

TOWN BETTERMENT

ASSOCIATIONS ORGANIZED FOR THIS PURPOSE.

The movement which began in 1833 has since that time been a more consistent, economical and beautiful development of our cities, towns and homes, has shown the growth of a pronounced public sentiment, and the Washington Star, the foremost of these movements was the work for the sick, unfortunate and poor, and out of this work have grown hospitals, charitable organizations and societies of social workers.

The movement for the improvement of the surroundings of the people as a whole began with a few village improvement associations, such as the Laurel Hill association of Stockbridge, Mass., organized in 1853. A few years later H. G. Northrop of Connecticut lectured upon village improvement and organized associations for this purpose throughout the eastern states. Such work, however, was scattered, each society working independently with little knowledge of what others were doing along the same line. About this time a movement for the acquirement of land for public parks and reservations was started by the city of New York in the acquirement of Central park.

Harvard and serious students were studying the problems of the growth of cities and towns, and there grew out of this study Shaw's "Municipal Government in Continental Europe" and more recently Robinson's "Improvement of Cities and Towns." The national organizations having for their object the study of the problems of the administration of cities began with the organization of the Social Science association, the social science division of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and more recently the several municipal leagues that have been established to study and confer on special problems having to do with our municipalities.

All this study and effort have brought students, artists and men of affairs closer together and have led to a more general appreciation of the close relation between beauty and utility. Beauty is not now regarded by men of affairs as a practical value, and mere ornamentation is not now regarded as an essential element of beauty. Men are coming to know that if an object is well proportioned and perfectly fitted for the uses to which it is to be put it has the principal elements of beauty and that without these elements ornamentation will not correct its defects.

Out of this feeling and out of the study that has been given to these various problems and organizations have grown societies having for their principal purpose the preservation of beautiful objects in landscape in public and private buildings, greater consistency and economy and more beauty in the design of our towns and cities. One of the best organizations of this kind was the board of trustees for public reservations in Massachusetts, of which a similar board has been organized in New York. Of national organizations there are the American Park and Outdoor Art association, the League for Social Service, the General Federation of Women's Clubs, the National League of Improvement Associations and the National Art club of New York.

As an illustration of a marked and growing interest in the movement, the secretary of one of these organizations has stated frankly to one of his members that a paper having to do with outside affairs which he controlled had increased its circulation ten times within the year that his association had been in existence.

The American Park and Outdoor Art association at its meeting in Milwaukee voted to hold its next meeting in Boston early in August, 1902, and to invite all organizations working along similar lines to send representatives to this meeting to confer with reference to a joint meeting.

Such a meeting will not alone accomplish the object for which the various earnest men and women who attend are working. The results of their deliberations and experiences must be placed before the public in such a simple, direct and forcible way as to attract the attention of all persons, lead them to comprehend the purpose in view clearly and so interest them that they will act upon the suggestions thus received upon their return home. It is only by educating the general public that important results can be accomplished. The St. Louis exposition will offer an opportunity for installing an exhibit upon the science and art of modern city and home making that would, if well executed under the leadership of all associations having to do with outdoor art, do more to justify the world's fair than anything else so far suggested. Such an exhibit showing the logical growth of a city or town, governed first by the topography of the site, next by the lines of transportation and intercommunication, then the growth of buildings for public use, and business purposes and for homes and all incidental features connected therewith, would profoundly influence the public taste.

The Town Hall.

There is hardly a town of 1,000 inhabitants in the land but has its town hall, a courthouse, and usually it is a grand one, all for the want of improvement. If the men of the town spent one hour out of half a day with the women and the women with the men, the town would be improved.

TOWN BOOM TIPS

Some Features That May Aid You.

A live public spirit manifested by the citizens of a town for its benefit is a very strong factor in the question of town improvement. When this sign of enterprise is thoroughly alive, the general appearance of the streets, condition of the homes and grounds about them will show the fruits thereof.

When a stranger first enters a town clean streets attract his attention and well kept lawns and yards favorably impress him, and should his town be backward in this respect he is liable to change his residence.

