

DECEMBER 5, 1908.

TOWN BETTERMENT.

What is Being Done in Various Communities in This Direction.

A committee of the board of trade in Lowell, Mass., has taken an inventory of all the billboards in the town and has communicated with the authorities requesting that the leasing of boards on city property be discontinued when the time comes for their renewal. The committee says that the revenue received is a trifle compared with the harm done to the beauty of the town.

Following the example of large cities and more recently many small ones, Easton, Pa., has adopted an anti-spitting law, and the measure has been signed by Mayor McKeen. People who have been in the habit of spitting tobacco juice over the sidewalks or on floors of public buildings will be placed under arrest and fined for their offenses if they are continued. Notices of warning have been posted.

Conspicuous improvements have been made this summer in the appearance of the business section of Utica, N. Y. New cement walks have been laid on Genesee and other central streets. This has been the result of agitation started last winter by President Baker of the council, who says he was led to give attention to the matter by his observation that, whereas the city was spending thousands of dollars—up into the millions, in fact—to provide proper places upon which dumb animals might travel, the ways which humankind must tread were left in a condition unfit even for the animal kingdom.

Sunyside, one of the longest streets in Burlington, Ia., is to be paved its entire length in the near future. The street extends from one city limit to the other, and much of the property abutting the street is farm land. Although the legal assessment derived from this property would not begin to pay the cost, the return value of the pavement has been fully promised by citizens anxious for the improvement and who are more than willing to pay their full share of the assessment.

As a measure for the protection of the school children of New Orleans, City Health Officer W. T. O'Reilly will make a suggestion to the school board that, beginning at the next term, all pupils be compelled to bring their own drinking cups and that common cups and dippers for the use of all be abolished.

Under an ordinance recently passed by the city council of Knoxville, Tenn., it is unlawful to put down any sidewalk in the city limits except of concrete. The specifications provide for inspections by the city inspector, and every safeguard is thrown around the ordinance to give the property owner a good sidewalk and protect him against any inferior work.

The park and cemetery commissions of Grand Rapids, Mich., have adopted formal resolutions in reference to criticisms that have been made against the superintendents of the public parks on account of their being engaged in private landscape work. The board takes the ground that the performance of such work for citizens of Grand Rapids results in the substantial improve-

ment in the appearance of the town and that when done for neighboring towns they are simply doing a neighborly act which tends to raise the prestige of Grand Rapids in matters of outdoor art, besides having a tendency to educate the superintendents and give them larger experience.

Pays to Beautify School Grounds.

There is no way in which the taste of the community may be better displayed than in the proper embellishment of the school grounds. A few places are so handicapped as to be comparatively helpless, but such conditions are only temporary, and eventually all may be placed in the line toward beautifying the one piece of ground in each section in which all are interested. Well planted and well cared for school grounds are a prominent feature in making any district a part of the town beautiful, for few residents care to have their properties unfavorably commented upon by allowing them to become unkempt when near a piece of public property of unquestioned order and ornate appearance.

Planting Railway Station Grounds.

The custom of planting railway station grounds is each year becoming more widespread, and the observant traveling public is making its approval of the same so manifest that all lines must eventually take up this work of aiding in the city and town beautiful movement. If the plant loving traveler will but commend the railway officials for their enterprise and foresight in embellishing their lines of travel, all will quickly join in the work of beautifying these places. Spacious, well planned depot grounds are as much capital to the cities and towns in which they are situated as to the corporation to which they belong, so that municipalities should encourage and aid them in every way possible.

Deceiving Pictures.

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Plans Beautifying a River Front.

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