

One Year	\$1.50
Six Months	.75
Three Months	.50

Entered at the Postoffice, Dwight, Ill., as second-class mail matter, under act of Congress, July 16th, 1894.

Welcome to Dwight—your old home.

It is said that President Wilson will deliver an address at the Federal Reserve Bank celebration in Chicago, Tuesday, September 1.

Every business house and residence should be decorated today and for the whole week. In case of doubt put up the red, white and blue, or "Old Glory." Nothing is more inspiring or more beautiful than our grand old flag.

The people who went abroad this season are pleased to get back to their native soil. U. S. money was not good "across the pond." Nothing but gold went. It is quite probable that a big bunch of money will be used in the "good old U. S. A." this year instead of abroad. Another case of "no great loss without some small gain."

The United States bankers seem to be taking all the necessary precautions so that our country will not suffer. President Wilson and Secretary McAdoo are lending assistance also. The government in Washington is also providing funds for the thousands of Americans abroad whose checks are not good over there, and who are tied up in nearly all of Europe.

Today commences the Home Coming Week, and our citizens extend a royal welcome. This is the first experience along these lines for our people and if they make a few mistakes or do not provide everything which they should, overlook it this time, and remember their hearts are in the right place. Make yourselves at home, friends, and if you don't see everything you want ask for it.

Huerta, the adscending self-made president of Mexico, will probably find plenty of war abroad when he lands. There is one thing about it however and that is that as far as heard from one Mr. Villa is not liable to pounce on Mr. Huerta and cut his head off or perform other surgical operations.

If they ever meet it is quite probable that if Mr. Villa sees Mr. Huerta first there will not be much left of Mr. Huerta when Mr. Villa gets through with him.

Many of the big newspapers of the country have fought the plan of encouraging the United States ship building and shipping business, and seemed awfully afraid they would get a little money to tide them over until they made a success of it. The truth is that we have practically nothing while we should control the shipping of the world. Now, when there is excitement these newspapers probably see the error of their ways, because they see that the foreign ships are being held in ports for fear of being captured and destroyed. It has always looked as if the bosses or cashiers of the big papers had been seen, when they openly opposed what was good for our country.

Mayor Harrison, of Chicago, has been elected by the support of Democrats who believe in an open city, like "Hinky Dink" McKenna and "Bathhouse" John Coughlin and now he repudiates them, or, at least, the Chicago newspapers say so. The Chicago newspapers are sometimes on a par with "Hinky" and "Bath." No matter what they say we would mind betting a little (if we had it) that the Mayor will either go out of politics or will cater to the above people, before the campaign. The truth of the matter is that Harrison could not be elected without them and he knows it. Further yet, as awful as it may seem to the people, no Democrat could be elected without them. Governor Dunne was defeated by them when he was a candidate for re-election. He will be defeated for governor, if he runs, by the same element in his party. Dunne, from a moral standpoint, is too good a man for that crowd.

The "Protective Tariff Cyclopaedia," prepared and published by the American Protective Tariff League, New York, will be ready for distribution on or about August 1st. The cyclopaedia will contain the official text of the Underwood law; the Underwood and Payne-Aldrich laws compared, giving every rate of duty on articles in both laws; what one hundred and fifty-two United States Senators and Congressmen said for and against the Underwood bill; and a copious index of over 8,000 citations. The volume will consist of about nine hundred pages and will answer all questions on the Tariff Question.

There is a law on the statute books of Illinois which is very important

and seems not to be understood, or else there are many people who are very careless, or who want to test the law. It is in regard to trespassing on railroad property, or rather walking on the tracks. The Public Utilities Commission of Illinois has discovered that more than one-half of the people killed by railroads are trespassers, and hereafter the Illinois Commissioners have ordered that the people be notified and after that everyone will be promptly arrested. They also advocate that all the old and feeble men at gates and crossings be replaced by young, vigorous and active men, and that the old ones be retired and pensioned. This is fair warning to young and old people who are in the habit of trespassing on grade crossings or any track along the line. The chief of police has orders to warn a person once and a second notice means arrest.

