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Jasper N. McGillis

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INTERESTING HISTORY

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About this time we found we could not run a city on tick even if it was incorporated, so Mr. Fanset, Mr. Watson and myself signed a note to the Glendale Bank for several hundred dollars till such a time as the taxes would begin to come in.

After we had procured this money and obligated ourselves for its payment a few malcontents, believing that we were not running the city according to their ideas, thought it would be a wise plan to disincorporate. They succeeded in securing a petition with sufficient names to call an election. The election was held but the malcontents were voted down 5 to 1.

Had the city been disincorporated we three who obligated ourselves for the city's good would unquestionably have been held for the payment of our obligation. We were consoled, however, by not a few of our citizens that our graft already had been sufficient to cover this amount.

In speaking of graft and feeling that an open confession is good for my soul, I will have to admit of a graft I procured from the traffic manager of the Pacific Electric Railroad, without any solicitation on my part, however. And that was a pasteboard ticket about one inch square good for one way on the palatial car "Maud," over the jerkwater route from Glendale avenue to Brand boulevard. But gentlemen, for fear that I might be held to a strict account-

ability for that ticket, in endorsing at some future time a franchise for the road, I never used it and have it today in my desk at home as a memento of absolutely the only graft I ever got out of the City of Glendale. But on the other hand, gentlemen, I have this to say, in referring to a vest pocket memorandum which I carried for the three years and a half while serving the city, I find I paid out for actual expenses in serving the city \$72.50, for which under the laws governing a sixth class city there was no possible way of being recompensed, and at that time the Trustees did not in any manner receive a cent for their services.

But gentlemen, to think of the respect, the regard, the esteem, the reputation, the exalted rank, fame, magnanimity, self-respect and honor one acquires while in such a position! I will leave it candidly to your opinions if it wasn't worth \$72.50. I simply cite this to show with what malignity the faithful servants of the city are maligned by people who ought to know better but who really know nothing of the true conditions of affairs and care less. Their servants are blamed for everything that goes wrong.

This recalls to my mind the first two years of my service for the city. Being the President of the Board, I was importuned throughout the day and oftentimes on the night, by phone and otherwise, on subjects ranging from a ring-tailed, lost Persian cat to high taxes and braying donkeys. In regard to the last named, I was

called to the phone at 11:30 p. m. one night by an indignant and long-suffering citizen, and asked if I couldn't in some way stop the braying of a long-eared donkey that was tethered near his home.

Not knowing of any force of argument by which the city board of trustees could stop the braying of a donkey, I advised the refractory citizen to go to bed, that there were many other donkeys throughout the city braying equally as hard.

I presume some of the citizens present here tonight who lived at that time in the vicinity of Fourth street, Glendale avenue and Adams street, will remember with anguish the peals of lamentation said donkey gave forth at the unseemly hour of 1 a. m. But said donkey did not live in vain, for he was immortalized in verse in one of the issues of The Glendale News at that time, and the author of said verse still lives. The adage that "small beginnings make big endings" compels me to look back upon the history that was made for Glendale at that time in that little room above mentioned. The incorporating of a new city and starting it off right was no small task for men that were new at the business.

Our first primary move was the establishing of grades and making streets. Our little room was oftentimes filled to the limit by indignant citizens, many of whom came armed with protest proclaiming that they had lived here for 20 years and that street was good enough for them. Then other momentous questions were agitated, such as the prices to be paid per inch for newspaper printing, by the philanthropic (?) editor, but when he tried to hold us up for 75c per inch we got mad, and likewise did the editor. The question of picketing out cows on the other fellow's lot, the liquor question, and the pool room, all came in for their share of discussion and consideration, and were universally settled for the best good of Glendale, and I think to the general satisfaction of all its citizens.

Glendale was fortunate in getting good men at the first. I mean in that, our City Attorney, City Engineer, Street Superintendent, etc., to help steer our municipal craft over the rocky shoals of our first incorporation. Our first City Attorney, Mr. Frederick Baker, at the munificent salary of \$25.00 per month, of which more than one citizen proclaimed, as they do now over our present city attorney, that the city trustees were altogether too lavish with the city's funds, that they would be mighty glad to put in as they thought three or four hours a week at half that price.

And I desire to reiterate that Mr. Baker was the right man in the right place at that time, steering our mu-

nicipal ship so that our city avoided trouble and litigation that many new cities at that time were afflicted with.

Our first city engineer, Mr. Postle, also deserves mention for his technical knowledge of engineering work for a new city. And with our street superintendent, Mr. Fred Sinclair, our city was well equipped to lay the foundation of future progress and stability which it now possesses.

And gentlemen, I desire at this time to pay a tribute all down the line to those men who have put their shoulder to the wheel in our municipal affairs and have so valiantly helped to make our city what it is.

Our next city attorney, Mr. Frank L. Muhleman, always ready to contribute his ability to the civic and municipal interests of our city, is deserving of every citizen's gratitude for his services in our city's behalf, and our present city attorney, Mr. Evans—we all know of his worth and ability and what it has meant to our city. Our present self-made man and city engineer, Mr. E. M. Lynch, whose technical ability and sound judgment has possibly done as much if not more to pave our city into greater and better future conditions than any other one man, is surely deserving of the good wishes and hearty cooperation of every good citizen. And our city manager and city clerk, who put in all their time and exercise their ability for the good of the city, and our city tax collector, in whose hands not a cent of our money has gone wrong, all these men should share our enconium of praise rather than our derision and fault-finding.

And last, but not least, is our much maligned City Council.

While it is lamentable, yet I believe not more than one-third of our citizens really know or consider the work of our city trustees, men of known ability sacrificing oftentimes their own business interests for the interests of our city—and that means your interest and my interest—for the paltry sum of \$5.00 a week, should receive our heartiest commendation, praise and co-operation.

It is true that we all sometimes make mistakes, but these men are good, capable men, honest men, conscientious in their duties for the city's best good. Possibly we would not think in some matters of municipal-ity as they do, but I ask you, could we do better?

Then let us not be knocking, but encourage the honest efforts of every citizen who is trying to do something for the upbuilding of our beautiful city. There should be no east, west, north or south, but one city, one home, one great family, working together for the civic pride and good of our beautiful city—Glendale.

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