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THE BIG SEASIDE PARK.

Full Report Adopted by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment last Friday.

As mentioned exclusively in the WAVE last week, a site has been selected lying between Belle Harbor and the point of the Beach for the great seaside park of New York City which has, for a long time, had strong advocates among our residents.

The decision is by virtue of the adoption of a report by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment last Friday morning, of a special committee consisting of Controller Metz, President McGowan and President Ahearn.

The report is as follows:

"Your committee to which had been referred the matter of the location and selection of a site for a seaside park and sanitarium either within the city limits or adjacent thereto, submitted at the meeting of the board held on March 1 a preliminary report favoring the establishment of such a seaside park and the agreement, with the various charitable and philanthropic organizations located at Coney Island for an exchange of their present property for other sites within the proposed park.

"In this report your committee stated that it had in mind a location within the city limits as a site for such a park and sanitarium, and we think it wise to present the matter to the board without further delay for definite action.

"Your committee is convinced that none of the sites proposed is as desirable or available as that which was first suggested, namely, the portion of Rockaway Beach lying immediately east of Rockaway Point, this point being the property of the Huntington estate and the land which it was proposed to acquire as a park extending from the easterly boundary of the Huntington estate some 7,000 feet eastwardly to a line about one mile west of the property of the Rockaway Park Association, and running from Jamaica Bay on the north, to the Atlantic Ocean on the south, with an average width of some 2,400 feet, and comprising about 350 acres.

"A public hearing was given on the laying out of such a park on November 11, 1904, but no action was taken, and it might be wise to give a new hearing, although the board may have the power to place this park upon the map without such additional hearing. The information contained on available maps is not sufficient to permit of an accurate description of the property and it is also difficult to identify this particular parcel in the report of the tax department.

"Your committee believes that this will be the last opportunity for the city to acquire an ocean-front park with a fine bathing beach, within the city limits. It has been suggested that the Huntington tract, comprising Rockaway Point, might be more desirable, but the swift currents at and near the Point would render bathing much more dangerous, and we believe that the property herein recommended is the most desirable that can be secured, and that definite action should be taken without further delay.

"Your committee has assumed that this park would be placed upon the map after a public hearing, in accordance with the provisions of the charter, but if the board avails

itself of the provisions of Chapter 456 of the Laws of 1906, it is probable that the board could immediately proceed to acquire this property either by private sale or by condemnation proceedings, and the said act gives to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment authority to appropriate by a majority vote the funds necessary for its purchase and improvement without the concurrence and approval of any other officer or board."

The City will make a large expenditure to develop this vast tract, which will be laid out on an elaborate scale. It will contain the several convalescent homes, charitable and other similar institutions, these occupying a small portion of the tract, and affecting in no manner any objectionable features, and spacious pleasure grounds for the public will be maintained, according to the plan. It is specified that no uses will be made of any portion which shall not be perfectly harmonious with the pleasure of visitors.

The land is to be acquired either by private purchase or by condemnation proceedings.

WAS COOL RECEPTION.

Dollar Gas Will Probably Not be Realized Soon in Rockaway.

Joseph P. Powers and John E. Winslow, representing Rockaway Beach, together with Wm. S. Petit and W. H. Beegle, of Far Rockaway, attended, last Tuesday, at Albany, a hearing before the Senator committee on the bill of Senate Harte providing for dollar gas in the Rockaways.

The local members considered themselves coolly received, as almost as soon as their spokesman began to present their case the committee members gradually took their leave and soon only the chairman remained to hear the plaint.

The delegation was advised to obtain an investigation by the State Gas Commission, which was instituted for that purpose, and if that commission recommended the same, legislation would probably be enacted.

COLUMBIA WINNERS.

Mrs. E. Stelges won the medal, last Thursday evening, at the regular meeting of the Columbia Ladies' Bowling Club, on the alleys of Schneller's Park Avenue Hotel, on the score 144. Mrs. Pachinger won the prize, also made the high score of the evening, 146. A repast was partaken of after the games, and a good social time had by all.

MORE WINTER.

Winter returned with a vengeance last Sunday when the snow fell nearly all day, piling up several inches of the beautiful, and quite snug weather following. There have been alternate thaws and freezes since, with copious rain, causing the rapid vanishing of the snow, but decidedly disagreeable conditions. There are now even greater appearances of spring, a gradual enlivenment in business, and increased joy all around.

BOWL FOR \$25.00.

Next Monday evening a bowling match will be waged on the alleys of the Palace Cafe, between the proprietor, Gus Lotz, and Geo. F. Piersching for \$25 a side, the decision being to the winner of six out of eleven games. Much speculation and some betting is being engaged in as to the result.

TO KNOW CITY'S RIGHTS

Bill Favored to Allow City to Deal With Bay Front Owners—Unjust Library Rule.

The Rockaway Beach Taxpayers' Association held a meeting last Monday evening in the WAVE building, which was well attended.

