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**W.B. PRATT, Sec'y, ELKHART, IND.**

## Proposition to Pave.

If there is one thing more than an-  
other that Dwight needs it is paved  
streets. Everyone that has lived here  
for any length of time knows this to be  
a fact. There is no bottom to the mud  
even on our main streets, during a  
rainy season. The question has been  
advanced for years as to what was the  
cheapest, practical way to make the  
improvement, and probably the best  
scheme that has been presented was  
that by President Fox, of the village  
board, at the regular meeting last week.  
Mr. Fox is evidently a firm believer in  
good streets, and about the only im-  
provements have been made under his  
administration some years ago. The  
ordinance presented last week is in the  
nature of a proposition and a desire on  
the part of the village board to get an  
expression of the people.

The ordinance applies to West street  
merely as a starting point, with the in-  
tention of including East street and  
the other thoroughfares connecting  
the two, should the project meet with  
favor. The ordinance suggests that  
West street be improved "by grading  
guttering, graveling and paving with  
brick, and curbing with stone on each  
side of the street, said curbing to be  
thirty inches wide and four inches thick  
and no less than four feet long; said  
curbing to be set on stone footings, not  
less than eight by twelve inches in  
size by five inches thick, all to be well  
tamped with dirt," the paving and all  
to be fifty feet wide. The whole is de-  
clared by the ordinance to be a local  
improvement to be paid for by special  
taxation of lots and grounds abutting  
on said street, on both sides, along the  
line of all said improvements. The or-  
dinance also covers the plans and spec-  
ifications and all the necessary points  
of law and equity necessary for paving  
levying and collecting the assessment,  
etc., and seems to be complete in de-  
tails. In the sections relating to the  
paving is provided for grading the  
streets about seventeen inches below  
the grade of the sidewalk, and also to  
be the same distance from either side-  
walk on the sides of the streets. Also  
that when grading is completed that a  
bed of sand be placed thereon four  
inches deep, then a layer of brick laid  
flat on which shall be laid a bed of  
screened sand well swept into the cracks  
after which an inch layer of sand shall  
be uniformly laid, on top of which  
shall be laid a layer of brick laid on  
edge at right angles with the line of  
the street with one inch of sand on top.  
The ordinance provides for good mat-  
terial and work, and all the minor de-  
tails.

As far as East, West and the cross  
streets are concerned, the Chicago &  
Alton railroad company would prob-  
ably be compelled to stand half, and in  
some instances all the cost. The citi-  
zens would stand that part very well,  
but whether they would stand the other  
half, is the question.

In regards to the cost, we are in-  
formed by Trustee B. A. Buck, that some  
of the streets of Bloomington have  
been paved similar in manner the or-  
dinance calls for, for \$5.60 a foot front  
complete. That is, if a man owned  
twenty-five feet, the total cost would  
be \$140. The payments were arranged  
as in our ordinance, to-wit: One quar-  
ter after acceptance, the remainder to  
be divided into four equal payments,  
with interest, or all could be paid at  
once and save interest. On East and  
West streets the railroad would be as-  
sessed half. That is, on twenty-five  
feet the railroad would have to pay \$70,  
and the property owner \$70, all at once  
without interest, or as follows: \$17.50  
when accepted, and four yearly pay-  
ments at \$13.13 with interest. This is  
surely no great hardship, and is worthy  
of the strictest and closest considera-  
tion.

Mr. Fox's proposition is also for the  
village to park and keep in repair the  
railroad ground from Chippewa street  
north to the crossing, providing the  
railroad company will keep their side-  
tracks clear only when necessary to use  
them while switching.

Dwight would look very nice with a  
good brick pavement all around the  
blocks mentioned, and the space be-  
tween same and the tracks parked  
prettily, with flowers, comfortable  
seats and gravel walks. There is no  
place on the Alton road that would show  
up more to advantage than  
Dwight, with its beautiful passenger  
station and Keeley buildings and the  
solid brick business structures on East  
street and Mazon avenue. And the  
beauty of the whole thing is, that it  
can all be accomplished without much  
expense.

Of course we are aware that the im-  
provements already made will increase  
taxation some. No improvements can  
be made without paying for them, but  
the action of the board of supervisors

in cutting down the Dwight village as-  
sessment fifty per cent. places the taxes  
so low that we think the owners of  
property on East and West streets could  
easily stand the expense of paving, but  
it is an open question. We have taken  
the pains to lay this matter before the  
people, and would be pleased to receive  
communications from any one regard-  
ing the subject.

