

# EXPLAIN, RECEDE OR RESIGN SEFTON TELLS PARK BOARD

## PRESENT SITUATION IS INTOLERABLE HE DECLARES

Says People of San Diego Are  
"Absolutely Impatient  
Over Delay."

## DEMANDS PROMPT ACTION

An Open Statement to the City Park Board:

It is a well recognized fact that the persons who subscribed with enthusiasm to the capital work of the exposition are the very same persons who voted in favor of the million dollar bond issue, and that this money was voted with the express understanding that it is to be used in the park for exposition purposes. It was this understanding that led to the formation of the agreement between the park board and the exposition, and the formation by the exposition later of a division of works under which the above detailed work has been done. This agreement is in exact accord with the law of the city, county and state, and there is no question of its legality except in the mind of some person who finds the provisions of this agreement inimical to his own interests. The work above detailed is simply preliminary.

It will be necessary, in order to carry out the intentions of the people of San Diego to create in the park a miniature city. For this purpose a main street system with lines of tributary communication will be necessary.

Such streets necessarily will contain curbs, gutters, pavements and all drainage facilities, such as sewers and open drains, water mains, bridges, buildings, ordinances, rules, regulations and many others.

How does the park board propose to carry out this work? Does the park board think that two engineers, two architects, two heads, two conceptions, two ideas emanating from two sets of men who are not working in harmony toward one end can do it?

The preliminary work of tree, shrub and vine planting has begun. Even should the park board cause the abandonment of the exposition, it must of necessity proceed with the ornamentation of the park by planting, by construction of rest houses, by creation of places of amusement, stadiums, lawns, lakes and other ordinary park improvement.

Has the park board any plans, or even a general idea of the extent of the work of this character it intends to carry out?

The miniature city will require a water system, both for domestic and fire supply. If this city should not be built such a system will be required for the ordinary park work.

Has the park board any plans by which this water system may be installed in either event?

The miniature city will also require illumination and a certain amount of ordinary park improvement.

What, if any, plan has the park board for this feature?

What, if any, plans has the park board for protection of this miniature city from fire?

Does the park board intend to pursue the expensive general contract system in park improvement and purchase materials in the open market, or has it some definite plan for the establishment of grading camps by which a large overhead expense will be cut off, and by which a great saving will be effected by the purchase of materials?

What, if any, plans have been made or are in contemplation for the simple maintenance of the park and to continue the propagation of the plants necessary for park improvement?

Is the park board going to abandon the plain intention of the people to hold an exposition?

Has the park board any adequate plan whatever for the creation of the exposition in the park in compliance with the will of the people?

Has the park board any man in its membership who is qualified to create the plans for the exposition and for park improvement?

Does the park board intend to cause the loss of all the funds which have been expended so far in the park?

Has the park board anything better to offer the taxpayers of San Diego than the plan adopted by the board of directors of the exposition and the old park board?

Has the park board any plan by which it can save the city any more money in the improvement of the park than has been shown can be saved through the operation of the division of works under the agreement between the old park board and the exposition?

The board of directors of the exposition and the members of the old park board and the members of the buildings and grounds committee of the exposition have put themselves upon record before the people of San Diego and have detailed the plan under which it is proposed to create the exposition and improve the park, in accordance with the will of the people expressed by their voluntary subscription to the exposition fund and their adoption of the million dollar bond ordinance.

It is now up to the park board to make the same explanation, to show wherein their procedure will result in greater benefit to the city, and to show wherein their method will reduce the estimate of expense for the work.

The people of San Diego are absolutely impatient at the delay in settlement of this controversy. The board of directors of the exposition have done everything in their power to enlighten the people as to their plans. The park board has done absolutely nothing.

The park board has been placed in such a position that it must either explain to the people what its plans are and how much greater a saving to the city these plans will make, or recede from its position, or resign.

The present situation is intolerable and cannot continue.

The members of the board of directors, which includes such men as U. S. Grant, J. William Clayton, G. A. Davidson, C. L. Williams, Fred W. Jackson, Jr., D. F. Garretson, George Burnham, L. A. Blochman, John D. Spreckels, John F. Forward, Jr., W. A. Rios, Fred Jewell, W. H. Ludington, Colonel McClure, Lucius R. Barrow, D. E. Collier, Arthur Marston, Julius Wan-

## SPECIFIES WORK DONE IN PARK

Acting Director General Renders Accounts for Various Departments.

