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THE STAUNTON TOWN GOVERNMENT PLAN

A Business Town—Managed In a Business-Like Way.

In March, 1908, the City of Staunton, Virginia, with a population of 12,000 or more, threw off the yoke of municipal government by Council Committees and adopted the unique and business method of government by a General Manager, whose prototype is found in every large private corporation. As every person is, no doubt, more or less familiar with the cumbersome and expensive operation of municipal government through Council Committees, it is hardly necessary to dwell on the disadvantage of a system so antiquated, which should have been abolished years ago.

Councilmen as a rule are (or should be) business men, who have their private affairs to look after, which naturally consumes all of their time and attention, and it is not reasonable to presume that they, receiving neither pay nor thanks for anything they may do for the interest of the city, can afford to neglect their private interests to look after the business of the city. Hence, under the old system, the affairs of the city were run by the heads of departments with the assistance of a few Councilmen, who, in a great many cases, were contractors bidding for city contracts. Not infrequently, also, the heads of departments were men totally unfit for the positions they occupied, who had received their appointments and held their jobs through political or other favored influence. Under the present "Staunton Plan" this is all a thing of the past, and the business of the city is conducted on the same general business principles all large industrial private corporations are conducted on.

AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE OFFICE OF A GENERAL MANAGER FOR THE CITY OF STAUNTON, VIRGINIA.

"Be it ordained by the Council of the City of Staunton, Virginia.

1. That there be appointed by the two branches of the Council in joint session as soon as possible after the adoption of this resolution and thereafter annually at the regular election of city officers, in July of each year, an officer to be known and designated as "General Manager."

2. The General Manager shall hold office for the term of one year and until his successor is duly elected and qualified, unless sooner removed by the council at its pleasure.

3. The General Manager shall be paid an annual salary of—dollars, and he shall have the right to employ one clerk at a salary of—dollars per annum, to be paid by the city, the amount to be hereafter fixed by the Council.

4. The General Manager shall devote his entire time to the duties of his office, and shall have entire charge and control of all the executive work of the city in its various departments, and have entire charge and control of the head departments and employees of the city. He shall make all contracts for labor and supplies, and in general perform all of the administrative executive work now performed by the several standing committees of the Council, except the Finance, Ordinance and Auditing Committees. The General Manager shall discharge such other duties as may from time to time be required of him by the Council.

5. The General Manager before entering upon the duties of his office shall execute a bond before the Clerk of the Council in the penalty of \$5,000 with good and sufficient surety, conditioned for the faithful performance of the duties of his office."

This ordinance, as will be readily seen, is brief and simple, yet broad in its general terms, and can easily be expanded should our needs demand it. In discussing the merits of this system I will compare it with that of a private industrial corporation in order that the "Staunton Plan" or "One Man Government," as some of our sister cities have termed it, may be more fully understood and appreciated.

The "Staunton Plan" is not a "One Man" system of municipal government, but is a democratic government "for the people and by the people." Neither the people nor the Council have surrendered any of their sovereign rights; they have simply created an office known as that of a General Manager, a paid employee, who devotes his whole time and attention to the business of the city and who is responsible to the Council and the people, instead of intrusting the affairs of the city to the committees of the Council. For each Councilman thinks that the other members of the committee have more time than he has for looking after the business of the city, and each committeeman is of the same opinion—always willing to let the other fellow do it—and as a result that which is everyone's business is no one's business, and the poor old city gets along the best she can to the detriment of the taxpayer in particular and the people in general.

The stockholders in a private corporation are the people who own the city, and is, therefore, one of its stockholders to the extent of the amount of taxes he pays. The stockholders of the private corporation elect their president and board of directors; the taxpayers elect their Mayor and Council. The board of directors of the private corporation elect their general manager, and the president and general manager are the paid employees, and they are the men to whom the stockholders look to make a success and produce dividends.

