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PARK DEVELOPMENT WILL BE ONE OF THE IMPORTANT FEATURES OF YEAR 1914

THE year 1914 will witness another great step in the work of park development in Harrisburg. The city now has \$100,000 at its command for the extension of its park system and the purchase of additional ground for playground purposes.

A part of this money will be used, no doubt, to advance the playground work and to complete certain incomplete stretches of the parkway destined eventually to encircle the entire city. But the playground work is considered most important.

This \$100,000 will probably be the last to be borrowed for park purposes in Harrisburg for some time, as it will go a long way toward the completion of the park system so far as the purchase of land is concerned. The commission will have to think of the parking of the river banks after the completion of the river wall.

The story of park development in Harrisburg is one of much interest.

When the commission was organized in 1902 it found itself without funds and with no land in its custody save the three acres of grass park and an unnamed plot of three-quarters of an acre also along the river front. Reservoir park was then in charge of the water board. To-day the commission ministers over 900 acres of parks, parkways, playgrounds and athletic fields, is sponsor for numerous baseball, football and other athletic teams, conducts school and

college field and track meets, conducts public bathing beaches and operates an extensive nursery where all of the trees and other plants used for park ornamentation are raised.

As late as 1902 municipal park appropriations were unknown. Now \$30,000 yearly is scarcely enough to provide for the needs of the people—demands would be a better word for the public of Harrisburg has been educated up to expect much from the park management.

The real activities of the park commission began with its election on January 20, 1903, of Warren H. Manning as its landscape adviser. This election was not only for the best in the judgment of the commission, but in compliance with the earnest representations made to it by the several civic bodies which had to do with the improvement campaign. It has been contended and is still in full force.

Under the advice of Mr. Manning, a playground at Herr and Twelfth streets, was purchased April 22, 1903, being the first land acquired. This playground, including eight acres, was the only ground acquired during 1903 outside of the existing river parks.

For the purposes of comparison it should be noted that the acreage of the park territory which came under the control of the commission at its formation was as previously stated three and three-quarters acres, and that when it had secured jurisdiction over the river front parks and Reservoir park the amount thus placed in its hands included a total of 42 acres.

Following somewhat the lines of park development upon which the

public had passed in the improvement campaign of 1902, but paying more heed to the careful study of conditions prevailing about Harrisburg made by Mr. Manning as the adviser of the commission, it was early realized that the development of a park system in Harrisburg presented peculiar and special conditions. The city is relatively narrow, and its chief distinction is in the magnificent river front it possesses, practically untouched by commerce or buildings. It was seen therefore that the river along the river front the path along the edge of the bank being completed and lighted, benches being provided and the park regularly policed.

The commission acquired by gift from Rachel Cameron Hale and from John Hoffer a total of nine acres along the parkway east of Reservoir Park, and occupied by consent, pending completion of the necessary transfers, two and one-half acres as the property of T. G. and W. J. Calder.

Hargest's Island, from the Walnut street bridge to its southern point, a total of 23 acres, the Harrisburg Bridge Company leased to the commission for twenty years, at a rental of one dollar per year. It was at once made useful in two important ways; first, in the establishment of a park nursery, in which trees and plants purchased elsewhere might be grown to proper planting condition, and in which also plants and trees might be propagated for the uses of the city. It may be remarked at this time that the operation of this nursery has been extremely satisfactory and notably profitable. At current prices which the commission had previously paid and would now have to pay for the necessary nursery stock, the island nursery has saved the city considerably over fifty thousand dollars.

That part of the island south of the Market street bridge was converted into a recreation field, including four baseball diamonds, two of which are diverted to football uses each autumn. A well arranged cinder running course, a basketball field and five tennis courts are also provided, as well as floating public baths.

Island Park has afforded opportunity for fostering various forms of sports. To be in line with modern progress the commission installed early in 1907 floating baths at the southeast corner of Island Park, with the result that over fifteen thousand baths were there taken and the facilities taxed to the utmost. An attendant was provided and also such facilities as the meager means of the commission permitted. This bathhouse has been followed by two others, one exclusively for mothers and girls.

