

# HOME TOWN HELPS

## FAULT IN CITY PLANNING

Standardization of Streets Can Be Carried to Excess, as California Journalists Point Out.

One of the greatest follies practiced in modern city-building, particularly where the topography is broken in character, lies in standardization of streets, more especially regarding the width, says the Los Angeles Times. The writer lives on a "cross street," that is, one crossing at right angles a main thoroughfare—Avenue Sixty-four—that carries at least several hundred times as much traffic as the one first noted, yet the widths of the two are the same. The one is three blocks long, "blind" at each end, having no possibility of a direct outlet at either extremity. The other is the main highway from Los Angeles to Pasadena by way of Colorado street, and to Eagle Rock by the same "feeder."

There is no question but a greater width is needed on Avenue Sixty-four, as is the case with scores of streets similarly situated. It is equally certain that the crossing streets are twice as wide as need be. The miserable parkways are but 42 inches wide, an area so restricted that good street tree growth is impossible. Every property owner with whom the writer has talked on the subject would be pleased to have several feet on each side added to the parkway, yet majority does not rule, even in Los Angeles. No traffic is seen on such streets except the daily routine of the milkman, baker and vegetable peddler. Yet the width is the same as that of the one great highway running through the district.

The case cited is used merely because the writer has intimate personal acquaintance with it, having resided on this specific street for ten years. No personal grievance inspired this article, for the residents on the street have never sought to have it changed. All concede a widening of parkings, with a correspondingly narrower driveway, would make a more beautiful street, give it a more pleasant aspect, allow of fine parkway gardening, etc. But did they know that when the street is to be paved the cost of the useless strips of width in paving would pay for the change and new curbs, they might petition the proper officials to make such change. As all streets are of the same width, and all at right angles as well, the planning and platting of such districts may safely be turned over to our children. And some of the latter would be better than their parents.

### Economy in Fireproof Qualities.

While fireproof qualities and permanence of materials are items apparently increasing the cost of the new house, the home-builder will find in the end that economy lies in these qualities; and applying the old adage of the chain, his house will be as lasting as its weakest part.

Hence the ratio between the life of different materials should be considered and permanence in the walls of a building should be duplicated in its foundations and roof. As for instance: a house of brick to be consistently permanent, requires concrete or stone foundation, and a slate roof.

The depreciation of a house of this type is said to be about 1 per cent a year, reckoning its life to be 100 years.

But the permanency of materials is not restricted to brick alone, and that frame houses can be constructed to last 100 years, though not immune of course from the accident of fire, is typified in the numerous frame houses of historical interest standing in a state of good preservation throughout the country.

Among these are the old Cushing house at Higham, Mass., built in the early part of the eighteenth century; the Wadsworth house in Cambridge, built in 1728, and the Fairbanks house in Dedham, probably the oldest house in America, built about 1636.

White pine was used extensively in these houses, which fact is testimony to the lasting qualities of that wood.

### How to Keep a City Clean.

To make a city cleaner and neater and to substitute beauty for ugliness is to enhance the value of both public and private property. As to public property, this work can be easily controlled. But the city authorities can be expected to act only on the insistence of the general public. Unfortunately, however, no matter how careful a city may be about structures erected on public property, the general effect of street and open places may be spoiled by ugliness in surrounding structures and private property. Billboards, signs, ugly, garish or unkempt buildings, buildings out of repair, untidy yards and vacant lots—all may counteract whatever the city may do to make public property attractive. The only way to keep the city neat and to make it look as though it were really self-respecting is for all citizens to co-operate in insisting on private as well as public neatness and attention to good design.—From the Report of the City Plan Commission, Newark, N. J.

## ALL ARE INVITED

God's Love and Tenderness Shown in His Reiteration of the Word "Come."

This little word "come" is one of the sweetest in the Bible. The Bible begins with "come," and it ends with "come." The Lord said unto Noah, "Come thou and all thy house into the ark." The word occurs in nearly every section of the Bible, and in the last chapter we have this precious invitation, "And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And he that heareth, let him say, Come. And he that will, let him take the water of life freely."