Would any private corporation consider for a moment conducting its business through committees composed of stockholders who received no pay for such service, and who had other business affairs to look after, and who would devote only spare moments (so to speak) to the business of the corporation? A corporation run on this plan would hardly produce dividends, neither would its stock be sold at a premium. Now, we have simply done as do the private corporations. We have elected a General Manager, a paid employee, to attend to the business of the city and produce dividends for the taxpayer, by keeping his taxes down to the minimum rate and giving

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Do you know that croup can be prevented? Give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy as soon as the child becomes hoarse or even after the croupy cough appears and it will prevent the attack. It is also a certain cure for croup and has never been known to fail. Sold by J. E. Shell Drug Store, Dr. Kent Drug Store.

The Hunt for Captain Kidd's Buried Treasure, Still Goes On.

Correspondent of The News.

Adako, although young in years, also has had her freebooter and buried treasure, and the search for the hidden treasure has been long and thorough.

Christmas week, 1908, Adako's Capt. Kidd came sailing along in a mountain schooner, instead of making his victims walk the plank, as in days of yore. Adako's Capt. Kidd fixed his victims so that they could not walk any plank. In his strong box instead of gold and silver, was good old Apple Johnson of the mountain variety. His crew consisted of two delapidated old mules and a no account hobo. As soon as our modern Capt. Kidd had cast anchor, and the news spread that good mountain Apple Jack could be had right at home for two dollars per gallon, the thirsty began to avail themselves of the opportunity. That night our modern Capt. Kidd and his first mate, to celebrate their good business imbibed too freely, and in consequence their slumbers were deep.

Now enter the villain, along in the early morning. One of our dusky citizens from Sugartown comes into the camp, seeing the condition of Capt. Kidd and part of his crew, our dusky friend quietly helps himself to a two gallon jug.

After awhile Capt. Kidd and his first mate awake, they search for the jug, jug nit. They accuse each other of theft, result was Capt. Kidd and first mate fall out, first mate rushes to the nearest Magistrate. Capt. Kidd and the balance of his crew weigh anchor and away.

The impression gets out that there are two gallons of good old Apple Johnson hid in the woods, and in the meantime the search has gone on, and a few good trades missed on account of the mad hunt for Adako's buried treasure.

Caldwell County Baptist Sunday School Convention.

The annual meeting was to have convened Saturday before the fifth Sunday in May 1910, but as E. L. Middleton, our state Sunday School Secretary and H. C. Moore, editor Biblical Recorder, contemplate holding a Sunday School Institute somewhere in our county first Sunday and Saturday before, in April next, our Associational executive committee thinks it best to change the time of holding the annual meeting to first Sunday and Saturday before in April 1910, and have so ordered. Hence the annual meeting and Institute will both convene in Lower Creek church 10 a. m. Saturday before first Sunday in April. The program will appear later. Let every church and Sunday School be represented by delegates. Each church and Sunday school is entitled to one delegate. The pastors and Sunday school superintendents are members ex-officio. All Sunday school workers, regardless of denomination, will be welcomed.

I. W. Thomas,

for Ex. Com., February 28, 1910.

Itching Eczema Washed Away.

Is it worth 25 cents to you to stop that awful, agonizing itch? Surely you will spend 25 cents on your druggist's recommendation, to cool and heal and soothe that terrible itching eruption?

By arrangement with the D. D. Laboratories of Chicago, we are able to make a special offer of a 25 cent bottle of their oil of wintergreen compound, known as D. D. Prescription. Call, or write or telephone to J. E. Shell, Lenoir, N. C.

We absolutely know that the itch is stopped AT ONCE by D. D. Prescription, and the cures all seem to be permanent.

Education Conference.

News and Observer.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 26.—The conference for education in the South will hold its thirteenth annual session at Little Rock, Ark., April 9, 7 and 8. The following is only a partial outline of the program:

WEDNESDAY EVENING, APRIL 6.

