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Ocean Front Park Project Wins Nation-Wide Notice

BEAUTIES OF SUTRO HEIGHTS GAIN ATTENTION

Noted Men See Possibilities; Famous Landscape Architect Offers Sketch

CHICAGO EXPERT'S VIEW

Golden Gate Front Affords Big Opportunity, Seen by Celebrated Authority

Pregnant with possibilities of artistic development and beautification, the Francisco's magnificent ocean front park, commonly referred to as Sutro Heights, has caught the attention, challenge, the attention, of city and county officials, as well as of progressive citizens generally. The consensus of opinion appears to be that this matter should not be permitted to lag.

Suggested improvement of this town, with its incomparable natural beauties, combined in wondrous vistas of land and water and sky, has engendered interest not alone in California, but in all parts of the country. Guarding, as it does, the portals of the Golden Gate, this park property is known throughout the length and breadth of the land as a place of transcendent beauty and any project looking to its beautification already is productive of more than a little comment.

Plan in Keeping With Possibilities of Sutro Heights

Most significant of these comments, and undoubtedly of most interest to the whole city, because of the authoritative source from which they spring, are the thoughts and suggestions in a tentative sketch recently made by Edward H. Bennett, Chicago. This sketch indicates beautification of Sutro Heights and is in keeping with the lofty possibilities of this particular spot.

Bennett, who was first a protégé, then a collaborator, and finally successor to the late Daniel H. Burnham, today is recognized as perhaps the foremost authority in the country, if not in the world, on city planning. His suggestions as to possibilities of beautification of Sutro Heights are in keeping with the high ideals of Burnham in his report on San Francisco.

Eminent Authorities Endorse Worth of Bennett

Such eminent authorities as Willis Polk, Bernard Maybeck and others equally well-known are one in stating that this city would make a grave mistake if it should adopt any comprehensive improvement plan, without first having obtained the opinions and advice of such men as Bennett.

Intimation that this course will be followed is being in the attitude thus assumed by members of the Board of Supervisors, the City Engineer's office, the City Planning Commission and other city and county officials. The impressive need for a practical, comprehensive plan for the whole city apparently is recognized. That the proposed Sutro Heights project of the future prospective should constitute the first step in such a plan likewise is generally conceded.

Noted Architects and Landscapers to Be Consulted

Ralph McGrew, chairman of the finance committee of the Board of Supervisors, already has expressed the greatest attitude of patience and willingness to wait the taking upon to concerty in this matter. It is contemplated that the city shortly will be in position, owing to a gift by interested private citizens, to offer inducements to Bennett and other eminent authorities of port authorities.

It is proposed as a first step that The Cliff House road be widened and paved, and that a supporting bulkhead be constructed at the foot of the Sutro Heights bluff. Possibilities of such a bulkhead are indicated in the section with this proposed work as shown in the suggestive sketch by Bennett. This by some might be cleaned as ultra magnificent, with its wonderful ribbon of perspective, but the idea does not suffices to grandeur the possibilities of Sutro Park. Such a plan might reasonable hope.

Ocean Front Stretch Rife with Possibilities

The stretch of ocean front extending From the Cliff House north and east toward the Golden Gate is rife with potential possibilities of beautification. Such a project, however, should be made heeds to rather than detract from, the natural beauty of this trail. Virtually every person who has walked along this magnificent shore, has agreed as to the urgent necessity for construction of a broad, well-paved boulevard, with gentle terraced slopes, winding paths, that would give easy access to the many beauty spots to be found there, and such landscape gardening as would lend advance.

Whatever may be done to the end of beautification, the use of trees of ocean front, obviously must be with a view to ultimate beautification of the entire city. The first step, however, and the step that would affect immediate beauty and real benefit to the whole people of San Francisco will be the beautification of the so-called Sutro properties.

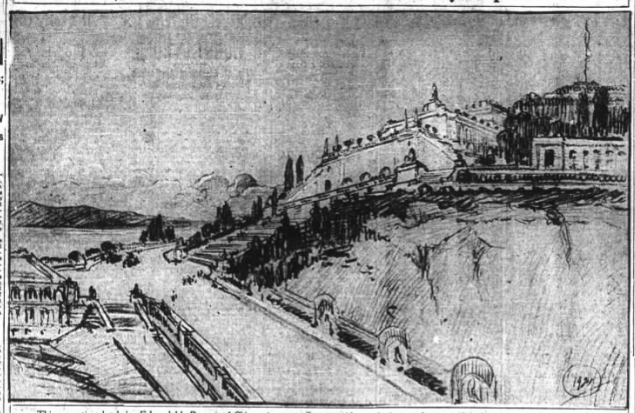
Tourists, Industries To Be Brought to S. F.

Inducements for bringing to San Francisco industries and tourists are being made by the industrial department of the Chamber of Commerce. Dr. R. M. Hassall, who is managing director of the department, etc., reports that while San Francisco has several beautiful residence and business districts along with fine hotels, still the plan on which it was laid out precludes much of the real ocean section from being attractive. This is due, largely, to the fact that the streets are laid out on the hills in a rectangular manner instead of running in graceful curves along the grade.

PLAN CIVIL SERVICE TESTS

The United States Civil Service Commission is preparing to hold in this city on Dec. 15 examinations for the purpose of positions in the Federal service, among them being for laborers, watchmen, boy and girl messengers and clerks in various bureaus and offices, ranging from $840 to $1800 a year. Application blanks are obtainable at room 240, Pacific Building.