Having possession of the Island Park, opportunity was taken to foster water sports, with the result of holding a water carnival on Labor Day, September 2, 1907. On this occasion there were swimming races, rowing races, canoe races and motorboat races, and fully fifteen thousand people enjoyed sports not before available in Harrisburg.

The tennis courts in the various parks and playgrounds have been constantly in use. There are twenty-one in all and on many occasions all were completely occupied, with many waiting to be served. Many tournaments have been played on the courts in the parks.

Harrisburg enjoys the unique distinction of having the only public golf course in Pennsylvania, and one of the few in the United States. It was prepared in Reservoir Park during 1906 and was improved in 1907, with the result of enlisting the interest of and providing recreation for a large number of people, to whom such fa-

the authority of the city solicitor was invoked and thirteen acres of that tract condemned for park purposes. In 1905 51 acres of land lying along Spring creek and extending eastward from Cameron street, was donated by ex-Senator J. Donald Cameron. The commission also received by gift slightly less than 13 acres of land in the Wetzel Swamp district from W. D. Fleming, and by purchase acquired a total of 252 acres at a cost of \$21,970.78.

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HARRISBURG IS BIG AUTOMOBILE CENTER

Hundreds of Cars Have Been Sold Here and the Business Is Only in Its Infancy

Harrisburg's automobile business has grown in the past ten years from almost nothing to one of the most important branches of trade in the city.

There is no town in the land where more people of moderate means own and operate cars than in Harrisburg, and many enthusiasts own several. The automobile delivery trucks and cars are as numerous in the streets almost as horses and wagons, and are just as much a part of the city's life as the horse-drawn vehicles, while the motorcycle is almost as numerous as the bicycle used to be. The number of cars sold in this locality would total an immense fortune. Differing from the bicycle, the auto has come to stay and is fast developing into one of the city's best lines of industry.

In this vicinity the automobile has passed the luxury stage. Where it has not become a necessity it has at least taken on the air of a very desirable convenience. This is amply indicated by the ever-increasing sale of cars. A year ago dealers began to fear that the market would be too small to accommodate the large number of firms and agencies that went into business, but the opposite has been the case. Not only have all of the old firms that have enjoyed good management prospered but new ones are appearing every year, and there seems to be no end to the business which their shrewd salesmen are capable of developing.

Many Garages
The large number of garages springing up on the city streets is ample proof that there is an ever-increasing demand for housing room and repair shop facilities.

Harrisburg is popular with touring parties and during the Spring, Summer and Fall the local garages are constantly filled with cars stored for the night. As the road system of the State developed these touring parties will increase in number. In time, it is predicted, Harrisburg will become an important automobile stop-off as are many of the cities scattered throughout New England and the Middle West.

Harrisburg truck dealers say the past year was an exceptionally brisk one. Business in general was far in advance of the year preceding. Dealers have already mapped out their selling plans in anticipation of a busy season this year. The outlook from all appearances is exceptionally bright. Many dealers who handled nothing but pleasure cars for the number of years, observing that there was an open market in Harrisburg for some time with signs of a continuance for an indefinite period, recently launched into the motor truck business, which is easily handled without interference with the pleasure car trade.

Harrisburg merchants use trucks extensively for delivery purposes. Hardly a week passes that a new motor truck, belonging to some enterprising merchant, does not make its appearance in the streets. Department stores, wholesale and retail grocers, furniture dealers, transfer agents, butchers, confectioners, milliners, shoe dealers, florists and even undertaking establishments, as well as the merchant of limited means, are gradually replacing their horses with the more up-to-date and convenient motor trucks. The use of trucks is becoming more and more general as the many merchants in Harrisburg, besides making better progress, motor service to some extent has been found to be a more economical method of delivery. For suburban deliveries, where the matter of distance once denied the merchant trade because of use of horse deliveries, he is now able to reach many outlying districts of the city and even in an incredibly short space of time. The small merchant is greatly benefited in this respect and can afford to be in competition with the larger concerns.

It is estimated that there are more than two score public garages in Harrisburg and the small towns immediately surrounding.

