

TWO SITES FOR PUBLIC LIBRARY

Merits of Both Are Under Discussion One Lot Is That Recommended as "Civic Center" by Architect Burnham.

To-morrow afternoon the joint Committee on Finance and Utilities of the Board of Supervisors will, it is said, finally consider the question of the selection of a site for the new Public Library. A discussion that has arisen as to the merits of proposed sites, two in particular, lends added interest to the question, and it is probable that the body that must determine between them will be overwhelmed by the opinions of those most interested—opinions based in the main on civic interest, but some, undoubtedly, on the motive of personal gain.

Eliminating properties that are weak in public support, but at the same time have been seriously considered in the past as desirable sites for the library, the forces that are seeking to bring this question to final decision are found rallied around two blocks, one body in interest in the selection of block 67 of the Western Addition, bounded by Van Ness avenue, Grove, Polk and Fulton streets; the other group the purchase of Western Addition block 73, bounded by Van Ness avenue, Hayes, Fell and Franklin streets. Each side engaged in the discussion has various points to make that are worthy of the fullest consideration, but, briefly stated, the question seems to rest on the clash of interpretations of the ideas of D. H. Burnham, the distinguished Chicago architect, under whose direction plans are being prepared for the adornment of San Francisco.

The advocates of the purchase by the city of block 73 lay the greatest stress on the claim that in his plans to beautify San Francisco Architect Burnham, who is now in Manila, includes this site in his proposed "Civic Center," a block of land lying directly west of the City Hall, from which magnificent buildings, dedicated to the public use, shall rise from the green of a public park. But they go beyond the claim that the district Burnham has decreed that the district described shall be the "civic center" of San Francisco, and cite specific cases of official action they say should be permitted to prevail.

When the Board of Supervisors called for a vote of the people on the question of voting bonds for a new Public Library, block 67 was specifically named as the proposed library site, but, to guard against exorbitant demands, the board inserted in the provisional clause, "or upon a parcel, or lot of land of similar size and like value and in the immediate neighborhood of said block or parcel of land hereinbefore described (block 67), and the estimated cost of the land to be acquired be \$100,000." The insertion of the provisional clause, the advocates of block 67 say, was for one purpose, to hold the owners of block 67 down to the figure named in the call for the bond election, and in no way contemplated the abandonment of the site upon any other contingency.

The advocates of block 67 further claim that the site has been officially appraised and the same within the allowance for the purchase of the library site; that the fact that block 67 was named as the proposed site in the call for election gives it the weight of public sanction; that it has been virtually approved by the architect, and by the City Engineer and that it can be acquired within the amount of the appropriation without the necessity of condemnation proceedings, which, they would involve delay and uncertain expenditures.

Continuing, they say that block 67 is accessible by four lines of street railways, and that if accepted by the Board of Supervisors would not only be within easy reach of all the people, but would establish at once a great structure from which Mr. Burnham could extend his plans and would supply a definite nucleus around which the new and beautiful city of San Francisco, as planned by that architect, could grow.

But to all this argument those that favor block 73 have an answer. Favor-

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LAWYERS HONOR JUDGE PARKER

They Formally Welcome Him to Bar of New York at Well-Attended Banquet at Well-Attended Banquet VOICES HIS PLEASURE

Ex-Secretary Root Pays a High Tribute to Recent Candidate for President

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Alton B. Parker, former Chief Justice of the Court of Appeals of New York and Democratic candidate for the Presidency in the last campaign, was the guest of honor to-night at a dinner at the Waldorf-Astoria. The dinner was given by the bench and bar of the city of New York and Republicans and Democrats alike were present to honor the Justice's return to the practice of law. Among the 450 who attended were many of the most prominent members of the legal profession in this city. Former Justice D. Cady Herick was also a guest.

Justice Morgan J. O'Brien of the appellate division of the Supreme Court was the presiding officer. The speakers included former Governor Frank S. Black, former Secretary of War Elihu Root, William B. Hornblower and Judge Parker. Judge Parker was the center of the group of well-wishers during the greater part of the evening. Before the speaking began Francis B. Harrison, the defeated candidate for Lieutenant Governor, and M. Linn Bruce, the successful candidate for President, both came to greet him. They had not met before to-night. Judge Parker had never met Bruce and they chatted pleasantly together.

When the Judge rose to speak the diners arose, waving handkerchiefs and cheered. Judge Parker expressed his gratitude to his hosts for the cordial welcome extended to him in becoming a member of the bar in this city. The notable absence of jealousy and the readiness of its members to recognize and apply the worthy performance of each other were conditions, he said, that have always made the practice of the profession of the law in the city of New York exceedingly attractive and many have come here from other places, not only in anticipation of the substantial rewards they might meet with and in the hope of a wider sphere of active usefulness, but also to be associated with the traditions of the bar here and with the ambition to be enrolled in the ranks of its members.

Elihu Root said in part: "Upon the observation and experience of a practice which must seem long to any but my leader, Mr. Parker, it was announced, had a friendly and warm regard for the guest we honor, it is a pleasure to add my voice to the expressions of esteem we give him here. I can say that no interests when committed to Judge Parker's hands are not had just and wisely considered. We welcome him to our bar; we are proud of him and proud of our bar."

