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**PRaise JUSTIFIED.**

During the past week Ventnor City has received considerable praise for the way city officials were on their job in clearing the streets of the heavy snow, and the best part of this praise was the fact that it was entirely justified. Realizing the trouble that might be in store for the city if a fire should break out in any portion of the city all preparations were made while the storm was still raging to have the streets placed in passable condition, and Ventnor avenue was opened from one end of the city to the other by the use of a snow plow attached to a powerful automobile truck, to a width sufficient for two automobiles to pass each other, thus giving the fire department a chance to take the apparatus to any street in the city. Then the streets to the various fire plugs were opened as further precaution. As soon as this was done Atlantic avenue was opened on both sides and the plow was then used to open all streets as rapidly as possible. Great headway had been made before the breaking of an important part to the plow, and had this accident not happened the plow would have been through every street of the city. At the street ends where the snow was the thickest, men and trucks labored efficiently to remove the snow.

Councilman Corkran and acting street supervisor Thomas Callon were not satisfied then, and the gutters of nearly every street in the city were opened so that the water could quickly drain away. Considerable of this work had been completed before the steady warm rain of Wednesday night, and residents of the city were astounded when they saw the condition of the streets on Thursday morning. This condition was due to the energetic work of all concerned with the department, and they deserve every bit of praise that has been given to them, as the conditions they had to face were unusual for this resort and seemed next to impossible, but the progressiveness of Ventnor City was again shown to the public, and those people who have selected Ventnor for their homes were delighted with their choice, and many others will be greatly influenced to build here, because they realize that the officials chosen by the people to serve the city, and serve them without any remuneration, are on the job for the continued prosperity of Ventnor and ready to give the residents every service and convenience possible.

**SEVERELY CENSURED.**

The local traction company has been severely censured by the general public for their failure to keep the trolley line open during the blizzard, and many have been so unkind as to say that the reason immediate efforts were not made to open the line below Portland avenue, after the service had reached a fair stage between that place and Atlantic City was to give the company a strong argument for the continuation of the loop at Portland avenue, using the argument that the residents of upper Ventnor would not have had the service nearly as soon if it had not been for this loop, and thus secure their backing for the continuation of the loop. These arguments appear simple, as we feel that it would work just the opposite, the people being broad minded enough to want the entire city to enjoy the same privileges from one end to the other. The trolley company have officials that would not stoop to tricks of this kind even though some people might accuse them. The storm was more than they were able to cope with, and in the future they will be far better prepared to meet any emergency that may arise. Storms that were not nearly as severe as the one we have just passed through have frequently tied up the lines nearly as bad as they were this week, and they prepared to cope with these in the future. They will now prepare for others even more severe than this one.

**ENFORCE THE LAW.**

Heavy snow falls are so unusual in this city that the people are unaccustomed with the law, with the result that officials do not endeavor to work a hardship on the public, yet the sidewalks and gutters should be cleared of the snow so that pedestrians can walk with ease and the melting snow can flow into the drainage system. This would greatly ease the problems that the city has to face at a trying time. The local residents did clear the sidewalks, but without thinking they shoveled the snow in the gutters making the work of the department all the more. Some effort should be

made to have the sidewalks in front of cottages closed for the winter cleaned also. The owners of these cottages doubtlessly are thoughtless in the matter not thinking what an inconvenience it is to those who do reside here to have to plod over the snow in front of their places. If they were given notice that they would be held responsible for this many of them would make provision for its removal before they closed the cottage for the winter.

**COMMUNITY CHURCH**

**FEBRUARY SERMONS.**

At 11 A. M., on the four Sunday mornings, Mr. Poulson will take as his general theme, THE UNREAL. The subject will be, February 5th, The Things That Are Not So. February 12th, Riches; Bank or Brain. February 19th, The Human Ostrich. February 26th, The Indispensable.

At 8 P. M., on the four Sunday evenings, the theme will be, What Is The Church For? The subjects will be, February 5th, To Furnish Institutional Religion. February 12th, To Create and Maintain Worship. February 19th, To Create Personal Character. February 26th, To Maintain and Direct Public Morality.

The Sunday evening sermons will follow closely outlines used by other ministers. Mr. Poulson will undertake to prove that the ideas behind the Community Church movement are not novel and that those who foster the movement are following the logical course pointed out by Christ.

Orthodoxy was invented to distinguish between those who belonged to the church machine and those who, while members of the church, insisted upon the right of private judgment and individual responsibility.

Originally it was the fight between the Catholic Church and those of its members that insisted upon certain reforms. They were forced out of the church by The Ecclesiastical Machine. In these days the inevitable conflict still goes on between those who insist upon what they call "the orthodox way" and those who insist that the Protestant Church has no more right to do our thinking than the Church at Rome.

By the same inexorable logic, it is an example of supreme impertinence when one group says to an individual, or to another group, "you are not true followers of Christ unless you agree with us in details".

This is the Twentieth Century; not the Sixteenth.

Religious thinking should be as free and full and frank as any other. Some of us are so confident that Christ established the world, and the supreme religion that we are willing to have it subjected to any and all tests that can legitimately be applied to matters of religious belief. If we are wrong, the sooner we know it the better.

However, many a small child, in its childish concern for its precious toys, thinks dire disaster is impending even when parents smile at the child's fears.

