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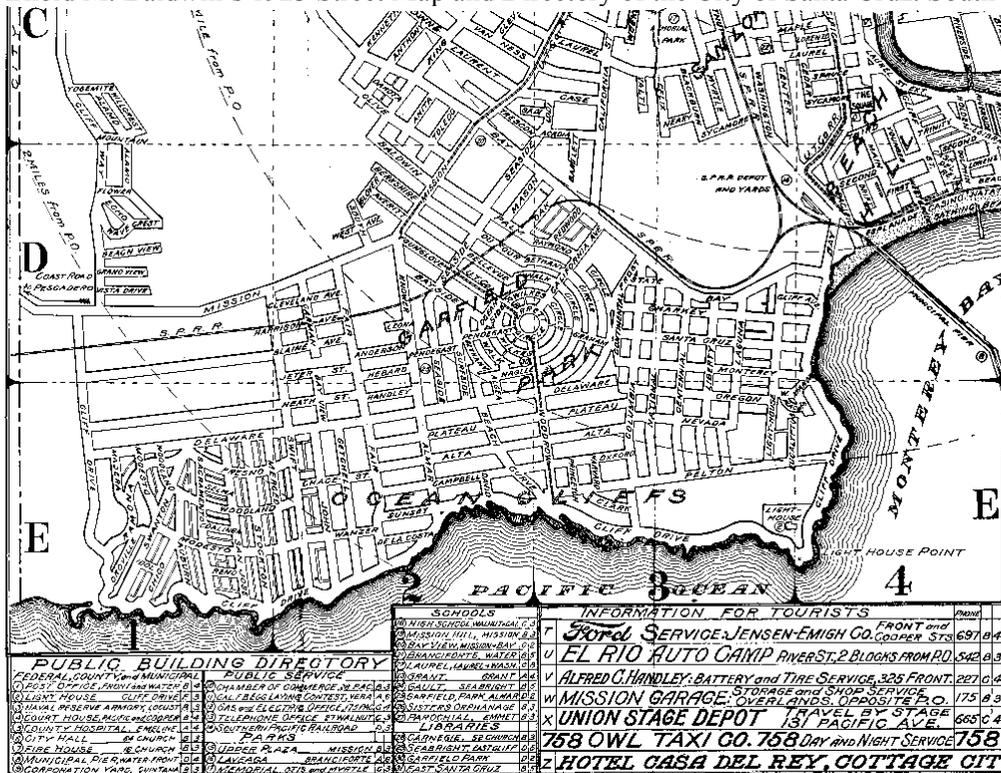
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Source: Arnold M. Baldwin's 1923 Street Map and Directory of the City of Santa Cruz. South West ¼.



“... Surveying was going on to locate the **concentric circles**, and streets about the tabernacle plat; plowing and scraping was being done on the California street extension ...” [*Santa Cruz Daily Sentinel* 1889 Oct 10 1:8]

The question is, “What is the origin of the Garfield Park streets being laid out in concentric circles?”

“Mr. Hihn was said to have been instrumental in laying out streets in concentric circles around the tabernacle, having obtained the idea from a city in Europe which he had visited.” [see: *Santa Cruz Evening News* 1935 Aug 5 1:2-3]

[see also: 1941 Nov 30 12:3 *Santa Cruz Sentinel* “Eight Sided Tabernacle”] “To Hihn, the Santa Cruz millionaire, is attributed the idea of the circular streets, with others radiating like spokes from the central grounds. The scheme was patterned after a city in the Duchy of Brunswick he had known in his youth.”

[Compiler’s Note: While the attribution to Hihn for this concept, no evidence in Hihn’s biography, letters, or other documents has been found that confirms these statements.]



In 1890, the Christian Church of California built this massive tabernacle in the center of The Circles on Santa Cruz's Westside. It was an octagonal building with seating for 1,500. The structure burned in 1935. The present Garfield Park Community Church now occupies the site. The Sentinel's Focal Point photos and captions are provided courtesy of the Capitola Museum. [Published in the *Santa Cruz Sentinel*, Sunday, February 19, 2017, C-2.] [Photo is from private collection.]

1889 Apr 19

Source: *Santa Cruz Daily Sentinel* 1889 Apr 19 2:1 Editorial, by Duncan McPherson

A SANTA CRUZ PACIFIC GROVE.

The Methodists have made Pacific Grove, Monterey, what it is, and its success and growth rest mainly on their State organization meeting there annually. It is a spiritual retreat for sin-burdened mortals who wish to get away from the centres of trade and the confusion of money-getting—to turn from the earth heavenward; to lay aside worldly considerations for religious consolation. There they find it. There is a solemnity in the Pacific Grove ozone not found elsewhere, and which is pacific and soothing. The weary feel it in the air, breathe it in the sea-laden atmosphere, hear it in the breeze, see it in the swaying pines and read it in nearly every face they meet. The place is solemn, sober, quiet, like unto Santa Cruz, only more so, but what any Santa Cruz suburb can be made, and it has given an importance to the old town of Monterey never enjoyed by the ancient capital till the spirit of Methodism touched it with its wand, sending to its locality pilgrims who have been wandering in the wilderness for forty years.

The Christians, a religious organization denominated the Christian Church, as a State body desire to establish a Pacific Grove, in spirit, if not in name, where they can annually meet. They look favorably on Santa Cruz.

The Methodists, before they settled at Pacific Grove, looked longingly on Santa Cruz, but we had no David Jacks to throw his weight in our favor and they settled on the cold side of Monterey Bay. The Christians want to locate their religious home on this side of the bay named, where they can enjoy a southern exposure, railroad and steamship accommodations, fruit grown in the neighborhood, butter and milk produced within two or three miles, fresh water and salt water bathing, grand sights, inspiring walks, horseback rides on meandering trails or drives over undulating roads, in a climate that is never hot and seldom disagreeably cold, and where they can in quiet look from smiling nature to nature's God. There will be from five hundred to one thousand persons present at these annual gatherings, and the sessions will last for days. In their train and by affinity will come other organizations. Grounds will be laid out and necessary buildings constructed. Lots will be purchased by individuals and modest and cosy cottages erected. A town by itself will be planted and mature, and beneath its shade will gather the spiritual fruit-searchers from afar.

1889 Jul 31

Source: *Santa Cruz Daily Sentinel* 1889 Jul 31 3:2

A New Project.

At the foot of California St. is a large tract of land owned by **F. A. Hihn**, E. H. Robinson and Mr. King of San Jose. It is proposed by these gentlemen that a tract of ten acres be laid off and an offer made to the Christian Church of this State to have a Tabernacle built upon it. From the tract roads will radiate in different directions like the spokes of a wagon for example. These roads will lead to the Cliff road, Fair Av., Mission and other streets, and each to be one hundred feet in width.

If the Christian Church people do not build a Tabernacle on the land it will be laid out into a park, and water mains and electric lights placed there. Then an effort will be made to have either a hotel or college built on it.

1889 Aug 22

Source: *Santa Cruz Daily Sentinel* 1889 Aug 22 3:4

Christian Church Encampment.

On Wednesday morning Rev. E. B. Ware, of Martinez, the General Manager, and J. W. Craycroft, of Warm Springs, Alameda Co., Chairman of the State Central Committee of the Christian Church, met with Rev. Mr. Tandy, E. H. Robinson, A. H. Fitch, and **Fred O. Hihn** to talk over matters pertaining to the proposed site for an encampment of the Christian Church in Santa Cruz. The visitors said that Santa Cruz ought to send a representative to the meeting to be held at the Palace Hotel, San Francisco, next Tuesday evening. For the site of the encampment ten acres of land on the Ruffner tract have been offered. It is proposed to erect a tabernacle with a capacity for holding 1,500 people, and at a cost of not less than \$2,500. The visitors said that the city would have to contribute \$2,000 towards the erection of the tabernacle. The purchasers of lots will be required to erect cottages at not less than \$300 each.

The gentlemen say that already applications for fifty lots have been received. They do not want to locate the tabernacle in Monterey, as they do not wish to enter into opposition against Pacific Grove.

1889 Aug 28

Source: *Santa Cruz Surf* 1889 Aug 28 1:1

GARFIELD PARK.

**California Church of
the Disciples**

ACCEPT THE OFFERED SITE

**In Santa Cruz---All That Remains is
Fulfillment of Promises.**

[Associated Press Dispatches to Daily Sur.[sic]]

GARFIELD PARK.

A Virtual Victory for the Santa Cruz Grounds.

Special to the DAILY SURF]

SAN FRANCISCO, August 27. — At a meeting to-day of the several citizens and property owners of Santa Cruz and of prominent members and officers of the Christian Church of California in regard to the establishment at Santa Cruz of a permanent encampment for the Church of the Disciples, the liberal offer of land and money was made by the citizens of Santa Cruz and the meeting unanimously resolved to recommend to the State Convention in September the acceptance of the offer. It is proposed to call the encampment Garfield Park **in honor of the late President Garfield** who was a member of that church.

1889 Aug 29

Source: *San Francisco Chronicle* 1889 Aug 29 5:9

GARFIELD PARK.

Proposed Encampment of the Christian Church.

Prominent members of the Christian Church of this State, acting with property owners of Santa Cruz, have determined to have a permanent camp on a grand scale by the sea near Santa Cruz. It will be similar to the camp or resort known as Pacific Grove. At a meeting held in the Palace Hotel on Tuesday, maps and plans of a unique character were presented and approved and liberal offers of land and money were made by citizens of Santa Cruz for the establishment of the encampment, for the improvement and adornment of the grounds and for the necessary public buildings, electric lights and water. The name proposed for the place is Garfield Park. One of the donors proposes to build and present to Mrs. Garfield a handsome cottage on these grounds for her own use.

1889 Aug 29

Source: *Santa Cruz Surf* 1889 Aug 29 3:3

GARFIELD PARK.

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**An Account of the Meeting of the
Committee on Location**

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RETURN OF OUR REPRESENTATIVES.

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An Enterprise That Promises to be Important and Permanent.

Mr. Alfred H. Fitch, of this city, was present at the meeting of the committee on location for the Christian Church, held in San Francisco Tuesday, at which the claims of the several tracts offered to the church for encampment grounds were presented, which resulted in the unanimous vote of the committee in favor of the tract offered by Santa Cruz. The meeting was a very interesting one. Dr. David Walk made a brilliant and effective speech in favor of Santa Cruz.

The most important offers made by other places were from Warm Springs, Santa Clara county, which offered forty acres, and Stockton, which offered eighty acres, neither asking any guarantee as to buildings or improvements. The claims of these places were presented by the same gentleman, who brought with him no plots or maps to describe the locations but simply made the offer.

The committee from Santa Cruz, on the contrary, was provided with three elegant maps, one of which was a plot of the city with the circular tract of ten acres, donated to the Christian Church by Messrs. Robinson, Bushnell, King, Hihn and others, indicating clearly upon it. Its connections with the little beach on the shore, which will be its own special bathing place, and with other parts of the city, were also plainly marked. Two other maps gave a larger and more detailed drawing of the special tract, while one indicated an outer circle of land which could be added to the ten acres if needed. These fine maps, which, by the way, were great points in the argument with those of the committee who had not seen Santa Cruz, **were made and donated by Mr.**

Horace Wanzer, of this city. **He made the surveys, platted the land, drew and colored the maps, which are large ones, at his own expense.**

Mr. A. H. Fitch, who has been so active in promoting this matter, has no property in that vicinity, but has given his time and work freely and has paid his own expenses on his trips to San Francisco. Mr. F. H. Parker was the other member of the committee from Santa Cruz.

As said above, Rev. Dr. Walk warmly espoused the cause of Santa Cruz. When the offer of eighty acres from Stockton was received, he exclaimed:

“Eighty acres? “Why, I would rather have those ten acres in Santa Cruz than a thousand in Stockton.”

