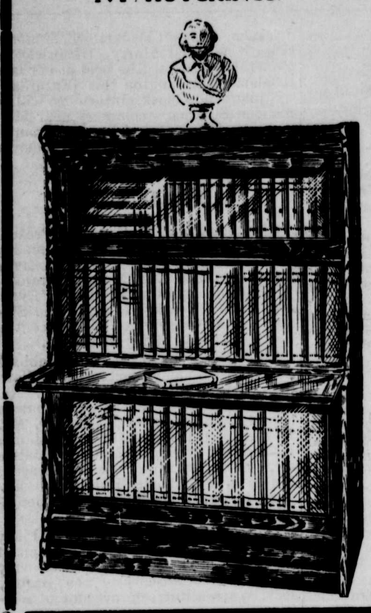
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WIDEN LIGHT ST. AT ONCE.

Steamboat Officials Say Work Could be Done Without Seriously Interfering With Business.

VIEWS OF CAPTAIN ELIASON.

Other Streets Should Be Restored to Use, He Says, Before the Improvement is Begun.

Though there is absolute unanimity among the heads of Light street wharf steamer lines concerning the urgent necessity for the widening of Light St., between Pratt and Lee Sts., there exists some difference of opinion relative to the wisdom of the board of estimate's proposition to postpone the improvement indefinitely or even until the dock improvements have been disposed of. The opening of the Wabash terminals at Port Covington; the establishment of the W. J. Hooper & Co's twine works, which, when completed will be the most extensive manufactory of the kind in the United States; the erection of the Nivision Glass Works in South Baltimore, all within the past few months, coupled with the great advantages offered by the water front in the same section for manufacturing enterprises, impress business men in the congested sections of Light St. with the importance of preparing for a greater city and commercial expansion along Spring Gardens and in the Southern section.

"Light street is the logical artery between South Baltimore, the piers of the bay steamer lines and the wholesale and retail districts north of Pratt street," said a Light street business man today. "We must consider this is providing for a greater city of the future. The widening of Light street in the traffic congested section is, in my opinion, a more urgent necessity than the dock improvement. Neither, however, should be postponed."

NEED NOT INTERFERE WITH BUSINESS.

"The Light Street improvement is desirable, and if taken hold of promptly could be made simultaneously with the dock improvement," said Mr. Reuben Foster, president of the Chesapeake Steamboat Company, and a former member of the burnt district commission. "This would prevent needless delay. There need be practically no interruption to business during the progress of the work. The piers and present bed of the street could be left practically intact while the change is being made. Upon the acquisition of the present buildings between Pratt and Lee streets by the city the structures could be taken down and the debris removed by using Calhoun alley without obstructing to any appreciable degree the present bed of Light street."

"It would be a shame to postpone this pressing necessity for expansion along our shipping front one moment longer than is absolutely neccessary," said Mr. Clarence Shriver, agent of the Baltimore and Philadelphia Steamboat Company and the New York Transportation Company. "When the proposed dock improvements are completed and Light and Pratt streets are widened, conditions along this congested business thoroughfare will be made worse rather than improved. The congestion which would follow would mean a paralysis of business. It will no longer be Light street but Light alley. Now is the opportune moment. If possible the work should be pushed during the winter. There will be no serious interruption to business. Above all else the city should guard against contracts in this matter. If contracts are to be allowed, then let the thing drop. We will simply spend vast sums of money and the object aimed at will still be unattained. There is more business done in twenty-four hours on Light street, between Pratt and Lee streets, than in a week in any corresponding section of the city."

DELAY MEANS A GREAT LOSS.

"Any delay in bringing about this great improvement would be a tremendous loss to the business interests of the city," said the president and head of one of the most important of the Light street transportation companies. "The loss would result from the fact that a postponement of the Light street widening would be a great handicap in the handling of the vast amount of goods to and from Baltimore. It would dwarf shipments and place the merchants of that city at a great disadvantage when brought in competition with other cities having more direct transportation facilities. This particularly applies to Eastern Shore points. For instance, in the busy season it will take a wagon a half hour to deliver goods to any of the Light street steamer wharves owing to congestion, when a few minutes, under favorable conditions, should be sufficient. In my opinion, the widening of Pratt street and Light street, north of Pratt, coupled with the dock improvement, will make the congestion along the steamer wharves greater than ever before. The necessity for the improvements is immediate."

CAPTAIN ELIASON'S VIEWS.

"I consider it essential and business-like to finish the improvements already mapped out and let the public have the benefits before taking up the widening of Light street," said Capt. W. C. Eliason, of the Tolchester Company. "The streets where the earlier improvements are under way will be practically out of business while the work is being done. Let us get those sections restored before we begin anything else. The public can put up for a while longer with the little inconvenience of a narrow Light street. The board of estimates, in my opinion, has acted wisely in proposing to postpone the matter until the dock work has been completed.

"In my judgment, the wisest proposition ever put before the public relative to this work was that of the commission appointed by Mayor Hayes. This commission considered the Light street widening an exceptional undertaking; held that it was a public benefit, and that everybody should bear his proportionate part of the expense."

The head of one of the large transportation lines thought the board had acted wisely in not taking up the Light street improvement at once.

"It would be better to know where money is to come from," he said, "before we go ahead. I scarcely see how we could handle the business along Light street during the widening. Do one thing at a time. The widening of Light street will be a great benefit to the entire community. Every merchant doing business along Light street will be saved the annoyance of delays in the receipt and delivery of goodt, the result of congestion."

Pays to be Truthful.

Sincerity is an indispensable quality in love and friendship. Without its firm foundation to rest upon either one is apt to crumble at the slightest provocation.

