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WILL NOT MORTGAGE PARKS

Board So Notifies West Council Bluffs Improvement Club.

NEW PARK WILL COME LATER

Revenue is Short and Board Cannot Do Much This Year—Mrs. O. M. Criswell Re-Elected by Women.

The Board of Park Commissioners yesterday decided that while it was willing and ready to do all in its power to secure land for a park for the western part of the city, it would not for a moment consider the proposition of mortgaging the other parks as under the new law it would have a right to do in order to buy the necessary land.

The matter came before the board in a communication from the West Council Bluffs Improvement club requesting the Board of Park Commissioners to take the necessary steps to acquire by purchase 200 acres of land for a park in that section of the city. The club also asked the park commissioners to at once proceed to certify up to the county auditor a special levy of 1 mill for the purchase of ground for the proposed park.

The commissioners instructed the secretary to notify the West Council Bluffs Improvement club that it would have to be governed by the revenue which would be derived from a 1-mill levy as to the amount of ground which could be purchased for a park in the western part of the city. The new law empowering park boards to make this special levy of 1 mill for the purchase of ground for park purposes will not go into effect until July, and the revenue from the levy, if imposed, will not be available until 1910.

The park commissioners do not propose that the county supervisors shall construct a drainage ditch through any park property without first consulting it. The proposed Pony creek drainage ditch will cut through what is known as Island park, a tract owned by the city, about four miles outside the municipal limits, which is under the control of the park board, although up to date it has never been added as a public park. At its meeting yesterday the board instructed the secretary to notify County Auditor Innes and County Surveyor Mayne that in locating drainage ditches they must on no account enter or trespass upon property under control of the park commissioners.

County Auditor Innes when asked about the matter yesterday, afternoon said: "I do not know whether the county surveyor has surveyed through Island park, which is commonly known as Carr lake, for the proposed Pony creek ditch, or not. That the park commissioners were opposed to the proposed drainage scheme is news to me, as I feel sure it will be to the county surveyor."

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Minor Mention

The Council Bluffs Office of the Omaha Bee is at 15 Scott Street. Both Phones 43.

DAVIS, DRUGS

CORPUS, UNDERTAKERS. Phones 148. Lewis Cutler, funeral director, Phone 57. Woodring Undertaking company, Tel. 235. PAULST BEER AT ROGERS' BUFFET.

When you want reliable want ad advertising, use The Bee.

Wanted—Girl for general housework; good wages. 128 Harrison street.

The city council will meet this evening in adjourned regular session.

HAIR, LONGENECKER, & BOLAND, Undertakers, Phone 124 N. Main St.

Dr. W. W. Magarell, optometrist, moved to 206-208 City National bank building.

Bluff City Masonic lodge will meet this evening for work in the second degree.

Pictures and Art Novelties for Graduation gifts. C. E. Alexander, 323 Broadway.

Joseph Hegenbart, aged 72 years, of Malvern, Mo., died yesterday morning at Mercy hospital. The body will be taken to his former home today.

Benjamin Marks, who has been seriously ill for some time, was yesterday removed from his home on Vine street to the Edmundson Memorial hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Weinberg will be at home this afternoon from 2 to 5 and this evening from 7 to 10 in honor of the confirmation of their son, Harry Weinberg.

Grover Pank and Lura Straub, both of Schuyler, Mo., were married in this city, the ceremony being performed by Rev. James M. Williams at the Broadway Methodist church parsonage.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Horst are guests of Rev. and Mrs. S. Alexander this week, being enroute to their home in Michigan from Los Angeles, Cal., where they have been spending the winter.

The meeting called for yesterday afternoon at the rooms of the Commercial club by Mayor Maloney to formulate plans for a public drainage board to consider matters in connection with the construction of the Upper Bow ditch. The supervisors of Pottawattamie county will meet as a local drainage board Thursday.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Eliza A. Gardner was held yesterday afternoon from the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. C. Keeling, on East Broadway, the services being conducted by Rev. J. W. Jones, pastor of St. Paul's Episcopal church. Burial was in Walnut Hill cemetery.

The receipts in the general fund of the Christian Home last week were \$97, being \$118 below the current needs of the week. The amount needed in the general fund and improvement fund for 1909 is \$12,731.31. In the manager's fund the receipts were \$25.50, being \$9.50 below the needs of the week. The amount needed in the deficiency in this fund to date is \$61.34.

Mrs. Catherine M. Sherbondy, aged 88 years, widow of the late Homer Sherbondy, died yesterday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. F. E. Whaley, 1003 Second avenue, after a year's illness. She was buried in Walnut Hill cemetery. Mrs. Whaley, Mrs. Steery and Mrs. Ryan, the latter of Ogden, Utah, and two sons, Byron and Warren Sherbondy, both of this city, were present at the funeral.

The body of Mrs. Laura B. Edmundson, wife of Bluffs, Edmundson, formerly of Des Moines, was brought to this city yesterday from Denver and interred in Walnut Hill cemetery. The body was met at the depot by friends who accompanied it to the cemetery, where a short burial service was conducted by Rev. Marcus P. McClure, pastor of the First Presbyterian church. The pallbearers were J. G. Wadsworth, G. E. Spooner, G. E. Davis, J. P. Green, A. H. Wallace and E. E. Aylesworth. Mrs. Edmundson died November 16 of last year and her body was placed temporarily in a receiving vault.

