

PLAY GROUNDS IN LAW
MAY BE IN COUNCIL

Ordinance, Cut to \$7,300, Finally Passes After Opposition Had Collapsed.

MONEY MUST COME
OUT OF NEXT BUDGET

Plans for Blues' Armory Approved, Sum of \$15,000 Being Set Aside for Fire Protection in Public Schools.

WANT NEW TAX
LAW.

OPPOSITION to the municipal playgrounds scheme collapsed in the Common Council last night, the body passing that measure by a large vote after an extended debate.

LOCATION OF PLAYGROUNDS.

The plan provides for playgrounds as follows:
On Williamsburg Avenue, three acres to be leased; rent, equipment and maintenance, estimated \$1,100.

SEABROOK WAREHOUSE PROPERTY, BETWEEN SEVENTEENTH AND EIGHTEENTH STREETS, ON GRACE, BELONGING TO CITY.

Improvement of property and maintenance, estimated \$2,000.
Seabrook school yard and Bellevue school yard; equipment, estimated \$1,000.

CLARK'S SPRING PROPERTY, OWNED BY THE CITY.

Under the ordinance the Committee on Finance is instructed to provide the amounts in the next annual budget.

ORDINANCE A "VOTE GETTER."

The reading of the ordinance precipitated an extended debate. Mr. Lynch making a fight to table and print, alluding to the fact that three of the proposed grounds were within three blocks of Eighteenth and Broad streets.

APPROVE ARMORY AWARD.

Award of contract for the Blues' Armory and Market House to John T. Wilson, the lowest bidder, for a non-fireproof building at \$23,881.50, was approved.

HIGH SCHOOL DISCUSSION.

Discussion of the work on the new High School Building came up both in the afternoon and in the morning.

PROFITS IN OIL

Some of the figures are drawn from the Standard Oil Company's report. Figures showing some of the profits of the Standard Oil Company, became part of the court record in the Federal suit to dissolve the Standard to-day.

ARCHBOLD EXPLAINS.

Mr. Archbold explained the establishment of marketing stations to compete with the rivals of the Standard naturally forced small farmers and jobbers gradually from the field.

WESTERN SITUATION.

Mr. Tilford said that in the far West territory eighty-seven marketing stations had been established by the Standard Oil Company of California.

ON CROSS-EXAMINATION.

Mr. Kellogg developed that the Continental Oil Company's capital stock is 5.19 per cent on its capital stock.

STARTLING STATISTICS

Dr. Bertillon shows the death and birth rates in France.

FUNERAL TRUST

Chicago Embalmer Says Public Is Held As At Its Mercy.

CONSUL A SUICIDE

Short In His Accounts, But the Amount Is Not Made Public.

MASKED ROBBERS

Hold Up Cashier and Son and Then Loot the Bank.

BONDS OVERSUBSCRIBED

Panama Issue of \$20,000,000 Purchased at an Average of 102-3/8.

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SIMON PRESIDENT
AND ORDER REIGNS

Political Situation in Hayti Has Been Cleared Considerably Recently

GENERAL FOUCHARD
WOULD AVERT A WAR

In View of Fact That "God Had Blessed the Arms of General Simon," He Withdraws and the Latter Proclaims Himself.

PORT-AU-PRINCE, December 7.

The political situation is clearing up at least in certain directions. During the interview here between General Simon, the leader of the revolutionary movement that resulted in the flight of Nord Alexis from the capital and General Fouchard, an aspirant to the presidency, who arrived yesterday at the head of a band of followers, the latter said that in view of the fact that "God had blessed the arms of General Simon," he withdrew his candidacy in order that the possibility of civil war be averted.

GENERAL SIMON RECEIVED BY GENERAL ALPHONZ, COMMANDER OF THE GUARD.

General Simon received by General Alphonz, commander of the guard, amid the acclamations of the people and the soldiers when he took possession of the palace after proceeding around the city.

GENERAL SIMON HAS NOT AS YET APPOINTED HIS CABINET, AND HE IS AWAITING THE ARRIVAL OF SEVERAL OF THE REVOLUTIONARY LEADERS.

The United States steamer Tacoma left to-day for St. Marie and Gonaves. Word received to-day from these places was of a more favorable nature, the people at both towns apparently observing order.

