

What's in a number (1)

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To Mark and Number Lawrence Streets - East and West Streets lose their names according to ordinance Ends Years of Agitation - a boon to strangers and newcomers to Lawrence An appropriation of \$250 to Aid in Property marking the Streets is also made

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Do you know where the corner of Vermont and Twenty-fourth Streets is?

Perhaps you don't right now.

And how about an Eight Street car? Never heard of it perhaps. No, not unless you attended the session of the city council last night.

Perhaps your home was on Adams Street when you went to sleep last night. This morning you woke up and found that during your slumbers your residence had been moved to Fourteenth Street. You didn't notice any difference in your surroundings and your property seemed none the worse for the wear and tear incident to the moving process but nevertheless your mail no longer comes to Adams Street.

The City Council in the regular session last night took the action which has been agitated for a number of years in Lawrence when it passed the ordinance changing the names of all east and west streets in the city to numbers. This question has been under consideration a number of times in the past few years but each time encountered sufficient opposition to defeat it. However, this time sentiment seemed to have given way and the city fathers encountered no obstacles placed in their way by the public. One vote was registered against the ordinance when it was voted upon last night. Councilman A. L. Cox opposed the change, explaining that he did not deem it a wise move at this time. The ordinance carried by a vote of 9 to 1.

It was determined that the north and south Streets in North Lawrence should also be changed to numbers. These streets are to be designated as First Street North, beginning with Vermont Street. Bridge Street will be Second

Street North in the future. The east and west streets on that side of the river will retain their old names.

In making the changes the council also renamed a number of short streets to the south of the University hill giving them the same names as the streets on the north of which they are a continuation.

While the matter of the streets was under discussion the council heard a report from the committee named to confer with the women of Lawrence on the proposition of signs for the streets. The committee recommended that the city agree to pay one-half of the cost of this work, providing that did not exceed the sum of \$250. The report was adopted and the streets will be properly marked.

The women of the Civic League are the promoters in this cause and have promised to raise the other half. Signs costing 27 cents each are to be purchased and to be placed on the street corners very soon. The Civic League has been promised aid from the old Lawrence Committee and the Booster's Committee of Lawrence. . . .

J-World - Oct. 20, 1914 -

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Complaint has come to the commissioners that the children play around the unscreened openings to the storm sewers in Central Park. The commissioners voted to put grates over these entrances to keep the children out of the sewer.

Numbers at last?

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It may be that after years of agitation Lawrence will have number streets. An ordinance is to be presented tonight changing the names of all streets running east and west to numbers. This matter has been under consideration several times in the last few years but failed to carry in the council because of this opposed for sentimental reasons, the abandoning of the old names that the streets have carried so long. Under the provisions of the new ordinance the numbering will begin on the north limits and advance south. The road on the north limits, Lyons Street, will be first. Dane Street will be Second Street, and Henry Street will be Eighth Street.

May Use Old Fund for street marking - inactive organizations with balances in treasuries my help

Club Women Behind the Plan - Ask city council to help them carry out intentions

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The Club Women of Lawrence have received the agitation for the naming of the streets of the city. They have a fund on hand which they wish to donate to this cause and have made an appeal to the city council for aid in marking Lawrence streets. Now it has been suggested the two old organizations with cash in their strong boxes join the women in their cause and suitably mark the city's thoroughfares.

One of the prime movers in the Lawrence Committee and in the Boosters Club also suggested this morning that this would be the proper way of disposing of the balances in the treasuries of these inactive organizations. Both of the clubs served the purposes for which they were organized and have become idle of recent years, but their treasurers still remain in possession of a goodly amount and with \$400 to aid them in the work they have stated the club women could, no doubt, give Lawrence a splendid system of street markers.

The petition of the women was submitted to the city council as its October meeting. In this petition the women asked the naming of a committee to act with and assist them in their plans. The women had some money to back the proposition with, but more was needed and the city fathers were asked to aid in raising this sum. A committee was named and instructed to meet with the women. Sample signs were ordered and were on hand at the session of the council last Monday night, but no word was heard from the committee. The council has an off night and the street sign proposition was allowed to drift over to the next meeting.

Now comes a proposition which would seem to solve the problem. If the plan is approved and the money that seems available it turned over to this cause the city fathers may be relieved of the part asked of them and the signs put up and Lawrence given something the need of which has been felt for many years.

Want to mark streets

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The proposition of marking the streets of Lawrence came up for another airing at the session last night. A

communication from the Federated Clubs of the city was read. In this petition the women asked that a special committee from the council be named to meet with the women and formulate some plan for marking the streets and paying for the cost of this. It is understood that the women have a fund which they wish to devote to the purpose. Mayor Bond named councilmen Hazen, Wilder, and Alexander to serve on this committee.

It was also suggested that if the proposed markings were put up that the streets running east and west be designated according to number instead of their present names. This matter has been under discussion at regular intervals for many years but the proposed change always met with much opposition on the part of those who wished to preserve the names of the famous men for whom the streets were named.