

messrs. Kelagner, Ketcham and Dwight Morgan, the speaker being accompanied by George Z. Flagler, B. A. Buck, Charles Crandall, W. H. Ketcham, and many others were decorated. At Bloomington, Pontiac and Joliet Mr. Bryan spoke to large audiences on the same trip.

WEST STREET AS IT APPEARED IN THE "SEVENTIES"



This is a picture of a portion of West Street, taken in earlier days. The exact year the picture was taken is not known but it is thought in the "seventies." The picture was presented to this office a few years ago by the late Mrs. Rebecca Reeder, who with her husband, Levi Reeder, also now deceased, were among the pioneer residents of this community. In the extreme right of the picture can be seen the Reeder House, which Mr. and Mrs. Reeder rented from Hiram Cornell, another early Dwight resident. The Reeder's also conducted the hotel building next to it. Among the group of men in front of the Reeder House are Mr. Reeder and a Mr. Scutt, another pioneer.

The building west of the Hotel and Reeder House was a harness, saddlery and shoe store, the man who operated it now unknown; the next one-story building with the little two-pointed roof, was the office, we are told, of Dr. Leslie E. Keeley, who practiced medicine and surgery in Dwight before he made his famous discovery—the gold cure for inebriety. The two-story building to the left of Dr. Keeley's office was Spencer Eldridge's store and on the second floor was Mrs. Parson's millinery shop. One of the buildings to the extreme left was occupied by the P. H. Weicker Bakery; Mr. and Mrs. Levi Reeder lived upstairs, where they started housekeeping following their marriage February 25, 1875.

It has been rumored for a part that Dwight was to have a weekly newspaper, but as the Journal has failed to make a success and rather than have the community disappointed(?) I have come to present herewith to the Dwight and vicinity, the issue of the new Weekly Journal, with all proper deference and modesty with no small amount of anticipation. I have ventured to offer the people a small weekly offering which may be a source of satisfaction in hours snatched from the demands of business and required for public life. With no intention of creating undue expectations to the future of this Journal, in justice to myself, would say the First Number is not as complete as it should be.

In conclusion permit me to say that Dwight may never have been so ashamed of the First Number of the Star."

Mr. Dickson is said to have received \$80,000 in gold as a part of the proceeds of his readings in this country.

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