

THE GROWTH OF THE CITY

UNBENEFICIAL WORK DEMANDED

Mr. W. C. Corwith, Secretary of the Greater Charlotte Club, Analyzes the Different Classes of Citizens Which Enter into the Composition of a City—Those Who Pull Back, Those Who Are Indifferent, Those Who Work For City's Upbuilding—Local Pride Should Make Subordinate Personal Differences to Common Good.

To the Editor of The Observer:

In enumerating some of the elements, which, if permitted to become strong enough to dominate a community, kill enterprise and stifle progress, a suggestion is given, as a caution to every good citizen, that he must be constantly alive to these deleterious influences, and be awake to the fight which must be waged against them.

A familiar character in every community is that noticeable citizen who goes about apparently in search of something to criticize, who holds up to ridicule all who attempt projects of advancement. With him nothing has merit at home, it is always some distant place which is to be spoken well of, he has no good words for his home town or hom people, is ever prophesying failure, and carries his "hammer" on all occasions, eager to "knock" every movement looking to progress, which may be inaugurated. Such a character is an enemy to the community's best interests, and his life is consumed in blocking the wheels of progress.

Then we have the man who never fails to give expression to his many doubts, and to cast cold water upon the possibility of success or every live movement in the line of advancement which may be suggested, and who is at hand on all occasions influencing many by his broadcast distribution of doubt, often doing injury, perhaps without intention. Such an one would do well to consider the old saying, "our doubts are traitors, and make us lose the good we oft might win by fearing to attempt."

Another element along the same line is the man who fights progression because it may possibly mean that he will be called upon to contribute to the general good, a few dollars of his liberal accumulations, and who is so narrow, and whose range of observation is so limited, that he cannot appreciate the fact, that what proves a benefit to the whole community, must indirectly help the individual.

Then again the man who is a lover of the old rut he has been accustomed to so long, whose world is cramped into a small area, who has swallowed his ambition for everything but money, hates everything that means a change, no matter what it may be, thoroughly satisfied and an enemy to progress. In his complacency he believes that he has reached the zenith of perfection and hence finds no need of trying to improve, but is content to lie down and die of a dry rot, desiring all others to do likewise.

Next in order is the man who considers nothing but self, that leech upon society, who possesses not one particle of public spirit, and who is ever ready to profit by the labors and expenditures of others, and whose soul is so stunted and warped that he has never engaged in any public enterprise because he sees no direct returns coming to himself, and who hates to think that he might possibly

do something which will bring profit to some one else.

Still another is the deceptive man, better known as the demagogue, who feeds the public upon misrepresentation, leading the people to believe that their comparative material condition is far ahead of what it is in reality. Such misrepresentation is practiced in an endeavor to hide under the cover of loud assertions of wonderful progress and prosperity, their own short-comings and neglect of the public charge to which they, as the representatives of their party have been entrusted.

Then we have the thoughtless man, who is ever saying and doing things which have a bad influence, and create trouble all because he does not properly weigh the remarks and criticisms which he frequently distributes about him.

These are some of the forces which are to be found to a more or less extent in every community, and which serve as clogs to the wheels of progress, and make necessary strong and constant effort on the part of the public-spirited citizens, to counteract the smothering influences of these insidious elements, and keep alive the energies which go to make progress and bring about development and growth. If these negative voices are listened to, progress is practically impossible.

Given an average in natural advantages, the comparative life and growth of a community depends entirely upon its people. The right spirit must prevail. Love of the home town, pride in what it already possesses, a delight in sounding its praises, an ambition for its future.

The people must be wide awake and in readiness to take advantage of all new conditions which may arise from time to time, looking to legitimate enterprise. They must show a willingness to contribute money, time and energy, be ready to make every reasonable sacrifice necessary to promote the general good, responding to the call for help when needed, settling aside selfish motives, and forgetting interfering personality, keeping ever in mind the one great object—that of making the city larger in size, greater in power for good and better in every respect than ever before. And behind all this a determination never to stop in the work until the end is accomplished.

