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THE MAKING OF A TOWN

"The Making of a Town" is the title of a little book written by Frank L. McVey, president of the University of North Dakota, which book may be found in the Nyssa public library. It is a book that every citizen of the town should read for in it are set forth many good ideas on building a town. We wish to quote from his chapter on "Town Building and Cooperation." In this chapter, among other things, are written the following thoughts: "Community building is a difficult and laborious process at best. It requires confidence in the future, the cooperation of men and women, and the bringing together of many elements to make it a success. Under our American concept of individualism, community building has often been regarded as individual in character. There has been little emphasis laid on the cooperative side, and practically no recognition has been given to the social factors to town building. It is true that in many towns strong men have erected buildings, established banks, created mills and elevators, and done a great deal that has assisted materially the growth of the community. While all this is desirable and worth while, in itself it cannot create a town in the best sense of the term. The individual has identified the success of the town in these instances with his own commercial advantage, and has overlooked the important fact that a town has a conscience, point of view, and attitude of its own. This spirit of the town must be alive to the town's condition, ready and alert as an indicator of the character of the general citizenship to take on problems and difficulties.

"Community view and individual interest, moreover, do not always coincide. The basis of the opposition on the part of some men to town progress usually is not far to seek. Many times it is due to misunderstanding, to idle gossip, or to competition in a limited field. . . . Instead of ignoring such a situation, some of the members of the community take sides. As a consequence cliques are formed. This results in a divisional town, which continues to lose ground, because there can be no centralization of interests. If one side favors a proposition the other is opposed to it. Nothing deadlier could exist than just such a condition.

"Sometimes the strong man of the town insists, through the various agencies of church, school board and council, that his views shall prevail. Thus the spirit of thrift is talked and urged by him, not so much for the welfare of individuals as that tenants may pay rents and debtors settle promptly their obligations." There should be a stronger spirit of cooperation between the citizens of the community in their relations to each other, and in their relation to their officers, the organizations and institutions of the community. There should be a centralization of community spirit which would create a feeling of pride in the town in which we live.

The United States had better exert its utmost energy to defeat Germany now, while France, Great Britain, Italy and Russia and others are helping, because if Germany cleans them up, and it is not impossible, she will come over here, with the captured British and French fleets added to hers, and we would have a swell chance to lick her.

In the submarine crisis the country is fortunate in possessing an inventor like Thomas Edison, who honestly enjoys going with-out sleep.

When in doubt buy a Liberty bond.

BUY A LIBERTY LOAN BOND

Don't let your allies outdo you in patriotism. In the third year of the war France, staggering under terrible burdens, has subscribed to a new loan four billions of dollars—twice our first installment. Shall we let this gallant nation, who is fighting our battles, shame us by her sacrifices? Every rank and every occupation in France has eagerly pressed forward to aid the government with its savings. An American in France writes: "I have seen an aged street cleaner rest his broom against the counter of the bank as he clipped coupons from small government bonds bought with the savings of his toil. Along side of him were tired little seamstresses, women of wealth, hucksters—all doing what they could, by saving, to aid their beloved country."

The mighty Hindenburg has never gained an inch against the French and British—and has lost 1000 square miles.

The German crown prince is 35 years old. If he is not a wiser man than he was at 32 his case is hopeless.

THE RED CROSS

(Communicated.)

We are at war! Our nation is at a crisis where it needs the help of every citizen. What are YOU doing to help your country? Every man, woman and child has his or her bit to do in the struggle—don't be a slacker—begin today. Get into line with the men who are doing things.

Of all the efforts made by people to mitigate the sufferings of humanity perhaps the most successful and widespread work is being done by the Red Cross. The society of the Red Cross was first suggested in 1859 by Henri Dunant, a Swiss gentleman, who aided the medical forces in the Italian wars. Mr. Dunant, much impressed by the needless suffering of the sick and wounded and fired with a desire to help humanity, published a book in which he advocated the idea of pledging all nations to regard as neutrals the sick and wounded in war times; and for a universal society to care for disabled soldiers. Receiving the cooperation of the Swiss government he called for an international conference to devise some plan for the alleviation of the suffering during wars. This conference was held in Geneva in 1863. Sixteen governments were represented at the council. Nine articles of the convention for the amelioration of the condition of the wounded in armies in the field were signed by twelve of the sixteen representatives. Since then the number of nations signing the treaty has been increased to forty. Each treaty nation has a society.

