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CITY MATTERS.

National Armory Meeting.

At three o'clock yesterday afternoon a large and influential meeting of citizens assembled at the Board of Trade rooms, with the object of securing the establishment of a National Armory here.

On motion of Joseph R. Hunter, Esq., Mayor Wilson was called to the Chair.

S Cust Blair, Wm. Anderson, Wm. M. Hartzell and H. H. Smith were, on motion, chosen Secretaries.

Hon. Wm. Wilkins stated that the Committee appointed at the first meeting had performed the duties assigned them, and that their Secretary, George H. Thurston, (to whose efficiency he paid a high compliment) would read a report of their operations.

Mr. Thurston proceeded to read the report as follows:

MR. CHAIRMAN: Your Committee appointed June 6th, to prepare a memorial to the government of the United States, exhibiting the advantages of Pittsburgh as a site for a National Armory and Foundry, and for the purpose of laying the same before Congress would

REPORT,

That, a few days subsequent to their appointment they organized for the prosecution of the duty assigned them, by choosing Hon. William Wilkins Chairman, and George H. Thurston Secretary, and creating from the whole Committee the following Sub-Committees:

On General Arrangement—Messrs. Wilkins, Howard and Thurston.

Mechanical Statistics—Messrs. Jones, Kennedy, and Cooper.

Finance—Messrs. Cooper and Brunot.

General Statistics and Map—Messrs. Hunter and Thurston.

Throughout the month of June the Committee held frequent meetings in pursuance of the object for which they were appointed, and for the receiving and considering of the various reports made by individual members or in their capacities of sub-committees. These meetings resulted in the publication, on the 1st of July, of a memorial, accompanied by a map, of which 1000 copies were printed, in pamphlet form.

The memorial was, when published, furnished to the editors of the city papers, and by them laid before the public, in the columns of their respective sheets.

On the 9th of July, one month after their appointment, Congress having then organized, for a special session, the committee commenced a correspondence with our representatives at Washington, as to the propriety of laying their memorial before Congress during that session. On the 11th of July a telegraphic dispatch was received by the committee from Hon. J. K. Moorhead, advising them to lose no time in coming to Washington. In accordance with that suggestion they made their arrangements, and started the following day. Seven of the committee met at Washington, and had an interview with the President, relative to the location of a National Armory. They also met with the committee which had been appointed by Congress, to report upon the propriety of establishing an Armory West of the Alleghany Mountains but found it unnecessary to entertain the views of any local committee upon the subject, and could consequently proceed no further, then, in that direction, in the performance of their duty, beyond such progress as might result from conversations with individuals relative to the peculiar fitness of Pittsburgh for the location of the contemplated Foundry.

While at Washington the committee placed a large number of copies of their printed memorial in the hands of the members of both houses of Congress, besides causing copies to be circulated in various other quarters, where they considered they would be needed.

In the furtherring of the duty for which they were appointed the committee have expended $199 60, of which sum $150 00 was expended for the publication of the memorial, map, postage, stationary and telegraph; and the remaining $49 60 dollars in traveling expenses. This sum was a portion of a fund of $405, collected by Messrs. Cooper and Brunot from 47 firms and individuals, who, at the colonization of those two members of the committee, contributed to the expense of the effort to obtain the location at Pittsburgh of a National Armory and Foundry.

The expenditure, so far, of the undertaking has been extremely light, owing to the fact that the expenses of a majority of those members of the committee who visited Washington in July last were paid by themselves, they having private as well as public business to attend to there, and the stay made at the city forgit, there being, as already recited, nothing to be accomplished by a prolonged stay. The expenditure will, however, necessarily be largely increased if the effort of securing the location at Pittsburgh of the Governmental workshops in question is to be followed up with the vigor its importance to this community demands.

The committees appointed for a similar object from several important Western cities, and from many large towns, will undoubtedly be present at Washington during a large portion of the present session of Congress, vigilantly urging the claims of their respective locations; and with more earnestness than fact, if we are to judge from the memorials already poured in, rendering it necessary that a committee from this city should also be promptly upon the ground, prepared to remain and expose the exclusive claims of the superior mineral and manufacturing eligibility, to any and to inform the minds of members of Congress as to these and contrast the real facts in relation to Pittsburgh, and these only, may be asserted as pertaining to other locations.

It may also be necessary to offer other pamphlets than those already published, or present, through the press, arguments sustaining the superiority of our own city. Many incidental expenses will also undoubtedly arise, whose character cannot be specified until they occur, rendering the outlay so far a matter of an extent which to estimate the cost of our efforts.

In view, therefore, of the apparent necessity that the committee will have to be well supplied with funds, however economically they may be disbursed, we would recommend that a Finance Committee be appointed, whose duty it shall be to obtain a sufficient subscription to enable the Armory Committee to combat successfully the efforts and arguments of all competing points, and by before Congress, in a manner creditable to the wealth and importance of the cities of Pittsburgh and Allegheny and the adjoining boroughs, their claims for the location within their bounds of the National Armory and Foundry.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. H. THURSTON,
Sec'y Armory Committee.

