

SETTLING DOWN TO WORK

THE FAIR COMMITTEES GET PLENTY OF ADVICE.

SUGGESTIONS RELATING TO SITES—SCHEMES TO RAISE MONEY—THE COMMITTEE ON SITE'S OFFICES.

Suggestions in regard to the World's Fair of 1892 continue to pour in upon the Mayor like a gentle rain in Spring. The organization of the Committee on Site and Buildings has turned the correspondence more in the direction of sites for the great exposition. Some of them, of course, are merely the silly ebullitions of cranks.

Dr. L. L. Seaman, of 18 West Thirty-first street wrote a long letter suggesting the use of "that magnificent series of islands beginning with Governor's Island and including Blackwell's, Ward's, and Randall's Islands" for the purposes of the exposition. J. Weidenmann wrote to say that—

"It should be understood that the proposed World's Fair has to be situated within reasonable distance from the centre of the metropolis and its sister cities. It should command an area of not less than 200 acres, with a good and liberal water front, not only for wharf facilities for deep-going vessels, but to secure a direct and cheap approach for visitors from every ferry and landing station of the surrounding cities, besides steam and horse car connections. These are the three cardinal points which will decide the location."

William O. Sumner was convinced that Central Park is the most desirable site. He says: "It is central, and therefore will be more convenient for our own people and especially for the multitudes of strangers upon whose patronage the success of the enterprise will largely depend. The carrying facilities of both sides of the city will be more equally and fully available than if any other locality be selected. If one or more of the buildings are likely to be permanent, constituting monuments to the spirit and taste of the New-Yorkers of this era, what more suitable place than Central Park?"

But an "Old New-Yorker" is opposed to the use of Central Park. He says Central Park should be one of the attractions of the city, and thinks there are other locations that could be used to greater advantage.

Mrs. J. H. Magonigle favors the location of the fair at One Hundred and Tenth to One Hundred and Sixteenth street and from Fifth to Manhattan avenue.

J. P. Allen called the attention of the Mayor to the conveniences and general merits of Port Morris on the Sound running from the dock to Barretto Point.

A. T. Compton of 257 Broadway had a plan to "nationalize, popularize, and insure the success of the proposed exhibition," two features of which were: First, to solicit gratuitous subscriptions, and, second, to notify the several States and Territories of the proposed issue of \$25,000,000 in bonds, these bonds to be apportioned among the States and Territories on the basis of the population, \$500 for each 1,000 inhabitants.

The advantages of the water front between Port Morris and Barretto Point were called attention to by Edward T. Young.

Mr. F. W. Cheney, who was appointed a member of the Committee on Legislation, in a note of acceptance, said: "I accept the appointment with thanks for the honor conferred upon me, and will be glad to do all I can to secure the co-operation of the silk industry of the country in aid of the exhibition."

Architect Alexander L. Finkle offered to be of any service in a professional way that the committee could suggest.

Letters were received by the Mayor suggesting Joseph H. Reall to represent the agricultural interest on the committee, and some letters were in opposition to his appointment. The interest in the fair does not flag, and the Mayor's mail grows, if anything, more bulky each day.

Mr. John Foord, Secretary of the World's Fair Committee on Site and Buildings, to whom was left the selection of a place of meeting, yesterday devoted considerable time to an inspection of the desirable rooms tendered the committee at its first meeting Thursday. Mayor Grant offered the committee the freedom of the Governor's Room in the City Hall; Cornelius N. Bliss said they could be accommodated like the Finance Committee at the Chamber of Commerce, and Mr. George Jones tendered requisite space in THE TIMES'S new building on Printing House-square. Mr. Foord finally determined that headquarters in THE TIMES Building would give the greatest satisfaction for several reasons, notably convenience, spaciousness, light, fresh air, quietness, and privacy. The headquarters provided for the exclusive use of the committee are rooms 88 and 89, at the end of the hall on the fifth floor. The floor is reached by three elevators. The rooms are connected, and in size are about 20 by 35 feet each. The windows face Printing House-square and Nassau and Spruce streets. The rooms will be in temporary order to-day and some person in authority will be found in charge. The next meeting of the Executive Committee of the Committee on Site and Buildings will be held at headquarters Monday at 3 P. M.