Address of welcome by Governor George W. Donaghey, followed by the address of the president Robert C. Ogden, of New York, and an address on "Education and Public Health" by Dr. Lewis, of Raleigh, N. C.

THURSDAY MORNING, APRIL 7th.

The Conference will be conducted by the State Superintendents of Public Instruction. Topics: (1) "Educational Progress in the Southern States for the last Ten Years;" (2) "Report of Educational Tour Through Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin."

THURSDAY EVENING, APRIL 7.

"Education for Efficiency in Rural Communities," Andrew M. Soule, Department of Agriculture, University of Georgia, Atlanta. "Teaching Girls How to Make Homes," Dr. L. D. Harvey, Menominee, Wis.

FRIDAY MORNING, APRIL 8th.

Will be devoted to the work of the School Improvement leagues and to community improvement through the influence of a home like school. Among the speakers; Henry Turner Bailey and Mrs. W. R. Hollowell.

Arrangements are in progress for special Pullmans from the various central points throughout the entire South, and Southwest. Rates and routes will be announced with in a short time.

The following members of the conference have kindly consented to act as State leaders for the various parties:

North Carolina—Prof. F. C. Brooke, Trinity College, Durham.

Hudson.

Correspondent of The News.

We are sorry to learn of the illness of Miss Lula Sigmon.

Mr. Joe Moore of Lenoir was a welcome caller in our town last Saturday.

Messrs. W. M. and J. L. Morris attended a meeting of the Masonic Lodge at Lenoir Tuesday night.

We learn that Mr. J. P. Herman has sold his house and lot to Rev. Mr. Brown. Mr. Herman expects to build again this spring.

The box supper which was held Saturday night for the benefit of the three churches of Hudson was a success. \$18.75 was realized.

Mrs. Melissa Bush died at the home of her son, Mr. J. H. Bush, Tuesday, Mar. 1, after a prolonged illness.

Mr. F. D. Powell of Lenoir spent Wednesday night with his sister, Mrs. C. H. Throneburg, and they left Thursday morning for Pinebluff, N. C. to visit Miss Jessie Powell.

Mr. T. W. Throneburg expects to make Hudson his future home. He is working with Mr. A. S. Hartley's force on the chair factory. The machinery for the factory has been ordered and we hope it may be installed at an early date. The building is going up rapidly and a week or two of sunshine will make it look like business.

March 3, 1910.

Took All His Money.

Often all a man earns goes to doctors or for medicines, to cure a Stomach, Liver or Kidney trouble that Dr. King's New Life Pills would quickly cure at slight cost. Best for Dyspepsia, Indigestion, Biliousness, Constipation, Jaundice, Malaria and Debility. 25c. at J. E. Shell's.

NEWS ITEMS.

Robt. Shueman, a lineman in the employ of the Bell Telephone company in Charlotte fell from a forty foot pole in that city Tuesday and received injuries from which he died a few hours later.

The strike of the street car men in Philadelphia, which has been on for ten days or more, is still unsettled, but better order prevails and the indications now are, that the railway companies will win in the struggle.

Walter H. Neal Jr., son of Ex-Judge Walter H. Neal of Laurinburg, was accidentally killed while hunting a few days ago. The young man was alone when the accident happened and when found he was dead with a large wound in his left breast.

Heavy rains and much damage is reported in Ohio. In Zanesville about 1,000 people have been driven from their homes by floods and are being cared for by the city, housed in public buildings. Parts of New York state and also Georgia have suffered much damage from high water.

Last Sunday night burglars entered a drug store in Mooresville and stole about \$300. worth of fountain pens and jewelry. The officers arrested a young man name Crawford and found in his possession a lot of merchandise the young man had taken from his father's store at Davidson by means of a false key, but the drug store robbers have not been caught.

Severe snow slides during the last few days have done much damage and killed a number of persons in the mining districts of northern Idaho, and Montana. A whole train in which fifty passengers are imprisoned was buried in a snow slide in the Cascade mountains in northwest Washington. Further south in Utah and Colorado traffic is tied up by snow and floods.

