

As to his religious views they are his own, and no one should impugn them, but in a cosmopolitan enterprise, a liberal mind would inspire more confidence. Then Ben Butterworth was made Secretary of the Directory, and he is known entirely as a party politician, just as bad as the one idea man in religion. The public begin to look on such men as these as venal and marketable. And now that the real estate men are concerned it is openly asserted that the directors are manipulated by land sharks.

Jackson Park is about eight miles from the City Hall. It is in the southern section of the city. When the Fair was talked about, real estate men began buying in this vicinity, then as it became certain that a Fair would be held, and that this park would be the site, real estate took such a jump that property advanced five times what it sold for one year ago. Then a clamor was raised by the North side and West side, and the tricky Directory selected what was called a dual site, that is the Lake Front and Jackson Park. It was thought at the time that this was a good scheme, but now it is deemed impracticable owing to the parties interested, namely the I. C. R. R., the City of Chicago, the National Government and the State of Illinois. All are claimants to ownership in this land which involves riparian rights. In fact the I. C. has its claims now before the Supreme Court. Now comes the chance for the real estate men in other sections. Sites are being talked off in the North and West sides, and property there is going up. The Jackson Park speculators are furious, and threaten, that if the Fair is not held there, some interesting revelations will take place.

It is now supposed that Jackson Park will be tendered to the National Commission as the site solely available. There is ground enough, and the location is splendid. But after all this dickering and all this ill-feeling will the Fair be a success? Will the people vote the \$5,000,000 at the next election? Will the subscribers to the private stock purchase in full their shares? It must be understood that only ten per cent of this stock has been contributed and that is all spent long since. Will the foreign countries go to the expense of forwarding exhibits to a scheme of doubtful meaning? These are all questions which should be considered in time by the National Congress, for it is that which will be held responsible in the end. It is not yet too late, and Congress should take action immediately and reconsider its action formerly. The fact is St. Louis would have been the most appropriate site. It is the connecting link between North and South, and would be a good place for Americans of all shades of religion and politics to fraternize. The South would then be stimulated, and it would feel that the Fair was an American enterprise.

In order to give a fair idea of local feeling on this World's Fair matter it will be sufficient to say

that Col. Legrand Perce, Carter Harrison, the ex-mayor, Alderman Badenoch, Senator McMillan and Henry Greenbaume are westsiders and strongly opposed to Jackson Park. At a meeting of westsiders held a day or two ago, Mr. Greenbaume distinctly stated that the westside would fight solidly against the south side. It must be understood that the south side is to Chicago what the West End is to London. It contains most of the fashionable residences, all the monster office buildings, and mostly all the large stores, wholesale and retail. This causes the advocates of the south side site to say that they represent \$350,000,000. Speaking to this point Mr. Greenbaume said:

"We rent our offices from the gentlemen who claim to represent the \$350,000,000. We feed them. Our wives buy their dry goods from them. I said to them: 'You have the money, but we have the people. They cannot have my consent to issue \$5,000,000 worth of bonds if they locate the Fair at Jackson Park. We have lived here long enough not to be treated as the slaves of the aristocracy of the south side.'"

Ex-Mayor Harrison spoke, showing the advantage he thought the West Side parks had over the South side. He said half of the people of Chicago could walk to Garfield Park.

A. J. Stone said that unless the directors used 150 acres of the Lake-Front with Jackson Park he would work from now until election day against voting \$5,000,000 worth of bonds.

Senator MacMillan said he did not believe the fight would end Sept. 9. He said he had information that it was the intention to postpone action until after election day. "I don't believe the directors," he said, "feel any more friendly to the West Side than they did three months ago. There are twenty-five votes in the directory right along against the West Side. The gentleman who has been selected for director General, and who has been log-rolling for Jackson Park, got \$10,000 for going to Paris for information that could have been obtained from reports in the possession of George Mason. Mr. Bryan sent his son to Sweden for information that any consul in this country could have furnished. Mr. Bryan was given \$10,000 to go to Georgia, and we did not get the vote of a single congressman from Georgia."

Col. Price offered a resolution expressing the thanks of the people of Chicago to the West Park Board, and it was adopted.

Ex-Ald. Kerr offered a resolution to the effect that it was the sense of the meeting that if a site for the World's Fair is not settled within the next fifteen days the project be abandoned. After a long wrangle the resolution was withdrawn and the meeting adjourned.

Here it is publicly charged that the Fair Directors are feathering their own nests. It is time that some gentleman who has really the welfare of the country at heart, and who is American enough to prevent our country from being made a byword among nations should take this matter up. Senator Vest, of Missouri, or some such statesman should have this matter reconsidered in Congress. If Carter Harrison, Senator McMillan and Henry

Greenbaum combined to work against the proposed \$5,000,000 in this city, not a ten dollar bill could be raised.

Our labor troubles have subsided for the present. The carpenters' strike was a deplorable fizzle. Its inner history is not fully known; if it were, a curious state of things would be revealed. The truth is religion has crept into it. The president of the Carpenters' United Council was a man named O'Connell, a very able, conservative and energetic fellow. He organized his craft into one of the best ordered bodies in the country. In fact the carpenters, when he took them in hand, were a motely crowd of different races, creeds and colors, anarchists and socialists being the principal speakers and organizers. On Sept. 1, these carpenters paraded in one body 8,000 strong, and though composed of Slavics, Bohemians, Poles, Russians, Italians, Germans and so on, they were handled as one homogeneous whole. The strike was declared that day. It appears that a number of the bosses favored adhering to the compromise contract of last May, and agreed to pay the 37½ cents an hour. O'Connell ordered his men to work for such contractors. The anarchist element opposed O'Connell and raised such a rumpus that he resigned altogether from the organization. Associated with O'Connell were a number of others bearing Catholic names, and who endorsed O'Connell. The bulk of the rank and file of the carpenter trade is composed of Germans and Bohemians, in a word of races from continental Europe. The truth of the matter is, that religion has crept in, and O'Connell and his associates are charged with obeying the Roman Church and compromising with the bosses. This is not the case, for O'Connell and Co. are not church members by any means, but now that they are so charged they are likely to become so, and to disavow anarchy and socialism.

The New York Central strike is causing an accumulation of literature that is wonderful. The correspondence now published shows the system of organizing and detecting as it goes on among labor and capital. The result in the end will be a combination of capital to suppress strikes. Workmen will be driven to outrage and secret plottings to destroy life and property. Government troops will be quartered in large cities, on the same plan as Fort Sheridan is established in this city. Permanent garrisons will be maintained in all these forts, and labor must shrink into a hole. Our Governors will become military dictators, and our vast army of pensioned citizens can be made available to supply striker's places. The fact is the people are growing careless. In Vermont at last election some 20,000 Republican voters remained at home, did not think it worth while to vote, even 374 Democrats remained at home and when a Democrat ceases to take an interest in politics you may be sure that a cataclysm is at hand.