Before action was taken on the report, Judge Wilkins remarked that what had been done was merely preliminary, and much yet remained to be done. We must use every efforts to obtain the establishment of the Armory here. If we do not, it may be located at the insignificant town of Beaver, at Rock Island, St. Louis, or some other point in the West. In this effort our merchants must use their accustomed energy if they would be successful. With our resources this matter is of vast importance to us—far more than a Presidential contest, and we must not yield to the pressure exerted for other points. He himself could do but little, owing to age and infirmities, but anything in his power would be cheerfully performed.

Gen. Wm. Robinson offered the following resolutions, with a view of carrying out the recommendations of the report:

Resolved, That a Committee of five be appointed by the Chair to designate a delegation of gentlemen to proceed to Washington to advance the claims of this city to the establishment of the National Armory and Foundry.

Resolved, That a Committee of five be appointed to raise such funds as may be needed for the incidental expenditures of the effort to obtain the location of a National Armory and Foundry at Pittsburgh, and bear the expenses of such members of a Committee as may proceed to Washington to enforce our claims.

Hon. P. C. Shannon seconded the motion for the adoption of the resolutions, and took occasion to point out the superiority of this point over all others mentioned, for the location of a National Army, demonstrating that no safer or more available position could be selected, while our iron, coal, skilful mechanics, healthy atmosphere, railway and river communication present advantages offered by no other.

Mr. R H Kerr presented an additional resolution, which he desired to have passed. If it would mar the unanimity of the meeting he would withdraw it or willingly permit it to be tabled.

Judge Wilkins remarked that Mr. Kerr's resolution would come in more properly after the others had been acted upon.

The resolutions offered by Gen. Robinson were then unanimously adopted.

Mr. Kerr then read his resolution, as follows:

Resolved, That Allegheny county can furnish more inducements for the location of the contemplated Western Armory and Foundry than any other place in the deep valley of the West; we, therefore challenge competition as regards location, *fuel, artisans, mechanics, cheap labor* and materials. We would then most respectfully invite the Committee of Congress, having the matter in charge to examine closely and critically for themselves as they make their report, not doubting, should they take into consideration the great advantages we possess over all others, but what they will report in favor of the Pittsburgh district, and we pledge our sacred honors, nay our lives, we will never be found in arms against the American Government, and all those who are or may be, should meet a felon's death.

Mr. F. R. Burnot here rose and stated that he had just been reading an account of a meeting for the same purpose as ours, in Chicago, where that point was claimed to be superior to Pittsburgh or any other. He said we must gather all the facts within our knowledge in our own favor and present them to the Committee of Congress, which will be far more effective than speeches or resolutions.

Mr. Josiah King concurred in this view and said the success of this enterprise now depended upon the chair who was to select the Committees, which should be selected more for fitness and adress than for political influence.

Judge Wilkins asked Mr. Kerr to withdraw his resolution, as he knew that Congress would not send out a Special Committee to examine any point.

Mr. Kerr cheerfully withdrew the resolution.

The chairman announced the Committees contemplated in the report as follows.

To Select Delegates to Washington—General Wm. Robinson, Hon. Wm Wilkins, Hon. Thos. M. Howe, Isaac Jones, Josiah King.

Finance Committee—Jas. M. Cooper, Jas A. Hutchinson, Jos. R. Hunter, Felix R. Burnot, Jos. Dilworth.

The meeting then, on motion adjourned.

We are requested to announce that the first named committee will meet at 11 o'clock this morning, at the office of the Cliff Mining Co., Bank Block, Fifth street.

CONCERT AND OPERA.—It is some time since our citizens have had an opportunity of hearing first class artistes, foreign or American, in opera or concert, but we are glad to be able to announce that all who love "the concord of sweet strains" will soon be gratified. The opera company from the New York Academy of Music will be in this city about the 31st instant, and give one or more entertainments, embracing concert and opera. The "star" of the company are Miss Hinckley, the celebrated American prima donna, Brignoli, the unapproachable tenor, who is an acknowledged favorite in Pittsburgh, and Susini, the renowned basso. The company is under the direction of Carl Arsbizi, a director of acknowledged ability. Such a combination of talent must make up a fine entertainment, which we are confident will be properly appreciated and patronized here. More specific announcements will be made in due time.

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PAID OFF.—The Twenty-Eighth Pennsylvania Regiment, Colonel Geary, has been paid off The Fort Pitt Artillery, Sawickley Rifles and McKnight Guards are in this regiment. Captain Bird, of the latter company, is here, and wishes to recruit ten men for the company.

THE TWO warehouses on the corner of Liberty street and Garrison alley, recently destroyed by fire, are being replaced with handsome iron front stores, which add much to the appearance of the square.

FOR ROMNEY.—The Eighty-fourth Pennsylvania regiment, Col. Murray, and the One Hundred and Fourth, Col Lewis, are under marching orders for Romney, Va., and will leave Harrisburg in a day or two.

PETROLEUM GAS.—A Mr. Tsompseen, of Toronto, has been experimenting on petroleum gas and has succeeded in producing a gas said to be far superior to that made from coal at a cost of $1 per thousand feet.

ESCAPED.—John Johns sent from New Castle, committed to the House of Refuge at the last term of Court, for larceny, escaped from the House of Refuge last week and has not since been heard of in this vicinity.

Captain J. S. Kennedy, formerly of the Greys, and Capt. A. Johnston, both now in the United States regular army, are in the city.

RESIGNED.—Captain Cantwell, of Kit Lanning, has resigned his commission, by reason of ill-health and returned home.

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