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ROCK CREEK PARK PLANS

Suggestions Presented to the Board of Commissioners.

DELEGATION CALLS ON THEM

Col. Bramhall's Idea as to the Embellishment and Improvement of the Domain Indorsed—Urgent Plea to Stop the Dumping of Refuse on the Banks.

The Rock Creek Park was up for discussion by the board of District Commissioners yesterday afternoon. A delegation of leading citizens appeared before them and argued for the adoption of a plan very similar to the suggestions made some time ago by Col. W. L. Bramhall. It will be remembered that this gentleman suggested a somewhat elaborate scheme of driveways and other embellishments to the now unsavory and ugly environs of the creek.

The delegation consisted of Col. Bramhall, Mr. F. I. Moore, Judge C. C. Cole and Architect A. C. Clark. These gentlemen said that they did not intend to request immediate action, being willing that the general subject of the park remain in status quo for the present. They did desire, however, that their plan be adopted as the official one, and that a few smaller matters be attended to.

Mr. F. Moore was the first gentleman to talk. He said that one feature of the Rock Creek Park plan which seemed especially desirable was a driveway down both sides of the creek from the K or the M street bridge to Pennsylvania avenue.

Col. Bramhall said that this dumping on the banks of the creek should be stopped at once. He said that the people of Kalorama Heights were willing to donate property along the park of large value on condition that the dumping be stopped and the plans of the delegation officially adopted. Col. Bramhall also intimated that the sooner the land for the park is condemned the cheaper it may be had.

The commissioners here asked Col. Bramhall a question.

"How," they said, "can this dumping be stopped? It is on private property."

It was suggested by one of the delegation that perhaps the dumpers could be reached as nuisances.

Col. Bramhall then produced a petition signed by 600 leading citizens. It was shown to the Commissioners, but not left by the committee. They stated that they would secure more signers and make it more formidable. Among the signers are all the prominent physicians in the city, they said. The physicians are especially alive to the menace that the creek in its present condition is to the health of the community.

Judge Cole added a few words, calling attention to the general desire among the people that something be done on the park proposition.

The plan was left with Capt. Black after some further general conversation on the desirability of having the park matter pushed.

CONDUITS TO BE CONTINUED.

Permits Granted to the United States Electric Light Company.

The Commissioners in a few days will grant to the United States Electric Lighting Company a permit to complete its conduit on Fourteenth street. As announced in The Times Sunday, the Commissioners had a hearing Saturday on the request of the company for this permit. No decision was given at that time, however, and Capt. Thomas went away with only hope in his breast.

Between that time and yesterday morning the Commissioners had interviews with Senators on the committees who are interested in District affairs. As a result of these interviews the Commissioners have about decided to issue the permit immediately, though they would not make a statement to this effect to a Times reporter last night.

The case is very similar to the Ninth street conduit case, which was decided in favor of the company two weeks ago after a long fight on the part of the Potomac Company against it.

The Commissioners are fully convinced that Congress in its last legislation on the subject intended that the company should have the right to extend all its north bound conduits between Ninth street and Connecticut avenue into the northern suburbs.

This action of the Commissioners is considered by people who have followed the electric light company war to be a strong point for the United States Company. The company is to have another permit to put in a subway along Pennsylvania avenue from Fourteenth to Fifteenth streets, and up the latter street to New York avenue. The overhead wires on the corner of Fifteenth street and Pennsylvania avenue are a perfect nuisance, and, if not dangerous, they are at least unsightly and inconvenient. All the United States Company's wire at this point will be put in the subway.

CAN'T EXTEND ITS LINE.

Commissioners Refuse a Permit to the Capital Railway Company.

The District Commissioners have refused a permit to the Capital Railway Company to extend its line along Harrison street from Harrison and Monroe streets, Anacostia, to the Havemeyer property beyond Good Hope Hill. They took this action yesterday, after referring the matter to the attorney for the District, who decided against the contention of the company.

In the act of March 2, 1895, incorporating the Capital Railway, is the paragraph, "That when the route described coincides with that of a country road of less width than sixty-six feet the railway shall be constructed entirely outside of the road." In the act of May 26, 1896, amending the charter, is this paragraph describing the route: "Also beginning at the eastern end of the Navy Yard Bridge, easterly along Monroe and Harrison streets and Good-Hope road, and from Good Hope road to the District line."

The Commissioners submitted the question to Mr. Thomas if the latter act repealed the provision of the former. His opinion is that it does not. He says that clearly the first act is still in force as to the prohibition against running the line along a road narrower than sixty-five feet. Harrison street is narrower in portions at least.

WASTE OF WATER.

Meters to Be Placed in All District Buildings.

The District Commissioners have granted the right to the water department to put meters in all the school and other buildings under their control. This order is in pursuance of a careful investigation that the engineer department is making into the question of wasted water in the District buildings. Capt. Bourke, in his annual report, and Commissioner Black, in his part of the report, to Congress, both made strong remarks about the grievous waste of water in the District. All during the summer also, as reported in The Times, the engineer department has been looking into the matter as far as the public buildings are concerned.