Notice.

The Bazaar to be given by the faculty and students of Davenport College, is not to be a Bazaar of Notions, as printed last week, but a Bazaar of Nations. There will be a Japanese booth, an American booth, etc.

This Bazaar will be opened Monday, March 7, in the Cloyd-Johnson store building on the square.

We wish to ask the ladies in town who are going to help us with the lunches, to have their things ready by early Monday morning, and the ladies who are going to contribute fancy work, to have their articles ready by Friday afternoon or Saturday morning.

Committee.

Two colored men in Hayti, a suburb of Durham, were killed Saturday while operating a small wood saw. This machine is run by electricity and balked when a hard stick of hickory was to be cut. The belt threw the saw and shafting out of place. Both negroes were struck by saw or shafting, and one, Lyon, was killed instantly. The other man named Cozart lived only a few minutes. A small negro boy who was standing near by had a narrow escape from death or severe injury.

President Helps Orphans.

Hundreds of orphans have been helped by the President of the Industrial and Orphan's Home at Macon, Ga., who writes: "We have used Electric Bitters in this Institute for nine years. It has proved a most excellent medicine for Stomach, Liver and Kidney troubles. We regard it as one of the best family medicines on earth." It invigorates all vital organs, purifies the blood, aids digestion and creates an appetite. To strengthen and build up pale, thin, weak children or rundown people it has no equal. Best for female complaints. Only 50c. at J. E. Shell's.

GERMS IN HER SYSTEM

Every Woman Should Read This Advice and the Generous Offer that Goes With It.

The number of diseases peculiar to women is such that we believe this space would hardly contain a mere mention of their names, and it is a fact that most of these diseases are of a catarrhal nature. A woman cannot be well if there is a trace of catarrh in her system.

Some women think there is no help for them. We positively declare this to be a mistaken idea. We are so sure of this that we offer to supply medicine absolutely free of all cost in every instance where it fails to give satisfaction, or does not substantiate our claims. With this understanding, no woman should hesitate to believe our honesty of purpose, or hesitate to put our claims to a test.

There is only one way to overcome catarrh. That way is through the blood. You may use all the snuffs, douches or like remedies for years without getting more than temporary relief at best. Catarrh in general is a diseased condition of the system that shows locally most frequently in discharges from mucous membranes. Local treatment should be assisted by internal treatment for the general diseased condition if a complete cure is to be reached. That internal treatment should be scientifically devised and faithfully administered.

Rexall Mucu-Tone is scientifically prepared from the prescription of an eminent physician who for thirty years made catarrh a specialty. This remedy is admirably adapted to the treatment of the catarrhal ailments of women. It purifies and enriches the blood, tends to stop mucous discharges, aids in removing impurities from the system, soothes, heals and strengthens the mucous tissues, and brings about a feeling of health and strength.

We want you to try Rexall Mucu-Tone on our guarantee. If you are not benefited, or for any reason not satisfied, simply tell us and we will hand back your money. Rexall Mucu-Tone comes in two sizes, 50 cents and \$1.00. Remember, you can obtain Rexall Remedies in Lenoir only at our store,—the Rexall Store. The Lenoir Drug Co.

Vance County Fires The First Gun.

Vance county on Saturday fired the first gun against State Prohibition and came to Catawba county to get the speaker in the person of Mr. W. A. Self of Hickory. A correspondent from Henderson wrote that the men behind the movement were not "soaks, sots or drunkards." We accept this statement as true but we know that if the movement succeeds, that it means bar-rooms in some sections of this state and bar-rooms make "soaks, sots and drunkards." It is a credit to the men that they are not "soaks, sots and drunkards" and it will be more credit to them to help enforce temperance laws in this state and save other men from being "soaks, sots and drunkards" —Catawba County News.

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