One member of the committee, noticing how many applications for lots in the tract had already been received, said:

“I am afraid this ten acres is going to be too small. We expect to keep growing, and here we have it half taken already.

Mr. A. H. Fitch jumped to his feet and said:

“Gentlemen, you see that broad circle outside of that ten-acre tract? I’ll guarantee you every foot of that land at the same price per lot that you put upon your lots inside the tract, whether it is ten dollars of [*i.e.*, or] ten thousand.”

“Well,” said the committee man, “I’ve nothing more to say. You have the best of the argument all around.”

The Committee on Location decided that the central tabernacle ought to be a large and beautiful building, and they request the citizens of Santa Cruz to aid them in building it to the extent of \$2,000. This sum is but a trifle in comparison to the good to be attained, and, as a mere matter of business policy, is one of the best of investments. The benefits that will accrue to adjacent property and to the entire city have already begun to indicate themselves, although the matter, till now, has been only in embryo.

Mr. Abram T. King, who, as the readers of the SURF know, donated a part of the tract, has already received twenty-five applications for lots in his property outside the tract, the purchase conditional upon the establishment of the encampment. Mr. King said, at Tuesday’s meeting, that he would build a handsome residence, to cost from \$3,000 to \$5,000, and deed it to Mrs. Garfield, if she would come and spend one summer at Garfield Park. Mr. King, as is well known, always backs up his words with deeds, and means what he says.

Another evidence of the popular estimate of the value of such an improvement to Santa Cruz is the fact that Mr. Fitch, as agent for Messrs. Robinson & Bushnell, received an offer from a wealthy banker, while he was in San Francisco, of \$600 an acre for the forty-two acre tract belonging to those gentlemen, the cash being ready on the spot and the purchaser willing to bind himself to give the land they had promised to the Christian church.

Mr. Zumwalt, of Tulare, who visits Santa Cruz with his family every summer has said he would build a handsome residence here. A Mr. Bard of Modesto has indicated a similar determination, also a Mr. Whitney. These are all independent of the applications already made for lots within the tract.

The matter is now in excellent shape to place before the convention in September, with an almost foregone conclusion as to the result. It might be still stranger if the \$2,000 to assist in the building of the tabernacle were conditionally subscribed before that time.

1889 Sep 3

Source: *Santa Cruz Surf* 1889 Sep 3 3:5-6

GARFIELD PARK.
Progress of a Plan Which Will Greatly Benefit Santa Cruz.
THE BUILDING OF THE TABERNACLE.
Subscription Lists for the Tabernacle Fund Now Open.

The enthusiasm concerning the establishment of the encampment grounds of the Christian church at Santa Cruz does not diminish. On the contrary it increased as the time approaches for the meeting of the State convention of the organization which is to finally decide the question of location.

The SURF, which was first in the field in announcing the generous offer made by some of our citizens, has kept its readers fully informed of every step of progress made in the project. The result of the meeting of the Committee on Location, which was held at the Palace Hotel, San Francisco, last week, and which was duly announced in this paper, was the hearty endorsement of the claims of Santa Cruz and the pledge of the committee to support the acceptance of the donation in its report to the State Convention.

A memorandum of an agreement was made and submitted to the committee, and accepted by them, which will probably be the basis of the final agreement between the donors of the ground and the Association of the Christian church of California. Through the courtesy of Mr. F. H. Parker, one of the committee from Santa Cruz, the SURF is able to present the substance of the agreement and the signers up to this time.

The agreement states that the Christian church proposes to establish a State camp ground, to be used and forever maintained for the general religious and educational purposes of the denomination; that the parties whose signatures are appended desire to have the same located on certain lands near the Cliff road, in the city of Santa Cruz, described as being a circle having a diameter of 750 feet and an area of 10.13 acres, the center of which shall be on the produced middle line of Younglove avenue, and 350 feet southerly from the middle line of Oceanside avenue; in consideration of the location of said encampment on these lands as described, and of the building on the lands, on or before twelve months from the date of agreement, of a tabernacle or auditorium of some pleasing design with a seating capacity of not less than 1,500, and also of the building of not less than fifteen cottages thereon, costing not less than \$300 each, and of the **opening of the streets as designated on the map hereto attached**, the signers of the paper agree to donate the sums or things set opposite their names. It is agreed on the part of the church that every dollar derived from the sale of lots shall be devoted to the improvement of the grounds mentioned, to go toward the building of the tabernacle.

The names of the donors of the 10.13 acres are Messrs. E. H. Robinson, C. R. Bushnell, Abram King, **F. A. Hihn Co.**, Dr. Fitch, J. D. Chace, W. T. Cope, Parker & Peakes, Mrs. R. H. Hall, W. T. Halliday, S. H. Bailey, E. G. Greene, Tanner & Ely, J. Bernheim, L. K. Baldwin. The land is valued at \$10,000.

In addition to this, the representatives of Santa Cruz pledged, at the meeting of the committee, a sum of not less than \$2,000 to be donated by citizens of this place toward the building of the tabernacle. This is a very modest sum when it is considered what a sum is usually expected from citizens of a place where a handsome church is to be built, and it is certain that the more Santa Cruz gives the more beautiful the tabernacle will be. For this fund there has already

been made a very satisfactory beginning. The organization of the Christian church in Santa Cruz has not yet a settled pastor, but its members have bestirred themselves to do their part in the great work which will eventually do so much to build up their church, and their soliciting committees have already raised \$240. At their last meeting Mrs. Nellie Uhden was made chairman of the soliciting committees of the county. At Watsonville the denomination has a strong organization under the pastorate of Rev. Mr. Ogburn and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lewis have been appointed to see to committees there, and also at Corralitos and Aptos where there are churches of the same denomination. Mrs. Uhden has appointed on the Santa Cruz committee Mr. W. W. Brown of East Santa Cruz, Mrs. McKoy, Mrs. D. C. Allen and Mrs. C. J. Todd. Mr. C. J. Todd will be delegate from the church here to the convention at Ukiah and the ministers of the other three churches in the county will be delegates also.

Thus it will be seen that the members of the Christian Church in this county are awake to the vital importance of the establishment here of the encampment grounds, and it is believed that the sum \$2,000, which is the minimum sum agreed upon, will be subscribed before the time arrives for the convention. Besides the \$240 mentioned as collected by the church here for the tabernacle fund there have been other donations, which will, it is estimated, aggregate at least \$600 of the \$2000. D. Younglove has given lot 8, block B in the Ruffner tract, H. H. Hildreth lot 24, block C, Ruffner [*sic*] tract to be sold and proceeds donated, while Mr. Maher has given cash \$10 and H. E. Makinney cash \$100.

Believing firmly in the good this project will do Santa Cruz, not only financially, but in other ways, the SURF this morning opens a subscription list for the "Garfield Park Tabernacle Fund," to which it invites its friends and patrons to subscribe. It will be remembered that these subscriptions are conditional upon the acceptance of the park by the association, and upon the carrying out of the agreement designated above. No money will pass through the hands of anyone connected with the SURF, but, if a goodly sum is subscribed, this journal will have the pleasure of handing in the list to the delegates to the convention. Sums of any amount, no matter how small—nor how large—may be subscribed, and the names should be in by the 15th of this month.

It has been stated in the SURF that fifty lots are reported as "spoken for" in Garfield Park as soon as the matter is decided. It is thought that these lots will sell for not less than \$200 each. This will make a fund at once of \$10,000, every dollar of which must, by the terms of the agreement, be put into the improvement and beautifying of the park. Besides this every purchaser of a lot binds him or herself to build upon it a tasteful cottage to cost not less than \$300, and as much more as the [*sic*] chooses, and to keep his grounds in handsome order. The effect of this amount of improvement on this ten-acre tract will be something magical. Rev. Dr. David Walk, the eminent and eloquent divine of the church here, has pledged himself to build a house here at once—he says he will have a roof over his head before the rains come—and to give one year's services to the church here without charge. He is a gentleman of fortune and education, and will, with his family, be an addition to the social and religious life of the city.

Limits of time and space forbid the presentation of further facts in this issue but enough has been said to stimulate interest in the subject and to swell the subscription list to the modest tabernacle fund. Lists are also open at the real estate offices of Messrs. F. H. Parker and A. H. Fitch on Pacific avenue.

1889 Sep 3

Source: *Santa Cruz Daily Sentinel* 1889 Sep 3 3:6

CLIFF ROAD PLATEAU.

Grand Credit Auction Sale for Saturday, September 7th.

The Carnall-Fitzhugh-Hopkins Co., the enterprising real estate firm of San Francisco, have secured this desirable tract of land, **being the east half of the old race track**, fronting Fair avenue and Cliff Road, and have subdivided it into 100 beautiful residence sites, 50x150 and 50x125 feet, which will be offered at auction Saturday, Sept. 7th, at 1 p.m. on the grounds. The Cliff Road plateau is one of the most beautiful parts of this lovely seaside resort, fronting the famous Cliff drive and overlooking the peerless Bay of Monterey, and is located close by the proposed property of the Christian Church of California for its permanent summer home, which is destined to become a second Pacific Grove. Twenty-five cottages and an immense tabernacle will be erected at once, and all property adjacent will command high prices. Now is the time to secure a lot at your own price. A special excursion train will be run from San Francisco at the low rate of \$3 for the round trip. Tickets good returning for three days. Excursionists on arrival of train will be driven in carriages to this choice tract, where a free collation will be served and auction sale held. Maps and particulars can be obtained at the office of F. H. Parker, 127 Pacific Av.

1889 Sep 4

Source: *Santa Cruz Daily Sentinel* 1889 Sep 4 3:6

**THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH.
A Flattering Outlook for Garfield
Park—Demand for Lots Already.**

E. H. Robinson is very enthusiastic over the prospects of the establishment of the Christian Church encampment grounds in this city.

“It will be the biggest thing that ever struck Santa Cruz,” said he. “It will not only bring people here, but advertise Santa Cruz extensively all over the United States. Wherever there is a church of the Christian denomination Santa Cruz will be known. There are about 15,000 members of the denomination in this State along. The Christian Church stands third in the matter of membership in the United States, the Methodists and Baptists preceding it in numbers. I want the tabernacle to be able to seat not less than 2,000 persons. I venture to say that within a year you will see one hundred cottages in course of erection at Garfield Park. There should be no hesitancy about raising the \$2,000. Think of the inestimable advantages Santa Cruz will derive! A class of people will come which would in no other way know about our city. They will stay here from three weeks to three months. Then we will secure such assemblies as the Chautauqua, and others which hold summer meetings. All of the leading lecturers who visit this State will come here and give lectures during the season.”

How much money has been subscribed?”

“I think about \$800, with good prospects of raising the balance.”

“How much do you value the land and money so far donated?”

“I should place the value at about \$11,000.”

“Who are the names of the donors of the 10.13 acres?”

“They are Messrs. H. Robinson, C. R. Bushnell, Abram King, **F. A. Hihn Co.**, Dr. Fitch, J. D. Chace, **W. T. Cope**, Parker & Peakes, Mrs. R. H. Hall, W. T. Holliday, S. H. Bailey, E. G. Greene, Tanner & Ely, J. Bernheim, L. K. Baldwin and myself.”

A. H. Fitch, who was with Mr. Robinson, said that sixty lots at Garfield Park had already been spoken for. Abram King had alone received twenty-five applications for lots. After the first rains work on the avenues leading from the Park to the beach will be commenced.

