

Mr President: ^{a plan of} Your Committee on Permanent Organization, beg leave to report that after careful consideration of the subject they are of the opinion that only the skeleton of such an organization should be maintained. The subject of Village Improvement, in their opinion is not one calling for frequent meetings or elaborate organization. Except at this period of the year there is really very little to be done. Two or three meetings in the Spring, perhaps one or two in the Autumn and one in the latter part of winter to prepare for the Spring's work, is probably in their opinion all that will be needed and all that would command interest and attendance. In order to prevent the failure of such a movement, it is necessary that apathy should not be induced by reflection in the judgment of at least a majority of your committee, a meeting once a month for such a purpose would soon wear out the general interest

willing they should enjoy the moral
and reformatory influences of our location -

While we feel justly proud of what we have al-
ready ~~done~~ accomplished in the way of im-
provement of our immediate surroundings we regret
to know that some have been so inclined as ~~even~~ to
criticize not only what has been done but also what
has not been achieved. It cannot reasonably be expected
that the trees which have been planted ~~now~~ would afford
abundant shade until they have at least had oppor-
tunity to leave and blossom once. Neither can
it be expected that a fresh-graded roadside should
yield the riparian owner quite as good a crop of hay the
first ~~year~~ season after as it had been wont to do before.
No, too, there has been some comment because the lumps
so confidently promised have not made their ap-
~~pearance;~~ ~~but~~ themselves visible to the naked eye, but
we should remember that the authorities have
furnished us instead one of the finest samples
of a ^{new} full moon that ever watched in vain
for the signs of a belated spring time.

It has also been ill-naturally suggested that whether a windmill would furnish sufficient power for our waterworks or not, they certainly cannot be run by gas. Yet there has been no lack of water nor any indication that our citizens are suffering from any drought that our existing irrigating facilities are not abundantly able to supply.

It has been intimated that some of the trees recently ~~put~~ planted along our streets are ~~so~~ ^{al-} ready grown so high that a coon would tire before reaching the top. This is evidently a malicious exaggeration on an assertion that is not susceptible of proof. Not only has there not been a coon on even a coon-skin in town in half a score of years but the Committee having the matter in charge feel confident that there is not a telescope on the hill strong enough to determine the altitude of the trees.

Indeed the Committee on Trees, have expressly requested the Committee on Permanent Organization to call the attention of this meeting to the

the thoroughness and efficiency with which the work assigned to them has been performed. It will be remembered that it was distinctly declared at the time the Committee was appointed, that the Chairman was to do all the work and the other ~~two~~ two were put on to do the gumming and keep the Chairman from overdoing himself. The Chairman's work speaks for itself. His name will no doubt be affectionately remembered when his grandchildren play football under the outspreading branches of the hundred and forty ~~odd~~, ~~best~~ maples he faithfully coaxed the citizens of Mayville to plant in this year of Grace 1887. It cost him a pair of brand new "Solid Comfort" shoes (sold only at Sixber's) and when he returned from the dust of his many exploring trips in the neighboring forests, he found himself the fortunate possessor of a longer "rent-a-list" than the Duke of Argyll himself. He served nobly and his works praise him. Already our streets look as if lined on each side with liberty-poles, only they are rather tall, but it may be well enough to have it understood that liberty comes high in Mayville this year.

The other two members of the Committee wish it to be distinctly understood that they did their duty too. In the first place, they advised the Chairman until he was as ~~deaf~~ deaf as the definite article. Then they quarrelled until one was threatened with lock-jaw and the other had the rheumatism and both were so much that they did not speak to each other for two weeks! So they served the Country and the cause of village improvement faithfully, though the question of the decorative order of the locust is not yet decided.

In consideration of the ~~no~~ notable results thus far attained, your Committee feel justified in recommending that the permanent organization should be as near as possible similar in character to the one that has already proved itself so efficient. They therefore recommend the following constitution -