There was considerable discussion following the presentation by Mr. Powers of a resolution favoring enactment by the Legislature permitting the city authorities to treat with bay front owners, naming compensation if any be granted, for the purpose of determining the exact rights of the City and individual owners in the bay fronts as now occupied. A definite understanding would leave owners free to make any desired improvements. Being put to a vote the resolutions of Mr. Powers were carried, as follows:

Whereas, it is uncertain as to whether the State or the City of New York is the owner of the lands lying below high water mark in Jamaica Bay and

Whereas, it is to the interest of owners of property fronting on Jamaica Bay to have all questions of title settled and adjusted as between the upland owners and said State or City, and

Whereas, it has been proposed to introduce in the Legislature, a bill conferring power upon the Sinking Fund Commissioners to settle questions of ownership, etc., and

Whereas, it is to the interest of all property owners on Rockaway Beach that the question of ownership be adjusted and settled,

Now therefore be it resolved that the Rockaway Tax Payers Association approves and is in favor of the passage of any act which will make it possible to make title to any and all land fronting on Jamaica Bay and be it further

Resolved this Association request the Senator and Assemblyman representing this district to introduce, advocate and urge the prompt passage of a bill to accomplish such purpose. Be it further

Resolved that a committee of—be appointed with power to represent this Association in the matter.

There was complaint that the trustees of the Queens Borough Library would not accept the endorsement of reliable Beach residents to the cards of those desiring to draw books. The matter is to be looked in to and an explanation requested.

The next meeting of the association will be held on Monday evening, March 25.

FRIEDHOFF BETTER.

August Friedhoff is improving quite satisfactorily in St. Joseph's Hospital from the effects of inhaling gas at his Old Corner Hotel, when Mrs. Friedhoff lost her life from asphyxiation, a few weeks ago. He has some burns which prove somewhat obstinate, but is making a steady gain.

ATLANTIC EXHIBITIONS.

The Atlantic Athletic Association is arranging for a series of Athletic exhibitions to be held at the clubhouse during the summer season, the first of which will be given during the last week in May, probably on Decoration Day night. These exhibitions will consist of four three-round and two six-round boxing bouts and will be solely for members. All the best fistic and wrestling artists will be engaged and this new

branch promises to become a great feature. Hardly had the announcement been made before there was a demand for application blanks and at the meeting on Tuesday evening several new candidates were proposed for membership. Membership cards will entitle bearer to admission at the athletic exhibitions. The initiation fee is \$5 and application blanks may be secured from any of the members.

REMSENS DIVIDE FUNDS.

The Remsen Chemical Engine Company No. 3, held a meeting last Thursday evening at Richter's Manhattan Hotel, and wound up its business affairs, dividing among the members the funds on hand.

Following this a collection was taken and \$11 raised as a contribution to St. Joseph's Hospital.

The company will celebrate the twelfth anniversary of its incorporation, with a social, to be held at Richter's Hotel on the evening of March 25, when a good time is looked for by all the members.

WANT STREET BUILT.

Residents In Hurry to Have Much Deplored Eyesore Removed.

A demand is being made that the street authorized some time ago, to extend from the Boulevard to the railroad, between Eldert and Bayview avenues, and for which the owners have received the pay for their land, shall be built. A two-fold purpose would be served by the building of the street, it is argued. Considerable territory would be opened to occupancy by its means, and the improvement would remove one of the most neglected and discreditable spots along the Boulevard.

A demand has been made upon the city authorities to build the street, and there is also a movement on foot among the abutting owners to contribute the necessary amount and build the street themselves, which they hold, would be much the cheaper.

BUSINESS MEN'S BANQUET.

Further details were arranged last Tuesday night by the Rockaway Beach Business Men's Protective Association for its big supper and annual meeting to be held next Tuesday evening, in Arion Hall. A business session will be held, and following this, the banquet will be served, and a social time enjoyed.

The members and their wives only will participate in the affair.

GORDON—MICKELSON.

George Gordon, of this place, and Miss Annie Mickelson, of 33 Schaefer street, Brooklyn, were married quietly at the bride's home last Tuesday evening, at 8 o'clock, the ceremony being witnessed by a small circle of friends. Mr. and Mrs. Gordon came immediately to the Beach and will reside at 31 North Division avenue. Mr. Gordon has been employed the past six years in Chas. Crabbe's lumber mill.

KRAUS HAD BIRTHDAY.

Nick Kraus, the popular proprietor of the Old Corner, at Eldert avenue, had a host of friends about him, last Thursday, all congratulating him on the occasion of his birthday anniversary, which he celebrated by prodigal liberality to all callers and patrons. On special invitation, nearly one hundred members of the Eagles partook of Mr. Kraus' hospitality following their session.

WELL ENTERTAINED.

Men's Event by A. A. A. Enjoyed by Big Crowd—Steaks Smokes and Rare Artists.