1889 Sep 5

Source: *Santa Cruz Daily Sentinel* 1889 Sep 5 3:2 “Social and Personal”

F. A. Hihn is in San Francisco.

1889 Sep 5

Source: *Santa Cruz Daily Sentinel* 1889 Sep 5 3:5

**CHRISTIAN CHURCH.
The Garfield Park Project — What
Real Estate Experts Say.**

H. E. Makinney was interviewed Wednesday in regard to Garfield Park. Mr. Makinney can be termed a real estate expert and a careful observer of the real estate market. His judgment in real estate matters is formed on purely a business basis, relieved of any sentiment.

“What do I think of Garfield Park?” said he. To tell you candidly it will be a grand thing for Santa Cruz; something that has long been needed. I believe that it is an assured thing, as Santa Cruz possesses so many advantages over other places that there is hardly room for doubt, but that it will be selected as the place for the Christian Church Encampment.

F. H. Parker is enthused with the Garfield Park project. He said that the establishment of the Park would prove of great benefit to Santa Cruz. He has already propositions for the purchase of real estate. Mr. Parker is also of the opinion that Garfield Park is an assured fact.

A. H. Fitch, on again being interrogated, said: “Among those who intend to erect cottages at Garfield Park are Mr. Zumwalt, of Tulare, and Dr. Walk and Mr. Baird of Modesto. Abram King has offered to erect a handsome residence at the Park and donate it to Mrs. Garfield if she will spend a summer there. The late President Garfield was, you know, a prominent member of the Christian Church. I met a gentleman from Woodland the other day and he said that many families from his town would spend the summer in Santa Cruz if the Park is established. Gentlemen from other towns have told me the same thing with regard to the towns they live in; I tell you that our people hardly realize the inestimable advantages to be gained for Santa Cruz by the establishment of the Christian Church Encampment. Take Bethany Park, Indiana, as an example. Before the Christian Church established it encampment there the land was comparatively worthless; now it is very valuable. It is agreed on the part of the church that every dollar derived from the sale of lots shall be devoted to the improvement of the grounds, and go toward the building of the tabernacle. Now, some fifty or sixty lots are spoken for. These lots will sell for no less than \$200 each. According to the agreement the fund of \$10,000 or \$12,000 realized from the sale of these lots will at once be used for beautifying and improving Garfield Park. Then, again, every purchaser will agree to build a cottage to cost not less than \$300. Of course each purchaser can build as handsome a cottage as he or she may desire.”

1889 Sep 6

Source: *Santa Cruz Surf* 1889 Sep 6 3:3

GARFIELD PARK.
Some Account of the Status of the
Christian Church as a Denomination.

The establishment of Garfield Park in this city is a leading topic of interest and of conversation in Santa Cruz at the present time. There are very few of our citizens who are not able to see, without argument, the immense and undoubted advantage which Santa Cruz will gain from the project if carried out according to the terms of the agreement.

There is, however, in some quarters, a lack of information concerning the strength of the Christian church in the United States and in California, which a few particulars may supply. It has already been stated in the SURF that this denomination, known as the Christian church, or the Church of the Disciples, stands, in numbers, third among the Protestant churches of the United States. Its growth within the past decade has been phenomenal and it includes many of the wealthiest people of the nation.

In California, although it has not taken a foremost stand in numbers, its growth has been rapid and church organizations have increased largely all over the State. In San Francisco the denomination finished last year a church which cost \$15,000. It stands on Twelfth street; the membership is a large one and the pastor is Rev. M. J. Ferguson, a learned and scholarly man.

In Sacramento there is a large and flourishing church of this denomination, of which Mrs. E. B. Crocker is a member. At Ukiah, Modesto, Fresno, Tulare, Woodland and throughout the State the organizations are numerous and growing. In Santa Cruz county the church at Watsonville, under the pastorate of Rev. Mr. Ogburn, is large and increasing. Rev. Mr. Coombs, a minister of the Christian church from Indiana, has lately been holding a revival in Watsonville which has resulted in twenty conversions. At Corralitos there is a church under Rev. Mr. Wilson, and there is also one at Aptos. At Santa Cruz, the organization has, as yet, no settled pastor, but the services are held regularly in De Lamater's Hall and are led by Mr. C. J. Todd, an active member. Ministers of the denomination often visit here.

In San Jose a flourishing church is presided over by Rev. George Edward Walk, son of Rev. Doctor David Walk, who has been so active in promoting the establishment of Garfield Park here.

Dr. Walk has been a resident off Memphis, Tennessee, and has been active in church work throughout all that section of country. As has been stated in the SURF he was one of the original promoters of the fine encampment grounds of the Christian church in Indiana, known as Bethany Park. The growth of population and the enhancement of values caused by the establishment of that park was something astonishing, and not only was the permanent population increased, but the visitors each year are numbered by the thousands.

At Martha's Vineyard, on the Atlantic coast, a similar encampment was established for the Baptist church some years ago. The end of the island purchased for the purpose was entirely unimproved. The money realized from the sale of lots was used to beautify the tract and to build cottages. The grounds were under control of a board of trustees who had police authority and established rules for the government of the encampment. Growth began at once. People not belonging to the denomination found that they could send their families to a delightful and healthful spot to spend their summer where they would be protected from everything objectionable and coarse. Now the summer finds the place thronged with 10,000 people. Ferry

landings and street railway lines are established and every facility for pleasant summer life is to be found there.

Here in Santa Cruz these delights may last the year round, and many eastern people who come here will quickly realize the charms and advantages of Garfield Park. Should the ten acres donated be quickly filled up there is a wide extent of available land in the immediate vicinity which can and will be used for handsome residences and comfortable homes.

Not only have Santa Cruz capitalists done well for the church, the city and themselves in making this donation, but it will act as a stimulus to other instances of wise and thoughtful generosity.

1889 Sep 7

Source: *Santa Cruz Sentinel* 1889 Sep 7 1:6

BOOM! !

The Awakening in Santa Cruz — Inquiries, Lands, Sales.

The effect of the new Christian Church resort, the stimulus of the auction to-day at Cliff Road Plateau, and the new departure in general, have started a move in real estate, and the scent of the boom is in the air. Everything points to a genuine movement in land values. The last two or three days the real estate men have been busy in and out of office. Besides buyers now quite active, landseekers are on the wing. Yesterday several large tracts were examined and bonded, and the telegraph wires were kept quite hot pursuing non-residents.

It is evident that the effect of recent events will be to open up a genuine land movement, and there is now a feeling that it is time to get in before the boom. Undoubtedly this is good policy for those that want a rich return for their money. To-day is the first sale, and the lots offered are choice, the terms are easy and the property is to be sold for what it will bring. Those that seize the opportunity will reap a harvest. The way to speculate is to seize the boom by the forelock, and the man that gets into the opening, offered by the gentlemen conducting to-day's sale on Cliff Road Plateau, will congratulate himself when within six months the Garfield Park enterprise shall have raised all values in that part of the city one hundred per cent. We laugh and sneer at the lack of foresight shown by the pioneers who sat down and saw the procession go by, and have "gone broke" ever since; but the most of us will be just as good laughing-stock in another year as any broken forty-niner, if we fail to get in before the height of this boom is reached.

The policy of the railroad company is to extend their line on Mission street along that thoroughfare at an early day, and when the Garfield Park is under way the cars will be run along the front of the Cliff Road Plateau on Fair avenue to the Cliff road.

Santa Cruz is destined to be a great city, and her citizens should show their faith and evidence, and their sagacity, by patronizing the very first auction ever held in this city. A purchase to-day is a tribute to your own city and a contribution to your own pocket. Go out, hear the music, enjoy the spread and buy a lot.

1889 Sep 17

Source: *Santa Cruz Surf* 1889 Sep 17 1:4-5

GARFIELD PARK.

The Tabernacle Fund Secure—An Interesting Meeting.

The meeting of citizens held at the Court House last evening was an interested and enthusiastic one. Elihu Anthony was made Chairman and F. H. Parker, Secretary. The Chairman called upon Rev. Dr. David Walk, who was present, having come over from San Jose, to give a full account of the park, the project and the progress made.

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Rev. Dr. Walk was unanimously chosen as a delegate to the Ukiah convention to represent the city of Santa Cruz. In thanking the meeting for the honor he declared himself so sure of accomplishing the object for which he was sent, that he would almost guarantee to succeed. Said Doctor Walk, "I cannot fail, for I am going to take about three cords of the edition which the DAILY SURF is getting ready and scatter them broadcast.

I'm going to be a news boy
And with the news boys stand.
A crown upon my forehead.
A SURF within my hand.

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1889 Sep 17

Source: *Santa Cruz Sentinel* 1889 Sep 17 3:2

CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

**Rev. David Walk and A. H. Fitch to
Represent Santa Cruz at Ukiah.**

About one hundred ladies and gentlemen attended the meeting called on Monday evening at the Court-house, for the purpose of discussing the benefits to be derived by securing the location of the encampment of the Christian Church and the establishment of Garfield Park in Santa Cruz.

Elihu Anthony was elected Chairman and F. H. Parker Secretary.

After making a few remarks, stating the objects of the meeting, the Chairman called on Rev. David Walk, of San Jose, who addressed the audience on the advantages that Santa Cruz and vicinity would receive by having the encampment located here, adding that it was almost a settled fact the convention at Ukiah would vote in favor of the proposition.

He then gave some statistics on the present condition of the denomination, saying that already there were over one hundred churches in California, and during the last two years 100,000 new members had joined in the United States. The churches were all reported in a flourishing condition, and the outlook is prosperous for a rapid increase in membership.

The late President Garfield was a prominent member of the church, and the proposed park in this city is to be named after him. The churches in this State propose turning their attention to Santa Cruz, the Newport of the Pacific.

Remarks were made by Wm. T. Jeter and C. E. Lindsay, after which the chairman called on the committee to report on the success met with in their efforts to secure funds, as a guarantee that the enterprise would be successfully carried out. F. H. Parker, as chairman of the committee, stated that \$800 in cash had already been subscribed and about \$700 was promised in lots. He estimated that \$2,000 could be raised for the project.

Rev. Mr. Walk then stated that every lot purchased would be improved, and the money spent in this city.

The question of appointing a committee to represent Santa Cruz was then brought up, and A. H. Fitch moved that Mr. Walk be empowered to act as a delegate, and the motion was unanimously carried. The reverend gentleman stated that it would afford him pleasure to act as the Santa Cruz representative, and promised to do all in his power to have the encampment located here. His remarks were received with applause.

Duncan McPherson and R. C. Kirby then spoke on the benefits of the proposed encampment, and hoped the scheme would be successful. The location of the encampment here would bring many people to the seashore, and would help the moral and financial upbuilding of our community.

Mr. Jeter stated that he had considerable confidence in the ability of the Rev. Mr. Walk as a representative, but stated that another man was needed to do the "outside work," and moved that A. H. Fitch be appointed. The motion was carried.

Some discussion followed as to the appointment of two other delegates, and Messrs. A. H. Robinson and **W. T. Cope** were nominated. Mr. Walk then stated that it would be unnecessary to have any other delegates, saying he could accomplish the matter himself. The nominations were withdrawn, and Messrs. Walk and Fitch will represent Santa Cruz in the convention at Ukiah.

The meeting then adjourned.

[Transcriber's Note: The name **W. T. Cope** suggests the influence of **F. A. Hihn**, Cope being his son-in-law (married to **Katherine Charlotte Hihn**)].

1889 Sep 18

Source: *San Francisco Chronicle* 1889 Sep 18 6:5

ENTERPRISING TOWNS.

**Santa Cruz and Arch Beach Will
Have Water.**

SANTA CRUZ, September 17. — The City Council this evening consummated the sale of \$300,000 worth of the city bonds voted one year ago to construct water works to a firm of New York capitalists, who engage to construct the water works for the sum mentioned and turn them over to the city in consideration for the bonds. The water is to be brought from Laguna creek, a distance of ten miles. The system will include a reservoir of a capacity of 60,000,000 gallons, thirteen miles of distributing pipe and 200 hydrants, and is to be completed within one year.

