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PLEA FOR A CITY BEAUTIFUL

A plea for a city beautiful of Marshfield and harmony in civic progress was made by Otto A. Welle, former city engineer of Spokane, Wash., in a heart to heart talk with the city council a score or so of property owners in attendance at the council meeting Tuesday night. Mr. Welle told of his impressions of Marshfield since he came here a few days ago to do some work for the waterworks company, scolded the citizens for not taking the advantage of their opportunity and outlined to them how other cities were improving. Mr. Welle, who has a wide reputation as a municipal engineer, found a responsive chord in the audience who listened intently as he talked and applauded loudly when he concluded. Mayor Straw, T. J. Hall and several others thanked him profusely for the ideas he had given them.

"The Lord has provided you with a wonderful opportunity to build a beautiful city and keep it beautiful if you will only do a comparatively little work," said Mr. Welle. "The chance you have is remarkable. We thought we had a fine townsite at Spokane but it didn't compare to Coos Bay. I don't know of any place whose natural contour compares with Coos Bay. It is wonderful.

Improve the Streets.
"I think it is certain that you will have a large city here some day, but you won't have it soon unless you improve your streets and get started in the right direction. Make your streets and public improvements good and people will be attracted here—wealthy people whose money will help you in the work. Leave your streets mud holes, your sidewalks dangerous to walk on and no touch of the beautiful anywhere and people won't remain if they do come. The Lord has done a lot for you, more than you probably appreciate. Almost every kind of flowers and trees will grow here with the least bit of attention while in Spokane and other places it costs hundreds of dollars to raise a few roses that could be had in Marshfield almost without effort.

"Everybody should get together and unite in a campaign for civic improvement. First, fix up your streets. You want people to come here and to remain. The first things they notice are the streets and sidewalks. If they are bad, they immediately form a bad opinion of the city and its citizens. Next, sewers are essential because of sanitation.

"In Spokane we have a 150,000 committee and a 'city beautiful' committee. In the latter, we have enlisted everyone, men, women and school children. You should do the same thing here. The children can and do help a lot. We have 'Clean-up days' twice a year and the school children see that the city is cleaned up.

"As to street-paving, asphalt and like materials are probably best. Then comes brick, then the stone pavements and last the various kinds of wood paving. The first requisite of good paving is to get a good foundation of concrete. The sandstone you are using here will not make a good foundation but I think you can find lots of gravel and other kinds of stone nearby that will. Investigate and get them. The stone you are now using won't make good paving because it is too soft and will turn into mud.

"With all your lumber around here, I think that the wood paving would probably prove the best for you. Plank paving is only temporary but in some places, on account of its cheapness, it can be put in to advantage. Experiment with wood block-paving and see if you can't get

some kind that is satisfactory. If you can, it will be a good thing because it will mean another industry for you and the keeping of the money for material at home.

Don't Make Streets Level.
"Don't try to make your streets here level. It would be a mistake. Streets should have even as great as five per cent grade to shed the water. Don't lay out your streets and blocks rectangular regardless of the natural contour of the country. The city will be better off and be more sightly if the streets are occasionally winding in conformity with the natural lay of the valleys and hills.

"Don't waste your money by paving great, wide streets. In residence sections twenty-four to twenty-six feet is sufficiently wide for the paving. Park the remainder of the street on both sides. Plant a few trees, shrubs or flowers in the parking and make the thoroughfares beautiful.

"Where property values don't warrant paving, build a good dirt street by making it narrow and rounding it up in the center a foot or eighteen inches so that it will shed the water. Good streets can be maintained this way until permanent paving can be put in.

Praises City Engineer.
"Another thing that I want to say in this connection is to exercise a care that you don't snore your city engineer under with work. Don't knock him and find fault with him all the time. Marshfield has a lot of hard engineering to do. Provide means for the city engineer to call in experts for consultation of some of these jobs where you propose to spend many thousands of dollars. No one man knows all of these things so well that he may not make a mistake. I know your Mr. Sandberg well and also know that he is giving you good service. Boost him a little. Everyone likes encouragement.

"Don't get the idea that permanent grades can be established in Marshfield now. It can't be done. If the city grows, as it undoubtedly will, it will be necessary to change street grades. They have had to change the grades of streets in Spokane and Seattle and other large cities two or three times. No one can see far enough ahead to anticipate what will happen and what will be necessary. Go ahead and do things as near right as possible and everything will shape itself up right eventually.

Spokane Experience.
"In Spokane, we originally met with opposition from property owners when we tried to pave or improve streets. At first we had to do the work despite their almost united protests. We put in good paving and it was only a short time until the property owners saw that it was to their own advantage to have the streets improved because the values of lots on paved streets increased much more rapidly than on the streets that were not paved.

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