

SHADE TREES CUT AT VALLEY FORGE

Park Commissioners' Action Stirs Up Controversy With Nature Lovers

VARIOUS REASONS GIVEN

While a number of prominent citizens who are lovers of nature are mourning the demise of several hundred trees in Valley Forge Park, the park commissioners are offering a variety of reasons for the destruction of the groves that once stood near the equestrian statue of Anthony Wayne.

"I have heard all the excuses offered by the commission," said Edward Newton, "and I consider them all bosh. Some of the members simply did not think. They probably wanted the Anthony Wayne statue to show more distinctly from the road, and simply ordered a long row of trees cut down. I am not the only person who believes the statue now stands too stark and shining. It was far more beautiful when glimpsed first through the trees, and seen against a background of rich green foliage."

The commissioners variously said the trees were ordered cut down by the state forestry department because of the chestnut blight several years ago; that they were cut to add to the beauty of the place; that they were mere saplings, anyway, and new and more worthy trees were being set out in their place; and that they were cut because of the government order to restore the place, so far as possible, to a military camp such as it was in Washington's time.

Trees Infected With Blight
"It is true there was a chestnut blight several years ago," said Colonel Richmond L. Jones, chairman of the tree committee of the commission, "and the forestry department did find many of the Park trees infected and ordered them cut. But the principal reason for the cutting of the trees in question was to make the place more like a military camp. There wasn't a single tree left on it in Washington's time. The government's military authorities have suggested and approved such changes as have been made by us. We cut down trees that were within gun range in front of the fort. Any military man would tell you that trees should not be left in such a spot, as they would serve to protect the enemy."

Abundant Space for Trees
"There are plenty of places in the park for trees, and the commission is setting out and nourishing trees of the proper sort wherever possible. But to make the fort and its immediate surroundings a real relic of historical times, we cannot stop to listen to men rabid on the subject of cutting down trees."

"There isn't another point, too. Washington had the place cleared and it has been cleared several times since then, before we had charge of it. There isn't a tree on the place more than thirty years old. And all the timber we have had cut down wouldn't be worth \$100. The trees were mere saplings, sprouted from stumps of old trees, most of them ill-shaped and growing in clumps."

The idea of cutting the trees that were in range of the fort is the most sensible excuse offered, in the opinion of Mr. Newton. "That is a new one," he said. "But as far as the trees being cut, I know they were for the most part good sized, beautiful specimens."

Colonel W. H. Sayen, president of the Valley Forge Park Commission, said every time a tree was cut down in the park some one wrote a letter. "The place has been beautified in every way by the changes made," he said.

Colonel John W. Jordan, of the Historical Society of Philadelphia, another member of the Park Commission, said the state forestry inspectors had ordered 4000 trees cut in the Park several years ago on account of the chestnut blight.

"I myself was perfectly astonished at such an order," he explained. "The trees looked healthy to me, but I saw him split the bark away and show where millions of white parasites were feeding on the trunk. It was impossible for us to execute such a wholesale order at once, but each year some of these trees have been cut. Many have died before we could cut them. It may be true," he admitted, "that here and there trees have been cut by mistake that shouldn't have been destroyed. But the commission is doing this thing conscientiously, and I think there have been few mistakes. We have been planting trees the whole time in places where we think they will be of the most value. Acres of acorns have been sowed, and red oak trees by the hundreds have been set out. We hope to follow the order of the government to restore the place to a military camp so far as possible. But we must have some trees, even in places that were bare in Washington's time. In order to protect the ground, the earth would crumble away at the retrenchments if we did not keep some trees whose roots will hold the soil in place."

Colonel Edward B. Cassatt is another citizen who was highly incensed by the cutting down of trees in the Park. He appealed to the commissioners and received some recognition.