A meeting of citizens was held this evening at the Courthouse in furtherance of the project to establish here a summer encampment for the Christian Church, to be known as Garfield Park. Ten acres of land have been donated. A tabernacle will be built to cost not less than \$10,000.

1889 Sep 19

Source: *Santa Cruz Surf* 1889 Sep 19 4:1-5

PARADISE FOUND.

**A Tabernacle for Christians to be
Built at Santa Cruz.**

A SABBATH REST BESIDE THE SEA.

**Generous Santa Cruzans Offer Land For
an Encampment Ground for the
Christian Church.**

[From the Daily [Surf] of July 27, 1889.]

[For the benefit of those to whom this number of the SURF may come, who have not been informed or followed the rather brief but very inspiring history of the movement to establish the Summer Home of the Church of the Disciples near this city, we reproduce here with (headlines and all), the first public announcement of the inception of this scheme as it appeared in the SURF at that date.— ED.]

A SURF representative learned yesterday of a projected plan, which, if consummated, will be of great importance to Santa Cruz, and also to a large and important body of Christians of this State.

The Christian church, or the Church of the Disciples, stands, by the latest statistics, numerically the third among the Protestant churches on this continent. Although young and not very strong in California, its progress here for the past few years has been remarkably rapid. The church, as a state body, has no meeting place of its own, but holds its annual meetings at different cities according to appointment. It is considered very desirable that there should be a permanent and abiding place of meeting for the denomination, a central home which shall be to the church something like Pacific Grove to the Methodist denomination.

Having this in view, Messrs. E. H. Robinson, of Ocean street, and C. R. Bushnell, of Beach Hill, have offered to donate a tract of ground on Pelton avenue, and near the Cliff road, to be used for that purpose. This tract consists of about three acres, and it is hoped that an adjoining two acres, upon which stands a grove of Eucalyptus and evergreen trees, will be added to the donation, thereby making the grounds ample in size for the object in view and symmetrical in

proportion.

Rev. Dr. David Walk, of Memphis, Tennessee, who is an influential minister of the Christian church, is in California, and, having some months of leisure on his hand, and a deep interest in the welfare of his church in this State, is devoting himself to the promotion of this project.

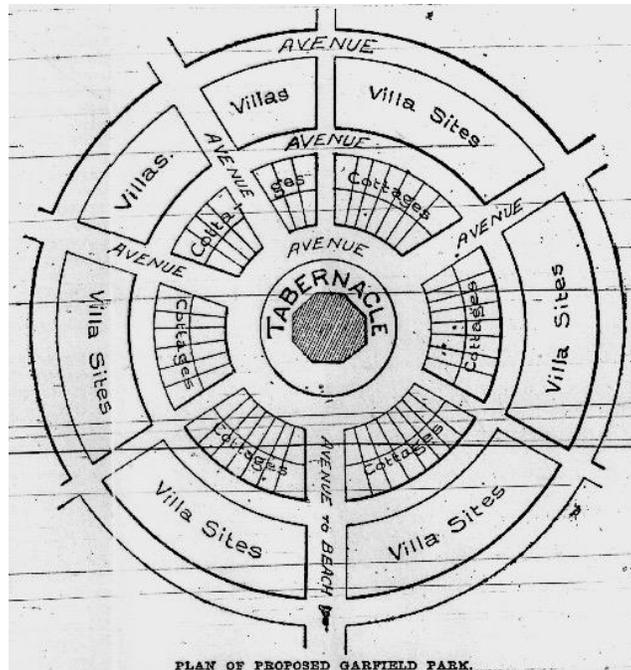
His son, Rev. George Edward Walk, is pastor of the Christian church in San Jose. Dr. Walk has seen no other location which is so favorable in every respect for the purpose in view as the one in question.

He was one of the founders and promoters of the magnificent encampment ground in Indiana, known as Bethany Park, which belongs to the Christian denomination—owning the first share of the stock and having much personal supervision over the beautifying of the park.

The plan which will be carried out, if the donation is accepted, was briefly outlined to the SURF representative. The tract of land will be owned by the Christian Church of the State of California, to be used for the comfort and convenience of its members and for the advancement of the welfare of the denomination. All annual and denominational meetings, Sunday School unions, etc., will be held here. Immediately upon its transfer to the church the tract will be laid out and improved upon the plans of a skilled landscape artist, with a view to beauty, utility, and harmony of design. The central feature of the whole will be a picturesque tabernacle with a seating capacity of not less than 2,000. Building lots will be set off for cottages. Every purchaser of a lot will be obliged to bind himself legally to erect thereon a substantial cottage of tasteful design and to beautify the grounds around it. Every dollar accumulated will be, by the terms of the organization, re-invested in beautifying and improving the encampment grounds, the object being to make the spot as nearly an earthly paradise as possible.

Water is easily accessible on two sides of the property. It will be piped all over the grounds and fountains will be a conspicuous feature of the ornamentation. It is easy to see of what value of the adjoining property such a spot would be and will also be readily seen that the frequent presence of the large bodies of people who would visit the grounds would be of important pecuniary benefit to the city, while the cottage residents would be more or less a permanent addition to the population.

The additional two acres desirable to complete the donation of Messrs. Robinson and Bushnell belong to Mr. Abram King of San Jose. Rev. Dr. Walk goes to San Jose to consult Mr. King concerning the matter. If the ground is all secured Dr. Walk will go [to] the State annual meeting of the denomination to be held at Ukiah, Sept. 20th and will place the proposition before the society. If accepted, work will be begun at once, and the doctor's experience and good taste will be invaluable in the carrying on of the project. He has written to the *Christian Evangelist* of St. Louis and the *Christian Standard* of Cincinnati, outlining the plan and believes that wealthy members of the church in the East will assist in the good work.



PLAN OF PROPOSED GARFIELD PARK.
PARADISE REPEATED.

[On July 30th the SURF again took up the encampment in the following article.— ED.]

On Saturday morning last the SURF published an article under the head of "Paradise Found," outlining a plan to establish in Santa Cruz an encampment ground and religious headquarters for the denomination of the Christian Church, or the Church of the Disciples, now standing, in numerical strength, third among the Protestant churches of the American continent. This headquarters, if established in Santa Cruz, would be the denominational home of the Christian Church for the Pacific Coast. So much interest and comment were elicited by the article in question, and so much has the original plan broadened and developed in the last few days, that a brief recapitulation of the points already stated will not be without interest to the readers of the SURF in connection with an account of the further progress made.

The Church of the Disciples, although it has made a very rapid progress in California on this coast during the past few years, has had no permanent abiding place for its annual State meetings and for other denominational gatherings which have been held at various places according to appointment. At the last annual meeting in September, 1888, the matter of a fixed headquarters was discussed and a resolution of permanent location was carried. No further action was taken, though several different places were mentioned, and among them, Santa Cruz.

This summer Rev. Dr. David Walk of Memphis, Tennessee, a prominent divine of the Christian church in the East, whose son, Rev. George Edward Walk, is pastor of a church of the same denomination in San Jose, came to Santa Cruz for a brief rest. Rev. Mr. Tandy, pastor of the Christian church in Tulare, also came here and the subject of an encampment ground was talked over in a casual way. Finally the generous offer of Messrs. E. H. Robinson, of Ocean street, and R. C. Bushnell, of Beach Hill, of a tract of land belonging to them in the southwestern addition, crystallized the idea into a definite shape and gave a nucleus for action.

The land offered by Messrs. Robinson and Bushnell adjoins lands owned by Mr. Abram King, of San Jose, a portion of which seemed necessary to the projected plan.

On Saturday last, Dr. Walk, armed with a copy of that morning's SURF, went over to San Jose to see Mr. King. This gentleman is a prominent capitalist of San Jose, and is well known as

the promoter of many public spirited movements there. Especially his work in the establishment and building of fine structures for the public schools, and his energy, perseverance and success in the matter of the magnificently graded road to the Lick Observatory on Mount Hamilton, are appreciated by San Joseans. With such a man, the project presented by Dr. Walk had but to be seen to be grasped and comprehended at once. Mr. King said:

“I like this plan and I will assist it. Can you go to Santa Cruz with me Monday morning?”

Dr. Walk was only too willing to accompany a man who seemed to be so ready for action. They came to Santa Cruz and, in company with Mr. Robinson and others interested, looked over the ground. It was found that a strip of land, necessary to the symmetry of the plot and intervening between the lands of King and those of Bushnell and Robinson was owned by a party in San Francisco who, however, desired to sell. With characteristic promptness Mr. King authorized A. H. Fitch, the Santa Cruz real estate man, to go to San Francisco yesterday and purchase the strip of land in question for him, and will incorporate such portion of it as is needed, in his gift. Mr. Fitch will charge neither his expenses nor a commission for his services.

It was also found that **Mr. F. A. Hihn** of this place owned land adjoining those of Mr. King, which would make a most desirable addition to the grounds for the proposed encampment. Mr. Robinson, Dr. Walk and Rev. Mr. Tandy held a conference with **Mr. Hihn** and explained their objects and desires to him. **Mr. Hihn** met the proposition with cordial approval, looked over the plans and proposed that a survey of the ground and a plot be made. **He promised to give whatever portion of his ground should be needed to complete the plan on a generous scale.**

There are lands adjoining the plot on the west which belong to a wealthy gentleman in Indianapolis who, with others, owns seventy acres. A strip of two and one-half acres from this land would, with that given on the east by **Mr. Hihn**, increase the original donation of Messrs. Robinson, Bushnell and King to a magnificent plot of ten acres. The gentleman will be communicated with and, as his public spirit is well known, and as the benefit of the proposed improvement will be so self-evident, it is believed that he will be as willing as the others to give his share.

Among the evidences of hearty appreciation of the benefit to accrue to Santa Cruz from this project, it should be mentioned that Mr. Horace Wanzer, who was applied to for maps and details of information regarding the ground, offered to survey and make a correct plot of the tract in question without charge in order that the project might be clearly presented to the State meeting of the Christian Church to be held at Ukiah on the 20th of September.

A landscape artist with established reputation will make a harmonious design for the whole tract, including broad and ample curving walks, a site for the central Tabernacle, lawns, shrubberies, fountains, etc., while the building lots will average about 25x60 feet in dimensions. It was estimated that, allowing for walks, etc., sixteen or seventeen lots will be included in each acre. The management being vested in a board of trustees, each purchaser of a lot will bind himself to build upon it a tasteful cottage to cost not less than \$300, but having the liberty of spending as much more as he chooses. He will also bind himself to beautify and keep in order his grounds. Every dollar of purchase money received from the sale of lots will go to the general improvement of the encampment grounds. Water will be piped in every direction, so that an ample supply may be had. The Tabernacle will be begun at once and will be of a capacity to seat 1,500 to 2,000 people. It is likely that the contract will bind the society to complete a certain portion of the improvements within a specified time.

When the exact quantity of land to be donated is agreed upon and a clear plot of it made the project will be in shape for presentation to the directors of the Church Society. Other offers have

been made from Irving, Woodland, Stockton, San Jose, etc., but Dr. Walk and Rev. Mr. Tandy believe that the material advantages offered by Santa Cruz, to say nothing of the attractions of climate, scenery and the delight of living here, will far over balance any other offer that may be made.

The Christian church numbers among its members many people of wealth and influence in California and elsewhere, and their aid will not be invoked in vain, while many of them will gladly erect for themselves a seaside residence under such delightful conditions.

GARFIELD PARK.

[From the above date of July 30th to this date, September 19th, not a week and scarcely a day has elapsed that the enterprise has not received notice and attention from the SURF, our local efforts culminating in the public meeting held on Monday evening the 16th. With an extract from the report of that meeting we conclude this review of the pre-natal history of Garfield Park.—ED.]