The invitation of the text gives us a beautiful conception of the heart of God in its tenderness and love for humanity. While it is in an Old Testament setting, it has a New Testament ring, Messianic in its nature, evangelistic in its intensity. It speaks forth with wonderful power. Here God addresses the world.

"Ho, every one that thirsteth." This refers to the class of people who are dissatisfied with worldly things. Soul thirst is the soul's anxiety and longing for that which is holy and spiritual.

A professor in psychology once asked his class for a definition of the soul. One pupil gave the following: "The soul is that which feels and thinks and acts." After this, a little girl spoke up and said, "Professor, is the soul that thing within our breasts that aches so hard sometimes?" "Yes, that's it," said the professor, who himself was a child of God.

What multitudes of thirsting souls through this land today! They are seeking in vain for the satisfaction and peace which are to be found only in reconciliation with the heavenly father. They have wasted their substance in riotous living; they have spent all; they are in want; they burn with an unquenchable thirst. To them is opened up that well of water, springing up into everlasting life, which is able to quench the thirst of the soul and give them eternal satisfaction.

Invitation is to All. "Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters." Here the invitation includes everybody. The provision of grace is as free as the air we breathe. The river of salvation flows past us and the proclamation of the Lord is, "He that will, let him take the water of life freely."

"Hearken diligently unto me. . . . Incline your ear, and come unto me." An active, responsive hearing is one of the conditions of salvation. The written word has been the means of the conversion of some, notably of Augustine and Luther. But very often it is by the spoken word that the truth is brought home to the soul. "Hear, and your soul shall live," is the Old Testament Gospel. The New Testament is like unto it: "Take heed therefore how ye hear." "He that hath ears, let him hear."

"Buy wine and milk without money and without price." We might think, from what has already been said, that is a strange way of buying when no money is in use; yet it is not so strange when we understand the language of Christ. To the church of Laodicea he said, "I counseled thee to buy of me gold refined by fire, that thou mayest become rich; and white garments, that thou mayest clothe thyself." There are some few things that money cannot buy, for the simple reason that they are too valuable to be purchased with money. No price can be set upon them. Wisdom cannot be purchased with gold. "She is more precious than rubies." Salvation, the supreme blessing to the human soul, is beyond a money valuation. Blood and not gold is the price of our redemption.

### Perfect Blessings.

The provisions named in the text are likewise threefold. "Let your soul delight itself in fatness." The blessings which Jesus gives are not only good, but they bring to the soul complete satisfaction. The longing soul receives an abundant and free supply of grace. I read some time ago of a man in Wales who, along the road on a hot and sultry day, met a little girl, carrying an earthen pitcher of spring water on her head. He said to her, "My little girl, will you give me a drink of water?" She held the jug from her head and he drank from it, and it was so cold and pure that it quenched his thirst, as he asked, "Where do you get that refreshing water?" She said to him, "Do you see up yonder a spring flowing through the hedge?" "Yes, and does that spring ever dry up?" The little girl said, "Yes, in the summer time it dries up." "And when does it dry up?" he asked her. "Do you see a path up the hill, another spring?" she said. "Well, is it ever dry up?" he inquired. "No," she said, "in the very hottest summers it dries up." "And when does it dry up?" the gentleman asked. She said, "We go up to the top of the hill at the top. Up, up there, it never dries up." Yes, as Christ said, "I shall never thirst; but who shall I shall give him shall come in him a well of water springing up into eternal life." Here is a blessing that is perfect and abiding.

That hour will come when we shall face the reality of our world, both with our loved ones and with ourselves. May God grant that the tender appeals of the Holy Spirit, may bring you into fellowship with him. Come.—Rev. W. A. Waldo.

## Candidates' Column

### FOR CONGRESS.

I hereby announce my candidacy for re-election as Representative in Congress from the Second District of South Carolina, pledging myself to abide by the rules of the primary and to support the nominees thereof.