Protecting Remaining Trees
"Out of courtesy to the members of the Valley Forge Park Commission," said Colonel Cassatt, "I would prefer at the present time not to bring the matter of trees in Valley Forge into newspaper prominence except to say that some time ago I protested to the commission and to certain members thereof on account of the wanton destruction of trees. I am now informed that the commission, while it regrets the harm done cannot be undone, has taken steps to prevent further damage of like nature."

The commission members are: Colonel Sayen, John P. Nicholson, John W. Jordan, J. P. Hale Jenkins, William A. Patton, Richmond L. Jones, John T. Windrim, George J. Elliott and Edward F. Beane.

"Certainly it will help if the commissioners really mean they will protect the remaining trees," said Mr. Newton. "But it will take generations for these acorns and new trees to become shade trees of value, and supplant those destroyed. The destruction of woods is something that should be considered seriously before perpetrated, and something that should not be left to one man, or to two or three to decide."

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What a Light and Flowery Charm Pervades the Dress Store These Summer Days!



Airy Organdies, \$10

Orchid, canary, pink, sky, Copenhagen, rose and white occur among the plain colors and pink, blue and black among the checks. They have long white sashes and cool collars and short flowing sleeves.

Wonderful Choosing at \$8.25

Truly delightful dresses are among these. The materials are good, the styles are something to be proud of and excellent taste was used in their selection. Many have elbow sleeves, and the skirts are often gathered into bands at the feet. You will find both light and dark voiles, dotted voiles and cool checks; organdies in orchid, rose, pink and blue are trimmed with lace and have very deep hems.

A Little Lot of Mussed White Dresses

Here are voiles, plain or embroidered, and dotted swiss and organdies which have lost their first freshness, and consequently part of their prices. Now reduced to \$5, \$8.50 and \$10.

Yes, many lovely fall models are here in dark Georgettes and tricotes. Prices start at \$20 for the Georgettes.

Flower-sprigged frocks, cool, crisp organdies in the loveliest colorings, fresh white frocks—they line every side of this interesting corner of the Down Stairs Store! You've no idea what delights Summer holds until you have seen these charming things.

600 Dresses Are New for Monday

—and all are quite moderate in price. Some were even secured at prices that were unusually low and, in consequence, are marked at savings of a fourth to a third.

At \$5 and \$6

you will find flowered voiles and pretty striped patterns in cool, soft colorings. In navy blue there are some dresses with white polka dots.

At \$7.50

there are some printed blue chintzes that are quite unusual. They have white organdie collars, cuffs and pockets. Also some plaid gingham dresses of fine, closely woven quality, trimmed with little white ruffles. Dotted voiles, with dots of different sizes, are among these.

Five Good, Special Silk Items for Monday

- 33-inch white pongee, fine for separate skirts and frocks, is \$1.90 a yard.
- 27-inch white habutai, cool for blouses and underthings, is 85c a yard.
- 35-inch black taffeta of good quality is \$1.90 a yard.
- 35-inch black messaline, soft and lustrous, is \$1.80 a yard.
- 35-inch navy blue satin de luxe is \$2.20 a yard.

Women's Athletic Combination Suits, Special at \$1.25

About 1200 of these comfortable garments, of a well-known make, have come at this special price.

They are pink or white—the tops of voile, with comfortable ventilated waistband and conveniently wide athletic drawers.

Linene Sports Suits for Young Women

The styles are various: belted jackets, jackets in blouse style and jackets with braided-trimmed collars. \$6.50 and \$7.50.

Silk Poplin Suits Reduced to \$27.50

These and a few taffeta suits make an interesting group of unusual suits that are worth looking among to find your size and the style that you want. Sizes 16 to 38.

Pink Crepe Envelope Chemises Special at \$1.50

Durable, easily laundered pink crepe is generously made into neat envelope chemises. They are adorned with blue hemstitching, which makes them quite dainty—as well as serviceable.

Pink Satin Bloomers Special at \$3.75

A soft, pearl-pink satin is used and the bloomers are prettily made with points at the knees. The points are trimmed with hand-embroidered medallions, insertion and Georgette edging.