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THE TABERNACLE.

The Central Edifice Proposed for the Park.

COMMODIOUS IN ACCOMMODATIONS.

Elegant in Exterior Design and a Model of Convenience.

Rev. Dr. David Walk takes with him to the convention at Ukiah an ideal sketch of the exterior and interior of the proposed tabernacle for Garfield Park, drawn and submitted by Messrs. Damkroeger & Saunders, architects, which seems wonderfully will adapted to the purposes for which the building will be used.

It will be remembered that the edifice will occupy the center of a circular tract of land,

containing ten acres. The design presents a building of octagon shape, fitted to crown a slight eminence, of an entirely unique design, which combines the features of a church, a tabernacle, and a pavilion. It will be used for assemblages of many sorts, some of them gathered for secular purposes as well as for divine service, and the plan has, therefore, been varied in its scope to suit, as far as possible, all exigencies which may arise. Two sides of the octagon, forming the front and rear, are longer than the remaining six sides, and to these are added projections, which agreeably vary the outline of the building. These longer sides measure 52 feet and the other six are each 34 feet in length. The structure thus covers (except the corners,) a square of 82x100 feet. The roof is hipped and steep enough to give the building fine proportions. It is surmounted by an ornamental cap, which forms the ventilator. The front projection, which is fourteen feet deep, forms the staircase wall and is continued into a tower, which is surmounted by an open belfry and a spire. This tower forms a principal feature in both the front and profile views of the building, and is of an original design which harmonizes well with the general design. A very large triple window, 16 feet high by 10 feet wide, lights the front. It is 100 feet from the ground to the top of the spire.

The unique and distinctive feature of the exterior of the ground floor is the original arrangement of the glass doors which form the six shorter sides. These are continuous, and slide up into pockets like windows, leaving the auditorium, when desired, practically an open-air pavilion with a roof. It is this feature which so admirably adapts the design to the summer seaside requirements of the building.

The gallery floor is lighted by double windows, two in each bay. The cornice and other outside details are in Queen Anne style. Just back of the tower appears, on each side, another projection. This affords the main entrances. The projection supplies two roomy vestibules to each of which there are three entrance doors and from the vestibules there are broad entrances to the auditorium, which is a room of noble proportions. The speakers' platform occupies the broad side of the octagon, opposite the entrance, and eighty feet from it. The measurement across the hall at right angles with this is 98 feet. The arrangement of aisles and pews is such that they radiate from the platform, bringing every listener face to face with with [*sic*] the speaker. The floor, of course, has a slope from the entrance toward the platform. Another new departure is noticed. In nearly all churches the "broad aisle" runs directly down the center so that the speaker really faces an empty alley way. In this plan a broad tier of seats is placed directly down the center. The main aisle runs entirely around the hall, skirting the wall, while there are four aisles and five tiers of seats leading to the platform. The length of the seats and the setting of the benches conform to the octagon shape of the hall, and, on the ground floor there is an actual seating capacity of 1,030. The platform is 10 feet deep by 24 feet long and rounds, at the back, into a niche, which extends to the ceiling and acts as a sounding board. On a level with the platform and communicating with it are two committee rooms, built into the rear projection. In this projection are also two staircases to the platform, concealed from the auditorium but connected with it by doors. Two other staircases give exit from the gallery. The gallery follows the outline of the building and is fourteen feet deep. In its slope and the arrangement of the four tiers of seats with their aisles the gallery conforms to the main floor. It is supported by pillars. The entrance to the gallery is from broad landings connecting with the two staircase in the tower projection, and with the two rear staircases there are four exits. The ceiling forms an elliptical arch, somewhat on the plan of the Tabernacle at Salt Lake City, where the acoustic properties are so fine. The average height of the ceiling from the floor is over forty feet.

In the tower, over the main staircases, there is a committee room and a staircase leading up

through the tower into the observatory in the belfry which will command a series of the grandest views in California. The design, as a whole and in detail, seems almost an inspiration in its absolute harmony with the needs and uses for which the building is required.

1889 Sep 20

Source: *Santa Cruz Daily Sentinel* 1889 Sep 20 1:4

CHRISTIAN CHURCH CONFERENCE

Meets To-Day in Ukiah for a Ten Days' Session.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 19th.—The Christian Church Conference of California, known as the Campbellites, will held an encampment at Ukiah commencing Sept. 20th and lasting ten days. The most important business will be the formation of an annual encampment and debating on the offer of the citizens of Santa Cruz of eighteen acres of city property and the building of a tabernacle valued at fifteen thousand dollars.

1889 Sep 24

Source: *San Francisco Examiner* 1889 Sep 24 2:2

THE CHRISTIAN CONVENTION.

Santa Cruz Selected as the Site for the Annual Meeting.

UKIAH, September 23.— This morning the real work of the Christian Church Convention commenced. The entire afternoon was taken up in the discussion of a permanent location for the State meeting. Santa Cruz was represented by a large delegation with maps, charts and plans of a tabernacle. Santa Cruz offered ten acres of land, known as Garfield Park, and \$3,000 in cash. The proposition was accepted by a unanimous vote, but Santa Cruz Christian Park was substituted for Garfield Park.

1889 Sep 25

Source: *Santa Cruz Daily Sentinel* 1889 Sep 25 3:6

CHRISTIAN CONVENTION.

Santa Cruz's Offer of a Permanent Ground Accepted.

One thousand persons attended the Christian Church services in the grove on Sunday at Ukiah. J. H. Hughes of Kansas City addressed the assembly at 11 A. M. Sunday. In the afternoon Peter H. Burnett, nephew of the first Governor of California, preached. At night Geo. H. Sweeney of Oakland presided.

Monday the real work of the convention commenced. Reports of committees were received.

The entire afternoon of that day was taken up in the discussion of the permanent location of the State meeting. Santa Cruz was represented by a large delegation **with maps, charts and plans of a tabernacle.** There were lengthy debates and parliamentary entanglements, Mrs. Lydia Luce of San Francisco making a feeling speech in regard to selecting any location at all, and the

selection of a name. The Santa Cruz proposition was ten acres of land, known as Garfield Park, and \$3,000 in cash. The proposition was accepted by a unanimous vote, but the name "Santa Cruz Christian Park" was substituted for "Garfield Park."

The special order for Tuesday at 2 P. M. was the incorporation of the Christian Church.

The people who named the locality Garfield Park have yet to be heard from. The Methodists have never changed or attempted to change the name of Pacific Grove to Methodist Grove.

1889 Sep 28

Source: *Santa Cruz Daily Sentinel* 1889 Sep 28 3:4

A Letter From the Fourth Ward.

ED. SENTINEL:— As it has been decided to locate the Tabernacle of the Lord in Garfield Park, Fourth Ward has taken a new start; everything is booming; town lots have doubled in value; property around the Park is selling fast, and if it continues as at present, all town lots will be sold within a few days, for the goose "hangs high."

But, by the way, there is a petition in circulation and signed by every taxpayer, which will be presented to the Honorable Mayor and Common Council at the next regular meeting, and which reads in words as follows:

"We, the citizens of the Fourth Ward, ask your Honorable Mayor and Common Council to exempt the Fourth Ward from taxation, for we do not receive a full share of our money paid into the city treasury, as our streets are neither watered ten or eleven times a day, nor swept every morning in front of our premises and the sweepings hauled away, the same as on Pacific avenue. Also, having no connections with the sewer system, no police to guard our property, no fire department to benefit the Fourth Ward and to reduce our insurance, therefore we ask your honorable body to be exempted from taxation, the same as the merchants ask to be exempt, for they receive all the benefit and we none of it.

A NEW SETTLER.

1889 Oct 9

Source: *Santa Cruz Sentinel* 1889 Oct 9 3:4

On to Garfield Park.

Yesterday the first ground was broken for opening streets into Garfield Park. The Hihn Co. tore down the fences along the extension of California street Monday afternoon and yesterday morning began plowing preparatory to turnpiking the roadway. This street leads to the center of the new Christian Church Park, and affords a much shorter drive to it than any other route. The owners of the lands adjoining the Park on the south and reaching thence to the Cliff Drive, have torn away the fences on the line of the new streets leading from the tabernacle flat to the cliff, and in a few days a thoroughfare will be open to travel along California street, across Garfield Park and through the tract now known as Surfside down to the bay shore. Messrs. Robinson & Bushnell begin to-day to clear away fences and prepare their lands west of the Park for the new highways to lead through to Mission street.

A visit to that part of the city yesterday would have convinced one that things are beginning to move, and the work of the next few weeks will transform the vicinity of Garfield Park. The new roads and changing scenes of that neighborhood will afford pleasant drives and attractive

tours of inspection to the people of the city, many of whom have little knowledge of it.

In this connection the attention of the city authorities is called to the dumping of garbage which appears to be going on indiscriminately along the cliff.

1889 Oct 10

Source: *Santa Cruz Sentinel* 1889 Oct 10 1:8

Moving! Moving!

A visit to Garfield Park yesterday afforded a scene of activity delightful to the eye of the progressive citizen. Surveying was going on to locate the **concentric circles**, and streets about the tabernacle plat; plowing and scraping was being done on the California street extension; fences were being cleared away on the Robinson and Bushnell and on the Surfside tracts, and stakes were being set on the latter tract. Altogether the transformation going forward was quite inspiring, and one felt like taking off his coat and laying off a section of land into fifty-foot lots, opening a few dozen avenues or squatting on a town site.

1889 Oct 16

Source: F. A. Hihn & F. A. Hihn & Co. Agreements, Deeds, and Leases Vol. 5,
[Page Numbers] 313-316 10/16/1889 Entry # 1823, Entry #1824, Entry #1825

E.H. ROBINSON, C.R. BUSHNELL, F.A. HIHN, A. KING.

with

STATE CONVENTION OF THE
CHRISTIAN CHURCHES OF CALIFORNIA | AGREEMENT

This agreement made and entered into at the City of Santa Cruz, in the State of California this 16th day of October, 1889 by and between E.H. Robinson, and C.R. Bushnell, and F.A. Hihn of the said County of Santa Cruz, and A. King of the County of Santa Clara, in said State, parties of the first part and the State Convention of the Christian Churches of California, a corporation duly formed and existing under the law of said State, party of the second part, witnesseth that - Whereas the parties of the first part did heretofore make to the said party of the second part the following offer : -

“Whereas that certain corporation, known as the State Convention of the Christian Churches of California, proposes to establish a State camp ground in the State of California, to be used for the general religious and educational purposes of that denomination, and to be for ever maintained for such use alone : - And whereas the undersigned are desirous of having the same located on certain lands, near the Cliff Road in the City of Santa Cruz, described as being a **circle**, having a diameter of 750 feet, and an area of 10-13 acres, the center of which shall be the produced middle line of Younglove Avenue, as laid out on the map of the Ruffner Tract, as the same is filed in the County Recorder’s Office of Santa Cruz County on Aug. 9th 1887 and 350 feet Southerly from the middle line of Oceanside Avenue.

Now, therefore, in consideration of the location of said Camp Ground by the said Corporation of the said Christian Church on the above described lands and the maintenance of the Camp Ground on the above described lands and the maintenance of the Camp Ground thereon as aforesaid, and of the building on said lands, on or before twelve months from the date

hereof a Tabernacle or Auditorium of some pleasing design, with a seating capacity of not less than 1500 ; and also the building of not less than Fifteen Cottages thereon, costing not less than the sum of Three hundred dollars each, and of the opening of the streets as designated on the map hereto attached.

We, the undersigned, hereby agree to give to the said Corporation, the sums or things set opposite our respective names. It is agreed on the part of the Church that every dollar derived from the sale of lots, shall be devoted to the improvement of the grounds and that said Church will fulfil [sic] the conditions above specified.”

