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BARBOURVILLE

Bids Fair to Double Her Population Within a Short Time

Bowman Realty Company has Inaugurated a Boom That Will Have Wholesome Effect on Entire Town

For almost seven years we have urged that steps be taken to increase the growth of Barbourville, and bring factories into our midst, but that question that always confronted us was that there was no land available, that those who owned the land would not sell it and as a consequence no site could be secured. That problem has now been solved and the obstacles all removed.

The Bowman Realty Co. has purchased 18 acres of splendid building land from John A. Black and have divided it into nice building lots and are now offering them at both public and private sales.

Yesterday an all day public auction was held and is being repeated today with the result that many lots are passing into the hands of persons who will build homes upon them, and become permanent citizens of Barbourville.

What this city needs most is factories that would give employment to her citizens and make it possible for them to support their families in town. A spoke and handle factory should do well here because of the fact that we have an abundance of suitable timber on all sides of our city from which these articles are manufactured and it would be much less expense to manufacture the goods here where fuel and water as well as timber is cheap and plentiful, than it is to ship rough material and also the fuel from here to the north to be manufactured and then ship the finished material back here again.

A canning factory would be also a paying investment if established here and with the proper management could be made to run almost the entire year and create a market for a vast amount of produce that could be supplied here.

The packing house proposition that was suggested a few weeks ago has been discussed favorably by some of our citizens and all are of one opinion that it would prove profitable.

A steam Laundry would also prove a useful, valuable and profitable improvement to our city, and would make an addition that would receive hearty support.

Now while all this sale of lots is going on, let's have some thrifty enterprising citizens take up the matter of bringing factories into town and set to work with a will and the task will be an easy one.

Let's have no knockers, but all be workers, and if managed properly, the population of Barbourville will be doubled within the next twelve months; another railroad will be leading into our city, carrying freight and traffic, and the hum of industry will be heard on every side. It is up to the citizens of Barbourville to lend a helping hand and success is assured.

ILLUSTRATED LECTURE

ON

Passion Play of Ober-Ammergau

AT

UNION COLLEGE

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21, 7:30 P. M.

ADMISSION 15-CENTS.

Benefit Epworth League.

THE NECESSITY

For Properly Selected and Compensated City and County Health Officers

By J. N. McCormack, Bowling Green, Ky.

[Continued from last issue.]

WIDSPRED AND UNREASONING PREJUDICE AGAINST DOCTORS.

Most people are attached to their family physician, but few of them think or speak kindly of other members of the profession. It is but fair to say that this is largely a reflection of the way a majority of the physicians of the old school of the same community spoke of or treated each other. The profession can't recognize the enormity of this evil and the disaster it had brought upon the people, and it has become one of the most harmonious of the vocations, but the effect of this change has only reached the more intelligent classes and, while the individual doctor stands high with a few people, his patrons, the profession as a whole ranks very low in public esteem. As a matter of fact, ours is the only vocation organized and working systematically against its own interest. In so far as it succeeds in preventing tuberculosis, typhoid fever and similar diseases it diminishes the incomes of its members. This is done because ours is essentially a humanitarian calling, in constant touch with sickness, suffering and death, and that it has been found far easier and safer to prevent than to try to care for these diseases. For much the same reason physicians do more charity every day in every year than all other vocations combined, and never take

out a patent on a new remedy or invention. These things explain in part why the average income of the physicians of Kentucky is less than \$800. It is important that the officials and people be informed of these facts that a misconception of the purpose of the profession may not obstruct this most unselfish work.

THE STATE HAS AT LAST DONE ITS FULL PART.

The iterated and re-iterated opinion of President Taft, Mr. Roosevelt, leading Senators and Representatives in Congress, educators, the press and others who mold public sentiment, in favor of a national bureau or department of health shows the growth of the movement in recent years. More important to us, our last General Assembly did more for the protection of the health and lives of the people than was done by all the others in the history of the State. It created a State Bacteriological Department, open free to every citizen to assist in the early recognition of the communicable diseases; a Sanitary Engineering Department to supervise and try to aid in securing improvement in the water supply and sewerage systems for cities, towns and county homes; a Vital Statistics Department to secure complete returns and the uniform registration of all sickness, births and deaths in every county, and providing ample funds for operating such departments. No less important, provision was made for an annual school, with compulsory attendance, for the practical training of county and city health officers, with expert scientists and demonstrators from other States and the national departments and our own members and officials as teachers. That this school may be practical, an effort will be made to get the co-operation of the local authorities and make the sanitary conditions of some small city, and types of country homes

near it, ideal as to water supply, sewerage, garbage disposal, street cleaning, school house construction and maintenance, dairies, bakeries, markets and the reporting and management of communicable diseases; with the appointments of the country homes complete for the promotion of health, and use these as object lessons for the school.

WHAT COUNTIES AND CITIES MUST DO.