An Unusual Lot of Better Silk Petticoats Reduced to \$3.85

This includes petticoats of taffeta, of jersey, of messaline and petticoats with jersey tops and taffeta flounces. There are all the fashionable colors in the lot, but not in every style and size. Every one is exceptional value at this price.

Keep Out the Pesky Torments! Fine Mosquito Netting Is the Best Way

Not only the mosquitoes are bothering this damp weather, but the flies as well. Fine mosquito netting, such as this, will keep both out. Netting in white, black and drab is 67 inches wide in 8-yard pieces at \$2 a piece.

Good Curtain Materials at About Today's Wholesale Prices

Marquissette of excellent quality is 38 inches wide and will make some of the most durable as well as the most attractive white curtains for all over the house. 50c a yard.

Cedar Chests, Glowing and Redolent

will make splendid gifts or be excellent investments for the Midsummer or early Autumn brides. They need no shavings to increase their fragrance, for they are cedar all through. Some have the dull, natural finish, while others are highly polished. The markings are beautiful.

Wraps Are Reduced

Capes of serge, velour and silvertone have had their prices lessened because there are so few of any one kind. They will fit girls of 10 to 16 and their new prices are \$10, \$12 and \$15.



Gay New Smocks for Fair Vacationists

So many women like to put these comfortable things in their vacation trunks. These are all fresh and new and in a pleasant variety. Most of them are collarless, but some have collars, and often pretty embroidery and smocking adorn them.

The white voiles are light and cool and embroidered in dainty colors at \$2.75 and \$3.75. The style that is sketched is \$3.75.

Crashes are in any number of styles with white trimmed with color or solid colors at \$2.75 to \$4.25. The unusual smock sketched is of rose, blue or green crash, inset with white and embroidered. It is \$3.75.

A green or natural color tussah smock is \$5.75.

And a lovely pongee smock embroidered in colors is \$8.

An Important Little Sale of House Dresses \$1.85

Quite a little gathering of good house dresses of plain blue or pink chambray, rose, pink or Copenhagen percale and of checked and plaid gingham. The collars, cuffs and trimmings are of contrasting material and the dresses are belted or made on straight Billie Burke lines.

All have been marked higher in our regular stock, but as sizes are broken they have been grouped under this one price.



Girls' Regulation Dresses Special at \$2

Comfortable, serviceable little dresses of white linene have collars and cuffs that are trimmed with white braid. On the sleeves are the proper emblems and the stripes of red. 6 to 14 year sizes.

Other attractive regulation frocks, box pleated, knife pleated or made in two-piece style, are in all white and cadet blue at \$3.50, \$3.75 and \$4.50. The dress sketched is \$3.75.

Middy blouses, in 8 to 14 year sizes, are \$1.25 and \$2.

Of an Airier Mood
are the dainty dresses of checked voiles and plain-color organdies. Checked white dimity makes some pretty things, too. Among the colored frocks an effective touch is the use of deep rose to trim a frock of flesh pink, or Copenhagen to trim sky blue. \$3.75, \$4.50, \$6.50 and \$7.50 are the very moderate prices of these little frocks. The checked dress that is sketched is \$4.50.

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No Man Will Turn Down a \$6 to \$8 Saving

on a suit of clothes, if he knows it to be a good, legitimate saving. But that is just what is saved by a man who gets one of these

Fancy Mixed Suits at \$22.50

These suits are held to the same standard of 100% pure wool and fine tailoring that all of our suits are. They have two or three button coats, half lined with mohair, and there is a good choice of patterns in all regular sizes.

Plenty of Good Blue Serge Suits With Two Pair of Trousers at \$28.50

All-around good service suits are these splendid all-wool suits in fast blue. The coats are suitable for wearing with white flannel trousers, too.

Trousers for "Roughing It"

Khaki twill or white duck trousers for the outing or fishing trip are \$3 a pair.

