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IT SEEMS TO ME:



By Dewey

Next Wednesday, people of the Brookings area will go to the polls to determine whether or not they want incorporation of the city. Certainly there are valid reasons pro and con, on this question. It seems the main concern of the people will be: Is this the time to incorporate? Certainly, when it comes to

law enforcement, there will never be a better time. Everyone in the area knows that the sole protection we have is the occasional visit of the state police, and a call to the sheriff of the county. With influx of people, this need is becoming more apparent each day and week.

At present, with no centralized government, and no head, the local problems go unattended, except on a voluntary basis—and this is unsatisfactory from every point of view. The chamber of commerce, without any authority, can only plead for co-operation.

True, it is expected taxes will be higher. One cannot expect to obtain something for nothing, be it what it may. However, if the city would not become spend-crazy, it could be made cost but little more than we now experience here. Street work could be accomplished through rental of machinery, rather than the purchase of this machinery, for a number of years.

Certainly, in this area, when there are no restrictions, every citizen can do pretty much as he pleases. He can build a hog pen against the back yard fence of his neighbor, and there is little that the neighbor can do about

it. Under city restrictions, this along with building, will be zoned and restricted.

It is pretty nice to be free as we are here in Brookings, with no police looking at our every moved. However, if children are permitted to shoot "craps" on the doorsteps of business houses—it looks pretty bad to visitors who may pass through the vicinity.

However, unless this area is at least three-fourths in favor of incorporation, now is not the time to vote this reform. It then would be like the prohibition era of the '20s when helped authorities enforce the law. People, on Wednesday, must make up their minds what they want, and expect of a city and vote according to their consciences.

I do not attempt to say if this community is ready for incorporation. Personally I believe it is, but my opinion may be wrong if I could, learn every person's problem. However, this town will gain only after it does incorporate for business which will come to the area, will expect some security offered by incorporation. It is safe to say that incorporation is a step toward progress.

In The Mail-box:

Editor, Pilot:

Last week your paper printed a statement conceived and instigated by the Honorable Mr. R. E. Simmons and his cohorts. In running to the press with these statements (Clason under peace bond) he thought to discredit me so thoroughly and turn public opinion against me so strong that he could come into court on Friday and win his case thumbs down.

I was completely exonerated last Friday in Justice of the Peace Sandbo's court, thanks to clean thinking men and justice. Ordinarily I would never ask you to change last week's assertion, but I am a new comer in this locality. I have three children in school and a fourth at home.

When one is falsely arrested, it in itself serious, it would naturally reflect back on the children, especially those in school.

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It is a shame and a sorrow that Mr. Simmons is being made the scapegoat by a third party, one who apparently would go to almost any extent to extort money, as in this case, and Mr. Simmons, being directed by legal talent, one whose foremost

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