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CITY COUNCIL MONTHLY MEETING HELD.

The City Fathers Provided for a Park and Discussed the Sprinkling Contract.

Ever since Mayor Gunter was inducted into office three years ago he has been urging the necessity of providing a public park for the people of Columbus, and his efforts in this direction reached a successful consummation last Tuesday night, when at their regular monthly meeting the City Council decided to lease from Mrs. S. B. Bradford the property at the corner of Market street and South Fourth avenue known as Bradford Square for use as a park. The lease is for a term of five years, and as compensation for use of the property Mrs. Bradford is to be relieved of the payment of all taxes thereon.

The property is admirably adapted for the purpose for which it has been secured. It is centrally located, being only two blocks distant from Main street, and at the same time is in a quiet neighborhood where one can enjoy the beautiful surroundings in peace and quietude. The park, which is already beautifully shaded, will be graded and sodded and a system of cement walks put in. A number of electric lights will be installed and the place will be fitted up with every comfort and convenience for pleasure seekers and for those who may go there in search of rest after a hard day's work.

Col. W. C. Richard appeared before the the Council as the representative of a number of the citizens who it seems are not satisfied with the terms of the contract recently entered into by the council with Mr. J. W. Gardner for the sprinkling of the streets. The objection raised by Col. Richards is that the agreement is not satisfactory on account of the fact that the owners of large parcels of ground will have to pay the same price for sprinkling as do the owners of stores, who, he claimed, derived much greater benefit from the sprinkling. After a short discussion of the matter the council decided to postpone all action until next Monday night, when a special meeting will be held for the purpose of making final disposition of the question. The citizens of Columbus are invited to be present at this meeting, and a fair and equitable adjustment of the matter will doubtless be arranged.

After the discussion of several matters of minor importance the council adjourned until 7:30 o'clock Thursday night.

At the meeting Thursday night a communication was received from the Arkay Stave and Heading Company, stating that they were about to erect a large tank at their plant in the southeastern portion of the city, and would furnish the city with water for fire purposes provided that the council would purchase and have installed a fire hydrant. Upon motion, the proposition of the Arkay Stave and Heading Company was accepted with thanks, and the fire committee was instructed to purchase a hydrant and have the same installed at the most central point available.

The request of Mrs. Leech for permission to erect a stable on a parcel of ground at a point near the corner of First street and South Fifth avenue was referred to the street committee.

Upon motion, the Pastors' Alliance was granted permission to erect a tent on Bradford Square for the purpose of holding a series of revival meetings.

The report of the city marshal of the property sold for delinquent taxes was received and approved.

The city treasurer was instructed to return to Mr. J. G. Wood the amount of overcharge made on water rent.

The bond submitted by E. S. Donnell, city marshal and tax collector, with the American Guarantee Company as surety thereon was received and approved.

Upon motion, it was ordered that the Bauscher Carnival Company, which appeared here last week under the auspices of the local lodge of the Independent Order of Beavers, be relieved of the payment of all privilege license.

Upon motion, the council adjourned until 8 o'clock Friday night.

The council met again at 8 o'clock Friday night, but little business of importance was transacted, the whole meeting having been devoted to examining and approving the regular monthly accounts.

The finance committee, which was sometime since empowered to make a contract for the erection of a city prison, reported that they had bids from three contractors. These were read before the council but no definite action was taken. The committee was continued.

The mayor was requested to cite the members of the board of health to that chapter of the city ordinances prescribing their duties and to inform them that hereafter the same would be rigidly enforced.

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THE DISPATCH CONTINUES TO GROW.

THE DISPATCH continues to grow. As an evidence of this fact during the month of March this paper paid for six hundred and seven pounds of mail matter at the local postoffice, the largest monthly postage bill in its history, covering a period of twenty six days. It must be understood that this was for papers sent out in addition to the thousands sent to the people of this county upon which no postage is paid and the thousands distributed by carriers in this city.

