

Parks and Playgrounds For the Girls and Boys

Meeting Soon to be Called to Enlist
Active Support of Progress-
ive Citizens.

Some time during the present week it is planned to form an organization to be called the Parks and Playgrounds association which is to have an important bearing upon the future of the city along certain lines. This body, which, in connection with its active members, will have enlisted on its rolls some of the most prominent men and women in the city, intends to work in conjunction with the park commission, appointed by the mayor. There are a number of intensely interested spirits in this movement, which has as a sort of a slogan the "preservation of natural resources." It is a common sight to see the boys putting the football about on the city thoroughfares. They do not do it because they like the streets better than any other place, but simply because there is no other place to go.

"And it is the same with the girls. They do not appear so evident upon the streets because of a natural reluctance but they feel the want of an adequate playground just as much as the boys. I have seen groups of the girls look longingly at their brothers while they were having a great time booting the ball about on the streets. This is a condition that should be remedied, and at once."

PARKS TOO FAR OUT.

"Our parks are too far out and their equipment and attractions many years behind the times. In Liberty park there should be ball grounds and tennis courts and golf links and basketball fields and all other such athletic arenas which are provided in the great cities all over the country. The future of the country is in its children and a healthy body brings a sane mind. And it is the same with the adults. Many a man and woman would take advantage of proper places for play and culture were it within easy access."

IMPORTANT THINGS FORGOTTEN.

"The march of industrialism is growing so great in Salt Lake," said Mr. Letcher today, "that other seemingly unimportant matters are relegated to a distant future. The great absorption of property for building purposes is bound to lose sight of breathing places which should be provided for the public, playgrounds for the children, and the beautifying of many natural sight-seeing places. In a few years it will be too late to acquire these properties without a tremendous cost and we consider that the present is eminently the proper time to provide for them."

Miss Kate Williams, who is very much interested in this movement, and who is its active head, will call a meeting shortly for the purpose of organizing permanently and for active operations.

THE COUNTY TREASURY.

Groesbeck's Monthly Report Shows Substantial Balance.

County Treasurer John A. Groesbeck issued his monthly report Wednesday afternoon which shows a balance of \$60,461.26 in the treasury on Nov. 30. The report does not include any of the money taken in for taxes. The receipts during the month amounted to \$61,569.93. It was collected from the following sources:

Butcher's license, \$121.95; county tax, \$25,000; merchants' license, \$433; fines, \$5,881.49; sundries, \$5,583.62; tax sale redemptions, \$1,321.85; county schools, \$33.51; state juror and witness, \$2,074.20. The disbursements amounted to \$1,458.50 and were in warrants paid for witness fees.

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BUS PASSENGERS

J. E. Spurr and W. R. Cox, prominent mining men of New York, are registered at the Knutsford. The visitors are mining engineers and are here for the purpose of looking over Utah and Nevada mining property, in which they are interested.

J. M. Christie, inventor of a patent box car loader, of Des Moines, Ia., is a guest at the Knutsford. Mr. Christie is in the west with a view to placing his invention with shippers.

John H. Bryant, a big dealer in holiday goods, of Denver, is here on business with headquarters at the Knutsford.

Frank L. Wright, a horseman of Montpelier, Idaho, is at the Kenyon.

H. N. Tyson and William Gibson, interested in the Evanston Irrigation project, are registered at the Kenyon from Chicago.

Mrs. H. C. Lufkin of Hailey, Ida., mother of Mrs. John Condon of the Cullen hotel, is in the city visiting Mrs. Condon who has been quite seriously ill for several days.

WARD ENTERTAINMENTS

Twenty-sixth Ward—A benefit concert and dance will be given tonight at the Twenty-sixth ward amusement hall, under the auspices of the Sixth ward of elders. The program will be made up of vocal and instrumental music, readings and recitations, those taking part being Estella Salisbury, J. J. Fenton, Mrs. Horton Marsh, Mary Giles, W. A. Miles, Shirley P. Jones, Mrs. E. T. Wilding, J. E. Halladay, N. Blake, Mrs. Edgar Reeves, George D. Pyper, J. Johnson, Bishop C. N. Christensen, Joseph H. Smith, H. H. Toubadour, Lawrence Jorgensen, Mr. Mitchell and Mrs. Fernley.