A nuisance that should be suppressed in every town is the number of homeless cubs that are allowed to roam at large and are a menace in more ways than one and entirely useless. If they were shot down, the community would be greatly benefited.

Small parks for the public should be maintained by the town. They are a benefit from the standpoint of health and tend to beautify the general appearance of any place.

The population of a Michigan town increased over 300 people in 1901 owing to its clean streets and well swept front and back yards. Clean towns are bound to grow.

In a pretty little town in Texas a person littering the streets with paper or garbage is "called down" in such a way that he seldom repeats the offense. The citizens of that town take great pride in keeping it clean and are being rewarded for the trouble they take in the matter, as the population is increasing and real estate advancing in price.

BEAUTIFYING TOWNS.

Every Citizen Should Take a Hand in the Work.

In the matter of cleanliness and tidiness of a town there is room for every member of the community to co-operate. It ought not to be left to the care of an occasional energetic reformer. A large proportion of the people of a town own their homes, but even those who rent dwellings ought to take a pride in keeping their grounds in handsome shape. The complaint is often made that children reared in rented rooms are lacking in the respect for homes that is inculcated from childhood in those who enjoy the advantage of being brought up in a home of their own.

The modern American child, it is said, is allowed to deface walls or mutilate turf at his sweet will, and landlords are correspondingly suspicious and resentful of the presence of children in a family. There is a grain of truth in the charge, and parents ought to make a special effort to make good the lack by careful teaching and, it may be added, by practice as well as by precept.

In matters of taste woman is easily supreme, and the various organizations of women, like the women's club, the teachers' club, etc., might well devote some part of their time to problems of improving their town, adding the fine flower of good taste to the sturdy stem of material betterment. The beauty of a town is often made up of millions of little things, each one of no great moment in itself.

VILLAGE HALLS.

The Problem of Keeping Young People in Towns and Villages.

To solve the problem of keeping the young people from flocking to the cities The Great Round World cites the modernized village hall as a center for the social interests of the community and says:

"The present tendency of the younger generation in rural communities to seize the earliest opportunities of finding homes in the larger cities is due in considerable part to a sense of social needs. Existence becomes monotonous where there is no social variety, and, aside from the desire for larger business profit and for making more of a name, the longing to know more people, to see more sights and to get more closely into touch with affairs is a persistent pull on the content of the average rural young man or woman.

"It is quite evident, therefore, that if the young people are to be kept in the towns and villages something must be done to improve their social surroundings. Their need must be met, and met wholesomely and as completely as possible. At the same time such an effort, properly carried out, is certain to bring educational results of other values, for to make the community desirable to the young it must be modernized, it must be brought into nearer relation with the world outside.

"All this can be accomplished only by emphasizing the point of agreement among the inhabitants."

The Town Pump.

The town pump, still to be found in plenty of villages, especially in New England, may be a picturesque feature and worthy of song and poetry, but it has been found to be responsible for almost every case of typhoid fever occurring within the village limits. In one instance in a Massachusetts town over twenty cases of typhoid, many of them fatal, were traced directly to the impure water pumped from the public well. Not only should the town pump go, but private wells should be looked after in the most careful manner. A town without pure water buries more population than it gains.

A Central Society.

The Mountain Society is an important factor in beautifying Upper Montclair, N. J. Its work consists in not only planting trees, shrubs, etc., along the principal streets of the town, but in seeing that the streets are not littered with waste paper, that property is not maliciously injured and that the citizens of the town be instructed as to the necessity of co-operating in the work of town improvement.

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VILLAGE CAUCUS.

There will be a caucus of the legal voters of the village of Downers Grove at the Thompson's hall, Saturday evening, March 22, 1902, at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of nominating the following village officers, to be voted on Tuesday, April 15th, 1902: One president of the village board, three members of the village board of trustees for two years, and one village clerk; also to transact such other business as may properly come before the caucus. J. W. Graves, W. W. Gourley, C. V. Carpenter, committee.