The insignia of the society is a red cross on a white background. This was chosen as a compliment to the Swiss government whose national emblem is a white cross on a red background. This emblem may be used by national committees only, or at their discretion.

In 1868 the Red Cross was adopted for naval warfare also. The society is given the privilege of neutrals and all patients under its care are given similar privileges and treated alike. By the terms of the treaty the Red Cross must in all cases be accompanied by the banner of the country in whose service the Red Cross operates.

The active Red Cross work in America was begun by Clara Barton, a philanthropist and humanist recognized and honored all over the world for her bravery and humane qualities. Miss Barton was the first president of the American Red Cross and it was she who proposed what is known as the American amendment: that the Red Cross extend its relief work not only over the battlefields in war time but in times of pestilence, famine, flood or fire. This amendment was unanimously sanctioned by international committees.

The world has seen evidences of the great work done by the Red Cross in the flood at Jamestown, Pennsylvania, where thousands of suffering and destitute individuals were cared for; in Russia during the great famine; in Armenia after the atrocities of the Turks and now we are watching them in their great work in Europe. Won't you help! One dollar insures you a membership for one year. Thousands are sacrificing their lives. Can you not sacrifice a dollar? It may save the life of a wounded soldier. It may even come back to YOUR aid. There is no age limit. Everyone can join. Let our motto be: "at least one Red Cross member in every family in the country." Join today. You owe this much to your God, your country and yourself.

ORDINANCE NO. 173.

An Ordinance Providing for the Creation of Several Departments of the Town Government of Nyssa, Malheur County, Oregon, and to Appoint the Executive and Administrative Powers, Authority and Duties Among the Several Departments of the Town Government and to Determine and Assign Them to the Appropriate Departments and Officers.

Section 1. The executive and administrative powers, authority and duties of the Town of Nyssa, shall be distributed into and among five departments, to-wit:

1. Department of Public Affairs.
2. Department of Streets and Public Improvements.
3. Department of Welfare and Public Property.
4. Department of Accounts and Finance.
5. Department of Health and Sanitation.

The powers and duties of each department shall be as hereinafter set forth, and the Council may assign particular officers and employees to one or more of the Departments, and may require an officer or employee to perform duties in two or more Departments, and the Council shall make such rules and regulations as may be necessary or proper for the efficient and economical conduct of the business of the Town.

Section 2. The Mayor shall be Superintendent of the Department of Public Affairs, and shall, as soon as possible after the adoption of this Ordinance, subject to the confirmation of a majority of the Council, designate one councilman to be Superintendent of the Department of Accounts and Finance; one to be Superintendent of the Department of Public Safety; one to be Superintendent of the Department of Streets and Public Improvements; and one to be Superintendent of the Department of Welfare and Public Property.

Section 3. The Council shall, as soon after the adoption of this Ordinance as practicable, elect by a majority vote the following officers: a marshal, a city physician, a health officer, and such other officers and assistants as shall be provided for by Ordinance and necessary to the proper and efficient conduct of the affairs of the Town. Any officer or assistant elected or appointed by the Common Council may be removed from office at any time by a vote of a majority of the members of the Council.

Section 4. The Council shall each month print, or cause to be printed, either in pamphlet form, or otherwise, a detailed itemized statement of all receipts and expenses of the Town, and a summary of its proceedings, during the preceding month. At the end of each fiscal year the Council shall cause a full and complete examination of all the books and accounts of the Town to be made by competent accountant or accountants, and shall publish the result of such examination in the manner above provided for publication of state-ments monthly expenditures.

Section 5. The Council has, and shall exercise, all legislative powers, functions and duties conferred upon the Town and its officers by Charter. It shall make all orders for the doing of work, or the making or construction of improvements, bridge, and building. It shall levy all taxes, apportion and appropriate all funds, and audit and allow all bills, accounts, pay-rolls and claims, and order payment thereof. It shall make all assessments for the cost of street improvements, sidewalks, sewers and other work, improvements or repairs, which may be specially assessed. It shall make or authorize the making of all contracts, and no contract shall bind or be obligatory upon the Town unless either made by Ordinance or Resolution adopted by the Council, or reduced to writing and approved by the Council, or expressly authorized by Ordinance or Resolution adopted by the Council. All contracts and all Ordinances and Resolutions making contracts shall be drawn by the Town Attorney, if there be one, or approved by an attorney, before the same is made or passed. All Superintendents of Departments and officers are the agents of the Council only, and all their acts shall be subject to review, control, revocation or by the Council. Every Superintendent or officer of the Town shall, from time to time, and at least once a month, as may be required or requested by the Council, or when he shall deem necessary for the good of the public service, report to the Council in writing respecting the business of his Department or office or matters connected therewith.