Experiment Station Work.

Work at the experiment station at the county poor farm, near McClintock, has been begun. Already samples of corn secured from about seventy-five farmers in different sections of Pottawattamie county have been planted. The work of gathering the seed and planting is being done by a representative of the Agricultural Extension department of the Iowa State college at Ames.

In addition to the general experimental field, a "breeding plot" has been planted, the purpose of which is to demonstrate what can be done in "breeding" corn. In order to do this a careful record is kept of each ear used for seed.

O. H. Barritt, superintendent of the county poor farm, is in charge of the experimental station, as he was last year. The farmers, Mr. Barritt states, are, if anything, taking a greater interest in the work of the experiment station this year than they did last season.

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Denison Woman Re-Elected by Home Missionary Societies.

Mrs. O. M. Criswell of Denison was re-elected district president at the Tuesday morning session of the annual meeting of the Woman's Home Missionary societies of the Council Bluffs district of the Des Moines conference of the Methodist church. The other officers elected were: Vice president, Mrs. Dr. Wood Logan; recording secretary, Mrs. W. H. Davis, Dunlap; corresponding secretary, Mrs. J. M. Williams, Council Bluffs; treasurer, Mrs. J. C. Anderson, Coia.

The following were selected as department secretaries: Temperance, Mrs. O. G. Oldham, Council Bluffs; supplies, Mrs. C. F. Danforth, Hamburg; literature, Mrs. T. S. Johnson, Dunlap; systematic beneficence, Mrs. Ella Greer, Shenandoah; mite boxes, Mrs. A. N. Jordan, Dunlap; young people's work, Mrs. C. L. Yes, Denison; home guards, Mrs. Hawley, Shenandoah.

The meeting came to a close with a conservation service, conducted by Mrs. A. E. Griffith of Atlantic.

At the morning session the principal feature of the program was the story of the year's work, consisting of reports from the department secretaries, officers of the auxiliaries and others.

The following delegates from out of town were registered yesterday morning: Mrs. Nell Hema, Miss Alma Gardner, Northborough; Mrs. James H. Anderson, Coia; Mrs. Etta Esterquist, Mrs. Laura Kearney, Mrs. Alanta Stone, East Liberty; Mrs. R. A. Whaley, Mrs. A. L. Curtis, Des Moines; Mrs. H. S. Hollingsworth, Des Moines; Mrs. T. S. Brown, Mrs. C. E. Danforth, Hamburg; Mrs. C. M. Ward, Glenwood; Mrs. C. Nye, Wadsworth; Mrs. Addie Merrill, Mrs. E. W. Pierce, Miss Frances Hart, Mrs. O. M. Criswell, Dunlap; Mrs. Amelia Richardson, Missouri Valley; Mrs. Harvey Johnson, Mrs. I. C. Wood, Logan.

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Real Estate Transfers.

These transfers were reported to The Bee, May 25, by the Pottawattamie County Abstract company of Council Bluffs:

J. D. Warren, single, to Benjamin Polk Real Estate Co., lots 11 and 12, in block 1 and lot 6, in block 2, Back's Addition to Council Bluffs, ad. \$ 300

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C. H. Huber and wife to C. & N. W. R. Co., lots 1, 2, 3 in block 11 and Mrs. J. A. Hart, lots 1, 2, 3 in block 11, Council Bluffs, ad. 2,000

Council Bluffs Savings bank to Sarah J. Cunningham, lot 1, in block 11, Plat. lot 10, Council Bluffs, ad. 2,000

Estate of Frank Widaw, to J. T. Brooks, lot 2, in block 6, in Bryant & Clark's Addition to Council Bluffs, ad. 200

Ernest E. Hart, Inc. to C. & N. W. R. Co., lot 2, in block 11, Council Bluffs, ad. 24-25-26 and north part lot "A," Turley's Addition to Council Bluffs, wd. 1,500

Total asked transfers, \$11,400.

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Swedish Baptists Convene.

The twenty-second annual conference of the Swedish Baptists of Iowa will convene at the Swedish Baptist church on North Seventh street today and will continue over Sunday. Prominent speakers of the church will address the convention each evening. Rev. A. G. Hagstrom of the national conference will speak this evening.

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An appropriation of \$15,000 was authorized for the purpose of adding to the fund for the erection of a new \$75,000 building at the Railroadmen's home at Highland Park, Ill.

George F. Sines of Detroit was elected fourth vice president.

Robert McIntyre, Oakland, Cal., was elected fifth vice president.

Grand Master Lee was directed to go to Washington and personally present to President Taft resolutions condemning the immigration laws and urging compensation for railroad employes injured while on duty.

Congress and state legislatures will be asked to standardize safety appliances, running boards, side holds and other equipment of freight cars to avoid trouble and danger resulting from varied equipment.

Iowa

KILLS WIFE WITH HAMMER

Formoso, Kan., Farmer Becomes Violent During Fit of Insanity.