Business Is Good
During the past two years the number of automobiles sold by Harrisburg and Dauphin county dealers has nearly doubled. The demand at present is so great that but few cars will not open properly until after the automobile show, which will be held in March. All manner of cars will be shown and it is expected that the sales will show a sharp increase as soon as the weather opens up and the buyers have had an opportunity to study fully the new styles in machines and equipment.

The physician, minister or professional man of Harrisburg that does not own a car for use in connection with his business is the exception rather than the rule. In Dauphin county farmer who is not up on the new wrinkles in 1914 models is looked upon by his neighbor with scorn. The motor is fast becoming a necessity in the rural regions surrounding Harrisburg in favor of the roadster or the five-passenger car.

The motorcycle is even more popular than the auto in the farming districts as well as the city. The young man who cannot afford a car or fast horse now invests in a motorcycle for fast riding and his "right" can cover more ground in one evening than his father used to do.

colleges would not otherwise have been accessible.

For the maintenance of these sports the money has been provided for the most part by the people interested, and they have been maintained at a very trifling expense to the commission. The maintenance and supervision of the commission's superintendent and secretary.

The development of amateur sports and the growth of playground work have been extensive and have been such important features of life in Harrisburg as to deserve separate treatment. They are too expensive to be passed with a paragraph or two. The cost of the reimbursement of fifteen thousand dollars by the board of public works, expended for lands acquired to aid in its flood prevention scheme, and various other items, the total receipts of this commission have been \$25,247.30 from loans, not including the \$100,000 now at hand.

This year also witnessed the passing of the old park commission and the substitution of a city councilman in control of the system, according to the provisions of the Clark small council act.

The work of extending Capitol Park to take in all that section of land lying between North and Walnut streets and Fourth street and the railroad right of way will be pushed rapidly in 1914 by the commission having the task in charge.

By the time the next Legislature convenes much of the property acquired will have been razed and the cellars leveled to street grade. Hundreds of houses have been already removed and the work is moving along at a rapid rate. A large majority of the most important structures have been taken over by the State and a few of the most commodious are being used to house city departments.

The old Keeley Cure building is housing one lot of clerks while a road experiment station will be maintained in the Fourth street electric light plant until such time as the State needs the land for extension purposes.

The commission will in all likelihood shortly suggest that some preliminary plan be worked out for the beautification of the land acquired. The appropriation made some years since was simply for the purchase of the property and was no understatement. It will now become necessary to devise a way to treat the new park in order to give the Capitol a proper setting and this will be taken up by the next Legislature, in all likelihood. There is some hint of an enlargement of the Capitol, also, due to the fact that it is already overcrowded and some of the departments have to be housed elsewhere than on the Hill, something that would have been believed to be entirely unnecessary when the new building was erected.

behind his "fast stepper" in a whole season.

An Evening in Reading
As an example, a young man and woman aboard one of these machines paused at the Market street toll gate on their way from Mechanicsburg.

"Hello, George," called a friend, "where are you bound?"

"Oh," replied George in a matter of fact way, "Mary and I are just running over to Reading to spend the evening." Which was indeed the remarkable little journey they had in mind.

Several thousand of these machines are owned in this immediate vicinity and many suburbanites use them in going to and from their work.

Dealers in used cars have always found an open market in the country districts for the sale of used automobiles. Many Dauphin county farmers, especially truck growers, find the combination delivery and pleasure car an acceptable and reliable conveyance because of the ease with which the bodies may be converted to suit their diversified uses. The farmer-purchaser, by an ingenious system in which he has the body supports arranged on the chassis, with but little time and assistance, changes this combination into any style he may desire. On market days quite a number of cars of this type may be observed in this city. Local dealers predict that it will be only a question of a few years when farming living in this and adjoining counties will rely almost entirely on the automobile for the transport of their products to their various destinations. The increase in sales throughout the rural districts resulted in the erection of many garages in many boroughs and villages. The styles of architecture and the modern equipment of some of these structures have often been the subject of favorable comment among enthusiasts.