SPONTANEOUS COMBUSTION FIRES.

Fire reports reaching the office of the State Fire Marshal at Springfield, Illinois, indicate many barns are now being destroyed by fires caused by spontaneous combustion of new hay stored therein. It would seem that the exceedingly dry season would prevent in a large measure such fires, but it is evident from reports received that farmers are somewhat negligent in this matter and have been storing hay before it is thoroughly dry.

Extra precaution and care should be taken at this season when new hay is stored to see that it does not heat.

THE WAY TO WIN.

Thomas Tightwad, Charles Chronicle-knocker and Peter Pessimist were buried at a public funeral in an Eastern city a few days ago, says the Paris Beacon. Let there be no more worry on their account. Let those disposed to hustle for themselves waste no time repining because bountifuls with money come not forward to smooth their pathway through life. Let them get what they want as other men who are honest and industrious have got what they wanted, by pitching in and working, and exercising a prudent measure of self-denial, and keeping their eyes open for fair chances, and taking full advantage of the fair chances when they occur.

That's the right way to win, and it's as open now as ever it was, and as open as ever it will be. Despite the twaddle of politicians, no man-made laws ever did or ever will make everybody prosperous and happy. These are benefits conferred by nature on those who deserve them, and those who deserve them are the honest and industrious and intelligent—the thrifty. The Society for Thrift recently organized

cannot make people thrifty, but can tell them how to become so if they will. The result will depend upon themselves.

The essential basis of thrift is character. Character is a valuable asset in itself, for, after all, it isn't what a man has, but what he is that counts most in contributing to his own self-esteem and happiness and in determining his worth to the world.

CROPS.

The following from the Peoria Star gives an idea of the condition of crops as indicated a week ago:

R. D. Clarke recently made a tour of inspection of most of the counties in Central Illinois for the purpose of determining by actual observation the real condition of affairs.

He found in Livingston county a fine crop of oats and corn with much the same conditions existing in La Salle county. In the west half of Woodford county, corn is firing badly and suffering terribly from lack of rain. This grain is losing ground rapidly every day. Threshing is about three-fourths done. Oats are averaging fifty to fifty-seven bushels an acre, better than this grain has done for several years.

Conditions in Marshall county are good, but rain is needed. In Tazewell county, corn is beginning to fire and rain will have to come soon to save the crop. Sangamon county needs rain badly and oats are short. Morgan county corn is in very good condition and seems to be standing the dry weather better than the central tier of counties. On the uplands in Jersey and Green counties the corn is firing badly and needs rain, while in the bottom lands in the above counties where the army worm, the chintz bug and the elephant bug have not worked, it is in the best condition it has been in years. Even the late corn will make it with an average season.

This territory had a wonderful crop of wheat, all of which has been threshed and shipped. All the counties north of Streator appear to have a wonderful stand of corn and a fine oat crop. Pastures and range in most places are very short.

NEWS FROM STATE FIRE MARSHALL.

Many Fires in July.

For the first twenty-five days in the month of July there were reported to the State Fire Marshal Department at Springfield, Illinois, an average of thirty-five fires per day. If this loss rate continues the fire record for this month will break all records of the Department.

Flying sparks from locomotives, bonfires, flues, etc., caused the greatest number of fires. The continued drought in central and southern Illinois has made conditions favorable for this class of fires, and a great majority of the fires caused by flying sparks have occurred in this section of the state. Lightning is again one of the prominent causes for this month, and the number of lightning fires reported will reach a total of more than one hundred fires. However, most of the lightning fires occurred in the northern part of the state where the storms have been frequent. There have been many fires reported in which grain in fields and in stacks was destroyed by flying sparks from locomotives and because of the great number of such losses farmers are taking extra precaution by plowing wide strips along the right-of-way of steam railroads. Extra precaution should be taken also in relation to threshing outfits, as a number of fires have been caused by sparks from threshing engines in which the entire threshing outfit and large amounts of grain have been destroyed.

Automobile Destroyed.

In a Central Illinois city the other day an automobile owner, thinking that he detected a leak in the gas pipes of his car, struck a match to locate the leak and only the prompt action of the Fire Department of that city prevented the entire destruction of the garage and a number of valuable machines.