And whereas, the said party of the second part after due consideration has accepted said offer and whereas, the said party of the first part have in pursuance of said acceptance executed to said party of the second part a deed for the land described in said offer.

Now therefore in consideration of the execution of the said deed the said party of the second part agrees to faithfully observe, carry out and fulfil all and each of the conditions in said offer contained.

It is agreed that the land described in the deed from the said parties of the first part to the said party of the second part of even date with these presents is the identical land described in said offer.

In witness, whereof the said parties of the first part have hereunto set their hands and seals and the said party of the second part has caused these presents to be executed by president there unto duly authorized.

F.A. Hihn (L-S) [seal?]
Elias H. Robinson (seal)
Charles R. Bushnell (seal)
Abram King (seal)

State Convention of the Christian Churches of California by L.B. Wilkes, pres. of the Board of directors (seal)

Attest : Geo. Edward Walk Secy. (seal)

Acknowledged on the 17th day of October 1889 before me

H.E. Makinney. (Notary Public.)

F.A. HIHN

with

CONVENTION of the

CHRISTIAN CHURCHES of CALIFORNIA | AGREEMENT.

For value received I hereby agree to sell by bargain and sale deed to the Convention of the Christian Churches of California, a corporation duly formed and existing under the laws of the State of California or to such person as said Corporation may direct, all or any of the lots owned by me on the outer line of **Wilkes circle** in Santa Cruz Christian Park in the City of Santa Cruz, in said State, at the rate of One hundred dollars per lot for the inner lots and at the rate of one hundred and twenty five dollars for corner lots, the lots to have a frontage of twenty five feet on **Wilkes circle** by seventy five feet deep, the side lines of the lots to be drawn at right angles from said **circle**, the expense of the deed to be paid by the purchasers.

I agree to insert in said deeds such conditions to be observed by the purchasers as said Corporation may direct. Said Corporation will pay all taxes hereafter levied on lots sold as aforesaid.

The privilege hereby granted expires on the 16th day of October, 1891, and said corporation shall not be entitled to purchase any of said lots not paid for prior to the last mentioned date.

Santa Cruz, Cal. Oct. 16th 1889.

Erased before signing the word "performed"

Interlined before signing the words "observed" "or" "not"

Erased before signing the word "Garfield" & inserted "Santa Cruz Christian".

F.A. Hihn

I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of a paper this day received and accepted by the Convention of the Christian Churches of California.

Santa Cruz, Oct. 17th 1889.

Geo. Edward Walk.

Secy, Board of Directors of State Convention of the
Christian Churches of California

1889 Oct 16

Source: F. A. Hihn & F. A. Hihn & Co. Agreements, Deeds, and Leases Vol. 6,
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F.A. HIHN | Deed dated Oct 16 1889

E.H. ROBINSON

C.R. BUSHNELL

To

THE STATE CONVENTION OF
CHRISTIAN CHURCHES OF CAL.

All that tract of land contained within a **circle** whose radius is 375 ft and whose center is situated at a point from which the intersection of the middle lines of Oceanside and Younglove Avenues, as shown on the map of the subdivision of the Ruffner tract, filed in the Office of the County Recorder of Santa Cruz County on the 9th day of August A.D 1887, bears North 55° 42' West 376 95/ ft distant, and containing within said **Circle** an area of 10 14/ acres of land

Acknowledged Oct 16/90 before H.E. Makinney N.P.[Notary Public]

1889 Oct 18

Source: *San Francisco Examiner* 1889 Oct 18 2:2

PLACED ON RECORD.

**The Deed Donating Land to the
Christian Church.**

SANTA CRUZ, October 17. — Final papers in the matter of the establishment of the encampment grounds of the Christian Church of California at this place, to be known as Garfield Park, were executed and filed today. Ten acres were donated and eight acres adjoining bonded at a nominal price for two years to the association. The conditions are that the proceeds of the sale of lots shall be expended on the property in the erection of a tabernacle and in otherwise

improving the park. The tabernacle will be capable of seating 2,000 people, and will cost about \$15,000. Garfield Park is within the city limits, three-fourths of a mile westerly from the courthouse, on a plateau facing the ocean cliff. Applications for sixty lots are already filed. The Directors of the association will require all purchasers to erect cottages to cost not less than \$300. The donors of the land are E. H. Robinson, C. R. Bushnell, **F. A. Hine** [*sic*], of this city, and Abram King of San Jose.

1889 Oct 29

Source: *Santa Cruz Daily Sentinel* 1889 Oct 29 3:2

More Sales in Surfside.

Yesterday Block 13 in Surfside, fronting the Cliff drive, just opposite a stretch of available beach, was sold to S. Pelz, of San Francisco. The purchaser expects to utilize the beach privilege, and intends to improve his land with that purpose in view. He calculates that Garfield Park will need convenient bathing facilities, and must find them here, and he proposes to prepare the land and the beach, and build for the accommodation of the new community to be gathered about the Christian Church Tabernacle.

1889 Dec 5

Source: *Santa Cruz Daily Sentinel* 1889 Dec 5 3:2

What's in a Name !

The last number of the Christian Evangelist thus refers to a matter of special local interest. Garfield Park is the name adopted by the citizens of Santa Cruz, but the legal name adopted by the State Convention is, Santa Cruz Christian Park:

The State Board of Directors of the Association of the Churches of Christ in California, having signified their acceptance of the generous offer of citizens of Santa Cruz of land for a permanent State meeting encampment, in that City by the Sea, were given a grand reception by the donors and other business men, in which there was much feasting, toasting and speech making. Such men as Wilkes, Walk, Craycroft and Ware responded to toasts in true postprandial fashion, and there seems to have been a general flow of the right kind of spirits. The new encampment is to be called "Garfield Park," and soon will be graced by an elegant tabernacle and a number of beautiful cottages and other buildings for occupation during the State meeting.—*The Message*.

1889 Dec 29

Source: *San Francisco Chronicle* 1889 Dec 29 11:2-3 Santa Cruz. Good Progress in City and County.

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In Santa Cruz proper the establishment of Garfield Park, the encampment grounds of the State Association of the Christian Church, is a significant improvement. Plans have been adopted for a very handsome tabernacle, which will soon be begun. Schemes for new and large hotels have been numerous.

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1890 Jan 19

Source: *Santa Cruz Daily Sentinel* 1890 Jan 19 3:2

A Coming Event.

Sealed bids will be received by George E. Walk, Secretary of the State Board of Directors of the Christian Churches of California, at his residence, 132 South Tenth street, San Jose, until Saturday, February 15th, 1890, 12 o'clock noon, for the erection of a tabernacle in Santa Cruz Christian Park, in accordance with the plans and specifications now on file in Santa Cruz. No bid will be entertained unless accompanied by a certified check, on the basis of 5 per cent of total amount of bid, payable to the order of the Secretary of the Board as a guarantee. Separate bids are to be made for the stone work and painting.

When the great Tabernacle is completed, and the surrounding plateau is decked with scores and hundreds of tasteful cottages, Santa Cruz will present a series of attractions to the Christian brotherhood unrivaled by any other spot on the face of the globe. Thither will the disciples flock by hundreds and thousands from every point of the compass, and from lands beyond the sea.—
The Message.

1890 Feb 11

Source: *Santa Cruz Surf* 1890 Feb 11 3:2

GARFIELD PARK.

A Business Statement of the Affairs of the Contemplated Tabernacle.

To the Citizens of Santa Cruz: The Board of Directors of Garfield Park will meet on the 18th instant. It is of the utmost importance that the contract for building the Tabernacle shall at that time be awarded, so that the work of its construction can begin at once.

I have abundantly fulfilled every pledge made by me to this people. Now I will make one more. It is this: If, by the next meeting of the Board, we have \$6,000 in hand, the contract will be awarded. We now have \$2,500 in the bank, the proceeds of the sale of lots. By the time the Board meets this sum will be increased to \$3,000. The citizens of Santa Cruz have pledged in cash, or its equivalent, \$3,000. Something over \$2,000 of this amount has actually been subscribed, and has, by agreement of the authorities, been placed in the City Bank [F. A. Hihn's bank] for collection and deposit. *None, of the citizens of Santa Cruz will come forward, and promptly fulfill their pledges, I will guarantee that the contract shall be awarded at the time mentioned and that the work of building shall proceed without delay.*

We are now ready to make a forward move, and to push this great enterprise, on which so much depends, to a speedy and successful conclusion. There is no doubt that as soon as we publish to the world that the work has been begun, scores of persons now hesitating will at once step forward and take and pay for the remainder of the lots.

We have been criticized and charged with tardiness; but what more could we have done under the circumstances? The ground has been surveyed and platted. The lots have been staked off and numbered. Maps have been made and filed. The architects' plans and specifications have

been approved and adopted. We have advertised for bids. I have been waiting two months for opportunity to complete the grading of streets, circles and the Tabernacle site. I have closed a contract for this work, which will be begun this week, should the weather and condition of the ground permit.

The elements have been against us, as against all others. During the unprecedented winter, active building operations have been out of the question. *But nothing possible of accomplishment has been neglected.* Every detail has received ample attention; every legal and other requirement has been completed with and we are now ready to begin the work of building.

Need I further argue the vast importance of this enterprise to the citizens of Santa Cruz? The man does not live who can estimate its future value to this community.

Respectfully,

DAVID WALK.

Superintendent and Manager of Garfield Park, 127 Pacific avenue, Feb. 10, 1890.

1890 Feb 19

Source: *Santa Cruz Surf* 1890 Feb 19 3:6

THE TABERNACLE.

**The Contract for the Building Awarded
Yesterday.
TO OUR SANTA CRUZ BUILDERS.**

**The Success of the Enterprise Now Fully
Assured.**

By telegraph from Irvington, where the State Board of the Managers of the Garfield Park Association held their regular monthly meeting yesterday, the Surf learned that the contracts for the building of the Tabernacle, which is to be the central feature of Garfield Park, were awarded yesterday morning to Messrs. Bixby, Evans and Longley, all of this city.

This is important news, and shows that Rev. Dr. Walk made no mistake when he pledged the people of Santa Cruz that, if they kept faith with him, the contract should be awarded yesterday. It insures the immediate commencement of work upon the Tabernacle and the progress of all work upon Garfield Park.

It is quite important, too, that among a number of bids, the contracts have been secured to Santa Cruz parties. Bixby's bid for the carpenter work, including the brick work and plastering, was \$9,972; Evans' bid for the stone work of the foundation was \$935; Longley's bid for the painting was \$835. These bids foot up \$11,742. The estimate of Messrs. Damkroeger & Saunders, the architects whose plans were accepted, was \$12,450. This estimate included \$600 for wiring, etc., for electric lights, which contract had not, of course, yet been let. Taking away this \$600 from the round estimate of \$12,450, leaves \$11,850, which is within \$108 of the \$11,742, the amount of the bid.

It will thus be seen that Messrs. Damkroeger & Saunders made a very close estimate of the cost of the Tabernacle, and the slight difference of \$108 is in their favor; that is, the amount bid is that much less than the estimate.

1890 Mar 24

Source: The Daily Surf 1890 Mar 24 3:3

BEGINNING TO COME.

**The Influence of Garfield Park Already
Felt — A Restaurant Needed There.**

The direct results of the Garfield Park enterprise are being satisfactorily shown already, notwithstanding the almost constantly unfavorable weather that has followed the consummation of the project.

Yesterday Mr. and Mrs. Truax and their daughter, Miss Truax, recently of Stockton, united by letter with the Christian Church of this city, of which Rev. Dr. David Walk is at present pastor. Mr. Truax and family have come here to make their home solely because of the establishment of Garfield Park. They have purchased a lot there and will immediately build a residence. Miss Viola E. Macklin, lately of Napa, also united yesterday with the Christian Church by letter.

