

The newly incorporated Seaside Park Company has organized by the election of the following officers:

E. P. Foster, President; J. S. Collins, Vice-President; R. C. Sudden, Secretary and Geo. C. Power, Treasurer.

The new company has incorporated for \$10,000 and proposes at once to begin work upon the beach which, according to the purposes outlined in its articles is to be improved and beautified. Sixty feet of the water front, five feet above high water has been surveyed and rights of way will be secured at once along the entire water front in order that the work of improvement may be begun immediately.

The purposes of the new company are perhaps best shown in the deed filed for record wherein A. Canel conveys to the Seaside Park Company sixty feet his property along the water front. The deed reads:

It is understood and agreed between the parties hereto that it is the purpose of the party of the second part to secure a continuous strip of land along and fronting the ocean within said town of Ventura to be graded and protected from the action of the waves and planted with ornamental trees, shrubbery and grass and used by the said party of the second part, its successors and assigns for the improvement of said ocean beach as a public park and thus beautifying the said town; that public walks, seats, driveways, car tracks and other works of public utility and means of transportation may be constructed and maintained thereon; that the land above described and hereby conveyed is intended to form a part of said continuous strip and this conveyance is made upon the condition that the right and title of said party of the second part, in and to said lands shall end whenever it shall cease to use the said land for some public benefit.

Lima Bean Crop

These items about the bean situation in this and Los Angeles counties are clipped from this week's copy of the Los Angeles Fruit World:

Ventura Lima bean farmers are preparing for a record-breaking harvest. The danger line has been passed and the only blight which can damage the crop will be a period of hot, dry winds in July or August. A wind blight to do much damage would have to last for ten days at a stretch; a thing which has never happened.

Frank Barnard, who watches conditions in the bean district more closely than any man in Southern California, predicts a heavy crop. The crop will not only be very heavy, but prices promise to rule fine, as the demand for Limas is growing steadily.

The Santa Monica district, where John R. Willoughby & Sons have a heavy acreage, is in fine condition and this comparatively new field of 10,000 or more acres promises a heavy yield of first grade beans. Mr. Willoughby is a pioneer bean farmer, and his judgment of the outlook at Santa Monica is accepted as authoritative by Ventura bean farmers.

Bean Acreage—F. D. Barnard, of Ventura, estimates the acreage planted to Limas as follows: Ventura county, 48,000 acres; Santa Barbara, 6,000 acres; Los Angeles, 10,000 acres; Orange, 30,000 acres; other plantings, 2,000 acres; total, 100,000 acres.

Just at present the black eyes are not so high as they might be. There are 15,000 sacks on hand in the State, and a fair half of these are held by parties in this country. Ventura has some 25,000 sacks on hand. Generally the dealers and not the farmers hold these. For instance, Mr. Levy, of Oxford and Buena Vista, has 2,000

Ventura Saturday, the 30th, and we profess that many a one in the audience will pinch himself to see if he is awake. The heart of many a flower, which is usually invisible to mortals will then be seen. The lovely seeing of the bees and the honey-suckles who have apparently taken violently to Grand Opera promises to be new and yet not strange. Then there will be a sun-flower chorus which is reported to be laboring under the delusion that it is part of a Greek tragedy, as it will intersperse touching and sentimental remarks on, or without occasion. If you don't come you will be asleep sure enough.

The dances of the Floral Dream will be one of the prettiest features of the affair. While one is endeavoring to recover from a gorgeous vision of The Land of the Lotus Eaters, a stately dance of lilies will cross the woodland stage.

The grand finale of the May pole dance will be as charming as in the days of Robin Hood.

The musical accompaniments of several of the poses have been carefully chosen.

Mrs. Permolina Naway will sing De-Koven's "Winter Lullaby."

Protect the Big Trees

President Roosevelt did well to protest against placing signs upon those gigantic trees which are the most wonderful products of California. And the people of Santa Cruz did well to heed his protest and remove these disfigurements from the grove of huge redwoods near that town.

The sequoia gigantea, or 'big tree' proper, and the sequoia sempervirens, or 'redwood,' are the sole survivors of a great tree family. They grow naturally in California, and nowhere else on earth. Besides being the oldest, they are the largest of living things, though the eucalyptus of Australia sometimes rivals them in height. But the eucalyptus is a much more rapid grower, and the age of a specimen is much less than that of a sequoia of equal height.

Although the precise age of the big trees of California must remain unknown, the indications are that some of those still growing were first sprouting from the soil when Moses led the Israelites out of bondage in Egypt. When Jesus was born at Bethlehem they were to all the vigor of lusty youth. When Columbus pushed out into the unknown they were somewhere near their present size. How long they will live, if man will but protect them against himself, none can tell. They seem impregnable to the insect and animal foes of other trees. They have nothing to fear but tempests of such extraordinary fury as rarely visit their homes, and man.

With all the dignity of an age in which solar years are but days and centuries are as years to the human race, they conjoin a splendid and impressive beauty. For these reasons they should be preserved and kept unmarred. They are not only the oldest, but also among the most wonderful of living things. Their character and their dignity demand respect. Chicago Inter-Ocean.

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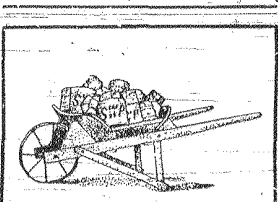
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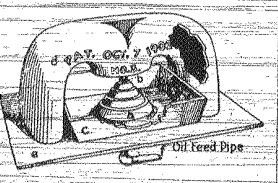
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