Meters were placed in the pipes of several buildings and an enormous quantity of water was found to be flowing through them into the sewers without doing any one any good. The trouble is apparently almost entirely one of neglect and not willful extravagance. A leaking spigot in a house will waste more water than a whole family. The automatic flush tanks also use thousands of gallons instead of hundreds, as they should.

The water department will place meters in all the District buildings and find out just how much water is wasted in this manner. Remedial measures will be taken later.

CANCELLATION OF TAXES.

Suspicion That Further Disclosures May Yet Come.

The Commissioners yesterday afternoon passed a stringent order relative to the cancellation of taxes as follows:

That hereafter, whenever application is made for the cancellation of general taxes, the assessor shall cause to be prepared a full statement in writing of the facts in the case and transmit it, together with his opinion thereon, to the auditor, who, after due consideration, shall forward the same with such recommendation as he shall deem proper to the Commissioners for final action. And no such taxes shall be entered as canceled upon the record until authority therefor in every case shall have been previously obtained from the Commissioners.

An investigation is in progress with regard to the matter of canceling taxes. It has been taken up by Auditor Petty in the general overhauling of the system of running the different offices of the District government.

The Commissioners, when the recent alleged defalcations of Mr. Frank Miles were discovered, instituted this investigation. It was said at the time, however, that no other criminal actions were suspected anywhere, and that the investigation was simply precautionary.

The overhauling of the tax office has not proceeded very far as yet, but it is intimated that the suspicions of the authorities have been aroused that there may have been illegal cancellation of taxes by somebody.

PARENTS' DUTY TO CHILDREN.

Compulsory Support to Be Urged by the Commissioners.

The Commissioners will urge upon Congress at the coming session the passage of a bill to provide for the compulsory support of children by parents. Such a bill was up before the Senate at the last session—Senate bill 1074—but did not become a law.

The Commissioners state that there is a great need for a law of this kind in the District, and that under the present laws with regard to children and husbands and wives, a father may turn his child out into the street, to become an object of charity, or may desert his family entirely, even if he is abundantly able to support it.

The Commissioners recently referred this Senate bill to Mr. Herbert W. Lewis, the superintendent of charities, for his opinion regarding it.

The bill provides, in brief, that parents of children, under fourteen years of age, who shall willfully and unnecessarily refuse or neglect to provide for them shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. It also prohibits parents from making false representations to institutions or private persons to induce them to take care of children. A penalty of $100 fine or three months in jail or both is provided.

Mr. Lewis, in a report submitted yesterday, strongly recommends the passage of the bill with certain minor changes. He says:

It is intended to meet and prevent a practice which has heretofore been common. Persons who wish to be rid of the care and support of children leave them with some person or some institution, promising to pay regularly for their support, and for means of inducing persons or institutions to receive the children they resort to fraud and deception. They then neglect or refuse to make the payments promised, and although often well known and often well able to contribute to the support of their offspring, there has been no process provided by which such persons can be compelled to make such payments. It should be possible to compel brutal and neglectful fathers to provide for the necessities of their children.

It frequently happens that upon the hearing before the courts of the District of Columbia of a case involving the commitment of children to the Board of Children's Guardians, a parent is present, having been summoned as a witness or otherwise, and it appears upon examination that such parent has income sufficient for the support of a family, and that, notwithstanding this fact, the children are "destitute of suitable home and adequate means of earning an honest living" or they are "abandoned by their parents," either of which conditions justifies their commitment to the guardianship of the board under existing law. It frequently appears that commitment to the guardianship of the board is the only means for securing the safety and welfare of the children.

The bill as a whole, if made a law, will meet and have a tendency to correct a condition which is not, to my knowledge, tolerated in any well-governed municipality, and will not be inharmonious with other laws on similar subjects in this jurisdiction. Similar laws are in force in several States with good results. The Ohio Humane Society collects from truant and neglectful fathers, in the city of Cincinnati, about one thousand dollars per month toward the support of children who remain under protection. The laws of the State of New York are similar.

Under the law a large part of its enforcement will fall upon the board of children's guardians. Mr. Lewis recommends that should it be necessary another officer for the board be provided.

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City Brevities.

The will of Mattie C. Sullivan was filed yesterday. She leaves her estate to her daughter, Anna Janie Stieb.

Secretary Alger left the city last night to attend the annual banquet of the New York Chamber of Commerce.

The special business of the Baltimore and Ohio for Sunday, November 21, amounted to twenty four theatrical companies, with a total of 492 people.

John Marshall, colored, was convicted in criminal court No. 1 yesterday of housebreaking and sentenced to eight years' imprisonment in the New Jersey State prison.

Chief Justice Bingham, sitting in criminal court No. 1, yesterday, dismissed the writ of habeas corpus in the case of George B. Fleming, and directed his removal to Iowa for trial.

Walter Stetson, for whose arrest on the charge of stealing a trunk a warrant was recently issued, is located at No. 1324 Twelfth street northwest, and states that he was not in the city at the time the trunk was taken.