Board of Directors, Panama-California Exposition.

Gentlemen: Following is a report of the work done in the park by the division of works up to and including the month of May, 1911:

Up to June 1, 1911, the division of works expended the following amounts:

Nursery..... 21,020.62

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Park work..... 23,566.07

Total..... \$68,637.35

Works Office

The amount of \$10,968.93 charged is the net cost of the works office to date and includes \$2,443.92 of preliminary expenses incurred before the organization of the division of works, as well as all the cost of topographical surveys of the exposition site.

Nursery

A complete nursery has been installed and equipped. Approximately twenty-five acres have been fenced, piped for water and put under cultivation, and the following buildings have been erected and equipped:

Glass green house, 22x100 feet.

Lath green house, 22x96 feet.

High lath house, 96x96 feet.

Office, tool house, cutting house, containing 12,000 lineal feet of hot and cold frames.

To stock the nursery the Normal Heights and Coronado nurseries were bought outright and large quantities of planting material were purchased from other dealers and nurseries. Material not obtainable locally has been secured in other parts of the United States and ordered from abroad. In addition to stock purchased, large quantities of planting materials have been procured from the nursery.

At this time the nursery contains more than 225,000 plants of all sorts and of all sizes up to twenty feet in height. The nursery contains 6300 palms of different species.

Park Work

The work done for the park board is as follows:

Preliminary surveys..... 1,346.84

Topographical surveys..... 713.40

Border plantations..... 13,343.50

Irrigating system..... 6,167.95

Improvement of Eighteenth Street..... 513.16

Miscellaneous park improvements..... 366.30

Maintenance of completed work..... 1,114.92

Total..... \$23,566.07

The preliminary surveys were made for the use of Mr. Olmsted in laying out the park improvements. These surveys were made before the division of works was organized, and they are being incorporated in the work.

This work was done over by the division of works.

The item for topographical surveys includes the cost of all surveys for the design and location of all park work done to date, and also includes surveys for a much greater amount of future work.

The border plantations are seventy acres in area and extend along the north border of the park and for 3000 feet along the east border. All plantations were cleared, grubbed, spread with slaked lime at the rate of 1500 pounds per acre and with manure at the rate of fifteen cords per acre. After this the ground was plowed twice, thus breaking up the soil to an average depth of fourteen inches. A large part of the plantations are on the sides of canyons where it is impossible to plow. These places were "pot-holed," most of the "pot-holes" being blasted out of the hardpan.

After the ground was prepared 28,000 trees and shrubs (twenty-nine varieties) were set out. The charge for border plantations also includes the work done on the border roads, grading for which was well under way when work was stopped.

The irrigating system was put in to water the plantations and consists of 22,000 feet of iron pipe (principally four-inch, three-inch and two-inch), together with all necessary fittings, valves and stand pipes.

The improvements at the Eighteenth street entrance consisted of cutting down some unsightly banks, filling a low area and planting trees.

The item of miscellaneous park improvement consists of small jobs in various parts of the park and includes the transplanting of a number of large palms which were secured in various parts of the city and moved to the park.

The item of maintenance includes the labor of upkeep and irrigating of plantations from the time they were set out until work was stopped. This item also includes the cost of all tools, hose, etc., needed for this work.

J. W. SEFTON, JR., Acting Director General.

CITY COUNCIL TO ACT

ON IMPORTANT MEASURES

The city council will meet Saturday morning for possibly final consideration of the building ordinance before it is recommended for passage.

Consideration will be given to overhead wires, the smoke nuisance and the regulation of billboards. All persons who are interested in any of these subjects are invited to be present and to give their opinions.

Gentlemen, H. H. Jones and R. T. McKenzie, have given their time and attention and supervision to the details of the immense plans for the exposition. It is impossible to select a more representative body of men for any project whatever in San Diego—men in whom the people have more confidence and in whose ability they can trust more absolutely.

Arranged in opposition to these are Mayor Wadham, Clark Braly, president of the city park commission, and one or two others.

It is for the people to determine whether the exposition shall be carried through by the two dozen gentlemen above named, or abandoned because of the obstinate, obstructive tactics of the city officials mentioned.