FORMOSA, Kan., May 26.—Samuel Early, a retired farmer, killed his wife early today in Jewell city with a hammer. He had been bordering on insanity for several years, but was not considered dangerous. The murdered woman was his second wife.

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North Dakota Horse Thief Taken from Pequotia, Hiding Place.

FARIBAUT, Minn., May 26.—Fred Van Belder was arrested here today in a cellar, where he had been hiding since last September. He is wanted in North Dakota for alleged horse stealing.

Iowa

Evades Doctors Ninety-Eight Years

Lake City Woman Lively Nearly Century Without Taking Medicine, but Finally Becomes Ill.

LAKE CITY, Ia., May 26.—(Special.)—Ninety-eight years old, the mother of seventeen children, Mrs. Elizabeth Maugherman, who resides nine miles south of town, has lived till May 10 without ever having consulted a physician. But now having fallen a victim to tumors of the breast, which she had to have removed, she is going to interpret some medical attention before she dies. When ninety-six years old Mrs. Maugherman missed railroad connections to attend an old settlers picnic and without anyone knowing it she walked seven miles to the station, where she was picked up and driven to her home. One hundred and forty-three direct descendants in five generations are still living and most of

Fight of Decency Against Octopus of Labor Graft

State's Attorney Uses Above Words in Denouncing Martin B. Madden in Chicago Court.

CHICAGO, May 26.—"This is a fight of decency against the octopus of labor graft; it is the fight of clean laboring men against the leaders that have betrayed them for personal profit. New York has wrestled with the monster. San Francisco is fighting with it now, and today Chicago is trying to clean its own stables."

This was part of the denunciation heaped upon Martin B. ("Skinny") Madden, and his two lieutenants in the building trades council of this city, in the closing hours of their trial here today for accepting money to call off strikes. The judge was welded by Assistant State's Attorney Short in the first of the closing arguments. The case probably will not reach the jury before Thursday.

The penalty in case of conviction is from one to five years in the penitentiary or a fine of \$2,000, or both. Madden and his friends are confident of acquittal.

Mr. Short went over the entire testimony declaring that the state had proved a conspiracy to rob Joseph Kilkia by calling a strike on his plant and forcing him to pay \$1,000 to settle it.

"Pouchot, Boyle and Madden—a short triumvirate of graft," said Mr. Short. "Madden was the interloper. They needed his brains to work the conspiracy smoothly. These defendants merit the severest penalty for their heartless crime against the business interests of this city and against the honest laborer."

HERO FUND FOR FRANCE

Gift of Million Dollars by Andrew Carnegie Will Be Announced

PARIS, May 26.—Andrew Carnegie of New York has arranged to give \$1,000,000 for the establishment of a "hero fund" in France under practically the same conditions as govern similar funds of the United States, England and Scotland. Formal announcement of this gift will be made at a luncheon at the Sorbonne tomorrow, at which Mr. Carnegie will be the guest of honor. President Fallieres will attend the luncheon.

During his brief stay here Mr. Carnegie is being showered with attentions. Baron D'Estournelles de Constant will give a dinner to him tomorrow evening and Mr. Carnegie will leave on Thursday for London.

COURT HOLDS MARRIAGE LEGAL

Laura B. Clark Held to Be Wife of Minister Who Ran Away.

WASHINGTON, Ind., May 26.—That Laura Bunn Clark is the legal wife of the Rev. E. E. Davidson, former pastor of the First Christian church, was decided today by Judge Houghton in the county court. Miss Clark, the daughter of a former mayor of this city, alleged that Davidson and she were recently married in St. Louis by a private contract drawn up by the minister on the back of an envelope. Soon after publication of the charge, Davidson left. He last was heard from at Toronto. He denied that Miss Clark was his wife.

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Omaha Woman Director of Unitarians

Eddie A. Whitney is Honored at Boston—President Taft is Made Honorary Head.

BOSTON, Mass., May 26.—(Special Telegram.)—The South Congregational church, corner of Exeter and Newbury streets, was filled at the annual business meeting of the National Alliance of Unitarian and other liberal Christian women this morning. Miss Emma C. Low of New York presided.

A large number of directors were elected, among them being Eddie A. Whitney of Omaha.

President Taft was elected honorary president of the alliance; Prof. William H. Carruth of Lawrence, Kan., president; Governor Eben S. Draper of Massachusetts and M. T. Garvin, vice presidents.

Reports were presented, the first being read by Mrs. Emily A. Fifield, Dorchester, recording secretary, which showed that the year just closed has been an active and prosperous one. Eleven new branches have been added, and of the 475 societies, 200 have alliance branches. There are branches in twenty-four states, each with less than 100 members, the number required before a branch is entitled to have a director, but the membership list is steadily growing larger.

Letters from England were read, showing the alliance is growing rapidly in that country and that its expansion throughout the United States is wonderful.

The society has suffered a great loss in the death of Rev. Dr. Barrows and Miss Helen F. Spaulding.

Mrs. Robert H. Davis, corresponding secretary, reported that eighteen new members had been admitted.

The real test is in the baking.

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