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Another of the products of this company is the steel plate pipe. The pipe is manufactured in all gauges from six inches to ten feet in diameter, and the workmen in the department have developed such skill in the art of pipe making that an enormous quantity can be produced in a short time. These pipes are shipped to all parts of the United States as well as to many points in Europe, and as far as India and Africa. Great quantities have been used in Panama during the building of the canal, and they have proven satisfactory in every respect.

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The pattern shop also deserves mention. On account of the peculiar nature of the castings, this department cannot get along with the mere patternmaker, but demands the highest point of efficiency from skilled mechanics.

The company has also adopted the acetylene welding process, which is the most modern. Not only have they installed a large stationary outfit, but also a portable one which can be used to advantage on large work that cannot be taken to the welding department. On account of the neatness and stability of the material produced by this welding process, this particular work has an ever-increasing demand.

The officers of the company also deserve much praise for the manner in which they conduct the business of the establishment. They use fairness as their policy, and this alone goes a long way toward promoting unity and harmony in the entire plant. The officers of the company are: S. F. Dunkle, president and manager; E. L. Brayton, vice-president; John Campbell, second vice-president; and J. V. Kunze, treasurer.

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The members of the Rockford (Ill.) Motorcycle Club is now more than 150. Club Ill. is having a motorcycle club.

It is said that more than fifty additional members will join the Rockford (Ill.) Motorcycle Club as a result of the recent membership campaign. Peoria is trying to secure the State F. A. M. convention this year.

A membership campaign which has been started by the local club, has been started in Ft. Wayne, Ind.

The Chesapeake Motorcycle Club, of Baltimore, Md., has decided to purchase a nine-room club house.

There being 4,954 two-wheelers in that country.

The Rev. Victor H. Wachs, missionary of Korea, uses a motorcycle in covering his field out of Yeng Yon.

Motorcycles in France must be registered with the War Department, so that they may be requisitioned for army service if necessary.

Marshall Vernon Bissell, of Kenmore, Ohio, has decided to purchase a sidecar for his motorcycle, in which he expects to carry lawbreakers to jail.

The 1914 Helping Hand Book of the Federation of American Motorcyclists, is now ready for distribution. Any F. M. member who desires a copy of tary G. B. Gibson, Westboro, Mass.

The Harrisburg Manufacturing and Boiler Company

One of Harrisburg's
Chief Manufacturing
Industries

The Harrisburg Manufacturing and Boiler Company, although not so well-known as some other industries in the Capital City, is by far, not the least in importance. They have been successful in every point of the business in which they are engaged, and the past year has been one that has marked the beginning of another epoch in their history. The nature and quality of their products has alone been the secret of their success, in that not only the highest grade material is used, and the best skilled workmanship used in executing orders, but that their standard and shoulders above their contemporaries in the prompt filling of orders.

The plant of the company is located at Nineteenth and Naudain streets, and on account of ever-growing trade, a machine shed recently erected, which from the very first has been crowded to its full capacity. For this reason, the Morton Truck and Tractor Company, which had been operating under the same roof was compelled to take up new quarters, in order to relieve the congested conditions of the boiler business. Besides the Boilers, which are of the sectional water tube and star safety water tube types, the company manufactures the Pelton-Francis turbines and Pelton water wheels. The star safety water tube boiler is one which has forced its way to the front in the industrial world. This model, under the patent name of the "Harrisburg Star Safety Water Tube Boiler" is finished in the shop, and is not taken from the buildings until it is assembled ready for firing as soon as installed. In this condition, they are shipped to all parts of the world, and reports from purchasers as to the satisfactory workings of these boilers, have by far exceeded the expectations of the company which has been instrumental in placing this product on the market. The great value of this particular type of boiler individual is the fact that they have the shaking grates, and are internally fired. These features make for a great saving in the cutting down of the running expenses of the consumer. Another advantage is that they are only about one-half the size, but at the same time are capable of producing the same, and in some cases a greater horse-power than the so-called standard type of boiler manufactured by other firms.

These facts alone show that this model boiler, from the standpoint of fuel and labor, as well as the saving of room.

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