

Civic Improvement League

A short time ago, this writer suggested the formation of a civic improvement league. Such an organization still seems desirable. It is an easy matter to find fault with town authorities for what is not done. The fact is that town authorities are usually ready to do whatever the people want done bad enough to ask for. In civic improvement, the fact must not be forgotten that all of it can not be done at once. A system of improvement must be decided upon and followed year after year. Just what is most needed and first to be done must be decided. Now, town authorities are backward about taking the initiative in a matter which concerns so many and unless there be some authoritative expression of public sentiment there is usually nothing done. Here is where the civic improvement league can serve the town. Such a body should include practically all the property owners of the town. Such an organization after full discussion of conditions can devise a system of improvement as a fixed policy of the town. That will constitute a chart for the guidance of town authorities year after year. And town officers will appreciate such a system and follow it with the knowledge that they have public sentiment behind them. From time to time this league will devise ways and means for accomplishing the needed improvements. That also will be appreciated by the town officers. It is hardly fair to those in authority to complain without indicating what is wanted and how to get it. No set of town officers cares to take the responsibility of establishing an elaborate system of improvement which must of necessity involve work long beyond their terms of office. It is hardly fair to ask it of them. But when the people get together and determine what they want, fix a system of improvements and indicate what part they want carried out this year and from time to time the progressive steps to be taken, there will be no hesitancy on the part of the officers in carrying out the plan.

This town is not so large that

the old-fashioned "town meetings" can not be useful. Let a permanent organization be formed which shall be the authoritative exponent of public opinion and then if the people of the town really want improvements of a permanent character, they will get them.

Town officers have a right to ask "what do you want" and then "how are we to get it." They very properly desire that what they do shall have an intelligent public sentiment behind it. Once a civic improvement organization has determined what shall be done, there can be no more carping complaints about it. The writer has been moved to say this because he has been understood as criticizing the town officers for what they have done and omitted. That has not been the intention. The intention has been to call attention to some things badly needed, with a view to the formation of public sentiment which shall make possible some improvement. The town officers can not be held responsible for all that this town lacks of being a presentable village. Our streets are bad enough but private property is no better. We must cultivate a civic pride. Citizens must do their part—and keep on doing it. And it is their duty to say what they want their town officers to do. Not the opinion of one man or set of men, but what intelligent property holders in general want—what they can agree should be done. This can not be done without some such organization as is suggested. When citizens have counseled together, discussed the possibilities, with plans for carrying out their conclusions, there will be no more trouble in getting what they want. It is hoped that some citizen will start the movement for such an organization and that everybody interested in the town will co-operate. Let us give our town officers a chance to do what they desire to do—make just such improvements as the people want and will pay for.

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Bone Mesa Items

The Help One Another society met at the home of Mrs. John Neil Thursday afternoon and a pleasant time was enjoyed by all. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Oscar Carlson, March 24.

Mrs. Walter Kellogg has been quite sick for a week past but is reported better. It is with regret we learn that Walter intends leaving us soon, having bought an interest in a furniture store in Hotchkiss.

The Box social held at the school house was well attended and a pleasant time was enjoyed by all. Proceeds amounted to \$14 which will be used for school house furnishings.

While in Colorado Springs last week Jay Fisk disposed of his ranch here. But he and his parents will remain on it until fall.

Oscar Carlson moved his family into the house just vacated by Mr. Foster.

Prof. I. T. Foster is moving his family to Crawford for the summer.

A Quiet Wedding

Keeping the fact a secret from their friends, Miss Mayme Taylor and Mr. L. W. Tozier were quietly married last Sunday evening at 9 o'clock at the home of the bride's brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Taylor on Box Elder avenue. Rev. J. Q. Vermillion, pastor of the M. E. church, spoke the solemn words which united these two young people for life. The only guests present to witness the ceremony were Mr. and Mrs. Glen Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Klatt, Misses Alice and Janet Hill, Messrs. Gus Klatt and Kay Belew.

The bride is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. J. M. Taylor, of Sidney, Ark., and has spent several months here. The groom has been in the west for some time, and came to Paonia the first of the year. His parents reside in Old Town, Maine.

The young couple have taken up their residence in Paonia and have the congratulations and best wishes of a host of friends, among them THE NEWSPAPER.

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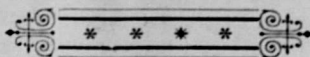
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