

BETTERING OF TOWNS

A WOMAN TELLS HOW TO START THE WORK.

Practical Suggestions About the Beginning of a Civic Beauty Movement—First Steps Simple—How to Make First Meeting Successful.

Mrs. Francis Copley Seavey, an active member of the American Civic Association, recently contributed an article to a Chicago paper on the way to organize a civic improvement association. Portions of Mrs. Seavey's article, the whole of which was "Leave the World a Pleasanter Place Than You Found It," are herewith reproduced.

Mrs. Seavey said: "Pleasantness is in this application equivalent to better. Environment is coming more and more to be considered a pronounced factor of education—the education that makes for character. If towns, villages and individual homes have an unkempt, shiftless, down at the heel air the passer-by is justified in setting down the inhabitants as shiftless, and the generation that grows up amid such surroundings is more than likely to bear their characteristic imprint. Then, too, there is a material side to the question. The value of real estate increases in direct proportion to its possibilities for home making. And every local business and calling as well as all churches and schools thrive as the ratio of desirable population increases.

"When a few members of a community feel that an improvement society is needed let them learn the feeling of the better class of residents by a personal canvass or by circulating printed slips similar to the following, which is a copy of one issued by the promoters of an eastern organization:

"To Our Fellow Citizens of —: "The board of directors of the village improvement association earnestly invite your co-operation in the work of beautifying our town—a work in which all are mutually interested. To this end we request you to join the society by giving your name to the bearer of this note and paying at your earliest convenience either to said bearer or to the treasurer — cents, which is the entire expense of membership for the year.

"We further invite your assistance in creating a public sentiment that will secure tidiness on all public and private property in the village.

"BOARD OF DIRECTORS, Improvement Association.

"Or let a meeting be called without such preliminaries. This meeting will often prove more successful if made attractive by a short and appropriate programme. Probably the most effective incentive, both to attendance and to membership, is a short, pointed talk on the possibilities of improvement societies, illustrated by the stereopticon with lantern slides made from 'before' and 'after' views of door yards that have been 'treated.' A good lantern slide of a barren back yard, littered with tin cans, ash barrels, etc., followed by another showing the same yard carpeted with grass, lined with vines and outlined by tasteful bordered planting, speaks for itself and for the cause no tongue can speak. The following copy of the constitution of a prominent society gives an idea of what is needed:

"1. This association shall be called the — Improvement Association.

"2. The objects of this association shall be to cultivate public sentiment in favor of improving the beautifying the homes, streets and surroundings of — and to endeavor to promote in every legitimate manner the best development of the whole community.

"3. The payment of — shall constitute membership during the then current year of the association.

"4. A board of directors of three from each ward shall be elected by ballot at this meeting and at each annual meeting thereafter. They shall constitute an executive committee, who shall have the general control and management of the affairs of the association. They shall elect by ballot a president, three vice presidents, a secretary and a treasurer, and the appointment of all committees by the president shall be subject to their approval. The president, vice president, secretary and treasurer shall be ex officio members of the board of directors.

"5. No debt shall be contracted by the board of directors beyond the amount of available means within their control, and no member of the association shall be liable for any debt of the association beyond the amount of his or her subscription.

"6. This section specifies the date of the annual meeting, rules for called meetings and of quorums.

"7. This constitution may be amended at any meeting of the association, provided said amendment shall have been included in the published call for the meeting.

"The question of membership fees is one for local settlement. Some of the societies charge none, relying for support on subscriptions, entertainments, etc. The majority of organizations heard from, however, report fees ranging from 25 cents to \$2. In every case members may work out the fee if they choose. A fee should be charged if possible, for some money is essential, and this is a simple and legitimate way to secure it. The officers, directors and executive committee should include capable, influential, careful and tasteful people, for on them will largely depend the success or failure of the undertaking.