Ocean Front Possibilities as Viewed by Expert



This suggestive sketch by Edward H. Bennett of Chicago is presented as an evidence of what can be accomplished in the way of artistic development and beautification of San Francisco's magnificent ocean front park, commonly known as the Sutro properties. Bennett, who first was a protege then a collaborator and finally successor to the late Daniel H. Burnham, probably is the foremost authority in the country, if not in the world, on city planning. Sketch clearly shows wealth of possibilities in connection with proposed improvement of Sutro Heights.

THE CANCER MENACE

A series of articles by
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ARTICLE I

The Toll of Cancer

The World does not know—at least it does not clearly visualize—the part that cancer, the great unconquered scourge of civilization, plays in human misery and economic casualties, though scientists have ceased to be longer a secret nor a mystery. Typhoid fever, through scientific sanitation and full knowledge of its cause, is one of rare occurrence in California and cholera and yellow fever have been entirely eliminated from the Pacific Coast. Scores of our people need many other causes of death, consumption, the "Great White Plague," or gradually, in the last eight conditions which prevail in nearly every community; yet cancer not only continues unchecked, but is steadily and inexorably on the increase.

DR. THOMAS W. HUNTINGTON

For each one hundred deaths due to cancer in 1900, there were one hundred and twenty-six cases in the year 1910. Nearly 100,000 throughout the country is the estimated toll for this year. Continue the U-boat terror and sink a ship like the Lusitania every week, and the loss of life would be less than that now caused by cancer. Wipe out the population of the city of Sacramento, and the loss would approximately equal the deaths from cancer in the United States.

VICTIMS FROM ALL AGES

Cancer has been called the enemy of old age, because a majority of its victims are in advanced life. Very forcibly it has been said that "cancer is not at the end of a life well lived, a gem of the well-earned enjoyment of a life work accomplished." But, as a matter of fact, its ravages are not limited to old age. Census Bureau statistics show that one-quarter of the deaths among men and more than a third of those among women die to this cause, occur before the age of 45. Eight thousand men die yearly at a time when death leaves a dependent and unprotected family, and 12,000 women die annually at a period when their children are growing up and need their mothers.

Unfortunately our knowledge upon this subject is deplorably limited. Millions of money have been expended in research with this object in view, and hundreds of research workers have devoted their lives to a solution of the problem, but we are still in the night. It was, however, by said that local irritation, either by sudden impact, as from a blow or kick, has frequently resulted in the development of the disease at the point of impact. Chronic irritation, as from a smoking chimney or a resultant wen, is cited as affording a positive menace.

NATURAL HISTORY OF CANCER

While we confess to slight knowledge of the cause of cancer, our knowledge of what cancer is can be very satisfactorily stated.

The normal human body is made up of cells, each cell having its own life walls of a tissue—each one capable only with the microscope, but all growing, living and working in harmony. How each cell is controlled and made to serve the interests of the body as a whole is a riddle still unsolved. If it could be solved the secret of life itself would be open.

When one of the cells breaks away from control and grows "wild" without regard for the other cells of the body, it produces millions of cells like itself, and the result is a tumor. If the cells, instead of growing, are spreading through the body of the patient it is called a cancer. There are many kinds of cancers—cancer from liver cells, from stomach cells, from skin cells and many others.

It is clearly established that cancer is not a contagious disease, cannot be conveyed from one person to another. No surgeon or nurse has ever contracted cancer by contact with patients.

Nor is there in the many statements which have been made regarding the transmission of cancer from one generation to another, a step be said that there is no dependable evidence that such is the case. While it is true that two or more cases of cancer have been observed in the same family, this may properly be considered as coming within the doctrine of chances. Considering the frequent occurrence of cancer it is only to be expected that several cases may be found in a family. Nor is it correct to the foregoing statements the fact may develop the fact that certain families or strains have been resistors to cancer than others, and this fact may be noted that certain forms of cancer has been frequent to be especially on the watch for symptoms which may become cancer.

The membership of this society is of the theory of a large number of the best men in medicine, science and civics throughout the United States. Its work is working with cordial co-operation on the part of the public press, through whose columns the greatest publicity will be given.

Forthcoming articles in The Chronicle will describe some of the different forms of cancer; what are their danger signals; when and how cure can be effected.

Earthquakes Will Be Topic of Discussion

Professor S. D. Townley will discuss "Earthquakes" at a dinner this afternoon at the museum of the Academy of Sciences in Golden Gate Park, and will show how a museum of protection against the such disturbance may be secured.

Chanukah Celebration Takes Place Monday

The Hayes Valley Hebrew school of the Jewish Educational Society will have its annual Chanukah celebration next Monday evening in the auditorium of the Kenesseth Congregation, 123 Webster street. A Hebrew play and an elaborate musical programme will be features. Rabbi Wolf Gold and Rabbi Jacob Nieto will deliver addresses.

Carmel Council Gives Annual High Jinks

The annual banquet and high jinks of Carmel Council, No. 2, of the Young Ladies' Institute, was given Friday night at the B. M. I. building. The programme of the evening was conducted by the San Francisco Boys' Club. The programme was as follows: [illegible] Mrs. Thomas Ryan, president, Miss Mae Ryan, vice-president, Miss Ruth Ryan, secretary, Miss Ruth Ryan, treasurer, Miss Ruth Ryan, [illegible] Miss Ruth Ryan, [illegible] Miss Ruth Ryan, [illegible]