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MEMORIAL EDIFICE FOR ST. LOUIS

World's Fair Directors to Erect Large Stone Pile.

TO COST OVER \$350,000.

Structure to Be Built With Exposition Surplus Will Be Repository of Louisiana Purchase and Other Relics. Statue of Thomas Jefferson to Be a Feature of the Building.

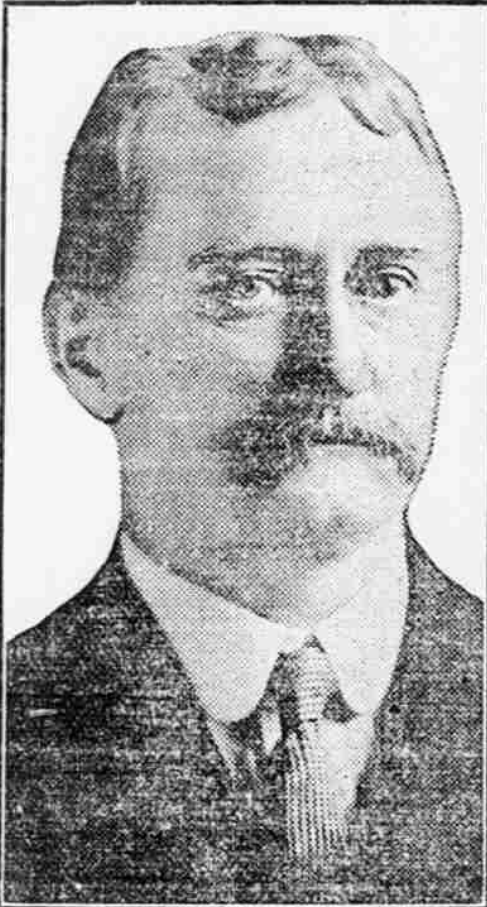
A formal tender to the city of St. Louis of a memorial building was made the other night at the St. Louis Country club by officials of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition company. The offer was made by President David R. Francis, speaking for the board of directors, of whom about seventy-five were present. As guests of the world's fair officials Mayor Kreismann and nearly all the city officials were present, the occasion being the sixth anniversary of the opening of the world's fair.

The plan of the building as outlined by Mr. Francis is that it shall cost from \$350,000 to \$500,000 and be located in St. Louis where De Baliviere avenue enters Forest park and facing Lindell avenue. The dimensions are to be 330 by 65 feet, with an archway in the center over De Baliviere avenue. Over this archway the plan contemplates a dome above which will rise a statue of Thomas Jefferson.

Mr. Francis explained that the motive of the directors was to erect a building that should be a fitting commemoration of the world's fair of St. Louis and of the part that Thomas Jefferson took in making the Louisiana purchase the event the world's fair celebrated. The work on the statue of Jefferson is now under way. Carl Bitter, chief of sculpture at the world's fair, having the commission.

Structure to Be of Stone.

The building is to be of stone, and the space on either side of the dome crowned archway is to be used as a



DAVID R. FRANCIS.

repository of the records of the world's fair and of historical data connected with St. Louis and the Louisiana purchase. The city officials present were well pleased with the formal offer of the directors. The offer will be referred to the board of public improvements, and then a recommendation of this board will be made to the municipal assembly and an ordinance framed for the acceptance of the building.

The memorial building is to be paid for out of a surplus that remains in the treasury of the exposition. This surplus is partly due to a waiver on the part of the United States to a claim on a part of the receipts. The surplus is about the amount the contemplated building will cost.

The building will be approximately on the site of the main entrance to the world's fair.

Pantheon For St. Louis Immortals.
During the discussion of the building and its uses one suggestion that found favor was that a part of it, probably one wing, be made into a pantheon to contain busts and pictures of men who have done something for St. Louis.

At the election of officers of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition company David R. Francis was chosen president, Samuel M. Kennard, D. M. Houser, Cyrus P. Walbridge, Charles H. Huttig, August Gerner and Pierre Chouteau vice presidents, Walter B. Stevens secretary, Franklin Ferriss general counsel, Fred Gabel auditor and Edward Perry acting auditor.