SAILORS ENTERTAINED AT SEAMEN'S INSTITUTE Songs and Athletic Exhibitions Are Some Features of an Enjoyable Programme.

The members of the Seamen's Institute, 33 Stewart street, were entertained last evening by St. Mark's Boys' Club of Berkeley, who, under the direction of Professor William Smith, gave some remarkably clever and interesting performances and exhibitions on the horizontal bar, went through pyramidal groupings, Indian club exercises and ever so many other acts, which were appreciated by the sailors. The bright little chaps had rivals in two pretty misses, who also did wonders on the bars.

There was singing, too, and the sailors gave the breezy "chanty," in which all the brawny seamen at the club joined in the chorus. The room in which the entertainment was given was crowded and in the assemblage were many representative men and women of San Francisco and the surrounding cities. Refreshments were served and the audience, before parting, sang "Auld Lang Syne." The Rev. Winfield Digby, chaplain of the institute, looked after the comfort of the sailors and their guests.

There is to be a tea and social at the institute on Saturday evening.

TIVOLI HAS SOMETHING IN STORE FOR JUVENILES During Each Performance Next Week Has Planned a Novel Scheme of Entertaining Youngsters.

A Christmas surprise is in store for juvenile friends of the Tivoli Opera-house next week. Beginning Saturday evening King Dodo will hold a royal carnival. A beautiful series of transformation pictures has been arranged, illustrating "A Child's Dream of Christmas," at the end of which a real Santa Claus and a huge Christmas tree laden with every manner of sparkling ornamentation will burst into view. The Christmas transformation scenes will be repeated at all performances of "King Dodo" during the holiday week.

Sherman, Clay & Co. are offering a good mandolin for \$2.50. They should be seen to-day.

Note Is Worthless. The Supreme Court says Samuel C. Meyer waited too long to begin his suit for \$250 against J. J. Gottlob and the bank, consequently cannot be compelled to redeem a note he indorsed for Ned Foster several years ago. Foster gave the note to S. H. Collins, who passed it on to M. H. Walswitzer for collection. The suit was instituted by Meyer, the next possessor of the now worthless paper.

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YOUNG GOULD MUST EXPLAIN

Police Commissioner McAdoo Says He Has No Right to Carry Gun Without Permit

LONDON, Dec. 21.—Action is to be taken by the Columbia University authorities in the case of Kingdon Gould, the freshman student, who yesterday thwarted the purpose of five sophomores who sought to kidnap him, by shooting a revolver over their heads.

Police Captain Nally was ordered to-day to investigate the shooting by Kingdon Gould yesterday. Police Commissioner McAdoo said: "I must take cognizance of this case. Young Gould has no more right to carry a pistol without a permit than any one else."

Indignation at the action of Kingdon Gould yesterday is being expressed about town. Surface traffic was stopped for more than an hour and the subway station was wrecked, its glass doors being demolished. Holbert finally escaped from the crowd and boarded the downtown subway train, but the fight continued fiercely.

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Another Highwayman Caught. Nateo Zattaso was arrested early this morning by Detectives McGrayn and Davis. Zattaso is wanted in Amador County for highway robbery. He is accused of having assaulted a man, robbing him of \$180. He is said to have robbed a store in Oakland, Antonio Tolome, a companion of Zattaso, was also taken into custody. The police have no evidence against him, but they believe he is connected with several recent robberies. In his possession was found a loaded revolver.

DARING GIBE AT THE KING

Sir Wilfrid Lawson in His Verses Takes a Fling at Edward and the Beerage

LONDON, Dec. 21.—Sir Wilfrid Lawson, the apostle of temperance and social reform, in conjunction with F. Caruthers Gould, the caricaturist, has just issued a volume of illustrated verses entitled "Cartoons in Rhyme and Line." It is dedicated "To the best of wives from the worst of poets." So far as the poetry is concerned, it suffices to say that Sir Wilfrid lives up to the reputation which he gives himself.

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MINNESOTA SETTLERS HARASSED BY INDIANS

Found Necessary to Form a Vigilance Committee to Check the Outrages.

DULUTH, Minn., Dec. 21.—Incensed over the large number of murders and robberies that have been committed lately by Indians in the northern part of Itasca County, near the international boundary, the settlers and homesteaders, according to Enoch Leighton, a settler, who was here to-day, have formed themselves into a vigilance committee for the purpose of avenging the deaths of some of their comrades.

GOVERNOR VAN SANT OUT FOR THE SENATE Speech of the Minnesota on Freight Rates Taken to Indicate His Candidacy.

ST. PAUL, Dec. 21.—Governor Van Sant to-night addressed a large audience at Hastings, Minn., on "Freight Rates" and his speech is regarded here as his entry into the Senatorial contest for the seat in the United States Senate now occupied by Senator Clapp.

Fewer Students at Harvard. CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Dec. 21.—The Harvard University catalogue for 1904-05, issued to-day, shows Harvard's registration this year, exclusive of the summer school and Radcliffe College, to be 419, as compared with 428 last year, or a loss of 9. The figures including Radcliffe and the summer school make the loss for Harvard even greater. This year the total, including these two departments, is 450, against 604 last year, making the loss 154.

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