

THE PLANS TO BE PUSHED.

COMMISSIONERS WILL HASTEN ACTION TO SECURE PARKS.

Chicago's Early Experience in Getting Parks and Boulevards... HARKNESS-LACK OF BOULEVARDS CAUSED A RICH MAN TO LEAVE KANSAS CITY.

The board of park and boulevard commissioners has decided to proceed at once with the supplemental work necessary to put in operation its plan for securing parks and boulevards.

It has authorized landscape engineer George F. Kessler to begin work upon the plans showing the property necessary to obtain early park reservations.

When the plans are completed the commissioners will then determine which reservation or which part of the general plan it will take up first.



Of the small parks or breathing spots in different parts of the city, five included in the general plan of the park commission will prove of more practical value than the other nine.

After the plans are completed the commissioners will make a selection for the beginning and whether it be West terrace or North terrace, or some other portion of the general plan, efforts will be made to treat with owners of the property needed.

The commissioners have left the contract for engraving and profiles to Carlton, Cupps & Rhodes, and have gone into the work with the intention of showing practical results at the earliest possible time.

MR. HALL KNOWS THE VALUE OF PARKS. Mr. H. H. Hatch, manager for Brownlee, King & Co., came to Kansas City from Chicago a year ago.

He owned property in Chicago both before and after the parks and boulevards were built and attributes much of its present greatness and commercial importance to the fact that early in its history it was made a desirable place of residence.

The parks and boulevards were built in a time of panic when there was little or no demand for property and when its price was at the lowest point.

There was opposition there just as there is here and before the improvements could be made the question had to be submitted to a vote of the people.

The objectionists were defeated. Property for which there had been no demand readily found a market, capital was attracted from other cities and real estate on the boulevards and in the vicinity of the parks rapidly rose in value.

When the objectionists saw the effects of the improvements they realized they had been standing in their own light and the very men who were the strongest opponents to the building of parks and boulevards became in a short time their warmest advocates.

Like in other parts of the world, the value of a piece of property which doubled in value after the improvement was made and this property was more than a mile away from the park.

Another piece of property which I owned in the vicinity of the park also more than doubled in value.

The same was true of all property in the vicinity of the parks and boulevards and best of all the era of improvement imparted life and vigor to the real estate market which had been dead.

Residence property near South Park and on the great boulevard which then sold for \$25 a foot—now sells for more than \$100 a foot.

Michigan avenue boulevard I saw residence property sold for \$50 which I saw bring \$1,000 a foot. This is a big statement but it is true.

THE NEED OF IMPROVEMENTS. "I believe that Kansas City is going to be a great city, but it capital and people are to be attracted to it, improvements must be made. The city must have parks and boulevards."

Harkness was a capitalist of large means with a fortune of about \$100,000 a year which he was anxious to spend in improving his property and in promoting the growth of permanent public improvements in the city.

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BANKERS AND LIVE ISSUES.

NOTED THINKERS ON FINANCE PRESENT THEIR VIEWS ABLY.

Mr. Hendrix Declares English Investors Are Awaiting Settlement of Silver Problems—Mr. Leech on Gold—Hornace White's Banking Proposals.

CHICAGO, Oct. 19.—The Bankers of America devoted the session of their national convention today to hearing papers on the financial situation by noted men, who have given monetary problems deep thought, and to discussion of the ideas advanced.

Mr. E. Leech, ex-director of the United States Mint, now a New York banker, read a paper on "The Silver Question as Related to the Appreciation of Gold." In it he said:

The most important financial question of the present time is the relation of the gold and silver policy of this country. Nothing short of a radical reversal of this policy will restore confidence and attract foreign investments.

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THE SENATE HANGING FIRE

NO CHANGE IN THE SITUATION AND NO PROSPECT OF RELIEF.

The Debate Merely Witnessing the Demoralization of the Senate—Antis After a Caucus Which Will Do No Good—The President's Power Not Well Considered.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 19.—There has been but little change in the senate situation in the last twenty-four hours.

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