The past week saw a large number of people enrolled as new subscribers and the lists are increasing daily. Among those who sent their names to our lists are: W. B. Peebles, City; J. P. Murray, Caledonia; J. R. Gilmer, City; Mrs. Eliza Hackleman, Roxton, Tex.; J. B. Dowdle, City; Mrs. S. B. McGee, City; J. E. Mason, Mason, City; C. A. G. City; W. A. Brown, City; A. B. Gardner, Minter City, Miss., and others.



Johanna Galski, the great soloist, appearing in this city on May 2nd with the Pittsburg Orchestra.

COLUMBUS' GREAT CELEBRATION MAY 2.

Coming of Pittsburg Orchestra and Madam Galski Will be Welcomed by Thousands.

May the second promises to be a red letter day in the history of this beautiful little city and it is sure to be thronged with visitors from every nook and corner of the State. The occasion will be the dedication of the Temple of Music at the Industrial College, the beautiful building which will be opened on that occasion. In addition to the great musical treat assured the public in the coming of the famous Pittsburg orchestra, with Emul Paor conducting, accompanied by that incomparable soloist, Madam Johanna Galski, it is more than probable that those who are here will have the opportunity of hearing the State's two most brilliant sons, Hon. Jas. K. Vardaman and Hon. John Sharp Williams.

The coming of the Pittsburg orchestra is a history making occasion in the musical annals of Mississippi. It is seldom, indeed, that the great organizations like this are heard outside of the large cities and their visit to Columbus is only assured upon the largest guarantee ever placed in this city. Accompanying the orchestra will be Madam Galski, who in concert work ranks with all of the great artists of the day. Her singing here will be a distinct event serving to distinguish this city as one of the musical centres of the South.

Another feature of the day will be, probably, the addresses by Hon. Jas. K. Vardaman and Hon. John Sharp Williams. THE DISPATCH has invited both of them to address the farmers of this section upon that occasion and if they accept the invitation a tremendous gathering is looked for. Mr. Williams has an engagement at Corinth for the 2nd but Hon. Walter Weaver has written him appealing to him to come here and as he has never spoken in Columbus and this section it is more than likely he will change his dates and accept the invitation. Hon. Jas. K. Vardaman has done good work over the State in the cotton movement and both gentlemen would be eagerly listened to if they will agree to speak. While the meeting is devoid of political significance it is generally understood that in the event that Senator Money is not a candidate for re-election both of these distinguished gentlemen will be in the race to succeed him and this fact adds greatly to the interest and importance of their visit. It is hoped that both will be heard from this week and definite announcements can be made in the matter.

A MUSIC FESTIVAL FOR COLUMBUS.

Interest in the forthcoming engagement of the Pittsburg Orchestra in this city has been so widespread and has become so great that those in charge of the entertainment and the College, under whose auspices the entertainment will be given, have decided to make it the beginning of a "May Music Festival" for this institution and this city which will be given each May. It is their intention to have a concert on the evening of Monday, May 1st, at the College at which several of the College celebrities will appear assisted by notable artists from other places and this will formerly inaugurate the movement. Extensive notices will be made of the entertainment later.

PROMISE OF A GREAT REVIVAL.

No religious movement in years promises so much for the development of Columbus as the great revival to be held during May, a concerted effort of all the churches. Already considerable interest is being manifested in the preparations which are being made by the committees named in Sunday's issue now vigorously at work, at their respective tasks.

A men's prayer meeting has been inaugurated by those in charge of the promotion of the undertaking, the first session of which will be held at the First Baptist church tomorrow night at eight o'clock. At this time the work thus far done by the committees will be reported, and further plans for the movement discussed. Every man interested in the work attempted, as all should be, is urged to be on hand Monday night.

THE ODD FELLOWSHIP ANNIVERSARY.

Probable That It Will Occur in This City and Will Bring an Immense Throng Here.

The Grand Master has sent forth his proclamation calling upon the member of the order to celebrate the 87th anniversary of Odd Fellowship. It has been the custom of the lodges in this section for a number of years past to celebrate this occasion with becoming exercises and it is more than probable that it will be observed in this good year. Already one lodge, Artesia No. 169, has appointed a committee to co-operate with the committees from the other lodges in arranging for the anniversary celebration and it is expected that the other lodges throughout this section will soon appoint committees to assist in the work.