Thirty-third Ward—The Primary association of the Thirty-third ward will give a concert in the amusement hall on Friday, Dec. 3. The program will consist of songs, recitations and dialogues. The entertainment is for the benefit of the children on Christmas.

SIX BEST SELLING BOOKS.

RECORD FOR OCTOBER.

According to the foregoing lists, the six books (fiction) which have sold best in the order of demand during the month are:

1. "Truxton King," McCutcheon...\$1.50
2. "The Goose Girl," MacGrath...\$1.50
3. "The Silver Horde," Beach...\$1.50
4. "A Certain Rich Man," White...\$1.50
5. "The Danger Mark," Chambers...\$1.50
6. "The Calling of Dan Matthews," Wright...\$1.50

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STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Providence Gold Mining Company will be held on Friday, January 7, 1910, at 6:30 o'clock p. m., at the company's office, 55 West Second South Street, Salt Lake City, Utah, for the purpose of electing officers of said company for the ensuing year and to amend articles of incorporation of said corporation and such other business as may come before the meeting.

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Among Salt Lake's visitors at the present time is Adolph Schneider, a German journalist, who with three companions is making a tour of the world. Mr. Schneider is an engineer by profession, but became interested in literary work and was sent out on his present journey by two German journals, the Vorwaerts of Berlin, and the General Anzeiger of Frankfurt-on-the-Main. Mr. Schneider's companions consist of three journalists of different nationalities, sent out on a similar mission. They are Silvio Ortona, a Frenchman, representing the Courier de France of Paris; Alfredo Battelli, professor of commercial geography of the University of Rome; and Albert Wilkes, an American, who accompanies the party as linguist and translator. Among the four, nine different languages are spoken, Mr. Schneider alone speaking six.

The purpose of their tour is to make scientific research and investigation into existing political, social and industrial conditions throughout the world, and to study the habits and customs of the various peoples of the earth. They will cover three continents in their journey, which will occupy five years to complete, visiting in America the United States, Canada, Alaska, Mexico, Alaska, the Philippine Islands. In Asia the party will visit Japan, Korea, Manchuria, Mongolia, China, Tonkin, Siam, Persia, Great Arabian desert and Asia Minor. In Europe the countries included will be Turkey, Balkan peninsula, Austria, Italy, France, Germany and the British Islands.

"We left New York beginning our journey Oct. 7, 1908," said Mr. Schneider this morning. "We traveled as far as Pittsburgh, where we separated into two parties, the Frenchman and American taking the southern part of the country and the Italian and myself taking the north-central portion. We have covered nearly every state in the Union, and before leaving the United States we shall have spent 15 months studying conditions in this country alone."

NOW STUDYING UTAH.

"For the last three weeks I have been in Utah, where I expect to spend another month. I was in Colorado all summer. We receive a small compensation from our papers, but not sufficient to maintain our expenses, and we carry money by lecturing and writing and by various means at our command. The journey is a long one, and our purpose is to become thoroughly acquainted with the political and social conditions existing in every part of the country, so that we are bound to move leisurely. I am corresponding for the time eastern papers, and I deliver lectures as I go along. In Denver I engaged in business for a brief period, thereby procuring sufficient means to complete my labors there."

"We are studying the various civilizations of the people, and the actual living conditions wherever we go. We also seek to cause of so much human misery prevailing in the large centers of population, and we are sacrificing our time and effort in an attempt to benefit mankind, and to uplift the cause of humanity."

"I think the United States is a country of vast opportunities. It is the wealthiest country in the world, and our country is leading the world in commercial advancement. You of the west especially have a splendid future. We were received by ex-President Roosevelt in a characteristic manner, and wherever we go we have been well received with consideration by the rulers and leading men. We have interviewed your Governor, Spry, and consider him a very able man. He gave us all the time we wished and presented us with his autograph."

IDEALS IN HOME LIFE.

"In my stay in Utah I have found that family life has attained a more ideal condition than anywhere else in the world, or anywhere else in the world, for that matter, with the possible exception of Germany. I am not a Mormon, and never heard of the religion until I came to Utah. Mormonism to me is something new, but they have a certain power in religious matters and their organization is the most complete in the world, outside of the German army. Utah and the Mormons shall certainly come in for a special chapter in the book which I shall write on my travels. The people are temperate, loyal and industrious."