A careful examination must be made into the general conditions; the most urgent needs of the place singled out, the defects selected, and by centering endeavor upon these, rectify them, in this way always bringing the city's condition so much nearer perfection.

A very potent essential in the growth and development of a community is a strong feeling of confidence among the people in the future possibilities of it. With this for a foundation, it only remains for the people to unite in a disinterested and unselfish effort to improve every opportunity to develop the conditions presented by nature and to follow up those already commended by man.

The provisions of nature make certain conditions of development possible. It remains for the constant application of the brains and energy of man to secure the desired results.

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The growth of the great city of Chicago represents to-day the most marvelous urban development in the history of the world. Although possessing much for a beginning in its superiority of geographical position, the rapid development and increase in population of this wonderful place, which in the ordinary lifetimes of one man has grown from a mere trading post to a city, which counts its people by millions, could never have been possible without the people displaying the untiring energy which seems to permeate the atmosphere of its streets. The motto of the people of Chicago has even been "I will."

The spirit which has built Atlanta is the spirit of fidelity, of real devoted loyalty, confidence and love of home, of ambition, of pride to see it advance, and behind all this a willingness to work for, and to stand up for it on all occasions, and never losing an opportunity to say or do something for its good. The spirit which prompts a man to work for his city side by side with one whom he would not speak to under ordinary circumstances because of some personal difference, will serve as a suggestion of the spirit which has made Atlanta the first city in the South Atlantic States.

A strong active commercial organization of large membership is to-day recognized as one of the foundation stones in the building of a city, and no place thrives so well as when supported by all of the business men carefully organized into one body, having but one object in view, the advancement of the city's best interests. Such an organization unites the forces into the active and powerful element and makes possible through organized effort the acquiring of those things most needful to advancement and growth along the right line. Every citizen should feel a keen personal sense of obligation to join and support such an organization.

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TO GAIN PHYSICAL CULTURE.

Interested Parties in Washington, N. C., Plan to Organize Physical Culture Club—Dr. McCullen to Preach. Special to The Observer.

Washington N. C., Feb. 9.—It is rumored that there is a movement on foot to establish a physical culture club in this city. The new club will be known as the Washington Athletic Club and the club rooms will be located over the Washbattig store in the Brown building on Main street. Mr. C. C. Stewart will have charge of the new club and as he has had several years' experience in this line of work the club will be quite fortunate in having him as instructor. The front rooms of the club will be comfortably fitted up in very attractive style, having every modern convenience for the comfort of its members, while the rear rooms will have the physical culture paraphernalia, etc.

The initiation fee will be \$1.00 with a weekly due of 50 cents. Fifty mem-

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bers are required before the club will be organized. A large number have already sent in their application and if they continue at the present rate the club will soon be in running order. Rev. Dr. McCullen, the new presiding elder of the Methodist church for this district, will fill the pulpit of that church in this city on Sunday morning and evening. This is his first visit to the city and as he is reputed to be a speaker of ability the Methodist brethren are anticipating his visit with much pleasure.

IN HONOR OF MR. FIFE.

Memorial Services Will Be Held This Afternoon in Thomasville Methodist Church—Mr. Strayhorn's Showing. Special to The Observer.

Thomasville, Feb. 9.—Memorial services in honor of the late W. P. Fife will be held in the Methodist church here to-morrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. All the churches of the town will take part in the services. Mrs. W. P. Fife with her daughter and son left for Newbern yesterday and returned to Thomasville to-night. They expect to go to St. Louis in a few days, where they will make their home for a while at least.

A tenant house belonging to Mr. F. S. Lambeth was burned yesterday, the fire being discovered too late to put it out.

Mr. Edward C. Strayhorn, one of Thomasville's most popular and successful insurance agents, has just been notified that during the year 1906 he ranks second on the honor roll as to the number of lives insured by agents he has affiliated States in the Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Co., The Thomasville Loan & Trust Co., of which Mr. T. J. Finch is president, has made application and secured same to convert the bank into the First National Bank. Mr. A. Homer Regan, of Archdale, will be the cashier. He comes direct from Mt. Gilead, where he has been cashier for some time.

