

Hitching rack dispute plagued Bloomington

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Major speakers at the meeting were John O'Harrow, William Graham, Alex Hirsch, Noble Campbell, S.W. Collins, W.T. Breeden, W.J. von Behren, Frank Ross and A.C. Coyle. Some of the businessmen were inclined to buck Dr. Hurty's authority and suggested "that a man at \$600 salary or thereabouts be provided to clean the square daily." Said Ross, "The majority rules; it voted in favor of a rack so let's help put it back. No one's sense of beauty will be marred by looking at the good lot of horse flesh that will congregate about the square."

Before the controversy subsided, such Monroe County factions as pro-salooners, anti-salooners, women and farmers were all fighting and the previously harmonious relationship between the city and the county had been destroyed beyond repair.

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