

**STILLWELL PARK CASE.**

**City Council Makes a Proposition to Thomas Gilford Stillwell.**

At the regular meeting of the City Council on Monday evening, the matter of the suit against the city, brought by Thomas Gilford Stillwell to recover the 4 1/2 acres of land he deeded to the city in December, 1909, for a children's park, claiming that the city had not complied with the conditions, came up and occupied the attention of the city council. After discussing the matter with City Attorney Botts, it was proposed to make Mr. Stillwell an offer, which was to this effect: The city would allow him to take judgment, provided he deeded one acre of the land to the city without any conditions.

It is a question whether Mr. Stillwell could recover the land if the case went to trial, but the city attorney is of the opinion that with the conditions contained in the deed, the city, was liable to be sued at any time hereafter.

It may be stated that when Mr. Stillwell deeded the land for a children's play ground he was sick in California and was not expected to live, and it occurred to him that this would be a good way to dispose of his property. In regard to the deed, Mr. Stillwell wanted to deed the land to the school district, but, it seems, he was dissuaded from doing so. Attorney Talmage drew up the deed. There was some little friction and jealousy between the city authorities and the school board at the time, and there is no doubt it was the intention to ignore and snub the school board, that the change was made. Mr. Stillwell being sick in California, was not aware of the underlying motives in creating a special board to administer the children's park.

Mr. Stillwell has partly recovered from his sickness, and, no doubt, needs the land, which he would not have deeded had he known that he was going to recover.

Unfortunately, very little improvements have been made on the park. Several sums of money have been expended, and it was the intention of the school district to expend \$500 and the city council \$100.00, those amounts having already been voted.

It will not be out of place to reprint what the Tillamook Headlight said about the gift at the time, which was made in December, 1909. We will quote two paragraphs:

"We need a few more generous persons in Tillamook like Thomas Gilford Stillwell. He has set a splendid precedent for those who have more than enough money and land, and his name will be handed down as the donor of this splendid Christmas present, not because he had an abundance of this world's goods, but because he had little and wanted to gladden the lives of the young folks, where they can have innocent enjoyment in a play ground they can call their own.

"It appears to us that a mistake has been made in creating another board to look after the tract of land donated by Thomas Gilford Stillwell. In our judgment its management should have been left with the city council or school board, or, probably both. Yet it seems that even in a generous act like that in which Mr. Stillwell so magnanimously figured, some people cannot bury their little prejudices, and this appears to be the reason why a special board was created instead of the city council or school board to manage and look after the play ground."

Mr. Taft discusses woman suffrage chiefly as it is, not as a principal of abstract-right.

There are no profane words in the Kickapoo language, but among the aborigines why should there be when every Indian had a servicable tomahawk?

Proposals to employ the Eastland again as an excursion boat leads us to suggest that it shouldn't be tried as long as the Eastland imagines she's a canoe.

What has become of the old-fashioned reporter who used to write "growsome find"? Or is its absence due to the newfashioned copyreaders blue pencil?

Temperature in New York was 92 last week and there were sunstrokes. We believe it has been called the melting pot.

In return for Germany's consent to permit the exportation of coal and some other specified items to Sweden five Swedish banks, according to the Copenhagen correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Company, have agreed to make Germany a loan of 40,000,000 kroner (about \$10,000,000). This money is to be used in payment for goods bought in Sweden by Germany.

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**PRECOCIOUS PAINTERS.**

**Some Famous Pictures That Were Produced by Mere Boys.**

Sir David Wilkie was probably the most popular painter of his time and one of the most deservedly so, and his pictures today are almost all in the great national collections or in the possession of the king. He was extremely precocious and might be said to have been born with a palette in his hand.

Wilkie painted his famous and very characteristic picture, "Pitlessie Fair," when he was a mere lad. It was a local scene which he knew well, and the 140 figures which it contains were all sketched from his father's parishioners, for Wilkie was a "son of the manse." As his father would have been very angry to think his boy was doing such a wrong thing as to ridicule his dear flock, David had to use his models quite "unbeknown" to them—in fact, during service. The young artist got them all "under the book-board" and transferred them to canvases at his leisure.

Everybody knows that Millais was an "infant prodigy." Did he not win the gold medal of the Royal academy when he was nine?

At South Kensington hangs a glowing and masterly canvas entitled "Pizarro Seizing the Inca of Peru." How many boys of fifteen know anything of Pizarro or the Incas even if they happen to know the whereabouts of Peru? Yet Millais was only that age when he not only knew these things, but could realize them in splendid power in paint and get his picture on the line at the academy, and he was only nineteen when he painted one of his supreme masterpieces, judged by some to be the greatest thing he ever did, "Lorenzo and Isabella," which is one of the treasures of the Walker Art Gallery of Liverpool.