"As to objects, it is wise to begin modestly, then, as strength and numbers increase, gradually widen the scope and extend the work. At no time undertake too much. What is done should be well done. The aims of established organizations range from having weeds cut to having water-works built and parks made. They paint telephone poles and protect natural scenery and wild birds. They erect drinking fountains for dogs, horses and men. They form children's street cleaning leagues, distribute flower seeds, improve cemeteries and railway station grounds, transform local dumping grounds into bits of refreshing greenery, establish free libraries and, in short, tackle anything their hands find to do and do it with a will."

ANNUAL EXHIBIT STOCK LAW.

Annual Statement of receipts and disbursements of Stock Law Territories of Randolph County from 1st Monday in December 1904, to the 1st Monday in December 1905.

BACK CREEK TERRITORY.

Wood & Moving Lot on Judgment 23 21
W. H. Barker " " 9 59
Reg. of Deeds 1st & 2nd Copy Taxes 14 50
The Courier Pub. Annual Exhibit 5 26
W. D. Farlow Tax Refunded 20 87
J. C. Fuller on Judgment 20 25
Moses Hill Tax Refunded 1 00
L. A. Finch List Taker 1 00

\$111 41
Bal. Indebtedness Dec 1904 691 56

CR. 804 95

By Taxes Levied 1905 811 47

Bal. Indebtedness Dec 1905 401 50

LONG BRANCH.

Reg. of Deeds 1st & 2nd Copy Taxes 7 00
The Courier Pub. Exhibit 1 00

8 00
Bal. Indebtedness December 1904 310 25

324 55

CR. 324 55

By Taxes Levied 1905 27 34

Bal. Indebtedness 1905 297 21

PARKS & ROADS.

Reg. of Deeds 1st & 2nd Copy Taxes 4 00
J. H. Parks Lists & Work 10 02
The Courier Pub. Exhibit 3 00

17 02
Bal. Indebtedness 1904 359 88

386 90

CR. 386 90

By Taxes Levied 1905 41 17

Bal. Indebtedness Dec 1905 345 73

DAVIS, MT.

The Courier Pub. Exhibit 50
30
Bal. Indebtedness Dec 1904 86 05

86 55

CR. 86 55

Taxes Levied 1905 47 73

Bal. Indebtedness 1905 81 82

MT PLEASANT.

The Courier Pub. Annual Exhibit 50
Amt. Taxes Levied 1905 50 57

Bal. on Hand Dec 1905 49 87

RANDOLPH.

The Courier Pub. Exhibit 75
M. A. Cagle R. D. S. L. Com'r 3 00

78
Bal. on Hand Dec 1904 174 28

175 08

CR. 175 08

WEST BROOKER TERRITORY.

W. M. Ashill R. D. S. L. Com'r 4 20
Reg. of Deeds 1st & 2nd Copy Taxes 4 50
The Courier Pub. Annual Exhibit 1 50

10 20
E. B. Leach List Taker 2 00

12 20
Bal. Indebtedness 1904 250 89

248 69

CR. 248 69

Taxes Levied 1905 39 17

Bal. Indebtedness 1905 209 52

RICHLAND.

Reg. of Deeds 1st & 2nd Copy Taxes 00
The Courier Pub. Exhibit 1 00
E. B. Leach List Taker 1 00

2 00
Indebtedness 1904 419 90

425 90

CR. 425 90

Amt. Taxes Levied 1905 94 50

Bal. Indebtedness Dec 1905 331 40

BRUSH CREEK TERRITORY.

Reg. of Deeds 1st & 2nd Copy Taxes 14 25
H. B. Lambert Work Ac't 2 77
The Courier Pub. Annual Exhibit 1 00

18 02
L. H. Brady Building Fences 36 00
C. C. Caviness Wire for Fence 4 50

58 52
Bal. Indebtedness 1904 60 12

59 25

CR. 59 25

Amt. Taxes Levied 1905 115 18

Indebtedness 1905 445 19

CEDAR GROVE TERRITORY.

Reg. of Deeds 1st & 2nd Copy Taxes 5 50
The Courier Pub. Annual Exhibit 1 00

6 50
Bal. on Hand Dec 1904 4 08

10 58
Indebtedness Dec 1905 2 52

DEEP RIVER TERRITORY.