Fresh White Skirts Are Special at \$2.50

There are two styles, both of heavy cotton crash.

One is gathered all around and has button-trimmed patch pockets and a belt. It is in regular and extra sizes (waistbands up to 38 inches).

The other, which is sketched, is in regular sizes.

They are splendid vacation skirts, and, we are told, launder especially well.

Smart Plaid Silk Skirts

in small sizes \$25 to 30 inch waistbands are \$5.75.

Made of lustrous satin messaline in blue and green tone plaids. They are especially nice for women who want light, but not white skirts.

Specials for Busy Needles

(The best way to keep a needle bright is to use it often.)

Longcloth, 36 inches wide, in 10-yard pieces, is \$2.20, \$2.55, \$3.35 and \$3.65 a piece.

Nainsook, 36 inches wide, in 10-yard pieces, is \$2.65, \$3.35 and \$3.65 a piece. A fine white nainsook in 10-yard pieces is 40 inches wide at \$4.50 a piece.

Batiste—Soft mercerized batiste is 40 inches wide and special at 55c a yard.

40-inch Organdie Only 50c and 65c a Yard

When you think about it, it is really wonderful that one can actually buy such delicate, flowerlike hues! All due credit to our American dye industry. It has given a good gift of color to organdie! There are orchid, tan, green, pink, light blue, navy, sunset, rose and yellow, etc.

Oxford Ties Hold a High Place in Fashion's Favor

There is a trimness about them that belongs to no other footwear. Our Oxford ties are well made, with good uppers and durable soles.

Brown Kiskin Oxford ties, with turned soles and high, covered heels, are \$4.75 a pair.

White Pumps for Children's Summertime

Ankle-strap pumps for little children who wear sizes 8 1/2 to 6 are \$2.50 to \$3 a pair; girls' sizes 2 1/4 to 6 are \$3.75 a pair.

Boys' Shoes for Real Boys to Wear! They are made of tough dark tan leather, which is saying a great deal for their wearing qualities! Sizes 10 to 13 1/2 are \$4.25 a pair; sizes 1 to 6 are \$5.25 a pair.

Vestings Abound

Yards and yards of these fluffy things that are so attractive for summer frocks! White or creamy Valenciennes laces are used on sheer organdie and net in a great many ways, varied by hemstitching and quaint puffings. Many styles are \$2 to \$5.75 a yard.

The Rustle of Silk Is Heard in Summer's Lovely Wraps

Silken wraps somehow belong to star-lit walks in the country, evening strolls along the boardwalk and swift motor rides to lawn fetes or Summer dances!

These are particularly attractive silk coats and wraps of taffeta, moire and satin. Some of them are beautifully lined with figured silk and a few have large tricolette collars. \$16.50 to \$29.50.

Satin Capes Are Not Too Warm for Summer Evenings

As in the days of our grandmothers, satin capes are being looked upon with great favor. Lustrous navy blue capes, with brushed wool collars, are lined with rose or Copenhagen silk. Special at \$25.

Unusual Values in Capes of Many Kinds Make It Worth While to Buy Now

The long vest front looks well in serge capes that are made quite plain or in more elaborate styles. The serge is of excellent quality. \$17.50.

Special at \$19.50.—This group includes many handsome capes that were marked more than twice as much. There are mostly two or three of a kind and in some cases only one. They are of silvertone and fine, mannish serge, lined with lovely silk.

A Manly Suit for the Little Lad

isn't always easy to find, but we have plenty of button-on suits which are always sure to appeal to the small chaps. The trousers are made of saten (as in the sketch) or of heavy mercerized poplin, of gingham or of that durable cotton suiting material which wears so well.

The white waists are of fine jean or poplin, made in various ways, with tucks, good buttons or crocheted edging used as trimming. Sizes 2 years to 6. \$2.50 to \$3.50.