Holman Hunt was only twenty when he painted his famous "Eve of St. Agnes" and still little more than a boy when he painted his remarkable picture which he called "Behold I Stand at the Door and Knock," but which is known to the world today as "The Light of the World," a replica of which can be seen in St. Paul's cathedral.

Rossetti painted his lovely picture, "Girlhood of Mary Virgin," when he was twenty and his famous "Ecce Ancilla Domini" the year following.

Landseer was amazingly precocious. He exhibited his first academy picture when he was fifteen.—Exchange.

**Judging by Appearances.**

The tired father of a restless boy orated as follows, not speaking to the boy directly, but doing it in his presence:

"How true it is that it is never safe to judge by appearances!"

"Yes," replied the boy's mother, seeing that it was her cue and answering with another version of the cliché, "appearances are often awfully deceptive."

"And so are inanimate objects," continued the paterfamilias with marked emphasis. "You would think, for instance, if you judged by appearances, that the heavy pair of school shoes I bought for James the other day was going to last for more than three weeks, wouldn't you? And you would never think that the fragile looking arithmetic I bought him at the beginning of the term would bid fair to last forever. But look at 'em!"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

**A Carlyle Retort.**

An empty headed duke once said to Thomas Carlyle at a dinner:

"The British people, sir, can afford to laugh at theories."

Carlyle, scowling, replied:

"The French nobility of a hundred years ago thought that they could afford to laugh at theorists too. But a man came and wrote a book called 'The Social Contract.' This man was Jean Jacques Rousseau, and his book was a theory and nothing but a theory. The nobles could laugh at his theory, but their skins went to bind the second edition of the book."

**Aramaic.**

Aramaic, one of the languages which are used in the Old Testament, was the Semitic dialect spoken by the people north of Canaan when the Israelites took that country. From the days of the Babylonian exile Aramaic was used as the medium of communication between Jews and other Semitic people and gradually supplanted Hebrew even in Palestine, where it became the common language about B. C. 200.

**Rare Attainment.**

"What makes you think Miss Triller has such a marvelous musical education?"

"She actually knows how to pronounce correctly the names of all the classical selections she plays."—Washington Star.

**Authoritative.**

"Does your wife ever go through your pockets while you are asleep?"

"No, she does it openly. Maintains firmly her right of search and seizure."—Kansas City Journal.

**Not His Business.**

"Conductor, this man is stepping on my feet," said the lady passenger.

"I have nothing to do with the traffic regulations, madam," was the reply.—Yonkers Statesman.

**Very Careful.**

Hokus—Flubdub is very careful about the training of his family, isn't he? Pokus—Yes; he tries to bring up his children in the way he should have gone.—Luck.

Small axes fell great trees.—German Proverb.

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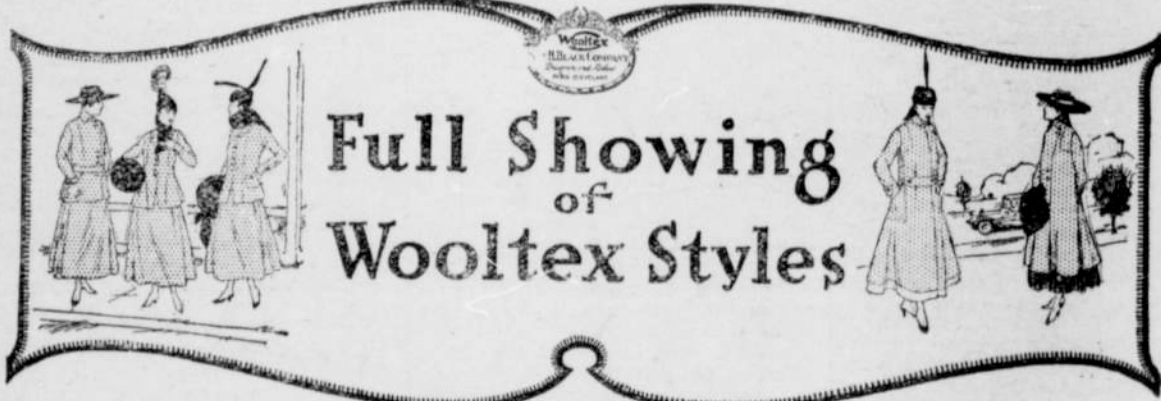
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