Reg. of Deeds 1st & 2nd Copy Taxes 1 50
The Courier Pub. Annual Exhibit 1 00
E. B. Leach List Taker 1 00

3 50
Amt. Taxes Levied 1905 4 94

Bal. on Hand Dec 1905 4 94

SPECIAL SCHOOL TAX 1905.

FRANKLINVILLE DISTRICT NO. 6.

By Taxes Levied 1905 791 70

PROVIDENCE DISTRICT.

By Taxes Levied 1905 184 87

J. P. Borroughs, Reg. of Deeds and ex-officio clerk to Board of County Commissioners of Randolph County, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true exhibit of the receipts and disbursements of the Stock Law Funds of the various Stock Law Territories, and the receipts of the Special School Tax Funds for the year ending Dec 1, 1905.

J. P. BOROUGHES,
Clerk to Bd. Co. Commrs.

Reduced Rates.

The SEAFORD begs to announce that on account of the occasions mentioned below the rates and conditions named will apply.

Pensacola, Fla.; New Orleans, La.; Mobile, Ala. Account Mardi Gras, February 22nd-27th, one fare plus 25c round trip; tickets sold February 24th-26th inclusive, final limit March 3rd. Tickets can be extended until March 17th.

Louisville, Ky. Account Department of Superintendent's National Educational Association, February 27th-March 1st, one fare plus 25c round trip; tickets sold February 24th-26th, final limit March 4th.

Chattanooga, Tenn. Southern Baptist Convention and Auxiliary Societies, May 15th-19th, 1906. Rate, one first class fare plus 25c for the round trip, (minimum rate) 50 cents; tickets sold May 8th, 9th and 10th, final limit ten days in addition to date of sale. Tickets may be extended.

For further information as to rates from any point or schedules apply to your nearest Agent or address the undersigned.

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Montgomery News.

From the Montegomerian.

Among those who are burning tar-kilns in lower Montgomery, W. D. Thomas takes the lead in obtaining the greatest number of barrels from kiln. He has collected 32 barrels from a single kiln.

Dr. W. P. Lewis of Miss. made a business trip here last week. His brother Stanback joined him at Ashboro. These successful sons, as well as the Ewings, do not forget their parents. Montgomery county should feel very proud of them, not only because they have grown wealthy, but because of their fine qualities. Can we not induce them to invest their money here? There are only a very few out of a hundred who succeed, as these men have.

On Wednesday, January 10, 1906, Mr. John Jenkins and Miss Sarah Bennett were married at the bride's home in lower Montgomery, Rev. W. A. Jenkins officiating.

Mr. George A. McDuffie and Miss Maggie McCaskill were married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. McCaskill, on Feb. 14, 1906, Squire L. E. Saunders officiating. Mr. McDuffie is a son of Mr. Malom McDuffie, of Moore county, and Mrs. McDuffie is a daughter of Mr. W. F. McCaskill of Troy.

Messrs. A. M. Varner and J. C. Hurley returned last week from the West where they went to purchase stock. Mr. Hurley says the price of mules there is as high as in North Carolina. Mr. Varner purchased a car load, but Mr. Hurley returned without making any purchases.

Mr. E. A. Holt, who has been overseer in the carding and spinning room of the Smitherman Cotton Mill for the past three years has accepted a better paying position with a mill at Rockingham.

Mr. L. R. Lisk, superintendent of the Troy Telephone Company's lines, has had a force of hands at work in town this week arranging to equip the system with several additional phones in the near future. Wires will be erected to reach those points where the new phones are to be located. The Troy system in connection with the Mt. Gilead and the general outlet systems, renders it possible to reach nearly every place of prominence in the county, and a large number of private houses.

Short Sentimental Sermons.

Great truths are often told in fewest words.

Sublimest eloquence is sometimes couched in simplest language. Sighs and tears will never pay arrears for neglected duties.

We find real joy in thinking well and kindly of others.