Cool Stacks of Turkish Towels in All Weaves and Sizes

Some one whimsically remarked upon seeing the piles of whiteness, "Why, there are sizes enough for all baths, from that of the tiniest baby to the biggest Turkish bath imaginable, to say nothing of Galdylocks' three bears and their respective sizes!"

Fully Bleached Towels in Absorbent Qualities

17x31 inches, 15c
17x36 inches, 20c
With colored borders:
20x39 inches, 45c
23x43 inches, 60c

Pretty colored weaves, checks, plaids and stripes:
16x35 inches to 20x40 inches, 40c to 65c each

Children's Princess Slips \$1.75 to \$2.50

This includes a large assortment of well-made white nainsook slips. They are trimmed with fine tucks, embroidery or lace and all of them have nice ribbon run through beading.

White Bedspreads Have a Cooling, Soothing Charm

Smoothly laid upon a bed, they're very restful and inviting. New ones, fresh and white, are ready here for those who need them.

Marseilles Spreads

Hemmed spreads for double beds are \$2.85 to \$10; with cut corners they are \$7, \$8 and \$12.

Hemmed spreads for single beds are \$3, \$4 and \$4.50; with cut corners, \$3.50 to \$5.

Marseilles sets for double beds are \$7 and \$8.50; for single beds, \$6.50 and \$8.50.

Cool Dimity Spreads

62x90 inches, \$2.50
80x90 inches, \$3
72x90 inches, \$2.75
90x99 inches, \$3.50
Dimity sets for double beds are \$6; for single beds, \$4.50.

Crochet Spreads

Double-bed spreads, hemmed, are \$3 and \$3.50; with cut corners, \$3, \$3.50 and \$4.50.

Seamless Sheets

(Full-Bleached)
54x90 inches, \$1.20
63x90 inches, \$1.65
72x90 inches, \$1.58 and \$1.75
SPECIAL: 81x90-inch seamless sheets are \$1.50.

Pillow cases are 35c, 45c, 50c and 55c each.

Summer Blankets

White cotton blankets, suitable for Summer cottages, are \$3.50, \$4, \$5 and \$6 a pair.

Plaid blankets, \$4 and \$5.
Gray blankets, \$3.50, \$4 and \$5.
Cane blankets in Indian patterns make good throws for couches that must be beds at night. They measure 72x84 inches, at \$5; 54x72 inches, at \$3.50.

The Truth About This Sale of Good Rugs

Some of the rugs are in patterns that now have been discontinued, others are included because there are only one or two sizes in any one style, and the rest are rugs in patterns that have not been re-ordered for the Autumn. But every rug is a good rug—not soiled nor shopworn, but ready to give you 100% service.

Fiber Rugs at About Today's Wholesale Prices

8.3x10.6 feet, \$11.50.
9x12 feet, \$12.50.

Wool-and-Fiber Rugs for All-Year-Around Use

6x9 feet, \$5.
8.3x10.6 feet, \$9.25.

Wilton Velvet Rugs, Seamless and with Linen Fringe

9x12 feet, \$57.50.

Seamless Velvet Rugs

8.3x10.6 feet, \$37.
9x12 feet, \$39.

Seamed Axminster Rugs in Oriental and Chinese Patterns

6x9 feet, \$25.
8.3x10.6 feet, \$42.50.
9x12 feet, \$37.50 and \$45.
11.3x12 feet, \$57.50.

Japanese Straw Rugs

They are a particularly heavy grade, with the pleasing colors and designs of the Orient.
4.6x7.6 feet, \$3.50.

Woven Japanese Matting Rugs

They are in green, blue, brown and red.
9x11.2 feet, \$4.75.

Colonial Rag Rugs

One-third Less Than the Regular Price. These were sturdily woven on hand looms, with a strong warp. The favorite hit-and-miss effects are here.

24x36 inches, 70c.
25x50 inches, 90c.
27x54 inches, \$1.15.
30x60 inches, \$1.45.
6x9 feet, \$6.75.
9x12 feet, \$9.75.
9x15 feet, \$16.