Section 6. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS. The Mayor shall have and exercise all the power and perform all the duties provided or prescribed by the Charter or Ordinances of the Town, not in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance. The Mayor shall be Superintendent of the Department of Public Affairs, and as such shall have and exercise all the power and perform all the duties provided or prescribed by the Charter or Ordinances of the Town, not in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance. The Mayor shall be the chief executive officer and representative of the Town; and shall preside at meetings of the Council; he shall sign all orders, contracts, and shall have charge of and cause to be prepared and published all statements and reports required by law or Ordinance, or by Resolution of the Council. The Mayor shall, under regulation of the Council, grant all licenses or permits and in the absence or inability of any of the councilmen to act, he shall exercise temporary supervision over the Department assigned to him by the Council. The Mayor shall be chairman of the local Board of Health and shall possess all of the powers and perform all of the duties pertaining to the local Board of Health, as is now or may hereafter be required by the laws of the State of Oregon, and the Ordinances of the Town. He shall have control and supervision over all public dumping grounds and dumps, city physician, health officer, sanitary police, and all other officers not by law or Ordinance apportioned or assigned to some other Department are hereby assigned to the Department of Public Affairs.

Section 7. DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTS AND FINANCES. The Superintendent of the Department of Accounts and Finance shall have charge of and supervision over all accounts and records of the Town, and all officers, boards or Departments required to keep or make accounts, records, or reports. He shall inspect, or cause to be inspected all records or accounts required to be kept in any of the Departments of the Town, and shall cause proper accounts and records to be kept and proper reports to be made. He shall audit or cause to be audited all accounts, bills, or claims, and shall receive or disburse moneys of said Town. He shall, through the office of Recorder, have charge of the purchase, care and disposition of all supplies and other articles not otherwise provided for by law or Ordinance. He shall examine or cause to be examined, and report to the Council, on all bills, accounts, pay-rolls and claims, before they are acted upon or allowed, unless otherwise provided by law. The Superintendent of the Department of Accounts and Finance shall procure for all persons, or corporations, operating public service in the Town, and cause the same to be placed on file, and such reports as they are by law, or Ordinance, or otherwise required to make to the Town, or any of its officers, and shall procure copies of such reports to be made to the State, or any public office, or Department, and cause the same to be placed on file, and shall collect or cause to be collected, all license fees, franchise taxes, rentals or other moneys which may be due or become due to the Town. He shall report to the Council any failure to make reports or to pay moneys due to the Town, with such recommendations in relation thereto as he may deem proper. The Treasurer and Recorder, or Clerk of the

Council, and their respective offices or departments and all employees therein, and all bookkeepers and accountants are apportioned and assigned to the Department of Accounts and Finance, and shall be under the direction and supervision of the Superintendent thereof.

The councilman in charge of the Department of Accounts and Finance, shall also be vice-president of the Council, and in the absence of the Mayor, or his inability to act, shall preside over the Council and shall perform all the usual duties of the Mayor and head of the Department of Public Affairs.

Section 8. DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY. The marshal and police department and all employees therein, and the jail, property and apparatus used in the police department; the chief of the Fire Department and the Fire Department, and firemen or employees of said Department, and all fire stations and property and apparatus used in said Fire Department, and the fire alarm and apparatus used in connection therewith; are apportioned and assigned to the Department of Public Safety, and the Superintendent of said Department shall have supervision and direction over all officers and employees assigned to said departments, and over all said buildings and apparatus. He shall have supervision over all purchases of apparatus and supplies for said Department or the offices and departments assigned thereto. He shall have supervision over the construction and repair of all buildings assigned to said Department, and may, on application, receive assistance therein from other officers and Departments of the Town. He shall have cognizance of all bills for the police and fire departments, including prisoners, attorney's fees, salaries and all demands coming from the judicial branch of the Town government, and approve same if just and correct. He shall have charge of the enforcement of all ordinances and resolutions relating to the protection of traffic on or across railway lines, and on the streets, avenues and alleys of the Town.