As previous legislation had made the other health machinery almost perfect, upon paper at least, the possibilities for practical lifesaving work in every county and community are only limited by the extent to which the local fiscal authorities and people will co-operate in it. For it should be known even with this advanced legislation and liberality there is little promise in this field in any county which does not have a well trained health officer who can devote his entire time to the duties of his office. In order to make it easier to bring this about, and in the interest of both efficiency and economy, it is suggested that except in cities of the first class, systematic efforts be made to combine the city and county health offices so that both may be held by the same person. It should not be a political office and the tenure should depend upon the betterment of sanitary conditions as shown by the steady decrease in the sick and death rate. As no one can be a health officer of the kind for which I am pleading and practice medicine, the salary should be such as is given circuit judges and other officials where a high order of capacity and unceasing devotion to duty are required. In fact, it would be just as reasonable to expect judges to support themselves by the practice of law while serving on the bench as to expect health officers to do their far more important and exacting work, requiring the highest order of training and judg-

ment, and practice medicine at the same time. Let us no longer deceive ourselves or permit the people to be deceived about a matter so vital to them. Until we can have a health officer in each county and city so selected and supported that he can afford to fully qualify himself for it, and make the prevention of sickness his life work, most of what this board and the medical profession stand for, is but an idle dream in that jurisdiction. It should be known, too, that all of this is even more important to country people and small towns than to residents of cities. Necessity forces the latter to some observance of the laws of health and, in consequence, the preventable sick and death rate is much lower with them than with the farmers, who ought to be the healthiest people in the world.

THE DUTY OF THE PUBLIC

If time permitted it might be interesting to discuss the elementary question as to whether the individual or the State should do any or all of this work. Between the socialist, who believes the government should do every thing, and the anarchist, who believes the government should do nothing, there is every shade of opinion. As usual, the truth lies between these extremes. There is much to be done by the individual citizen, but in the matter of health especially, even if he knew his full duty and did it, there would remain much which must be done under public authority or he will perish. For, after all, the government is only a great partnership formed to do those things which the individual can not do, or can not do so well or cheaply for himself. Each citizen cannot hire a policeman or own a fire engine, build roads and bridges or employ capable teachers for their children. Each partner, the citizen, is forbidden to do those things which would be injurious to others, and each pays a certain sum every year, his taxes, with which the government hires done those things that are necessary for the welfare of all, the protection of health and life being among the most important of these, as has been already shown.

THE PROFESSION HELPLESS WITHOUT PUBLIC SUPPORT.

Can the rank and file of the present generation be so aroused to the importance to them of this reform that they will elect fiscal officials who will make it possible to bring the benefactions of modern scientific knowledge to every hearthstone? Failure to do so can not be put upon the ground of economy. It is said that but one citizen out of every hundred has need for a court house except as a place of record for deeds, wills and similar documents, and yet they are taxed heavily to maintain these and swarms of other officials and activities of even less importance. While the medical profession is leading this reform from a sense of duty, it is really less concerned in its success than any other class and so long as the old order of things continues, and the public and official sentiment demands that health officials and physicians shall devote their time and energies to the treatment and care of diseases which ought not to exist, the unnecessary toll upon health and life must continue, and its members can do no better than live off the misfortunes and ignorance of the present generation and attempt to educate the rising one to better methods of living.

Farm For Sale!

I wish to sell my farm, north edge of Artomus Knox county, 4 miles from Barbourville, 75 acres, in high state of cultivation; 3 good dwelling houses, good barns and other out-buildings. Fine orchard, good water. Price \$2,500. For further particulars come and see me, or write, W. M. RICKETT, Artemus, Ky. oct 21 1-t

JOLLY PARTY

Visited Sheriff Byrley at His Country Home

And Enjoyed Chestnuts and Old Fashioned Candy Making

Last Tuesday evening a very jolly party of middle aged and young folks left town about 5 o'clock for the country home of Ex-Sheriff W. W. Byrley to enjoy an old fashioned "stir off". The party was composed of the following persons:

Rev. F. W. Harrop, Mr. Mrs. A. M. Decker, Mr. and D. W. Clark, Mrs. Hattie Misses Jessie Decker, Decker, Ellen Clark, Mary bury, Elizabeth Johnson, Olive Johnson, Messrs. Isaac Stansbury, Sawyers Decker and John Fletcher.

Arriving about 7 o'clock the crowd was informed that the "stir off" was all over and some felt that the trip was all in vain but the entire party proceeded to the house where we were met and welcomed by the esteemed host and hostess in that true Kentucky manner that made every one feel at home as soon as they arrived.

The news was soon whispered around that Mrs. Byrley had a special "stir off" on the kitchen stove and that it would be ready in a short time.

In the meantime the young folks had taken possession of the parlor and while some played the piano others engaged in tripping the light fantastic. Presently the chestnuts were brought out and everybody invited to "help yourselves" which everyone proceeded to do, and after these had been enjoyed for a season, the dining room was thrown open and the entire party ushered into the dining room where buttered plates filled with the "tough jack" ready to pull were waiting for each one. Then the fun began in real earnest. Some resorted to spoons to pull while others took hold with their fingers and went to work in earnest. In a short time everybody was pulling and laughing and enjoying to the limit the occasion.

After the candy was pulled until it was bright and crisp it was made into various designs and wrapped in buttered papers and laid aside or eaten as the taste of the owner desired. By this time it was growing late and our party began to prepare for the return trip when we were notified by Mr. Byrley that his sons Elbert and Howard had a "hay ride" arranged for us and that the wagon and team were in waiting when we were ready to return.

Accepting the kind invitation we were soon all seated in the hay wagon and on our way back to town and making the hills re-echo the strains of music as the young people sang in the soft mellow moonlight of that beautiful October night.

A vote of thanks was unanimously tendered to the young gentlemen for the hay ride which everyone enjoyed to its fullest extent. While it goes without saying that as entertainers there is not a family in Knox county that will make one feel more free and homelike about their home than will the family of W. W. Byrley, and everyone who participated in this pleasant event wishes for the return of other just such happy occasions and wishes to their kind host and hostess many years of joy and prosperity.