**A PLAN FOR THE VENTNOR COMMUNITY CLUB.**

We plan to organize this club in two sections:—the men's section, and the women's section. The plan will be to have these sections meet separately for the discussion of such subjects as are of especial interest to each group. At stated times, the two sections will meet for the consideration of questions equally interesting to both men and women.

Any resident of Ventnor will be eligible. The dues will be fixed at a figure to make possible some features of interest and profit.

If it seems desirable, each group will be divided up into groups for special work. Literary matters, social service questions, business ethics, public speaking, and such other matters as may seem popular may be taken up under local leadership, or experts from outside.

If the membership warrants it, we hope to put on an unusually fine musical and lecture program to which the members will get tickets as a part of their membership privileges; the public will be charged in proportion to the price of the attraction.

By having the club in two sections as above suggested, all the interests of the city are covered and the social meetings, when both sections meet together, will be occasions of marked interest.

As we shall have complete equipment for serving refreshments, dinners or banquets, this will make possible affairs that are now held outside of our city because of lack of room.

We may maintain a Junior Club in two sections, and patterned as above.

**WHAT DOES IT PROFIT A MAN?**

Once upon a time, or thereabouts, a group of American Legion boys raised a sum of money, about \$750.00, with which to make an initial payment upon a house they wanted to turn into a War Memorial Hall that could be used as their headquarters. Feeling sure the public would back the proposition, they paid a certain well-to-do man all the money they had to bind the bargain.

They were unable to raise the rest of the purchase price; the deal fell through. The owner then sold the house to some one else for a bigger profit than he would have made off of the American Legion.

But he kept the American Legion

money, which was legal but none too commendable; he made his profit on the sale plus the \$750.00 that came from the American Legion.

Our prediction is that he will head the list of subscribers to the War Memorial Fund when it is started, and that his subscription will not be a dollar less than \$750.00.

Let us hope that we are a prophet and that he is not simply a profiteer. This will be a handsome way of "putting it back."

**YOUR MONEY AND YOUR LIFE.**

February will be an eventful month for Ventnor City and its Community Church. A canvass of the entire city will be made; no begging, but every one is to be given an opportunity to give; it is an Everybody Church. Put yourself and your money into it.

What will such a church be worth to you as a property owner, or parent, or citizen?

Not many people in our city are so poor that they can not give in at least three figures; the enterprise deserves that much from all who can afford it.

**OUR MISSION.**

Various governmental departments at Washington, D. C., keep after the churches to help maintain public health and morals. It is our purpose to make this Bulletin a medium for stressing the individual's part in such good government.

Your part in bad government is to be inactive and silent on public issues of importance. Your part in good government is to vote at primaries to select good candidates, then to vote at the election for the best candidates; then to maintain your interest in public officials so that they will maintain their interest in the public welfare.

A vote not cast counts for the things against which it would have been cast. You can not be neutral by refraining from voting or speaking or living for moral issues. They suffer by your inaction, and you thus become their enemy.

**KEEP MOVING.**

Wise people do not wait until they are all agreed upon details before undertaking things that are important; unless we take the next step we stagnate.

Life is life's reward. Living well is the part of wisdom from any and all angles. Think it over.

Giving one's money, time and effort is the real secret of real living. There is no joy more enjoyable than that joy that comes from unselfish service.

After all, we only have three things to give to anything—money, time and effort.

Give your money until it stops hurting.

Give of your time until you are compelled to use all your time to the best advantage.

Give of your effort until you catch the vision that life, after all is said and done, is unselfish service.

Never get tired of doing what ought to be done; that is the only way you can ever repay those who became tired for you. Parents are repaid as they see their children develop into fine persons.

We have heard men and women say "I am going to drop out of everything except my business." If you are going to do this absurd thing, don't show your lack of size by boasting of it. That is always the cry of the confused man or woman, which is only another and more polite way of saying it is the refuge of the person of limited ability.

Watch the business world, read of great people; you will see that growing people are busy and always ADDING to their duties, not "cutting out everything except business."

When you think you are growing under a few responsibilities, better examine yourself thoroughly; you may be only swelling!

The affairs of the entire world keep moving because there are always a lot of people who refuse to give up when they are tired at their work, or at other people who shirk their work.

The dangerous time in any organization's history is that time when it is so popular and successful that it has no difficulties to face and no obstacles to overcome.

All thoughtful citizens, without regard to their personal habits, know that prohibition is not now an issue. If the better groups openly violate one law, the worse groups will go one better and violate more. Bolshevism is disregard for law, and it looks no better in silks or America than in overalls or Russia.

**PROPOSAL.**

Sealed bids or proposals for laying water pipe, will be received by the Common Council of Ventnor City, N. J., when called for by the President at a meeting to be held on February 27th, 1922, at eight o'clock P. M., in the Council Chambers in the City Hall, Ventnor City, N. J. Specifications can be seen at the office of the City Clerk, Ventnor City Hall, or at the office of E. D. Rightmire, City Engineer, 530 Guarantee Trust Building, Atlantic City, N. J., or they may be obtained by depositing five dollars.


Certified check in the sum of Five Hundred Dollars must accompany each bid.

The right is reserved to award any part, or reject any or all bids, as it may deem to be the best interest of the City so to do.

By order of Common Council of Ventnor City, N. J.,  
Dated Feb. 2, 1922.

JAMES T. G. HAND,  
City Clerk.

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