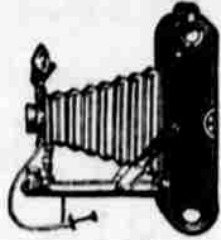


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(CONTINUED FROM FRIDAY)

BRYANT PARK

It follows: "So he concluded to offer the park again, and has eliminated all but these two things: First it must be known as Bryant's Park; Second, the sale of intoxicating liquors on it shall be forever prohibited."

I wish to say for the men who signed the article published containing the matter above, that I do not mean to say that they wrote the article published for I am satisfied they did not. I believe that some overzealous citizen wrote the article and that they signed it. I have had men tell me almost the identical thing. The thing about it that I cannot understand is, how any reputable citizen can make such a statement in the face of the facts as they appear on record. I am well acquainted with all of the men who signed the article and do not believe they wish to attempt to deceive any one, yet I do believe they should when their attention is called to the matter make a statement disclaiming such an intent, otherwise their silence will be taken as an admission of an attempt to accomplish their purpose by foul

means—an admission that no man of their standing can afford to make.

In answer to another passage contained in the article published, allow me to present the facts, so the public can reach a correct conclusion as to why certain modifications contained in the first offer do not now appear therein. I refer to the provision contained in the former offer which limited the boundary of the proposed park so that it did not extend to the river on the north. The author of the article referred to sees fit to pay unbounded tribute to Mr. Bryant for making this change. It is not my purpose to detract from Mr. Bryant, or take away from him any credit that is due him for what he has done or is doing, but the facts will help people to understand why the change was made. The facts are that at the time Mr. Bryant first made his offer he was under contract to sell and convey all of that territory between high water mark and low water mark along the Willamette river and could not then include that portion of the territory in his first offer but since the date of his first proposal the other party to the contract mentioned called upon him to make conveyance in accordance with the terms of his contract. It was then ascertained that he had nothing that he could convey, whereupon Mr. Bryant returned the

sum of \$2,000 that had been paid upon the contract, with accrued interest on it, and the contract was cancelled. Should anyone wish to know how I became possessed of this information, I will state that I was the attorney for the other party to the contract, and I am giving this statement by permission of that party. In order that proof may be submitted that I am not falsifying about this statement, I will refer anyone interested to Jacob J. Lindgren of Albany, he being one of the parties who held the contract mentioned. Having these facts, the people can determine whether it was patriotism, benevolence, charity or philanthropy that moved the proposer of the proposition to dispose of that particular parcel to the city. The striking part about the matter is that if Mr. Bryant had nothing that he could sell here, what value could he convey to the city by a transfer of what he could not sell. To be exact, Mr. Bryant has some riparian rights along the river covered by the strip mentioned and that is all.

The park commission and its various committees may wish and impose such burdens as it may desire as a punishment of the city in case its recommendations are not heeded. All the city need to do is to do obediently everything that is required; the city should furnish the money, build the bridge, construct the road, improve and maintain the grounds, and have nothing whatever to say in the management or control. Some have said that the city would have representation on the board, but whatever appearance of representation there might be would be offset by the fact that such representation would be in the minority.

It has also been said that the matter of a park commission is of no consequence. Now if that were true, why does the moving party to this proposal so persistently cling to that provision? It will take the expenditure of several thousand dollars to do the things required. Then, is it not reasonable that the city should manage its own property? Why have a manager? Is it because the people of Albany are lacking in morals, or are they mentally incapable of handling this property? Just what is the idea? For whose benefit are the reservations and conditions mentioned in the deed? Why impose upon the city the liability to forfeiture of the property when the city will have nothing to say about the management?

Such forfeiture clauses have been the source of much vexatious litigation. They are never satisfactory, and in the present instance the people are worthy of better treatment than is being proposed. If in the mind of the proposed grantor they are not it would be far better for his name to be withdrawn the proposal.

There is considerable agitation concerning the cost of the building of the bridge across the Calapooia Creek, and herein is the strongest hope of enthusiastic supporter of the proposition. The feeling that has heretofore manifested itself and is now prevailing has been so tense that people on both sides of the proposition are prone to express a prejudiced desire rather than resort to reason and calm judgment.

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