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AN ARCTIC CAMP.

Pearry's Canvas Tents, Which Were Absolutely Snow Proof.

"A man's first night in a canvas tent in the arctic is likely to be rather wakeful," says Commander Peary in Hampton's. "The ice makes mysterious noises, the dogs bark and fight outside the tent, where they are tethered, and as three Eskimos and one white man usually occupy a small tent and the oil stove is left burning all night the air, notwithstanding the cold, is not overpure, and sometimes the Eskimo begin chanting to the spirits of their ancestors in the middle of the night. Sometimes, too, the new man's nerves are tried by hearing wolves howl in the distance."

"The tents are specially made. They are of lightweight canvas, and the floor of the tent is sewed directly into it. The fly is sewed up, a circular opening in it just large enough to admit a man, and that opening fitted with a circular flap, which is closed by a drawstring, making the tent absolutely snow proof. An ordinary tent when the snow is flying would be filled in no time."

"The tent is pyramidal, with one pole in the center, and the edges are usually held down by the sledge runners or by snowshoes used as tent pegs. The men sleep on the floor in their clothes with a musk ox skin or a couple of deerskins wrapped around them."

"The kitchen box for our sledge journeys is simply a wooden box containing two double burner oil stoves with four inch wicks. The two cooking pots are the bottoms of five gallon coal oil tins fitted with covers. When packed they are turned bottom side up over each stove, and the hinged cover of the wooden box is closed."

"On reaching camp, whether tent or snow igloo, the kitchen box is set down inside. The top of the box is turned up and keeps the heat of the stove from melting the wall of the igloo or burning the tent. The hinged front of the box is turned down and forms a table. The two cooking pots are filled with pounded ice and put on the stove. When the ice melts one pot is used for tea and the other may be used to warm beans or to boil meat if there is any."

"Each man has a quart cup for tea and a hunting knife which serves many purposes. He does not carry a fork, and one teaspoon is considered quite enough for a party of four. Each man helps himself from the pot—sticks in his knife and fishes out a piece of meat."

"The theory of field work is that there shall be two meals a day, one in the morning and one at night. As the days grow short the meals are taken before light and after dark, leaving the period of light entirely for work. Sometimes it is necessary to travel twenty-four hours without stopping for food."

The Difference.

"Mistah Walkah, kin yo' tell me de difference 'tween a cold in de head an' a— a chicken coop wit' a hole in de rufe?"

"No, Sam; that's a hard one. What is the difference between a cold in the head and a chicken coop with a hole in the roof?"

"De one am a case o' influenza, an' de udder am a case o' out flew hens, suh."

"Ladies and gentlemen, the vocal wonder, Professor Wabble Izzers, will now sing the popular ballad entitled 'The Lips That Curses a Stogy Shall Never Touch Mine.'—Chicago Tribune.

The Cobra of India.

Among the true cobras of India the naja is found all over India and Ceylon, Burma, the Andaman Islands, southern China and the Malay peninsula and archipelago. It ascends the Himalayas to an altitude of 8,000 feet. It extends also over Afghanistan and through Persia to the eastern shore of the Caspian. It may attain a length of nearly seven and a half feet, but it is usually not more than a little over five and a half feet long. Najas vary much in color and markings, but have generally the spectacle mark on the back of the neck, which they always distend before making an attack.

Fish in Former Times.

Men of former ages, unless they lived near the sea or a river, had great difficulties in gratifying their taste for fish. The great houses had their fish ponds or stews, but sea fish, such as cod, haddock, sturgeon, herring and sprats, were salted, and the excessive consumption of highly salted fish in the middle ages is said to have produced leprosy. Fish was also baked in pies to enable it to be carried for great distances.

In a New Light.

Actor-Playwright—I have been told, sir, that the Corot you sold me is not genuine! Art Dealer—Who said so? Actor-Playwright—The art critic of the Daily Whirl. Art Dealer—Do you believe what their dramatic critic says about your plays? Actor-Playwright—I never thought of that! What have you to show me today?—Smart Set.