## "The Fourth in Dwight."

Under the above heading appears the  
following article in "THE STAR" of July  
2, 1868, which will be read with interest  
by many of our old residents. THE  
STAR at that time was four pages of two  
columns each, and published and edited  
by C. L. Palmer every Thursday. The  
copy we speak of was kindly loaned  
us, and the article is as follows:

Hurrah for the anniversary of our  
national birthday. A splendid time an-  
ticipated.

**MUSIC, SPEECHES,  
READINGS, PROCESSIONS,  
BELL RINGINGS, ARTIL-  
LERY SALUTES, BARBICUES,  
FESTIVALS, ETC.**

Come one come all. Gather from  
town, county and state. A general in-  
vitation is extended and ample accom-  
modations provided for all under the  
"silver studded canopy of the high and  
vaulted heavens."

At the first rosy flush of morning the  
Church and Hotel bells will ring out  
their glad notes of welcome, and a  
thundering SALOOT will greet the rising  
sun from every available anvil in the  
corporate limits. At 9 a. m. the mili-  
tary and civic organizations will meet  
at the west park and form in the regu-  
lar order of procession. The City fathers  
led by the polished, affable and cor-  
teous S. T. K. Prime, will be followed  
by the Dwight silver band discoursing  
the usual airs suitable to the occasion.

Next in order comes the DWIGHT RIFLES  
Col. Kemise commanding, assisted by  
the Maj's Gilchrist and Judd, support-  
ed by the gentlemanly Captain Stevens  
and anxious but sympathetic Surgeon  
Keeley, who is expected to flourish his  
field case in lieu of a sword on that oc-  
casion. The military will be followed  
by the redoubtable geometrical bay-  
steed belonging to Corporal J. B. Par-  
sons, whose conic sections will be suit-  
ably adorned to make him feel patri-  
otic. After which will follow Mr. Baker's  
Hearse, plumed and drawn by the an-  
cient war horse PEGAGUS, Charles driv-  
ing, smoking solemnly, and looking sen-  
timentally, at the handsome young  
ladies waving handkerchiefs from the  
windows. Then the Fire department  
drawing Corporal Parsons' coal wagon  
for a machine and flourishing Wilmonts  
paint ladders. Then the Masons, Odd-  
Fellows, and Sons or Temperance fol-  
lowed by old 'Dot and carry one' known  
as POP HOWE. The whole crowd will be  
rounded off by the Dwight Reed Band  
consisting of a Hurdy-Gurdy, an accor-  
dion, a mouth-organ and a few wharps,  
followed by the Editor of the Dwight  
Courier with a copy of his LAST ISSUE  
in either hand and a white flag of dis-  
tress flaunting gaily but lazily in his  
rear.

At 12 a. m. a special train will arrive  
with the dusky representatives of Asiatic  
civilization, under charge of the mag-  
nificent Burlingame; known to the  
world as the Chinese Embassadors; R.  
P. Morgan Esq., supported by Mr. J. G.  
Strong will receive them with a neat  
speech and tender them the liberty of  
the prairies.

At two o'clock p. m. Mr. H. Cornell  
will read the DECLARATION OF INDE-  
PENDENCE in the north park, immedi-  
ately after which the ORATION by Hon.  
John A. Logan, followed by recitations  
and toasts by the TOWN SHERIFF assisted  
by others.

At four o'clock a grand Barbecue in  
D. M'Williams front yard, and a splen-  
did dinner at Gerson's Hall by the  
ladies of the Congregational society. At  
5 p. m. a variety of comic songs by Mr.  
JOAKS and ice cream by same gen-  
tle. In the evening a grand display of FIRE  
WORKS, Bonfires and Illuminations  
the whole to end in an Allegorical dis-  
play of Dwight's future greatness, on  
the porch of Mr. H. Eldredge's store, in  
which all the ladies in the town will as-  
sist—Refreshments and peanuts will be  
furnished in abundance by Messrs  
Pearre and Leland. Mr. Bradbury will  
be on the ground to report, dressed  
in the STAR spangled Banner with a  
Union Jack bandana binding his splen-  
didly bedded head. Then come one  
and all, be 'writ up' and get the worth  
of your money.

By order of Committee.