In the past year a number of people have been burned to death in this state while pinioned under overturned automobiles. In two or three automobile accidents people have approached the car with lighted lanterns and the leaking gas was immediately ignited, the car destroyed and the injured occupants burned to death. One should never approach an overturned automobile with a lantern or any other artificial light.

THAT REMINDS US—

That we saw a small boy with a fish line, pole and hook. He stood behind the corner of a house and threw out his line, just like we used to fifty years ago fishing for bullheads. He had a small kernel of corn, and what do you suppose he caught—why a spring chicken. The poor chicken yelled bloody murder, or something of that kind, and the boy wasn't game (the chicken was) and he dropped the pole and ran. The last we saw of the chicken, it was trying to run away dragging the whole thing, and yelling things which had Russian language beaten a mile.

That the other evening a young

couple sat on the unscreened porch talking and slapping their ankles each by each, when the young fellow said: "Do you know that when a couple live together for a long time they get so they look alike." The girl got up and started for the door, saying: "Our engagement is broken."

That the merchant who sold a dollar bill for ninety-nine cents got the people in his store.

That if the war lasts a year potatoes will be so high that we will have to buy a peck on the installment plan.

WM. H. BENTLEY.

In our advertising columns will be found the announcement of William H. Bentley, of this city, asking the Republicans to vote for him for Representative in the general assembly, at the primary of September 9. The Leader is glad of the opportunity to say a good word for a first-class candidate and this we know Mr. Bentley to be. We have known him for years as a most industrious, progressive and capable farmer and citizen—one with good judgment and a mind of his own and one who is not afraid to act as his judgment dictates. As the citizens of Pontiac well know, Mr. Bentley has always left his farm work long enough to attend to his duties as alderman of the First ward and his seventeen years of service as such, without a defeat, is the answer to how the people of that ward regard him. In his work as president of the Livingston County Soil and Crop Improvement Association he has succeeded in being of great practical service to the farmers of our county and the work being carried forward by this association will ultimately be of untold value to our farmers. Politically Mr. Bentley has always been an active Republican and has probably put in more time and effort helping elect other aspirants to office than any other man in our county. He has been precinct committeeman for years and is at present the chairman of the Livingston county Republican central committee. This senatorial district is composed of Livingston, Woodford, Marshall and Putnam counties, with four candidates for the two nominations to be made by the Republicans and we urge upon the voters the advisability of making William H. Bentley one of the nominees.—Adv.

Swat the dust with Oil of Gladness Products. We have on display a complete line, and urge you to investigate their merits. Try them if they are not all we claim. You may return them and get your money. C. M. Baker & Son.—Adv.

This Advertisement Appeared in The June 23, 1906 Issue of This Paper. Compare The Prices Quoted With The Present Market Values of These Lands

DID YOU EVER HAVE

That creepy feeling come stealing over you and say land is too high? Yes you have, and every time you have been wrong---scarcity of corn land, multiplicity of people and 50 cents a bushel, make a combination that will not let corn farm lands stop until they are up in the hundreds per acre---get to these before they go higher.

LIVINGSTON COUNTY FARM LANDS

240 acres, 3 miles from Dwight, highly improved, tiled	\$175	240 acres, South of Dwight 6 miles, market Odell	\$150
160 acres, 3 1-2 miles from Dwight, highly improved, tiled	175	160 acres, North of Dwight, in Grundy County, fine	170
160 acres in Nevada, a corker for the price	140	160 acres, Southwest of Dwight, look this up	145
160 acres in Nevada, a great bargain	145	240 acres close to Emington, highly improved and tiled, a fine home	150
160 acres near Emington, won't last long	125		

Now when lands are selling at Gridley, Pontiac, Chenoa and other towns, similarly located, for \$200 an acre and upwards, why are these not cheap? If you want a farm you will come and investigate some of these.

"IF YOU DEAL WITH ME YOU GET RESULTS"

OFFICES OF **FRANK L. SMITH** DWIGHT, ILLINOIS