Firmness.

"When my wife makes up her mind," said Mr. Meekton, "there is no use of arguing with her."

"But every woman changes her opinion sometimes."

"Yes, and Henrietta is particularly resolute when she makes up her mind to change her opinion."—Washington Star.

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NATIONAL BOY SCOUT MOVEMENT

Scope of Project Formulated by Highway Protective Society.

SIMILAR TO ENGLISH BODY.

One Aim of the Organization Is to Get City Boys Off the Streets—Basic Idea Is to Further the Interests of Good Roads—Many Lads Anxious to Become Scouts.

To save boys who have a tendency to fall into the delinquent class the National Highway Protective society in New York has formulated a comprehensive plan to provide additional playgrounds for children and a boys' scout organization similar to that which has proved so successful in England. The support of Mayor Gaynor of New York city will be enlisted by the society, and an appeal will be made to every patriotic person for contributions to the necessary fund to engineer the scheme. The project had its inception about a month ago. Colonel Edmond S. Cornell, secretary of the National Highway Protective society, in outlining the scope of the scouts' organization is to further the interests of good roads from coast to coast.

"How," he asks, "can an army move unless it has proper roads?"

At a recent meeting of representatives of children's aid societies of New York city, at which Colonel Cornell presided, a committee of five was appointed to request Mayor Gaynor's help in having the city permit the use of its unused property and of school lots in summer as playgrounds. The advisability of asking owners of vacant lots to let them be used for ball games, etc., was discussed. A. K. Wing, counsel for the New York Transportation company, will take charge of this plan. The need of quick action was emphasized by the report that the number of children killed in the streets was increasing with every month.

But the principal object of the society is to put on foot the scout movement.

In every locality, it is argued, there are many boys in summer who have nothing to do but play on the streets. Many would be glad to do something "worth while." It is proposed to take these boys, ranging in years from twelve to seventeen, and organize them into military companies.

Scope of Their Field Work.

The boys will spend the time outdoors mapping the roads, constructing bridges and performing other field work. An aeroplane department will furnish plenty of excitement and instruction in the fundamental principles of aviation. In short, the scope of work will encompass the latest scientific fields, including wireless telegraphy. Aside from an effort to build up character such as will mature into excellent citizenship material, the boys will be taught to render the government a direct service, it is believed, by gradually acquiring much desired information that would prove valuable in time of war.

Primarily the scouts movement was conceived by General Baden-Powell of England to instill and stimulate a militant national patriotism. He evolved the idea of combining self sacrifice, self discipline and national service with a dash of attractive amusement in educating boys. The moral and social influence has been very marked in England, it is claimed.

Chief among the basic elements of appeal in the scout movement is the fact that it enables every boy to live in a degree a life of adventure and discovery so dear to the puerile heart.

Colonel Peter S. Bonus, U. S. A., retired, has been chosen to head the scout movement in the United States. His election as commander in chief seems to have been a happy choice. For Colonel Bonus has an attractive personality that should appeal to the boys. Furthermore, he has been an Indian fighter and has seen service in the Philippines. Colonel Gifford Hurry of New York has been appointed treasurer of the organization.

Many Wish to Become Scouts.

An effort is now being made to enlist the right kind of men in every state in the Union to take charge of the movement in different localities. A number of applications have already been received, but the society is taking every precaution to secure the best available state commanders. If sufficient funds are obtained in time the scouts will take the field this summer.

Already the plan has met with an unexpected demonstration of enthusiasm. The other day nearly a hundred ambitious youngsters charged upon the offices of the National Highways association in New York city in an effort to enlist. They were informed that their applications were premature. Men in the regular army and national guard have offered their assistance. These volunteers are located as far away as Fort Riley, in Kansas, and Georgia.

No one of doubtful character, age or physique will be admitted in the organization. As soon as these and similar preliminary matters have been disposed of recruiting stations will be opened and the enrollment commenced.

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