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**A PARK COMMISSION.**

This paper has frequently called attention to the advisability of naming a park commission for this city—a commission with power to develop and in a cooperative way carry out a scheme for city beautification. While the Commercial Club has discussed this matter at different times, and two months ago instructed the president of the club to name a committee of five for the specific purpose of discovering park sites available, no definite action has been taken.

And perhaps it is well. It would seem that a park committee or commission should be named by the city council and endowed with powers to do things within reason. If the Council can not or will not do this, then the Commercial Club should not permit it to be neglected longer. The club could at least name a committee with instructions to make recommendations and suggestions to the club and public generally, and then give that committee the strength there is in the hearty support of an organized commercial body. Such a committee could accomplish a great good, though it came from the Commercial Club, but it could accomplish much greater good easier and quicker if it had the official sanction of the city's law-making body.

It is our opinion that a park commission or committee, besides looking after the matter of providing and caring for a city park or parks, should be required to make suggestions as to the planting and removal of street trees, and the foliage and general beautification scheme of all public grounds. To this committee might well be left the securing and placing of fountains, the matter of co-operating with public school officials in teaching civic beauty and cleanliness, organization of district improvement societies—in fact all that goes to make up civic beauty.

The necessity for prompt action in this matter comes in the fact that countless streets lawns are being planted with trees that might not conform to a well-planned general scheme, a plan with which property owners might readily agree if they but knew. To the added fact that many trees that should not be removed are being taken out, and others unnecessary and unsightly are left. Also that the price of land available for park

purposes continues to rise rather than fall; and the added fact that just now we are developing in such a way that some sort of careful supervision is necessary to make the city as beautiful as it can be made at no greater cost.

The council should name a park commission and give it all the power possible.

**THE BLINDNESS OF JUSTICE**

It is interesting to speculate upon what would happen if Justice instead of wearing a bandage over her eyes, had worn a clothespin on her nose or corks in her ears.

A court decided the other day that an offense to sight is not a nuisance. An enterprising gas company had embellished a choice residence district with a gigantic tank, painted that shade of red which will give a sensitive person sunstroke any time between May and November. The decision no doubt is according to precedent. Abatement of a violent offense to the sense of smell or hearing may be enforced, but the theory seems to be that it doesn't really hurt one to look at a big red gas tank on a warm day.

A more forcible illustration may be pointed out. Nearly if not quite everywhere in the United States it is impossible, legally, to prevent any man from chopping down any tree that stands uponland to which he happens, at the moment, to have title. The tree may be a beautiful and beneficent growth of decades, the sight of it a cherished possession of thousands of people. Yet if the man buys the plot of ground he can fell the tree and make a bonfire of its corpse. Our eyes, in the poet's fancy, are the windows of our souls; but, generally speaking, we per-

mit anybody that is so minded to spatter mud on the window panes at will.—Saturday Evening Post.

**Going Over to Crook County**

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is a three day auto trip, or seven days by team. All who went over are confident the soil is as good as can be found on the globe, and they say Bend is going to be a fine town. It has a great country about it, fine valley, extensive forests and two railroad crews are surveying in that vicinity. They found the recent trip a hot and dusty one, but nothing so bad as to cause them to forgo their purpose.

**Night on Bald Mountain.**

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 Dated this 12th day of August, 1909.  
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 BENJAMIN L. EDDY,  
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**MY QUEER PARTNER.**

By BELLE C. WARREN.

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When I was twenty-five years of age I was sent to St. Paul by the firm I was with to establish an agency for their goods. I soon discovered that there was a concern in Minneapolis which was selling the same grade of goods and always underbidding me. I went over there to see if I could make a scale of prices with the underbidding firm.

I found a young man even younger than myself. He was not acting as agent, but for himself. I stated my business, to which he listened attentively. I argued that if he continued to underbid me I would begin to underbid him, and one would thus ruin each other's trade, whereas if we made prices together we could both succeed. When I had finished he said:

"What guaranty have I that you will keep your agreement?"

Surprised at such a question, I replied, "The same guaranty I have that you will keep yours."

"There is no doubt whatever that I will keep any agreement I shall make," he replied, with some hauteur.

It struck me that he should go to some university for a course of logic. However, I persuaded him to make a list of minimum prices with me and left him well pleased with the result of my visit. We became very good friends as well as competitors, and finally, when I concluded to act also on my own account, we concluded, in order to save expenses, to form a partnership. I offered to give him first place in the firm name, but he insisted on taking the second, so we styled ourselves Graves & Elliston.

I found my partner a queer mixture. For a time I was virtual as well as nominal head of the firm, but lost it in a very odd way. A man came into our store to buy a large bill of goods on credit. The profit would be large, and I was brimful of enthusiasm over the trade. Not so Elliston. He flatly refused to consent "to sell" the man. When it came to his reasons he had none to give. Irritated, I told him that he should explain his position or I would dissolve the partnership, whereupon, driven to the wall, he said that he didn't like the shape of the man's nose.

Notwithstanding this absurd reason, which I inferred he had given simply to afford me an excuse for not fulfilling my threat, we did not sell the goods. Some months later the notes the purchaser had given other firms were protested and every dollar of the indebtedness was lost. I charged Elliston with having some information unknown to me about the rascal, but he denied having any whatever. Nevertheless from this time I never urged entering upon any important transaction without my partner's full approval.

But when it came to a matter of several hundred or several thousand dollars, while I would unblushingly make an offer of half the amount asked, Elliston could never bring himself to consider such a course as anything but ridiculous. Thus the large transactions fell into my hands.

Although Elliston seemed to me to be very notional, I gradually found that he was a better business man than I. He was certainly my superior in looking ahead. While my mind was on the present, his was on the future. This was especially true in the matter of expenses. I am free to admit that had it not been for him our expenses would have eaten up our profits. He was continually surprising me, when payments were being obliged to make come round, by having provided the funds to meet them. This faculty, together with his keeping expenses down, made money for us every year for several years. Then one day Elliston told me that he wished to sell his interest in the business since he purposed traveling abroad. This was a blow to me, for I was not minded to give up business myself, and I was sure I could not make money without the aid of the typical faculties possessed by my partner. However, he gave me easy terms, and I bought him out.

As soon as the papers had passed Elliston bade me goodbye and left for New York to sail for Naples. A week later I received a letter from him at Chicago, asking me to meet him there. Since he gave no reason I hesitated. However, knowing him to be a queer fellow who usually had a reason hidden away somewhere for what he did, I left my business with my head clerk and took a train.

The next evening I called at Elliston's hotel and sent up my card. I was shown to a private parlor, where, instead of finding him, a woman advanced to greet me.

"You're Elliston's sister," I exclaimed, "doubtless his twin."

"I am Elliston himself," she replied. And so she was. It was a singular story she told me—how, having been obliged to make her own way in the world, she had found skirts disadvantageous and finally donned man's attire. Having made enough to give her several thousand dollars a year income, she gladly resumed her proper attire, but not until she had left the proximity of those who had known her as a man.

I had always regarded my partner as young and boyish looking, without a beard and with a musical voice. In woman's dress Margaret Elliston—that was her name—was transfigured into a very attractive woman. I remained in Chicago a week, at the end of which time it was arranged that I should return to Minnesota, sell the business and we should go abroad as husband and wife.

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