Thanksgiving Day will be celebrated at St. Aloysius' Church with solemn high mass, which will begin at 10 o'clock. Mgr. Martinelli will be the celebrant of the mass, and the sermon will be delivered by Rev. Father Pardow, S. J.

Cement sidewalks are to be laid on the north side of Pennsylvania avenue, between Eighteenth and Nineteenth streets, and between Twentieth and Twenty-first streets, opposite the public reservations at those places, also at the northeast corner of Fourteenth street and New York avenue.

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MARTIN PLEADS GUILTY

Former Treasurer of Columbian University on Trial.

Remanded to Jail to Await Sentence Which Will Passed Upon Him Saturday Morning.

Robert H. Martin, formerly treasurer of Columbian University, was placed on trial before Chief Justice Bingham in criminal court No. 1 yesterday on the charge of embezzlement. The defendant pleaded guilty and was remanded to jail to await sentence, which will be passed on Saturday morning. The penalty for embezzlement is a fine not exceeding $5,000 or imprisonment for not more than five years, or both fine and imprisonment, and as the indictment on which the unfortunate man pleaded guilty contains five counts, each referring to a separate offence, sentence could, should the court deem so advisable, be imposed on each count.

It is not probable that sentence will be imposed on more than one count. Efforts will be made to have Chief Justice Bingham impose a sentence of imprisonment in jail. The defendant was represented by Attorneys Andrew A. Lipscomb and Charles H. Turner. Mr. Lipscomb stated to the court that his client desired to withdraw his plea of not guilty and enter a plea of guilty. The chief justice acceded to the proposition, and the defendant in answer to Clerk Gatley pleaded guilty. Mr. Lipscomb moved that the defendant be released for ten days on bail that he might assist his wife and three children in moving to Baltimore, where a home had been prepared for them by charitable people. This motion was seconded by Rev. H. M. Wharton, pastor of the Memorial Baptist Church, of Baltimore, and editor of the Baptist Evangel.

District Attorney Davis refused his sanction to this proposition, but in doing so he said that he was discharging the most disagreeable duty he had been called upon to perform since he had assumed the office of district attorney. He said that he had been associated with Martin at Columbian University.

Martin for a number of years was treasurer of Columbian University and was charged with the embezzlement of $13,050 of the funds of that institution during 1894, 1895, and 1896. Martin was well dressed in a gray suit and light top coat and wore glasses. He had a prosperous air and evinced no excitement or emotion during the proceedings, which were very brief.

Martin was sent to jail in a private conveyance.

IN THE POLICE COURT.

Sentences Imposed Yesterday Upon Offenders by Judge Scott.

The following cases were disposed by Judge Kimball in the police court yesterday:

Napoleon Weakley, charged with assaulting Samuel Williams, a railroad conductor; given sixty days in jail.

William Stewart, charged with assaulting Mary Miles; given ninety days in jail.

Andrew Johnson, charged with assaulting James Johnson; given thirty days in jail.

John Jefferson, charged with grand larceny of jewelry valued at $500 and $200 in money from Mary C. Matthews; held for the action of the grand jury in the sum of $500.

Nelson Wooden, charged with petit larceny of twenty pounds of tobacco from Nosen Keifriz; held for the action of the grand jury in the sum of $500.

Nathan Russell, charged with assaulting Anna Tolliver; given thirty days in jail.

Richard H. Clements, jr., charged with assaulting Richard Clements, sr.; given ninety days.

John Collins and James O'Brien, charged with housebreaking and larceny of 98 cents from Edward Q. Whitford; held for the action of the grand jury in the sum of $1,000.

Mary R. Offutt and Samuel R. Thompson, charged with grand larceny of one pair of diamond ear rings, valued at $200, from Sarah L. Smith; continued until tomorrow.

James Hill, charged with assaulting Henry Harris; given sixty days.

William Wood, colored, charged with being a vagrant, was given 180 days in the workhouse.

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Bowie and Allen Sent to the Workhouse by Judge Scott.

James Bowie and Clark Allen, well dressed and apparently refined young men, arrested on the Long Bridge yesterday as suspicious characters, were brought before Judge Scott in the police court yesterday, charged with vagrancy, and sent to the workhouse.

The men, it was alleged, had been selling quantities of worthless jewelry to people in South Washington, as related in The Times yesterday morning, representing that the stuff was genuine, and that they were forced to dispose of it because of poverty.

Bowie was sent down for sixty days, in default of $50 bonds, and Allen, who states that he is a New Yorker, and a stranger in Washington, was given eighty days in default of $200 bonds.

THE CALF SEEMED HUNGRY.

Disastrous Result of Its Visit to a Restaurant.

A calf owned by G. G. Hamner, of No. 921 1-2 Louisiana avenue northwest, concluded to stroll around and see the town yesterday afternoon about 4:30 o'clock. While doing so it reached Eleventh street. There it was interfered with by some men, who thought it was going too far.

The calf started for Kernan's Theater, where its course was changed by the manager. It then decided to go into Harvey's restaurant. The door was not wide enough to admit it and it made a jump at the window, breaking it into fragments. The glass was valued at about $40.

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