The beefsteak dinner and smoker given by the Atlantic Athletic Association last Saturday evening at its clubhouse in Maple place, was a hummer and proved the top notcher of events of the season. The large gymnasium was well filled with members of the sterner sex who came from all along the Rockaway branch to enjoy the sport. And they were not in the least disappointed, for the array of talent was much larger and better than is customary to produce at similar affairs. The Atlantics are known for their generosity and always given big returns for your money, so the affair on Saturday evening was a big success in every particular.

The entertainment began about 8:30 o'clock, and continued uninterrupted until after midnight, and while the various numbers on the programme were given, big platters containing delicious cuts of steak and bunches of crisp celery were passed around, while close on the heels of these came waiters with liquid refreshments and still others with pipes and tobacco. Everybody was in a merry mood and puffed away at their corn cobs and chewed the luscious steak, which seemed to melt in one's mouth, so tender was it. There was no end to the good things provided, and everything passed off very satisfactorily and the committee in charge of the arrangements is deserving of much credit.

The entertainment began with an overture and then Miss Madge Raymond came before the footlights and sang a catchy song, and poked fun at various members of the party seated in front of her. She was encored and responded with another song. Then came Clarence A. Cutler, who mystified the audience with his very clever tricks with an ordinary pack of playing cards. Tom Ballantyne was next on the programme and he kept the crowd in a roar of laughter by his dry wit and funny stories. Following him Miss Bertha Bernard occupied the stage and sang songs and did fancy dances, which caught the crowd and brought forth loud encores. Arthur Miller next entertained the crowd by his monologue and recitations, all of which were masterly rendered and loudly applauded. Miss Raymond then made her second appearance on the stage and sang some more songs, after which Sam Stone, a local baritone sang "Bonnie Jean," to perfection. Tom McCarthy was another baritone who rendered several solos, and then La Blanche brought down the house by her very clever and exceedingly original dances, and was encored long and loud. Cleverly executed were the dances by Al Kleinman, and the programme was prolonged until after the midnight hour, not a dull moment occurring.

The committee in charge of the affair comprised William S. Milan, Louis Magnolia and Frank Waldschmitt.

OPEN HARDWARE MONDAY.

Curley & Burns open their new hardware store at 20 North Henry street, next Monday, when they will have received a full stock of the various lines they intend handling, and have the same well displayed. They have been forced to commence business before their preparations were complete, many customers de-

manding being accommodated to various articles.

Their stock will be replete all articles of hardware, tinware, utensils, paints, oils, varnishes, boat supplies, copper paints, Crockett's spar varnish and seam and spar composition. The members of the firm are J. J. Curley and Mrs. Burns.

CITY EMPLOYEES MUST PAY.

Lawyer T. C. Mc Kennee states that the Comptroller has given notice that a great flood of executions in cases where judgments were recovered for necessities have been issued against salaries of City employees, in attending to which much time of the Corporation Counsel and Comptroller is consumed, and that such employees should be dismissed.

BURNS CAUSED DEATH.

Morris Greenbaum Poured Oil into Fire—Explosion Follows, and Fatal Burns.

Morris Greenbaum, aged 29 years, met his death by the explosion of kerosene from which he was building a fire in his apartments in the third floor of the building at 451 Boulevard, last Tuesday morning.

The fire was reported at 6:32 o'clock, a still alarm being sent to Engine Co. 166, in Grove avenue. The members extinguished the blaze in the rooms, which did but little damage.

Greenbaum was pouring oil into the fire from a can, when there was an explosion of the gas formed, and the man's clothing became covered with oil and ignited. He was severely burned about the body and hands, and after being attended by Dr. Schenck, was removed to St. Joseph's Hospital at Far Rockaway, where he died at 8:30 o'clock that night.

Greenbaum's burns were not considered sufficient to cause his death, but the supposition is that he inhaled the flame in his first fright, which had the fatal result.

Greenbaum was employed as motorman on the Ocean Electric Railway.

Mrs. Greenbaum was also somewhat burned about the hands while attempting to aid her husband, and their four months old child slightly burned on the knee.

MRS. CARMAN'S BIRTHDAY.

Mrs. Wm. Carman tendered a kaffee-klatzsch last Saturday afternoon, at P. J. Fingerlin's Thistle Hotel, to a company of friends including the members of the Sea Side Ladies' Bowling Club, of which she is president, the occasion being her birthday anniversary. All passed the time most pleasantly. Mrs. Carman was presented with a beautiful lace waist by the members of her club.

ILL AFTER SWIM.

Miss Essie Weiss, of the Sea Side Cottage, in Eldert Avenue, returned home last Wednesday from the German Lutheran Hospital, where she had been confined twelve weeks from inflammatory rheumatism, she being now much improved.

Miss Weiss entered and won a swimming race in Jamaica Bay, just before the close of last season, and immediately began to experience bad results, which merged into the severe attack of rheumatism from which she has been helpless for the long period stated.

Easter cards at Chubbuck's.