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THE CITY OF THE FUTURE

THE City of the Future will be intelligently planned, before a single house is built or lot sold.

It will be absolutely Co-operative. The Common Good will rule.

The Land will be owned in common.

All taxes will be levied upon what values a citizen receives from the Common Good, such as Location, Electricity, Gas, Water, and Transportation. No taxes on individual wealth. The iniquitous element in taxation is the idea of taxing the results of man's efficiency, i. e., taxing the prosperous.

Taxes ought to be simply the price one pays to the Community for what he gets from the Community.

The City will get its Heat, Electric Power, Gas, Transportation, Water, and the like from municipally owned works.

Every house, small or large, must be beautiful, built under the city's direction, to harmonize with the city plan.

No vacant lots. Every foot of ground must be used, for beauty and profit.

The business district must be as beautiful as the residence district.

The City will own and operate its Schools, Theatres, Concert and Amusement Halls, Parks, and Playgrounds.

There will be enough Hospitals for the care of the sick, all owned by the City.

All Physicians and Nurses shall be employed by the City. Their main duty will be the Prevention of disease. They will be public officers, just as are Policemen.

It will not be a Communistic nor a Social-

istic city, as each citizen must earn his own living, but all matters of the Common Good will be controlled by the City.

Its aim will be to attract Workers, Craftsmen, business men, professional men, all kinds of Workers, and to give to the poorest of these all the advantages accruing from the communal life.

The City will operate its own bank. There will be no private banks.

The City will be a joint-stock corporation, its shares selling at five dollars each, to be held by the citizens. All profits over six per cent. will revert to the city.

The principle governing the city will be, the largest liberty in personal affairs, and all communal affairs managed by the city government.

In other words, it will be an Organized Democracy.