The plan which has proven so acceptable and popular in the years gone by will, in all probability, be changed somewhat this year in order to give the members of the order from the western section an opportunity to share in the pleasures of the day. Heretofore the lodges from Columbus and others have selected Jemison's Mill or New Bethel as the scene of the celebration in order to accommodate the Odd Fellows from Western Alabama, who have always united in the occasion.

There is a strong sentiment in all of the lodges this year favoring Columbus as the scene of the celebration. This would enable all the lodges to meet upon central ground. The Odd Fellows from Artesia and other places west and south of us could easily reach here, while the members of the order on the line of the Southern could reach this city early on the day of the celebration returning to their homes on the night train after the celebration is over. It is believed that the lodges at Caledonia, New Hope, in this county; Mcbee, Sunnyside, Gordo and other places in the western section of Alabama would welcome the opportunity to visit Columbus upon such an occasion.

A fine program could be arranged here. The fair grounds could be secured and a magnificent basket dinner given. This could be preceded by a parade and the anniversary exercises with such short addresses as are appropriate for the occasion. Union Lodge generally takes the initiative in this matter and the anniversary will come up for discussion to-morrow night.

MR. GREGORY HUMPHRIES WAS KILLED

Instantly by the Blowing Up of His Engine at Artesia--Two Other Men Injured.

This city was shocked yesterday afternoon by the telephonic announcement from Artesia stating that Mr. Gregory Humphries had been instantly killed by the blowing up of his engine. He was employed as engineer on the switch engine at that place and was engaged in pushing a number of cars up on the coal chute when the terrible accident occurred. His body was blown about two hundred feet and was terribly mangled, death being instantaneous. His fireman, a negro named Will Davis, was also badly injured and scalded and a conductor, Mr. Dougherty, was also seriously if not fatally injured. Following the explosion fire ensued and several cars were destroyed as was also a part of the coal chute. The engine was blown to atoms.

Mr. Humphries was a brother of Mr. Henry Humphries of this city, whose tragic end by drowning a few weeks ago caused this community such intense sorrow. For a number of years he had been employed by the M. & O. and he was regarded as one of this road's most deserving and promising young men. He was given the switch engine at the above place and as engineer had been employed for some time past. He was married several years ago and he leaves a grief stricken young wife, his brothers and sisters in this city to mourn his untimely death. It is unnecessary to state that the sympathy of the entire community goes out to the family in their additional bereavement and sorrow.

The injured conductor and fireman were brought to this city yesterday afternoon and carried to the infirmary for treatment. The body of Mr. Humphries was also brought to this city, the funeral arrangements at this hour not having been completed.

BISHOP GALLOWAY TO LECTURE HERE.

THE DISPATCH has secured for a benefit in behalf of one of the worthy and deserving charities of this city a lecture to be given this fall by no less renowned and eminent a man than Bishop Chas. B. Galloway. This profound scholar, great orator and distinguished churchman states that his time is all filled until fall when he will be pleased to deliver his latest lecture on Lamar here. The date and object of his engagement in Columbus will be announced in due season.

The Street Sprinkling Contract.

Some little misapprehension exists in the minds of the people as to the street sprinkling contract, and a word just here, is perhaps necessary, in explanation. The rate applies to residents on both sides of the street, that is for instance: on a street 120 feet wide the sprinkling rate is 27 1/2 cents for each 25 feet of the street sprinkled. This rate applies to residents on both sides of the street, really making the 55 cents for the twenty five feet of a 120 foot street sprinkled. There are some little objections to the contract and in some instances it is working a hardship to the property owner who own large tracts, but these will be it is understood amicably and satisfactorily adjusted by the Council.

Messrs. Sydney R. Prince and J. M. Posey, two well known officials of the Mobile & Ohio railroad with headquarters in Mobile, were in the city Friday.