(Signed) J. W. SEFTON, JR., Acting Director General.

## SCRIPPS' EDITOR CONDEMNS FAIR

R. F. Paine in Letter to Union Declares Exposition Plans Should Be Dropped.

San Diego, Calif., June 15, 1911.

Editor San Diego Union: Will you kindly permit one who has but recently become a permanent taxpayer in this glorious community to express an opinion based on your editorial "The Exposition Controversy."

"The truth," you will say, "is unpleasant, but it must be faced. Unless the present controversy can be eliminated and some sort of a working agreement reached by the park board and the exposition directors, San Diego's plans for 1915 may have to be abandoned."

I am certain that if the whole truth and nothing but the truth were known, public sentiment already favors abandonment of the exposition plans.

Having had some little experience with exposition, I am of strong conviction that they result in very little permanent benefit to any place. They are like stuffing the poor with hot turkey to the point of gastric paralysis, on Thanksgiving day, and letting them eat grass the rest of the year. And the movement for a San Diego exposition was an unwise thing from its inception, under the circumstances.

We propose to spend millions upon what the country looks upon as a mere side-show. With the first stake undriven, we are fighting as to who shall have the authority, who shall spend the money. You truthfully say in your editorial that for many months the average citizen has seen no reason why he should actively concern himself about the project.

If you dig into the soul of the average citizen, particularly the merchants who have been bled, time and time again, for the "worthy" project, other "worthy" projects, you'll find that a surprising number agree with me that the exposition should be sensibly and courageously abandoned NOW.

Don't put me down as a knacker. I'm really a live-wire booster for San Diego. What real estate I've got hold of I'm holding at prices that would make the most optimistic, nervy and courageous real estate agent in this dear little burg turn chrome yellow. I don't envy of my talent and gall as a booster. I am writing everybody I know back east the truth, the whole truth, and more, too, about the superlative advantages of San Diego. But, with all this, I sincerely believe that a greater mistake has been made and, as one bound to pay his part of interest on those millions of bonds, I vote to knock that exposition proposition on the head NOW, when it can be most decently and economically done. Very respectfully,

R. F. PAINE,

2352 Fifth St.

Mr. Paine is editorial writer for the Scripps newspapers of the Pacific coast, including the San Diego Sun, Los Angeles Record, and papers in Sacramento, Fresno, Berkeley, San Francisco, Portland, Tacoma, Seattle and Spokane. He said last night that his letter to the Union simply expressed his views as a citizen and taxpayer of San Diego.

HIGH SCHOOL PUPILS

PLAN FOR GRADUATION

Class Night and Commencement Programs Arranged

By Students.

Special to the Union.

National City, June 15.—Arrangements have been completed for class night and the commencement exercises of the National City high school graduating class. Class night will be held Thursday evening, June 22, and commencement is set for the following evening. The eighth grade of the grammar school will hold its graduating exercises the afternoon of June 22. The high school will graduate a large class this year and various members will participate in the class night program, which is as follows:

Song..... "Class Song at Parting"

Senior Girls.

Address of Welcome..... Hazel Burnham

Class History..... For Alexander

Song..... "The Orange and the Black"

Senior Class.

Presentation of Class Gift.....

Class..... "Gardner Spring"

Class..... "Prophecy"

Song..... "Katherine Beck"

Senior Class.

INTERMISSION.

Scenes from "The Taming of the Shrew"—Shakespeare.

The program for commencement follows:

Song..... "Twenty-third Psalm" (Mein Gott)

Invocation..... Rev. John M. Shive

Music..... Selected

Presentation of Diplomas.....

Music..... Chairman Board of Trustees

Address..... "Service"

Song..... "March of the Spheres" (Goldmark)

High School Chorus

Benediction..... Rev. Louis G. Spring

The personnel of the graduating class includes Darley Howe, Gardner Spring, Perry Claypoole, Hazel Burnham, Grace Schutte, Dorothy Scott, Mary Shives, Pearl Alexander and Katherine Beck. Perry Claypoole is president of the student body and Miss Burnham is president of the class.

KNIGHTS ENTERTAIN WOMEN.

The Knights of Columbus gave a women's night at their room in Germania hall last evening. Brief addresses were given by Grand Knight John J. MacGuinness and Rev. Father Braly, after which dancing was indulged in, about 100 couples participating.

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