SHIP ORDERED TO HAYTI.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 7.—Because of unsettled conditions at Gonaves, Hayti, the dispatch boat Dolphin, now in Central American waters, has been ordered to that place to protect American interests.

WEDS PEER'S SON

Quiet Wedding at St. James' Adds Another Romance to Stage.

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TAFT WOULD WALK
THE SOUTH AWAY

Hopes to Contribute to Breaking of Her Political Alliance.

SHOULD BREAK FROM
OUTLIVED SENTIMENT

Addresses North Carolina Society at the Annual Banquet at Hotel Astor, in New York, and Devotes His Remarks to Southern Situation.

NEW YORK, December 7.

President-elect William H. Taft, who came to New York to-day to address the North Carolina Society of the city, was given a tumultuous reception to-night by the members of the organization and by prominent men from all parts of the South at the annual dinner of the North Carolinians at the Hotel Astor.

MR. TAFT, IN THE COURSE OF AN ADDRESS WHICH WAS CONFERRED ENTIRELY TO THE SOUTH AND ITS PROBLEMS, URGED AGAIN THAT THE VOTERS OF THAT SECTION SHOULD BREAK AWAY FROM OUTLIVED SENTIMENTS AND FRANCHISES OF THEIR POLITICAL AFFILIATIONS AND CAST THEIR BALLOTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THEIR ECONOMIC AND REAL POLITICAL BELIEFS.

Mr. Taft declared that he would not be a party during his coming term in the Chief Executive office than to so direct the policy of the national government as to bring about a more harmonious and friendly relationship between the States of the South and the rest of the country.

CABINET MEMBERS SPEAK.

The opening session was marked by the presence and participation in the proceedings of two members of the Cabinet—General Luke E. Wright, Secretary of War, and Oscar S. Straus, Secretary of the Department of Commerce and Labor—who were the notable speakers of the day.

FREQUENTLY APPLAUDED.

At the conclusion of practically every one of his pointed sentences Mr. Taft was greeted by applause.

OTHER SPEAKERS.

Other speakers at the banquet were President W. W. Finley, of the Southern Railway Company; J. T. Joyce, State Senator from North Carolina; Hugh Macrea, of Wilmington, N. C.; Dr. Joseph H. Dillard, of New Orleans, and several other prominent guests.

MR. TAFT'S SPEECH.

After paying a tribute to North Carolina, which he said presented an admirable type of present conditions in the South, the public spirit of its citizens, progress of its industries and the charming hospitality which it has shown to the world.

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NATURE HAS BEEN
LAVISH TO SOUTH

Keynote of the Sentiment of the Southern Commercial Congress.

NATURAL RESOURCES
ALMOST UNBOUNDED

Inadequate Railroad Transportation Partly the Cause, but a Change on Part of Several Legislatures Causes the Railroads to Contemplate Increased Facilities.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 7.

With prophesies of an unparalleled economical advancement near at hand for the South, the initial movement for a still greater development of the natural resources of that section of the country formally was inaugurated at the first meeting here to-day of the Southern Commercial Congress.

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GRIEF OVER SON

Caused Charles Wabendorf Blow to Commit Suicide in St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, MO., December 7.—Charles Wabendorf Blow, manager of the St. Louis office of the American Lumber Company, a descendant of the famous Blow family of Virginia, to-day died a bullet in his right temple.

FREED FROM DEBT

Mrs. Caroline Leslie Carter Payne Is Granted Discharge in Bankruptcy.

NEW YORK, December 7.—A discharge in bankruptcy was granted to-day to Mrs. Caroline Leslie Carter Payne, the actress.

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IMPEACH MRS. RICE

Witness Saw Her Buying Paper on the Morning of Murder.

OMAHA, NEB., December 7.—The defense this afternoon in the trial of Charles Edward Davis for the murder of Dr. Frederick T. Rustin created a sensation by producing a witness in the person of Mrs. Emily Allen, who testified to having seen a woman enter the witness declared was Mrs. Abbie Rice on the street downtown about 4 o'clock in the morning buying a paper, a time at which, according to Mrs. Rice and several witnesses for the prosecution, she was at the house where the murder was committed.

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