

STAY IN HOME TOWN

Why Plunge into the Maelstrom of Life in a Large City?

"HOMECROFT" BEATS FLATS.

People in Villages and Small Cities Should Work Together to Build Up Such an Environment That the Young Folks Will Remain There.

George H. Maxwell, who believes in rural and small town life as greatly preferable to the city, offers this convincing argument in Maxwell's Talkman:

This nation today is enjoying a plethora of prosperity and figures that dazzle the imagination.

But there is another side to this fruit of material wealth which now seems so luscious that some day, when bitten into, it may prove a Dead sea apple.

It is the abnormal concentration of trade, industry and population in the great cities, where all the influences that degenerate humanity, rich as well as poor, have full sway and grow apace.

And when we study seriously and soberly the effects of this unnatural city life on the mental and physical character of our people it is a serious question whether the gigantic strides we are making in the accumulation of material wealth is not at the expense of human wealth and whether it may not turn out in the end to have been too dearly bought.

It has been strikingly said of the civilizations of ancient times, which were destroyed by the degeneracy of their people, that they "grew rotten and ripe for destruction not in the fields, but in the narrow lanes and crowded city streets and in the palaces of their nobility."

If any one will walk through the slums of the east side of New York or the shanties of Pittsburg or the tenements of Chicago and see the swarming myriads of children that are growing to manhood and womanhood in those evil environments, he will be startled by the revelation that not a few only but the great majority of our working people in the great centers of population live in surroundings that are unfit for children to be reared in and must inevitably deteriorate the race. From every life lived under such conditions something is taken that cannot be replaced by any figures showing only human activity that has not contributed to the improvement of human life.

The saddest and most depressing thought that can find a place in the mind when contemplating the wretched conditions under which so many millions of lives are lived in this country is the realization of the fact that if a greater proportion of human industry, the same laborious work of human hands that builds the palaces of the millionaires and the millions of flats, tenements and shacks that are occupied by the working people, could be devoted to building the right kind of suburban or rural homes for those same workers, what a different nation this would be a generation or so hence.

While the people are crowding into the cities, the villages and small towns are being depleted not only of their population, but their trade as well. Instead of working together to realize the real joys of village life, with all its possibilities of human sympathy, close friendships, love of nature's beauties and the inspiration of the ideal home life that is possible in such an environment, the spirit of unrest possesses many, and as soon as opportunity offers they plunge into the maelstrom of the city life.

Those who stay in the village, in the majority of cases, do not work together as they might to create an environment so attractive that the city would have no temptations to offer that would lure any human worker away from the safe anchorage of a rural home to the artificial life of the tenement or flat.

The people of other nations are far ahead of us in the realization of the joys of life next to nature and "far from the madding crowd's ignoble strife." In the orient both the Chinese and the Japanese have for 5,000 years realized for the great majority of their people the pleasure of a life in a homecroft, in an environment that developed the dignity, the mental and physical strength and the tireless and patient energy which are the underlying motive forces that are lifting those nations forward and upward today in the great contest for national superiority in which they are engaged.

Settings For Public Buildings.

Along with the growing appreciation of parkways comes the recognition of the value, even necessity, of a setting of greensward for all public buildings. In the past areas set aside for municipal buildings have had the whole available space covered by one or more structures. A lawn belt about all municipal buildings is now being demanded, and the cry is growing louder and more unmistakable that these plantation belts should be wider. When this growing artistic spirit has reached the proper stage we shall find grass covered parkways and street trees on all our principal business streets.

Playgrounds a Necessity.

A fundamental condition for the permanent development of a free people is that they shall in childhood learn to govern themselves. Self government is to be learned as an experience rather than taught as a theory; hence in a permanent democracy adequate playgrounds for all the children are a necessity.

Dedicated to Permanent Peace.

From an Address by ANDREW CARNEGIE.

I AM an optimist. I do not know anything that is not improving in the world. I will make a prophecy, but I will put no date to it.

MOST OF THOSE NOW HEARING ME WILL FIND ALL THE AMERICAN REPUBLICS, TWENTY-SEVEN IN NUMBER, AGREEING TO SETTLE ALL DISPUTES AMONG THEMSELVES PEACEABLY—THE TRIUMPH OF ARBITRATION.

And you will find Canada on the north, authorized by her parent land, to whom she still owes allegiance, joining the republics in this agreement. The adversary will ponder long before he declines the olive branch.

Think of THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE DEDICATED TO PERMANENT PEACE. That is what I hope to live to see.

AN OPEN LETTER TO THE PUBLIC

Saturday, August 29th, 1908, closes the last week's operation of the Coos Bay Steam Laundry under the personal ownership of the writer, the property having been merged into a corporation of the same name, whose officers will, on the date named, assume control of the business. The officers are J. E. Lyons, Pres.; M. D. Lyons, Sec.-Treas.; J. C. Jones, General Manager, and J. Edgar Mauzey, foreman, all being interested in the business as stockholders of the corporation. Upon Mr. Jones and Mr. Mauzey will fall the active operation of the plant, and two better equipped men would be hard to find. Mr. Jones has been with us in the capacity of foreman for the past eighteen months, and prior to that was for eight years with the Walla Walla (Washington) Steam Laundry. He is a thorough, up-to-date laundryman, and will keep in front of the times in all that is new in the laundry business. Mr. Mauzey is too well known to the most of you to require an introduction, as he was connected with the Coos Bay Steam Laundry for many years before it passed to its present ownership, and has been employed in almost every line of work in connection with the business, so it is sufficient to say that this is a well merited promotion to probably the best all around laundryman that Coos County has produced.

Now a few words personal to myself. I am not a laundryman, but a lumberman, who got into the laundry business through the time honored way of being "seen" by the man with the "experience," who had me in and the door locked before I hardly had time to realize what was taking place. The foregoing announcement is the result of almost two years' hard work, spent in establishing, equipping and organizing out of the wreck of sixteen thousand dollars, a real steam laundry, operated by real laundry people, as a real business proposition. A plant that is, and will continue to be a credit to the city and county, and one whose equipment will always be kept ahead of the growing demands of a growing community.

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