This is but the beginning of the good results for Santa Cruz and for the church society that will follow this grand movement. The State Board of Directors of the Christian Church, in return for the donation of land and money made by the citizens of Santa Cruz, pledged themselves to do certain things in return. Among these was the building of a large and handsome tabernacle. Every pledge made by the board has so far been redeemed as rapidly as circumstances would permit. The tabernacle is under way and other improvements are being pushed. Land has largely risen in value in that vicinity and the prospect is that the value of the gift will be returned to the donors, in the increase in property, in a very short time.

One thing that will very soon be needed at Garfield Park, or in its immediate vicinity, is a first-class restaurant. During the coming summer it will be a favorite resort for pedestrians and teams and, as the improvements advance, "going to Garfield Park" will be the regular thing to do. The hungry multitudes will need to be fed, and a good restaurant, kept by a bright and active proprietor, would surely do capitally in a financial sense. Those interested in the Park would be very glad to see a good man take hold of this bit of business enterprise.

1890 Apr 19

Source: *San Francisco Examiner* 1890 Apr 19 4:5 City of the Holy Cross

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Of late Santa Cruz has been a sort of headquarters for religious bodies. The Christian Church is just completing an enormous tabernacle in Garfield park at a cost of \$19,000, with lots laid out around it in a circle, and these lots have all been sold.

1890 Jul 9

Source: *San Francisco Chronicle* 1890 July 9 4:6 & Jul 10 5:3 Display Ads
Similar Display Ads appear in the *San Francisco Examiner* 1890 Jul 9 5:6 & Jul 11 5:
and the *San Francisco Call* 1890 Jul 9 7:7 & 1890 Jul 10 7:6

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Free to All Purchasers!

GRAND
EXCURSION
—TO—
Santa Cruz!



—AND—
Auction Sale
—OF—
SURFSIDE

ON THE GROUNDS,

SATURDAY,

SATURDAY.....JULY 12, 1890

\$3.00 | ROUND TRIP TICKETS. | \$3.00
For Return Same Day.

Tickets good for return following
Sunday or Monday, \$4 round trip.

EXCURSION TRAIN leaves foot
of Market Street (Narrow-gauge
boat) at 8:15 A. M. Returning, leaves
Santa Cruz at 5:15 P. M. Tickets
obtained at 624 Market Street and at
Narrow-gauge Ticket Offices.

Train leaves San Jose at 10 A. M.
Fare Round Trip, \$3 55. Leaves Los
Gatos at 10:28 A. M. Fare Round
Trip \$1 75.

SURFSIDE fronts the famous
CLIFF DRIVE; adjoins GARFIELD
PARK; overlooks MONTEREY
BAY; is on the new extension of the
PACIFIC-AVENUE STREET RAIL-
WAY; is a short distance from the
BUSINESS CENTER and the
BATHING BEACH, and the Hand-
somest Tract of Land in Santa Cruz.

TERMS OF SALE—One-third Cash;
one-third in one year; one-third in two
years. Ten per cent payable at date of
sale. Title perfect. Abstract furnished.
Ten days allowed for search.

FREE COLLATION. * BAND OF MUSIC.

CARNALL-
FITZHUGH-
HOPKINS CO.,
624 Market Street,
SAN FRANCISCO.

WM. BUTTERFIELD, Auctioneer.

1890 Jul 18

Source: *Santa Cruz Surf* 1890 Jul 18 3:3

THE TABERNACLE.

Garfield Park's Central Attraction and its Progress.

Very quietly and without noise, except that of the hammer, a structure has been growing up, out at Garfield Park, which contains one of the noblest auditoriums in the State of California, and of which it is not too much to say that probably not five per cent of the citizens of Santa Cruz have yet seen the inside.

The Surf has kept its readers informed of the progress of the Garfield Park project and has presented full descriptions of the plans and designs for the Tabernacle, which is to be used by the people of the Christian Church of the State of California as their grand gathering place for religious worship and for the business meetings of their State Association, but no written description can give the reader a very good idea of the impression of vastness and noble proportion received upon the first entrance into the now nearly completed auditorium of the building. To say that this hall is irregularly octagonal in shape, that it measures 100 feet in its longest direction and 80 feet from the pulpit to the front entrance doors, that it is forty feet from the floor to the highest point of the handsomely arched ceiling, conveys a general idea of its size, but gives no hint of the fine sweeping outlines and the harmonious proportions of the whole.

Standing on the rostrum, opposite the front entrances, one commands an easy view of every portion of the main floor and of the gallery above. A conspicuous and charming feature that strikes the vision as something unique is the series of broad glass doors or windows that open from the main floor. These are almost entirely of glass and are so arranged as to slide up into sockets like windows, rendering the room virtually an open air pavilion, and opening upon a flight of steps which extends around six sides of the building, thus affording immediate egress or ingress to all parts of the Tabernacle. These doors, whether opened or closed, afford views of the Pacific Ocean and of all the scenic beauties surrounding Garfield Park.

The gallery floor also receives ample air and light from a second row of windows. The gallery is another feature of importance and, ascending to it and standing at its highest point, opposite the rostrum, another fine view of the room is obtained. When the auditorium shall be filled with the 1,500 people it is arranged to hold there will not be ten of this throng who cannot see the speaker who stands in the pulpit recess. So carefully has that "line of vision," which passes between the eye of the speaker and that of the hearer, been preserved at every angle of the large apartment that there will be no "bad places" to sit excepting a half dozen seats on the lowest slopes of the gallery. This is one of the greatest mathematical triumphs of the design of the architects, Messrs. Damkroeger and Saunders, who can well afford to rest their professional reputation upon this fine and effective auditorium. The four tiers of seats in the gallery rise one above another, and seven sides of the octagon are surrounded by this addition to the seating capacity of the hall. It will hold 400 people and the main floor is arranged for 1,400. The slope of the main floor toward the rostrum is an easy and symmetrical one. The tiers of seats will converge toward the rostrum and be cut by radiating aisles. The rostrum, itself, is well arranged. A recess for the pulpit is so calculated as to enhance the excellent acoustic properties of the apartment. Just under the pulpit is arranged a baptistry, which connects with two small parlors

back of the auditorium. Here the candidates for immersion may step down into the water without being seen by the audience, emerging by a low passage into the baptistry proper in the rostrum.

Although the finish of the auditorium is severely plain it is in entire keeping with the design. The native woods have been so skillfully used and the workmanship is so conscientious and thorough that the result is more pleasing than the most elaborate frescoes would be. Mr. **R. R. Bixby** and his associates who have done the carpenter work have worked faithfully and with skill, while **O. A. Longley** has given a handsome finish to the interior woodwork and is painting the exterior. The arched ceiling is finished in narrow, perfectly fitted boards of Santa Cruz pine, the sectional moldings and other trimmings being of Santa Cruz redwood, as is the large, latticed ventilator in the apex of the ceiling. The walls are finished to correspond, and the floor is of closely fitted and thoroughly seasoned Oregon pine. The two main entrances are in the tower, which faces Garfield avenue, and from the first floor of this tower rise two staircases of very easy ascent, giving access to the gallery. On the gallery floor there is a fine large tower room to be devoted to the use of the directors of the association. From this floor there is quite a little climb to reach the large square *campanile* which forms the top of the tower, but it is well worth the slight effort and is a revelation to the lover of scenic beauty. Ninety feet above the ground one finds spread out on all sides the very best of the most beautiful country on the earth. A wide sweep of the Pacific to the right; just across there, twenty miles or more, Point Pinos, the southern head of Monterey Bay; to the left the tree embowered homes of Santa Cruz, climbing up over the terraces and, back of all, the encircling mountains holding all the lovely scene in their embrace. No heavenward pointing spires in the world look down upon a more glorious country than is seen from this tower of the tabernacle.

There is no do doubt that this structure is a success, that it will amply satisfy the needs for which it was designed, and that it will always be an honor to Santa Cruz and a credit to its architects, Messrs. Damkroeger and Saunders, and its builder, Mr. R. R. Bixby.

Rev. Dr. David Walk, who is really the “father of Garfield Park” and the most devoted promoter of the project, has just returned from a three months’ visit in the East. He finds the tabernacle almost finished, and said, when asked if it fulfilled his expectations: “It is twenty-five per cent better and finer, and more exactly what it ought to be than I ever dreamed it would be.”

1890 Aug 16

Source: The Daily Surf 1890 Aug 16 3:2

LOOKING FORWARD.

Hon. Abram King’s Way of Dividing Real Estate.

Hon. Abram King, the San Jose capitalist, has real estate interests of importance in Santa Cruz and, with his family, enjoys coming to the sea side. They are at present stopping at the Sea Beach Hotel, having driven over the mountains in their own carriage. Mr. King was one of the donors of **Garfield Park** to the State association of the Christian church and still owns “King’s addition to Garfield Park,” adjoining that fine tract. Being independent of any necessity of immediate realization of coin on his property, Mr. King has hit upon a plan for encouraging his young friends and acquaintances to invest their savings in real estate rather than to fritter them away in dribbles. His addition has been platted and divided into lots averaging thirty-five feet front by seventy-five feet in depth. These he sells on such easy terms that almost any person

earning a reasonable salary can secure one. They are held at \$200 per lot. The terms are one-third down and the balance in one year without interest, Mr. King to pay the taxes for the first year. At the expiration of six months, if the purchaser is dissatisfied the lot is returned and the money that has been paid refunded by Mr. King. On such terms it is not surprising that Mr. King has sold a great many lots to teachers and others who are trying to save a little for investment from their salaries. The lots, with the improvements so rapidly advancing in that vicinity are sure to be steadily enhanced in value.

Mr. King says, "I am in no hurry to realize a large sum on that land. In the end, at two hundred dollars per lot, it will yield me a satisfactory profit. I contemplate reserving a space for a commodious and permanent art gallery and garden, both of which shall be of unique design, and the improvements I shall put there will increase the value of all the surrounding property."

1890 Aug 31

Source: *San Francisco Examiner* 1890 Aug 31 2:1

Christian Church Convention.

SANTA CRUZ, August 30.—The annual convention of the Christian churches of California assembled at Garfield Park in this city, and was called to order by Rev. J. C. Keith of College City. The President of the Committee on Credentials reported that 171 accredited delegates were present. Other committees were appointed on convention work, and an adjournment was taken to Monday at 9:30 A. M., when the real work of the convention will begin.

1890 Sep 1

Source: *Santa Cruz Surf* 1890 Sep 1 3:3-4

The annual convention of the Association of the Christian Church of California was called to order 10 A.M. on Saturday, by Rev. J. C. Keith of College City, President of the State Convention. Temporary organization was effected, delegates enrolled, and a committee on credentials appointed. At 11 o'clock Rev. D. A. Leak of Modesto preached a sermon, after which adjournment was had till 3 P.M.

At the above hour the convention met and after the regular routine of opening, the committee on credentials reported 171 accredited delegates present.

The attendance was much larger than in the morning, as the noon train had brought large additions to the population of Garfield Park, and all were interested to attend.

The following committees were appointed:

On Preaching—Rev. R. N. Davis, C. J. Todd, Rev. A. R. McCullough, A. M. McCoy, Rev. P. Colvin.

On Resolutions —Rev. J. W. Kelsey, Rev. W. G. Murphy, Rev. E. R. Childers, Rev. P. G. Bruton, Rev. T. F. Rawlins.

At the close of the evening services the following committees were announced:

Committee on Credentials — J. R. Grinstead, A. M. Growden, H. Shadle.

Program — R. N. Davis, C. J. Todd, A. S. McCollory, A. M. McCoy, P. Calvin.

Resolutions—J. W. Kelsey, W. G. Murphy, E. R. Childers, J. J. Brutons, T. F. Rawlins.