Here is an item that appeared in on  
the third page, which also relates to the  
fourth at that time:

Major Judd, Capt. Stevens, Dr. Kee-  
ley, and Dr. Keeley's MARE went off  
during the past week some where for a  
pleasant time. All four have returned,

looking not a whit better for their  
search after happiness. The Major and  
Cap't. had to be written for. The Dr.  
telegraphed for and the mare SENT FOR  
"pro bono publico." They must do 'biz'  
at some other point where they are less  
appreciated if they want to remain gone  
for any length of time without distur-  
bance. At present they are necessary to  
our FOURTH and we must have them  
here.

Speaking of "Improvements" The  
Star speaks of the new elevator of  
Newell & Strong, and the Henry  
Newell residence; also improvements in  
the residence of David McWilliams,  
and in the National Hotel by Landlord  
J. A. Turner.

## Neighborhood Notes.

The Streator Racing Association will  
hold their meeting August 8-12 inclu-  
sive. \$5,400 are offered in purses.

Walter Wallace was killed by a fall  
of rock in No. 2 shaft at Streator last  
Tuesday. He was 53 years of age and  
left a wife and child.

Two farmers near Hudson, Ill., are  
at law about a pitchfork. Two able  
lawyers are employed and the case is in  
the circuit court. No wonder some peo-  
ple are hard up.

A mind reader named Seymour is on  
his way to Chicago with the avowed  
purpose of burying himself alive. We  
gather from this that he is indisposed  
to profit by the sad experience of our  
governor, John Pardon Altgeld.—  
Streator Free Press.

The employees of the United States  
Express company have been ordered to  
provide themselves with uniforms of  
dark blue with brass buttons. A badge  
must also be worn signifying that the  
wearer is employed by the company.  
The employees, while not altogether re-  
lishing the order, are providing them-  
selves with the attire.

About two months ago a Bloom-  
ington girl killed herself at Braidwood  
because the man who had betrayed her re-  
fused to marry her. Since her death  
letters have been found in her trunk  
written by Orin Crandall, of Braidwood,  
in which he repeatedly advised her to  
kill herself. She followed him to  
Braidwood, where he again refused to  
marry her and advised her to put her-  
self out of the way. The law of this  
state holds a person who advises an-  
other to commit suicide guilty of murder.  
Crandall is under arrest and will  
be tried for murder at the next term of  
court.

This is the season when people should  
use every precaution to keep their  
neighbors in good humor. If they are  
piling their ashes, chicken feathers and  
other refuse against the fence on your  
side of the alley, keep cool about it.  
They are seeking happiness and you  
can afford to stand it until the weather  
is cooler. Do not kick while the weather  
is hot; wait till the world's fair is  
over. People are growing better all the  
time, and are learning to manifest a  
higher regard for the rights of others.  
Always wait, before you tackle anyone  
for a real or imaginary wrong they are  
imposing upon you. Possibly you can  
afford to stand the imposition, especi-  
ally if they find pleasure in it.—Record.  
Verily, Brydia is an angel without  
wings.

Prof. Bovard, the new owner of the  
Forrest Rambler, has already got him-  
self into trouble by merely sayingsome-  
thing about a minister having trouble  
with a brakeman on a railroad. Hasn't  
a minister some rights in this world, or  
are they all in the next? We think he  
has some rights that even a brakeman  
is bound to respect, and if the said  
brakeman gets too fresh, the minister  
should see to it that a little salt is ap-  
plied. We believe it the minister's re-  
ligious duty, as well as any other man's  
to look after his worldly rights, even  
if it comes to using a little force, if ne-  
cessary. It makes us tired to see peo-  
ple get horrified because a minister is  
like other people. We don't believe a  
minister that won't stand up for his  
worldly rights will make much of a  
mark standing up for heavenly rights.

If you expect us to print all the news  
you can aid us by telling the reporter  
many things that would be interesting  
to your friends and the public generally.  
If your wife whips you let us know,  
and we will set it right before the pub-  
lic. If you have company tell us, if  
you are not ashamed of your visitors.  
If a youngster arrives at your house  
and demands food and raiment, buy a  
quarter's worth of cigars and come  
around, and if you are a cash subscriber  
we will furnish a name for him or her  
as circumstances may warrant. If you  
have a social gathering of a few friends  
bring around a big cake, six or seven  
pies and a ham—not necessarily to be  
eat, but as a guarantee of good faith.  
You need not bother to invite us, for it

may be cool for our wardrobe. We  
mention these things because we want  
the news.—Streator Free Press. Here  
to.