NOTICE OF ELECTION.

Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, the 15th day of April, 1902, at the village hall in the village of Downers Grove, DuPage county, Illinois, an election will be held for one president of the village board for one year; three members of the board of trustees of the village for two years; and one clerk of the village for one year; and the polls will be opened at 7 o'clock a. m., and remain open until 5 o'clock p. m. Dated this 13th day of March, 1902.

BERT C. WHITE, Village Clerk.

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NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.

State of Illinois ss. Estate of Henry Carpenter deceased. To Martha J. Farrar, Adeline M. McKee, Letha C. Farrar, Walter E. Farrar, Arlene C. Farrar, Edith E. Farrar, Judson Floyd Farrar, and H. Lynn Farrar, heirs and distributees of said estate.

You are hereby notified that on Monday, the 7th day of April, 1902, the executor of the said estate will present to the county court of DuPage county, at the court house in Wheaton, Illinois, his final report of his acts and doings as such executor and ask the court to be discharged from any and all further duties and responsibilities connected with said estate and his administration thereof, at which time and place you may be present and resist such application, if you choose so to do.

ISABEL P. BLODGETT, Executor.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of Charles Wheeler, deceased. The undersigned having been appointed Administrator of the estate of Charles Wheeler, deceased, hereby gives notice that they will appear before the county court of DuPage county, at the court house in Wheaton, Illinois, on the first Monday in May next, at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned. Dated this 27th day of February, A. D. 1902.

ORIN WHEELER, Administrator.

WILLIAM COOPER, Administrator.

CARNAHAN, SLUSSER & HESSES, Attorneys for Administrators.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of Angeline Ford, deceased. The undersigned having been appointed Administrator of the estate of Angeline Ford, deceased, hereby gives notice that they will appear before the county court of DuPage county, at the court house in Wheaton, Illinois, on the first Monday in April next, at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned. Dated this 15th day of February, A. D. 1902.

FRANK F. FORD, Administrator.

GRAY & BUNGE, Attorneys for Administrator.

ADMINISTRATRIX'S NOTICE.

Estate of Ann Venard, deceased. The undersigned having been appointed administratrix of the estate of Ann Venard, deceased, hereby gives notice that they will appear before the county court of DuPage county at the court house in Wheaton, at the April term, on the first Monday in April next, at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned. Dated this 15th day of February, A. D. 1902.

KATE V. OLDFIELD, Administratrix.

GRAY & BUNGE, Attorneys for Administratrix.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of an execution issued out of the Clerk's office of the Circuit Court of DuPage County, and State of Illinois, and to me directed, whereby I am commanded to make the amount of a certain judgment recently obtained against Kate Davis and John W. Davis, in favor of T. J. Pretyman, et al., out of the Lands, Tenements, Goods and Chattels of the said Kate Davis and John W. Davis, I have levied on the following property, to-wit: 15 doors, 15 ft. O. G. casing, 20 ft. window stop, 25 ft. paring strip, 20 ft. door stop, 25 corner blocks, 30 base blocks, 100 ft. 1x2 select boards, 200 ft. 2x4 No. 1, 80 ft. 4-inch siding, 400 ft. 2x4 select lumber, 10 ft. window stop, 60 ft. plaster base, 20 ft. 4-inch casing, 600 ft. 4-inch No. 1 flooring, 1 work bench, carpenter tools, 1 table, 1 bedstead, 1 mattress, 1 sofa, 1 cot, 1 stove, 3 chairs, and dishes, about 25 yards of lumber, 2 barrels cement and a wheelbarrow. Therein, according to said command, I shall expose for sale, at public auction, all the said, this day of the above named Kate Davis and John W. Davis, in and to the above described property, on Thursday, the 20th day of March, 1902, at 2 o'clock, p. m., at the place known as the Davis place, 108 1/2 street, in Downers Grove, DuPage County, Ill. Dated at Downers Grove this seventh day of March, 1902.

Geo. H. H. H. Sheriff of DuPage County, Ill.

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