Section 9. DEPARTMENT OF STREETS AND PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS. The Superintendent of the Department of Streets and Public Improvements shall have authority over and supervision of all public works, the cleaning, repairing and sprinkling of the streets and public places, and of the entire erection, making and reconstruction of all street improvements, paving, curbing, sidewalks, sewers, bridges, waterwork system, and all public improvements, and of the repair thereof, unless otherwise provided by law. He shall approve the estimates of civil engineers as they shall be made from time to time, of the cost of such work, as the same progresses, and recommend to the Council the acceptance of work done or improvements made, when completed according to contract, and perform such other duties as may be required by Ordinance or Resolution. He shall have control, management and direction of the lighting of streets and alleys, of public grounds, bridges, and buildings not otherwise assigned by law. He shall have charge of all bridges, culverts and flumes. He shall have supervision over the enforcement of provisions of law relating to street obstructions, billboards, and street corner receptacles furnished for deposit of waste-paper. He shall have supervision over all public service utilities and all persons or corporations rendering service in the Town under any franchise, contract or grant, made or granted by the Town or State, and shall report to the Council or other proper officer any failure of said person or corporation to render service, or to observe the requirements or conditions of the franchise, contract or grant under which such public service utility is operated.

Section 10. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC PROPERTY. The Superintendent of the Department of Welfare and Public Property shall have supervision over all vacant or unimproved real property owned by the Town, playgrounds and pleasure grounds within the Town, or belonging to the Town, and all plants or trees on said grounds, and on the streets of said Town. He shall have charge of and supervision over the Town janitor and his employees. He shall have supervision over the Town Library, Buildings, and grounds, and shall have supervision over all other town property not otherwise assigned by law. He shall have charge of the lighting of such grounds, and the Town Hall, and any Public Library. He shall, on application therefor, receive assistance from other officers and Departments of the Town, and perform such other duties as may be required by Ordinance or Resolution. He shall have charge of the department of aiding the indigent and persons in need of public aid, and shall report to the Council all such cases of poor and in need as may come to his attention.

Section 11. Except as otherwise provided by law or ordinance, the Superintendent of each Department shall make and enforce such rules and regulations not inconsistent with law or the Ordinances or rules and regulations adopted by the Common Council, as may be necessary to secure efficient conduct of the service of his Department, or the business in charge thereof. The Council shall adopt rules governing its order of business, and prescribing the manner in which legislation shall be considered, which rules shall not be inconsistent with the Charter and Ordinances of the Town.

Section 12. The Recorder shall be the Purchasing Agent of the Town, and shall obtain prices and bids on materials, supplies and repairs, or other things to be purchased for the town from contracts, and shall make such purchases to the best interest and advantage for the Town. Upon requisition made by the Superintendent, in writing, stating the article or articles, thing or things required to be purchased for his Department, properly signed by said Superintendent, the Recorder shall file said requisition, and make such purchase, making record thereof in his books and accounts, and charging said Superintendent of said Department with said purchase. Any such purchase shall be reported to the Superintendent of the Department of Accounts and Finance.

Section 13. All Ordinances or Parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith shall be and are hereby repealed.

Section 14. This Ordinance is declared to be urgent and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, and shall, therefore, take effect and be in full force from and after its passage by the Council and approval by the Mayor, and the publication thereof as required by law.

Section 15. The Recorder of Nyssa, as Clerk of the Council, is hereby directed to have this Ordinance published in one issue of the "Gate City Journal," and to have two hundred copies of such Ordinance printed for the use of the Council, and to be supplied by said Clerk to persons who shall apply therefor at his office.

Passed by the Council by unanimous vote of all members elected to the Council on this 25th day of May, 1917.

WILSON BROS.

WE have just received a new line of Ladies Shirt Waists, Fancy Crepe Collars, Boys Wash Suits from five to ten years and a beautiful assortment of Hair Ribbons that sell at 10c a yard. Also a new curtain net that ladies will find so necessary at house cleaning time.

Approved May 25th, 1917.
[SEAL] C. C. WILSON, Mayor.
Attest: J. BOYDELL, Recorder.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior.
U. S. Land Office at Vale, Oregon.
April 28, 1917.
Notice is hereby given that Robert J. Davis, of Nyssa, Oregon, who, on October 31, 1916, made Second Additional Homestead Entry, No. 04491, for SW 1 NE 1 and NW 1 SE 1, Section 26, Township 19 south, Range 4 East, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final Five Year Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before the Register and Receiver, U. S. Land Office, at Vale, Oregon, on the 8th day of June, 1917.
Claimant names as witnesses: H. F. Brown, P. J. Phillips, W. L. Gibson, C. C. Hunt, all of Nyssa, Oregon.
THOS. JONES, Register.
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