reputation and have been successful in securing George W. Wickersham, of New York, attorney general of the United States during the Taft administration, to deliver the address of the evening. Few men who have been in public life are better known to the people than Gen. Wickersham, who more than any other man is responsible for the solution of the trust question. He it was who demonstrated so thoroughly that the Sherman anti-trust law is an effective statute that he became known as the "man most feared by the trusts." So thorough and effective were his efforts along this line that the Democrats have been on the defensive on the trust question since coming into power and have admitted that the Sherman law should not be amended. This is the man who, just fifty-eight years after Lincoln gave his "Lost Speech," will give an address in commemoration of that event on the same street and within three blocks of the place where Lincoln was heard so many years ago.

A "DOLLAR BANQUET."

The celebration will be in the nature of a "dollar banquet" and will be held at the Coliseum. Prominent Republicans from every part of the state will be seated at the speaker's table, which will be laid on the Coliseum stage, and the banquet will begin promptly at 6:30 o'clock. As many plates will be laid as the building will accommodate and it is figured that it will be possible to serve in the neighborhood of 700. It is planned also to allow admission to the galleries by ticket and in this way probably 1,200 in addition to these who attend the banquet will be enabled to hear the address of Gen. Wickersham. The toastmaster of the evening will be Col. D. C. Smith, of Normal.

COMMITTEES ARE WORKING.

The various committees in charge of the celebration are hard at work. The local arrangements committee which will have charge of the details of the banquet includes James C. Riley, chairman; Dwight E. Frink, secretary; T. C. Kerrick, Judge Homer W. Hall, W. A. Stautz, E. E. Jones and Hal M. Stone. Following are the other committees:

Banquet—William Schmidt, C. F. J. Agle, Heber Hudson, Judge Homer W. Hall, Harry L. Brand and A. G. Erickson.

Finance—Hal M. Stone, Henry Hazenwinkle, Ira Whitmer, D. D. Leary.

Resolutions—T. C. Kerrick, Judge R. M. Benjamin, Sig. Livingston.

Speakers—Frank L. Smith, John A. Sterling, R. H. Crilfield.

Publicity—H. O. Davis, D. E. Frink, Joseph Boehmer, Milton Livingston, Ned Dolan.

Tickets—B. A. Franklin, Lester H. Martin, James C. Riley.

Transportation—M. G. Linn, W. L. Martin, W. A. Stautz, Charles H. Kurtz.

To meet visiting delegations—Jacob P. Lindley, Frank O. Hanson, David Davis, Leslie H. Velde, C. E. Irvin.

Decoration—E. E. Jones, George Freese, D. D. Moore, John M. Sullivan, W. T. Shorthose, E. C. George.

GENERAL RECEPTION COMMITTEE.

A general reception committee consisting of representatives from all five counties of the congressional district will be announced in the near future.

Evangelical Church People Gave Party.

On Thursday evening Mr. and Mrs. Heckle, living about two miles east of Dwight, entertained Rev. and Mrs. H. F. Ebert and daughters at supper. Later in the evening as they were sitting visiting, a large number of people appeared at the door demanding admittance. They were found to be members of the Dwight and Salem Evangelical Churches and friends and were speedily admitted. A most happy time was spent with music and playing games and during the course of the evening a fine lunch was served. At a seasonable moment Miss Josephine Hirtelandie presented a bag of red, white and blue silk to Rev. Ebert, which upon examination was found to contain a sum of money presented by the members of his church as a token of appreciation of his services while here. He responded feelingly, thanking all for their testimonial. At a late hour the party broke up; the memory of the evening will long remain a pleasant one to all who were present.

Bids for School House.

Dwight, Ill., April 23, 1914.

Notice is hereby given that plans and specifications are on file for the erection of an addition to the west side school building for the Board of Education of School District No. 232, Township 30, Range 7, at the office of the clerk at Dwight, Ill., and at the office of R. G. Hoen, architect, Joliet, Ill.

All bids are to be in the hands of the clerk on or before 5 p. m., Saturday the 9th day of May, 1914. The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all bids.—Adv. 17-2w

Do all you can to make others happy.

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