"Whether you handle a pick or a pen,  
wheelbarrow or a set of books, dig  
ditches or edit a paper, ring an auction  
bell or write funny things, you must  
work," says a self made man. "If you  
look around you will see that the men  
who are the most able to live the rest  
of the days without work are the men  
who work the hardest. Don't be afraid  
of killing yourself with hard work. It  
is beyond your power to do that. Work  
gives a good appetite for meals; it lends  
solidity to your slumbers; it gives the  
appreciation of a holiday. The busier  
you are, the less dexterity you will get  
into, the sweeter will be your sleep, and  
the better satisfied the world will be  
with you."

Here is one way to figure out and  
strikingly illustrate the value of per-  
sistent advertising, says Guy Sea: Let  
any capable business man suppose that  
he is about to purchase any one of  
fifty proprietary articles whose names,  
through advertising, have become  
household words the country over. Let  
him suppose that for the formulas, es-  
tablished name of article and good will  
of the company he is willing to pay  
\$1,000,000. Then let him suppose that  
the formulas only, without the proprie-  
tary name of article or the good will of  
the firm were offered him. No matter  
how intrinsically valuable simply as  
formulas, what would he give for them?  
Would he give \$1000? Would he  
give \$500? Is it not the name—the  
product pure and simple of adver-  
tising as applied to a meritorious article—  
for which, in the first instance, he is  
willing to pay \$1,000,000.

The Forrestor Herald has the follow-  
ing good advice: "Say, young man,  
there is one thing you cannot do. You  
can't make a success of life unless you  
work. Better men than you have tried  
it and failed. You can't loaf around  
street corners and saloons, smoke cigars,  
tell foul stories, drink whisky and  
sponge on someone else making a failure  
in life. You must learn a trade or  
get into some honest business. If you  
don't you will be a chronic loafer, de-  
spised by all, producing little or noth-  
ing—simply making yourself a burden  
to your parents or the state. There is  
no place in the world for loafers. The  
ripe fruit is all at the top of the tree.  
You must climb to get it. If you wait  
for it to fall at your feet you will never  
get it. Smarter men will jump up and  
get it all. Move. Do something, no  
matter how small. It will be a starter.  
Help yourself and others will help.  
There is no royal road to success.  
Toil, grit, endurance—these are the  
requisites. Wake up and see what you  
can do."

Circulars from the Illinois Humane  
society have reached the city. They con-  
tain the following extracts from the  
state game laws: "What birds are not  
to be killed: No person shall at any  
time, within this state, kill, or attempt  
to trap, net, ensnare, destroy or kill any  
robin, bluebird, swallow, martin, mos-  
quito hawk, whippoorwill, cuckoo wood-  
pecker, catbird, brown thrasher, redbird,  
hanging bird, buzzard, sparrow, hum-  
ming bird, dove, goldfinch, mocking  
bird, bluejay, finch, thrush, lark, cherry  
bird, yellow bird, oriole or bobolink,  
nor rob or destroy the nests of such  
birds or either of them. Any person so  
offending shall, on conviction, be fined  
the sum of \$5 for each and every bird so  
killed and for each and every nest  
robbed or destroyed, provided that noth-  
ing in this section shall be construed to  
prevent the owner or occupant of lands  
from destroying any of the birds  
herein named on the same when de-  
emed necessary by him for the protection  
of fruit or property."

Some of the boys around town, and  
maybe some of the girls too, are tel-  
ling a good story on a well known  
bachelor at Braidwood. The gentle-  
man in question, it appears, was recent-  
ly invited to a party at the residence  
where the home had recently been  
blessed with an addition to the family.  
Accompanied by his best girl he met  
his kind hostess at the door, and after  
the customary salutation, asked after  
the welfare of the baby. The lady was  
suffering with a bad cold, which made  
her slightly deaf, and she mistakenly  
supposed the man was inquiring about  
her cold. She replied that though she  
usually had one every summer, this was  
the worst one she had ever had; it kept  
her awake a good deal at night and at  
first confined her to bed. Then notice-  
ing that the caller was getting pale  
and nervous she said she could tell by  
his looks he was going to have one just  
like hers, and asked him to go and lie  
down. The gentleman is attending to  
his duties, but he has quit inquiring  
about babies.—Unit.