A pleasant tone and a sweet smile costs nothing, and oh what brightness they scatter.

The saddest thing in all this world is that heart which is incapable of nursing feelings of sadness.

Many who wear upon earth a crown of thorns, will wear in Heaven a radiant crown of eternal glory.

A smile in sleep is the noiseless ripple in the peaceful current of a pleasant dream.

Love is the golden key which opens the door to the temple of the purest raptures and most thrilling ecstasies we find on earth.

Respect for woman is the golden and attractive badge of a true gentleman. Reveals that chivalry and gallantry which gives to manhood its highest nobility and kindest royalty.

The most winning smiles are those which play around a glistening eye, and tell of sorrowing thoughts beneath; and the saddest face sometimes wears a gleam of fondly remembered joys which plays amid the shadows that darken the inner courts of the soul.

We sleep, but the loom of life never stops, and the pattern we are weaving when we went to sleep we will be weaving when we awake in the morning, and all the blurs and olemisses made will be seen in eternity.

The ministry of a pure, good woman is like a blessing from Heaven. It angelizes humanity, and shows that God in his goodness placed in woman a germ of the higher and purer and sweetest life to draw our thoughts to Heaven.

Wifehood is woman's noblest realm of glory and of witchery, of splendor and enchantment; and motherhood is the sacred throne upon which she reigns most royally, and shows the richest and purest and sweetest treasures of her heart. All prayers however sincere and earnest are not answered. We know what we want, God knows what we need, and in his wisdom and goodness he gives us that which will prove a comfort and a blessing, and not a hurt and a curse. So let us trust Him implicitly, and rely upon His wisdom and His mercy, and then all will be well, for in His gifts the sweetest blessings dwell.

The glory of love is like the glory of the sun, and both are ever gushing fountains of cheer and beauty and splendor. What

the sunbeams are to inanimate creation love is to the human, for as the former gilds the earth with glory and with brightness, the latter fills with beauty and with fragrance, and makes every landscape a picture of enchantment and every sound a poem of rapture. And when this love reigns in our home circle there is Heaven upon earth with all of its glories and its beauties, its flowers and its odors, its songs and its harmonies, its joys and its raptures, for love is Heaven and Heaven is love.

HENRY BLOUNT

Now is the Time to Subscribe.

A man who was too economical to subscribe for his home paper sent his little boy to borrow the copy taken by his neighbor. In haste the boy ran over a \$4 stand of bees and in ten minutes looked like a warty summer squash. His cries reached his father, who ran to his assistance, and, failing to notice a turbed wire fence, ran into it, breaking it down, cutting a handful of flesh from his anatomy and running a \$8 pair of trousers. The old cow took advantage of the gap in the fence and got into the cornfield and killed herself eating green corn. Hearing the racket the wife ran, upset a four-gallon churn of rich cream into a basket of kittens, drowning the whole flock. In her hurry she dropped a \$25 set of false teeth. The baby, left alone, crawled through the spilled cream and into the parlor, ruining a \$20 carpet. During the excitement the oldest daughter ran away with the hired man, the dog broke up eleven setting hens, and the calves got out and chewed the tails off four fine shirts.—Kansas City Journal.

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Reflections of a Bachelor.

The simple life is the kind nobody wants to lead because it has such a good reputation.

When a woman suspects some one she knows of leading a double, she has more fun than if she was sure of it.

Women as Well as Men Are Made Miserable by Kidney and Bladder Trouble.

Kidney trouble preys upon the mind, discourages and lessens ambition; beauty, vigor and cheerfulness soon disappear when the kidneys are out of order or diseased.

Kidney trouble has become so prevalent that it is not uncommon for a child to be born afflicted with weak kidneys. If the child urinates too often, if the urine scalds the flesh, or if, when the child reaches an age when it should be able to control the passage, it is yet afflicted with bed-wetting, depend upon it, the cause of the difficulty is kidney trouble, and the first step should be towards the treatment of these important organs. This unpleasant trouble is due to a diseased condition of the kidneys and bladder and not to a habit as most people suppose.

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