There is great comfort in knowing that the sincere man gives you his honest opinion when you ask it.

It may not always be just the kind of opinion that you would like, but at least it is true and unprejudiced.

When you ask a friend for his opinion or advice on a certain subject, and he gives you what he thinks you want rather than what he thinks you need, you leave him only half satisfied, for "way down in your heart" you know that he had not been perfectly honest with you and you don't rest until you seek the advice of some one who will tell you the truth.

The sincere person should not be confounded with the one who tells you the brutal truth on all occasions, whether urged to or otherwise.

Sincerity is genuinely kindly, feeling and desire for the welfare of one's fellow beings.

You can generally detect the sincere man by the way he looks at you. There is no wavering in his direct, steady gaze; he looks you fair in the eye, because he has no guilty consciousness of being untrue to you.

Now Little Dorothy Studies at School.

I think I shall take Muriel out of school and teach her myself this winter." said young mother No. 1. "There must be something defective about the school system, for she doesn't know how to read yet."

Young mother No. 2 smiled reminiscently. "I tried that with Dorothy last year," she said.

"With what success?"

"Well, we got on very well until we came to double letters. There the child balked, for she couldn't seem to learn to spell the word without repeating the letter twice. 'You musn't say B-e-l-l, bell, Dorothy', I insisted. "Spell the word b-e-double l.'

"Finally I succeeded in drilling the doubling process into her head only too thoroughly, as I found one day when I wanted to show her father how she had progressed under my tuition. I pointed to a lesson which began, "Up, up, Mary, the sun is high,' and told her to read it. She looked at it for a moment with a puzzled frown, the she began confidently:

"'Double up, Mary, the sun is high!"

"At her father's suggestion she returned to school next day."—New York Press.

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GROTH OF THE SECRET ORDERS.

Astounding Record of 10 Years.

Every Fifth Man in the United States and in British Columbia is a Member of a Secret Organization.

Every fifth man with whom you shake hands in the United States and in British Columbia is a member of a secret organization, counting out his possible college fraternity.

Ten years ago a liberal estimate was one man to every eight in secret orders.

At the present rate of growth in the United States and in British possessions to the north the present ratio of one to five may be three to five in 1914. For in the United States, where the population increases one-tenth in a decade, the figures of the secret societies in 10 years have been almost doubled.

In the year 1904 the figures of the secret orders, reported by the central organizations, show a membership of 7,414,173.

In 1894 these figures reported in the same manner, showed a membership of only 4,126,375.

Thus while the population of the United States and Canada was increasing a possible 20,000,000, the memberships in the secret societies were increasing nearly 3,300,000—a virtual doubling of these memberships.

A tabulated statement of the memberships in some of the secret societies for 1894 and for 1904 shows in detail where these gains have come in for the secret orders. The table is not completed as to all organizations in detail, but the sums total are as nearly correct as may be possible:

GROTH OF ORDERS.

	1894.	1904.
Odd Fellows	746,454	1,193,749
Free Masons	722,833	965,000
Knights of Pythias	413,944	562,327
Ancient Order of United Workmen	325,000	400,000
Junior Order of United Mechanics	175,000	116,108
Improved Order of Red Men	153,550	334,495
Royal Arcanum	143,368	277,974
Modern Woodmen of America	85,617	711,923
Order of United Mechanics	50,464	43,582
Knights of the Modern Maccabees	.....	115,522
Knights of the Golden Eagle	.....	70,000
Catholic Benevolent Legion	32,000	38,280
Improved Order Heptasophs	15,217	57,225

HAVE OUTGROWN PIONEERS.

Some of the societies not mentioned in the reports 10 years ago are shown in the reports of the past year as having large memberships, while some of those making a showing at that time have disappeared altogether. At the head of the list, however, the Odd Fellows, the Free Masons and the Knights of Pythias show where nearly 1,000,000 of the increase in membership has come.

Other faternal organizations have outgrown these pioneers in secret orders. With the accentuated insurance of many of these, however, the comparisons are lost in great measure. Figures for the Modern Woodmen of America indicate a growth of more than 600,000 in ten years; the Independent Order of Foresters is listed for the first time with 220,000 members; the Woodmen of the World show 217,000; Knights of the Maccabees show 160,000, and the Improved Order of Red Men nearly 200,000, while in the grouped "smaller organizations" the increase is nearly 200,000 in ten years.

New Marriage Ritual.

The following is suggested as a new marriage ritual to suit the changed conditions in realms matrimonial:

"Do you, John, take this woman to be your wedded wife, to have and to hold, in sickness and in health, for better or for slightly worse, through good report or any evil report that you can run down and find groundless with the help of the detectives, for richer but not for poorer, and, forsaking most of the others, cleave practically only unto her until death, divorce or some petty jealousy do part?"

"I equivocally consent, but have my fingers crossed."

"Do you, Mary, take this man to be your wedded husband, to have and to hold to the best of your ability, in health, and ordinary cases of illness where it is nothing contagious, for better (he couldn't be worse), for richer, but, of course, not for poor, through good report and any evil that is merely started because of his candidacy, to nag worry and detect and forsaking the most offensive of your former admirers, cleave only unto him (in a general way) until death, South Dakota or the desire for alimony do part?"

"O, I suppose so."

"I hereby pronounce you man and wife, and whom we have thus in a business-like contract joined together, those who put asunder must do so at their own expense."

Those who hunt after happiness will find it at last, if they find it at all, as the old woman did her spectacles, which she had lost, perched on her own nose.—Josh Billings.

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Arbuckle's Coffee - - - - - 13c
Levering's Coffee - - - - 12c
Best Am. Granulated Sugar - - 5½c
Good Rice - - - - - - 4c lb

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