"I wish to thank your people most cordially for the assistance they have given me in my research work. The Commercial club of this city has also helped me materially. Before leaving Utah I expect to spend some time in Eureka, Silver City and other mining centers, and in Grand Summit and San Juan counties, in which latter section I shall visit the prehistoric ruins and cliff dwellings."

DIFFERENCES APPEAR.

"Social life began to show the difference of creed and belief, as the original settlers had by co-operative methods gained great advantages in possession of agricultural and commercial organization, and by close fidelity to their faith and loyalty to their leaders, formed a compact resistance to outsiders in the commercial warfare of the state. Naturally the matter was eventually represented by two hostile camps."

"Now to this state of affairs is not necessarily a fixed condition. Great efforts are being made to bring about an adjustment, and also to obliterate the traces of animosity that has for 80 years existed in the State of Utah. The means suggested to bring about this beneficial result are urged by both sides. Mormons deplore the lack of appreciation of their efforts and ending the strife, and the Gentiles (as outsiders are called) are professing deep concern about getting together. Public bodies of intelligent men and women are discussing it to bring about a remedy, and of course each is strenuously asserting that it should be done."

PERSONAL SELFISHNESS.

"Now to an observer unbiased, and with the information obtained in an earnest way from the various sources, it strikes me that the main cause is personal selfishness. In a Christian commonwealth, in a Christian state, some semblance of ethical rules and religious duty would, if honestly attempted, bring about the result; also the conception that no community prospers which produces derelicts and cares nothing for the unfortunate in society; in other words, who say they love God, but hate their brothers. As a student of social and economic science I see

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TO LECTURE NEXT WEEK.

"When I return from Eureka, which I shall do in about 10 days, I intend to deliver a lecture in the Twelfth ward hall, in Second South between Third and Fourth East streets, on Dec. 9, and I shall then tell of what I have found in your country and state. I expect to return a second time after visiting the old ruins in the southern part of the state."

Mr. Schneider has prepared a paper since arriving in Utah. It is as follows:

"To the Editor—Being on a trip around the world as a journalist, for the study of social and economic conditions, starting from Germany and having traveled thus far, I naturally upon arriving in this state saw and heard what to me presented a social problem of great importance, and I therefore desired, Mr. Editor, to present part of my observations thus far:

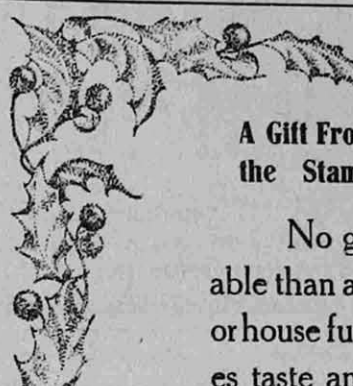
"I was forcibly impressed by the antagonistic condition of social life, based upon pure religious grounds and commercial interest. In making inquiries as to the possible cause of all this, it was necessary to obtain reliable information, practically going back to the formation of the Church, the arrival of the pioneers in this state, and then gradually trace the developments that brought about the present condition."

"Utah is a state of remarkable resources, possessing a very agreeable climate, with both agricultural and mineral wealth, inhabited by an industrious, frugal people. The pioneers who arrived here were imbued with a religious fervor, having as its goal the establishing of the kingdom of God upon the earth. Its doctrines were

of the communistic order, the people believing in co-operation and practicing the principle in the early stages of their social life. Villages sprang up in the wilderness, and fields and gardens were brought forth from a barren waste. Villages grew into towns having commercial and manufacturing interests. Mines were discovered and the hidden wealth of Mother Earth was brought into industrial enterprises, and people were attracted to Utah outside the religious belief of the Mormon Church. These people, finding material conditions favorable, settled down and commenced the various activities of industrial development."

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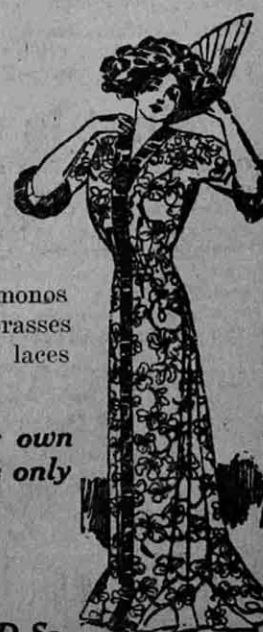
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