JAMES F. BYRNES.

I desire to announce to the people of the Second Congressional District that I am a candidate for the national House of Representatives. I will give my best services if elected and will at all times be faithful to the interests of my people. I respectfully ask your support.

ALVIN ETHEREDGE.

### FOR SOLICITOR.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Solicitor of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit, subject to the rules of the Democratic Primary.

J. W. COX.

I am a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Solicitor of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit, subject to the rules of the Democratic primary.

GEORGE BELL TIMMERMAN.

I am a candidate for the nomination for Solicitor of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit in the approaching Democratic primary, I pledge myself to obey the law governing primary elections and to observe the rules of the party and to abide the result of this election.

E. L. ASBILL.

### FOR STATE SENATOR.

I respectfully announce that I am a candidate for the State senate from Edgefield county and pledge myself to abide the result of the Democratic primary.

M. P. WELLS.

I announce myself a candidate for re-election to the State Senate, subject to the rules of the Democratic primary.

B. E. NICHOLSON.

### FOR THE LEGISLATURE.

I hereby announce that I am a candidate for the house of representatives from Edgefield county, subject to the rules of the Democratic primary.

N. G. EVANS.

I respectfully announce that I am a candidate for re-election to the house of representatives and pledge myself to abide the result of the Democratic primary.

J. L. WALKER.

I respectfully announce that I am a candidate for re-election to the House of Representatives from Edgefield county, subject to the rules and regulations of the Democratic party.

S. T. WILLIAMS.

### FOR CLERK OF COURT.

I hereby announce that I am a candidate for re-election to the office of clerk of court of Edgefield county and solicit the support of the people, pledging myself to abide the result of the primary election.

W. B. COGBURN.

To the Citizens of Edgefield County: I announce myself as a candidate for Clerk of Court of Edgefield County, pledging myself to support the nominees of the Democratic Primary.

W. M. WRIGHT.

### FOR SUPT. OF EDUCATION.

I announce that I am a candidate for County Superintendent of Education subject to the rules of the democratic primary, and, if elected, pledge my effort to the educational interests of our County.

W. W. FULLER.

### FOR SHERIFF.

I respectfully announce that I am a candidate for re-election to the office of sheriff of Edgefield county and solicit the support of the people, pledging myself to abide the result of the Democratic primary.

W. R. SWEARINGEN.

I very respectfully announce my candidacy for the office of Sheriff of Edgefield county and will abide by the result of the primary election and support all the nominees of the Democratic party.

W. G. OUZTS.

### FOR SUPERVISOR.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of supervisor, and pledge myself to abide by the result of the Democratic primary, and support the nominees thereof.

A. A. EDMUNDS.

To the Citizens of Edgefield County: I respectfully announce myself as a candidate for Supervisor of your county, and if elected will try to serve the people as near right as I conceive, pledging myself to abide by the results of the election, and support the nominees of the democratic party.

W. G. WELLS.

I respectfully announce that I am a candidate for the office of supervisor of Edgefield county and solicit the support of the people, pledging myself to abide the result of the Democratic primary election.

J. M. BELL.

I hereby announce that I am a candidate for the office of Supervisor of Edgefield county and solicit the support of the people, pledging myself, if elected, to serve the people to the best of my ability and to abide the results of the Democratic primary election.

J. W. HUDSON.

I respectfully announce to the voters of Edgefield county that I am a candidate for the office of supervisor and pledge myself to abide the result of the Democratic primary election.

R. J. MOULTRIE.

I hereby announce that I am a candidate for the supervisor of Edgefield county and solicit the support of the people, pledging myself to abide by the result of the primary election.

J. O. SCOTT.

I respectfully announce that I am a candidate for the office of supervisor of Edgefield county and pledge myself to abide the result of the Democratic primary election.

R. N. BROADWATER.

### FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER.

I hereby announce that I am a candidate for the office of county commissioner for Edgefield county and solicit the support of the people. I will abide the result of the Democratic primary.

