

**THE LANCASTER NEWS.**  
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**THE DIFFERENCE IN TOWNS.**

The following striking differentiation of three kinds of towns is taken from the Augusta Herald:

If a town doesn't keep well up with the times it soon falls back into the has-been class. The old idea of quiet shady streets and leisurely manner of doing things can't long obtain in any community that is to keep up with progress and ahead of the has-been stage. Once a town falls into the habit of living a go-easy life and allowing public affairs and utilities to become old, fashioned-up-to-date people will begin to regard it as a has-been and transfer their business dealings to other more progressive and live communities.

The not yet-but-soon town is about the same as the has-been. They both take roads that lead to the same destination, stagnation. Nothing makes a has-been quicker than postponing things. Procrastination doesn't only steal your present time, but it takes a mortgage on your future.

The go-ahead, business-like town which has all the improvements and live spirit necessary to the making of an up-to-date city is the town that is found in the Is-Now class. In this age of rich prosperity and progress the largest share of the good things go to the Is-Now town. That city which is not making good use of the present is most likely living on its reputation of the past, and of the future it need expect nothing.

Lancaster, of course, is one of the Is-Now kind. Our progressive citizens would never be content to remain in any other class.

**NEWSYSTEM OF MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT.**

The plan of administering the business affairs of a municipality by a commission is attracting no little attention just now. It has been tried in a number of cities with marked success, among them Galveston and Houston, Texas, and Memphis, Tennessee. The Charlotte Observer, in an editorial on the subject, quotes as follows from the Houston Post:

"It is a demonstrated success, and is worth its weight in gold. It is true that opposition will be encountered when an attempt is made to supplant the old plan with a sensible, money-saving, labor-saving graftless system, such as we have in Houston, but experience proves that opposition cannot survive against common sense and economy.

"The system is strong in the respect that a dollar's worth of material or labor is obtained for every dollar expended; that no money is wasted on sinecures or needlessly expended; that ward politics, the mother of municipal corruption, is entirely eliminated.

"The commission is composed of a mayor and four aldermen, elected by all the people of the city. All other officers are filled by appointment, and each appointee is held to a strict performance of his duty.

"The Houston system will redeem any city that adopts it from the curse of spoils, politics, graft, extravagance, bankruptcy and waste. It will save thousands of dollars to the tax-payers, and guarantee good, efficient business government."

That's a strong tribute from a

high authority to the municipal commission plan, but it is not altogether convincing. What we would like to know is, if a commission composed of a majority of council can achieve such wonderful results as stated, why can't the whole council do at least equally as well or even better?

**"UNCOMPLIMENTARY TO WOMAN."**

We find the following editorial in the Greenwood Journal of last Wednesday, under the caption, Uncomplimentary to Woman:

"For several weeks, we have seen an article going the rounds of the press which contained the uncomplimentary sayings, in many languages, about women. Some of these sayings were pretty severe. We never thought a great deal about them, save to scan them, and let them pass. There was no temptation to use our scissors.

Imagine our surprise when we saw the aforesaid article in the Lancaster News, of which our good friend Col. Charles T. Connors is editor. We have a dim recollection that, in the long ago, it was charged by some old maids, that he had made a pretty heavy thrust at them, but we have always been skeptical about this. We could never believe that one so gallant would make unkind cuts, even at old maids.

This last act, however, is beyond our comprehension. We are bewildered. Our friend must have been just recovering from a spell of grip, or he may have had a virago run against him, and for the moment—in haste—he concluded that all the women deserved these anathemas, and he hurled them at them. Possibly he was just recovering from a shock caused by some expression which fell from the mouths of those mules of which he is wont to write, and for which Billy Buck will vouch.

We can assure our friend that, so far as we are concerned, had we let such a thing as that get into the Journal we should not have ventured to have gone home in some time. We would have known better. We should have preferred a vacation. And we should not be surprised to learn that our good friend has been camping out for the past week."

We presume that our esteemed contemporary has reference to an article headed "Woman in Proverbs," which was republished in The News a few weeks ago.—Unlike our Greenwood friend, we were very much struck with the article, which we first saw, we believe, in the Charleston Sunday News. It was a revelation to us that even in the distant past so many peoples of the earth held woman in such low esteem. The proverbs are so much at variance with the exalted regard entertained for woman in this country, it occurred to us that even our fair friends would enjoy reading them and noting the striking contrast.

It is true that we had just recovered from a six-weeks' siege of the grip, and that Billy Buck and Baker's talking mules will back us up in anything we say or do, but neither they nor the festive grip germs can be rightfully called upon to share responsibility with the writer in this instance.

What was said in The News of Wednesday as to Lancaster's needs promises to bear fruit. A

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successful young farmer of the eastern portion of the county told us the next day that the article in question had about gotten him into the notion of establishing a dairy and truck farm near town. He was here Thursday making inquiries as to the prospects for buying land in this vicinity suitable for the purpose. He has two or three places in view.

The State estimates that 4000 veterans attended the reunion in Columbia this week, the largest gathering of the old soldiers since 1876. The crowd must have been much larger than was anticipated, for some of the veterans who attended from this county are complaining of the treatment they received. They say that the accommodations provided for the veterans were inadequate, that many was unable to obtain meals at the place where they were furnished free, owing to the great crowds there, and that there was also difficulty in getting tent accommodations. One of the Lancaster veterans, Mr. Thomas McCorkle, was thrown down and painfully hurt in the rush and jam of his comrades around the

eating house. There is no more hospitable city in the South than Columbia and it is of course understood that whatever may have been lacking in entertainment of the old soldiers was due to the number of visitors being much larger than was expected.

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