POLITICS AND POETRY

Exalted by the fight on Senator Bailey, a Dallas farmer has sent to The Galveston News a poem, of which these stanzas are samples:
I read the daily papers, I read them every night,
Because I love Joe Bailey and want to see him win the fight.
The lawyers, they have had their say,
The butcher and the baker, they say,
A blacksmith up at Bowie, likewise an undertaker.
The banker out at Dublin, who stood with Joe one round,
Should give the gloves to a farmer and go back and sit down,
When you fall into the river, you can bet you'll come out wet,
And when you tackle Bailey's honor, there's no telling what you'll get.

The politicians who fight Joe have no reputation they can lose,
And would vote for Booker Washington if he would furnish them free booze.
The reason Crane has fought so hard and stamped Joe as a slab,
He hoped to nail him to the cross and get his big fat job.

RHEUMATISM CAN NOT BE RUBBED AWAY

Whenever an attack of Rheumatism comes on with its throbbing muscles, twitching nerves, and aching, painful joints, relief must be had at once, and any treatment that will ease the pain and allay the suffering is desirable. A good liniment or plaster, or some home remedy will usually give temporary relief and comfort, but Rheumatism is more than skin deep and cannot be rubbed away, nor can it be drawn out with a plaster. Such treatment neither prevents nor cures; the excess of acid is still in the blood and at the next exposure to inclement weather, or after an attack of indigestion or constipation or other irregularity, the symptoms will return, and with each succeeding attack the pain becomes more severe because of the constant accumulation of acid in the blood.

All food taken into the body contains, in some form, the elements necessary to nourish and sustain the different parts. One portion is used for the making of blood, another for muscle, another for bone, another for fat, and so on. After these different properties have been extracted there still remains a portion that is useless, or waste matter, which is intended to be carried off by nature; but the sluggish, inactive condition of the different members interferes with the workings of nature, and this refuse is left in the system to sour and form uric acid and other acids, which are absorbed into the blood. The acid, irritating matter in the circulation settles in the joints, muscles, nerves and bones, and it is this that produces the pain, inflammation, swelling and other disagreeable symptoms of Rheumatism.

Unless the blood is cleansed of the uric acid poison Rheumatism becomes chronic, and a serious and dangerous disease. The pains which at first were wandering or shifting from place to place become sharp and cutting, the muscles lose their elasticity, and as the irritating sediment is deposited in the joints, stiffness of the limbs takes place and sometimes the hands, feet, arms or legs become permanently locked and useless.

To effect a permanent cure the blood must be purified, the acid poison counteracted and all irritating matter removed from the circulation, and nothing does this so quickly or surely as S. S. S. It contains not only purifying and tonic properties, but solvent qualities as well, all these being necessary in the cure of Rheumatism. S. S. S. goes down to the very bottom of the trouble and attacks the disease at its head, and after it has filtered out of the blood all acid and impure matter it adds freshness and vigor to the circulation. Then instead of being a weak, sour stream, distributing uric acid to the different parts of the system, it is strong and healthy, and therefore able to supply the body with nourishment and strength.

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Mrs. Ida M. Palmer, of 106 Fulton St., Brooklyn, N. Y., writes as follows: "I wish you to know what great benefit I have received from the use of S. S. S. I have been afflicted with Rheumatism for twenty years, sometimes it grew worse until it was misery to attempt to walk at all; my right knee was nearly twice its natural size and was drawn up considerably shorter than the other one. A friend advised me to take S. S. S. which I commenced. I had tried so many things that I must say that I had very little faith that it would do me any good but I was willing to try anything that promised relief. Before I had been using it long I was greatly relieved, and continuing the medicine I soon found that I was entirely cured. The lameness and soreness all left, I can straighten, move or bend my leg as well as any one and I have never known what Rheumatism was since. I am 66 years old and feel deeply grateful to S. S. S."

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