J. RICHARD HAMMOND.

I respectfully announce that I am a candidate for county commissioner of Edgefield county and will abide the result of the primary election.

WALTER L. HOLMES.

I respectfully announce that I am a candidate for the office of county commissioner of Edgefield county and solicit the support of the people, pledging myself to abide the result of the Democratic primary.

J. W. R. DELAUGHTER.

I take this means of announcing that I am a candidate for the office of county commissioner and solicit the support of the people, pledging myself to abide the result of the Democratic primary.

J. W. CHEATHAM.

I respectfully announce that I am a candidate for the office of county commissioner of Edgefield county and pledge myself to abide the result of the Democratic primary.

J. O. HERIN.

I respectfully announce that I am a candidate for re-election to the office of county commissioner, and solicit the support of the people, pledging myself to abide the result of the Democratic primary.

JAMES DEVORE.

I respectfully announce that I am a candidate for the office of county commissioner and solicit the support of the people, pledging myself to abide the result of the Democratic primary.

GEORGE B. TIMMERMAN.

Pleasant Lane, S. C.

### FOR MAGISTRATE.

I hereby announce that I am a candidate for the position of Magistrate of the eighth magisterial district of Edgefield county, and pledge myself to abide the result of the Democratic primary election.

J. W. BLEDSOE.

I respectfully announce that I am a candidate for the office of magistrate of the 6th magisterial district of Edgefield county and pledge myself to abide the result of the primary election.

R. M. JOHNSON.

I hereby announce that I am a candidate for the position of magistrate of the 7th magisterial district of Edgefield county and pledge myself to abide the result of the Democratic primary.

H. S. WOOD.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of magistrate of the 8th magisterial district of Edgefield county, subject to the rules and regulations of the Democratic party.

J. C. TIMMERMAN.

I respectfully announce that I am a candidate for the office of magistrate of the 8th magisterial district of Edgefield county and pledge myself to abide the result of the Democratic primary.

W. E. TURNER.

I hereby announce that I am a candidate for re-election to the office of magistrate of the 1st magisterial district of Edgefield county and will abide the result of the Democratic primary.

N. L. BRUNSON.

I hereby announce that I am a candidate for the office of magistrate of the second magisterial district of Edgefield county, pledging myself to abide the result of the primary election.

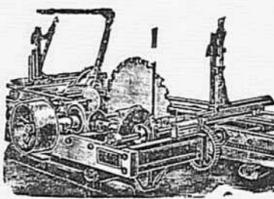
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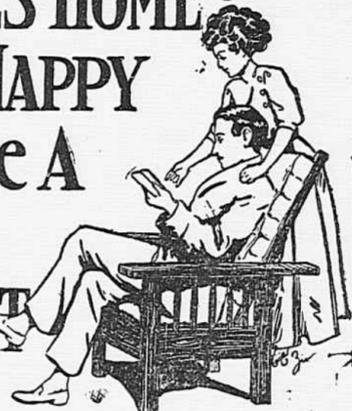
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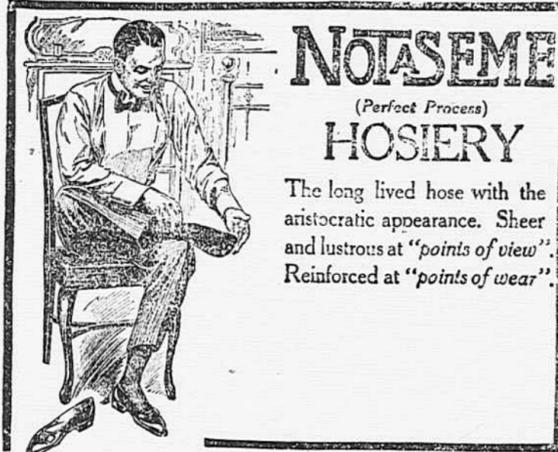
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