State Work—W. A. Gardner, J. E. Denton, A. M. Growden, H. Shadle, J. A. McCollough.

Arbitration—H. C. Waddell, J. D. Wilmot, W. H. Briggs, P. J. Durham, J. S. Pierce.

Constitution — E. B. Ware, A. M. McCoy, H. C. Waddell, W. H. Martin, M. J. Ferguson.

Education— O. O. Felkner, W. P. Dorsey, Thos. Edwards, Geo. Edward Walk, C. M. Barnes.

Literature—L. B. Wilkes, R. L. McHatton, H. G. Hartley, H. O. Edson, T. B. Proctor.
Auditing Committee—W. Judah, J. T. Nash, Wm. Rice, Frank Williams, D. A. Leak.
Nominations—Thos. Burn, T. D. Garvin, Dr. T. M. Stratton, J. W. Kelsey, J. W. Craycroft.

The event of yesterday was, of course, the dedication of the fine Tabernacle which is now entirely finished, and provision made for the payment of its cost.

The hour was set for 11 o'clock but by 10 A. M. the streets leading to Garfield Park were lively with public and private carriages of all descriptions, and also with many pedestrians. By the time the services opened it was estimated that the house held not less than 1,400 people, all of whom could see all proceedings upon the platform, which was the center of interest. The acoustic properties of the grand auditorium proved all that could be wished. No echo or other hindrance to hearing was discovered, while the volume of voice from the singers was not more notable and sonorous than the tones of each individual speaker.

A Sunday School service at 10 o'clock was attended by 316 children and grown people, and was under the leadership of Prof. J. Durham of Irvington.

The dedicatory services were opened by the singing of the hymn, "Ho ! Reapers in Life's Harvest," by the congregation, led by the following choir: Mesdames Lydia F. Luse, F. Shepherd, San Francisco; J. E. Denton, D. Allen, Santa Cruz; E. Williamson, Sacramento; M. E. Alumbaugh, Vacaville; J. T. Surbaugh, Madera; Misses Victorine and Minnie Hartley, Saratoga; Prudie Gillespy, College City; Edie Harlan, Santa Cruz; Miss Mary Durham, organist; Rev. E. B. Ware, leader; L. F. Littlefield, Santa Cruz; O. O. Felkner, Vacaville; Prof. Sturges, San Francisco; H. G. Hartley, Saratoga; A. R. McCollough, Watsonville; C. J. Todd, Santa Cruz; J. Durham, Washington College, Irvington; J. S. Pierce, Brentwood; L. Maguire, Saratoga; E. R. Tindall, Santa Cruz; Henry Shadle, Madison.

A solemn invocation by J. H. McCullough of College City followed, after which the choir gave the anthem, "Sing, O Earth, the Glorious Morning."

The Scripture lesson was read by Rev. W. A. Gardner, of Woodland, and was appropriately selected from the prayer of Solomon at the dedication of the temple and the 84th Psalm.

Rev. A. M. Growden, of Sacramento, led in prayer, the entire throng of people standing, after which the choir sang the anthem, "See the Risen Lord."

Rev. E. B. Ware then introduced Pres. J. C. Keith, of the Christian college at College City, who delivered the dedicatory sermon. Pres. Keith took for his topic the "Progress of Truth," and for his text Matthew, xiv : 27, "For as the lightning comes out of the east and shines even to the west, so shall the coming of the Son of Man be."

Following is a synopsis of the able address:

The progress of great truths has always been westward. This has been so from the beginning. Migration has been largely westward. This is so of civilization; it is so of science, it is so of religion. Judaism arose in Palestine and had its greatest development there. But it moved westward mainly. It was not intended for a great world religion. But when Christianity came it moved rapidly westward. It passed over western Asia, crossed the Heilespont, spread over Europe and extended to the islands of the sea. After the discovery of America it passed over to these shores, and has had a wonderful development on this great field. Luther's reformation, occurring about the same time, restored the Bible to the people. That gave them the desire to be free in religious matters. It was translated into the tongue of the common people, and in their hands had done the great work of enlightenment and toleration.

Here in the western hemisphere arose another great movement. Its great work was to restore the gospel to its place in redemption. Alexander Campbell and his co-workers labored to that

end. This is the great age of preaching the gospel to the world, and we have had a large part in giving it to the people. It is now given to India, Japan, China and the islands of the ocean, and will ultimately triumph over these lands. That great light which came from the east to us, is to be handed to those west of us, till it shall circle the earth. It travels with the light of the day.

Here we rest by this great western sea in our beautiful home that we dedicate to-day to the glory of God and to His work. But we must not pause till that continent which gave us the light shall receive it and rejoice. Their night has been long and cheerless. Let us bear them the light of heaven till those who saw his star in the east and came to worship him may see the sun of righteousness rise with healing in his beams.

Mr. Keith's discourse was listened to with careful attention, and its many good things appreciated. The above synopsis is a brief one, though containing the main points. One quotation must be made room for. In speaking of the progress of science westward, he said:

"Astronomy, eldest daughter of science, was born upon the plains of Chaldea. Wandering westward she lingered awhile on the banks of the Nile, then crossed over to Italy, whence she came to England, then westward still to America and, at last, to the Pacific Coast, where she has found a lovely home on the heights of Mount Hamilton."

The choir and the congregation, standing, then sang "Coronation" with grand effect.

After a short statement of the financial *status* of the association property, known as Garfield Park, given by Rev. L. B. Wilkes, president of the association, the choir sang the dedicatory anthem, "I was glad when they said."

Rev. T. D. Garvin then read the following words of dedication, the assemblage standing during that and the prayer:

"We now formally set apart this Tabernacle, (free from debt) most reverently and thankfully, to the worship and service of the living and true God. We dedicate it as a place of prayer and praise, where God shall be adored through Jesus Christ our Lord; a place where the gospel shall be fully and faithfully preached as it has been revealed to us by the Holy Spirit through the apostles of Jesus Christ, a place where, year by year, the people of God, both rich and poor, may assembly to take sweet counsel together in all matters pertaining to the furtherance of the Gospel in this and other lands.

"Let no envy or strife come within these walls; let no unholy ambition ever find shelter under this roof; let no unhallowed pride mar the deliberations of God's people when in holy convocation they devise ways and means for carrying the story of redeeming love to every creature. May no disposition to legislate or formulate a creed for the church ever find a place within this Tabernacle. May love for God and His Son Jesus Christ and brotherly love for one another fill all the hearts that shall, from time to time, come up to this house of God.

"May the joyous fruits of the Spirit abound in the assemblies of the saints and the corrupt workings of the flesh be nowhere found. And when these generous hearts that built this house of worship, by the most restful of earth's great oceans, shall have passed to their rest and reward, may their children and children's children gather here every year to do still greater thing for the honor and glory of the Prince of Peace. May streams of Christian influence flow out from this place to make glad all quarters of our beloved land."

The prayer which followed was brief but reverential and was responded to with a hearty "Amen" from all over the great building.

The congregation and choir sang "Jesus Lover of My Soul." E. B. Ware then requested a collection for the defraying of encampment expenses and for the insuring of the building which was taken.

After a benediction by Rev. J. Durham the large assemblage dispersed.

In the afternoon there was a service of baptism and the ceremony of the Lord's supper.

At 6:30 P.M. a meeting of the Y. P. S. C. E. was led by W. C. Ives.

At 7:30 there was a Praise service led by A. R. McCullough.

At 8 P.M. Rev. W. H. Martin, of Fresno, preached a thoughtful sermon on "Some Fundamental Facts of Christianity." Among other things, he said: "If Christ did not make atonement it would be useless for us to pursue the study of Christianity. If He did not taste death for every man, the Bible is a myth and of no authority. The doctrine of the atonement is an attempt to explain the great sacrifice of Christ. The fact of the atonement is the statement of what actually did occur. Mystery meets us in the discussion of this question as in that of every law of Nature. We know that from wheat comes Wheat—from the acorn comes the oak, but no man can explain the mystery of these different life forces. All progress is conditioned on the facts of incarnation. The Turkish nation incarnate the characteristic of lust; the English that of persistence, allied to conservatism, the American, that of enterprise and progress; and the chief characteristic of the kingdom of Christ is the incarnation of love. For God is love and Christ is the incarnation or embodiment of that idea, and this is manifested in His church.

To-day the association will convene at 9:30 A.M. There will be prayer meeting at 8 A. M. led by H. O. Edson.

1890 Sep 5

Source: *Santa Cruz Surf* 1890 Sep 5 3:2

CRENNAN'S COMBINATION.

A Sale of Lots in Garfield Park and Adjoining Tracts.

Few auctioneers of real estate have ever held a public sale with more favorable surroundings than those attendant upon the sale of Garfield Park building lots yesterday afternoon. By a mutual arrangement the two auction sales which had been advertised by the Garfield Park management and the Carnall-Fitzhugh-Hopkins Co. to be held at the same hour on different parts of the grounds were combined; E. A. Crennan, the efficient manager of the Carnall company, acting as auctioneer for both parties. It was decided to hold the sale inside the tabernacle building, where the large number of people could be accommodated with seats.

Promptly at 3 o'clock Abram King, of San Jose, one of the donors of the property now known as Garfield Park, mounted the platform, and briefly stated the circumstances attending the location and dedication of Garfield Park and the tabernacle, from the meeting of a few men at the Sea Beach Hotel, in this city, early in July, '89, and the calling upon him later at his home in San Jose of Dr. David Walk, then an entire stranger to him, who, by his presentation of the mutual advantages to be derived had convinced him of the desirability of carrying through the enterprise to a successful completion, which he had assisted in doing.

At the close of his brief address, Mr. King introduced the auctioneer, E. A. Crennan, who lost no time in getting to business. Pointing out the enhancement of all land values in the immediate vicinity of the tabernacle, which, he said, it was pretty generally known and admitted, amounted to many hundred per cent during the past year, Mr. Crennan began by offering lot No. 125, at the corner of Walk circle and Pendergast avenue, which was quickly knocked down at \$170 to an outside buyer. The remaining thirty-five lots offered by the Garfield Park management were disposed of in a little over an hour, the prices ranging from \$130 to \$187.50. These lots were all

situated between the second and third circles.

The lots advertised by the Carnall-Fitzhugh-Hopkins Co. were next put up for sale. Twelve of these lots, which are all situated between the third and fifth circles, were disposed of at prices ranging from \$105 to \$130; the lots remaining unsold in this block will be offered at private sale on the grounds this morning.

To the observer who attended yesterday's sale and was conversant with the history of the property, there was much food for thought. Two years is not a long time to look back upon, and yet if two years ago any citizen of Santa Cruz had had the temerity to predict that in September 1890 an auction sale of 25 to 30 feet front building lots would be held successfully on this ground, he would have been considered in a fair way for obtaining credentials from two reputable physicians for free board in Agnews at the expense of the State. But, taking in the surroundings as seen yesterday, from the neat and tasteful cottages to the stately edifice in which the sale was held and the large number of people from all parts of California temporarily residing on the grounds, he might well be considered a wise man indeed who could predict what the future will bring forth. What everybody *does* know is that this has been the result of but one year's work under the greatest difficulties and that "the end is not yet."

1890 Sep 6

Source: *Santa Cruz Surf* 1890 Sep 6 3:3-5

CHRISTIAN PARK.

An Authorized Historical Statement

FROM THE BEGINNING UNTIL NOW

**By Rev. J. E. Denton, Pastor of the
Christian Church of Santa Cruz.**

The following is an extract from the minutes of the Christian Convention of September 4th:
On motion of Rev. M. J. Fergusson it was unanimously

Resolved, That Rev. J. E. Denton be appointed a committee of one to prepare a brief history of the Santa Cruz Christian Park, to be spread on the minutes of the Convention.

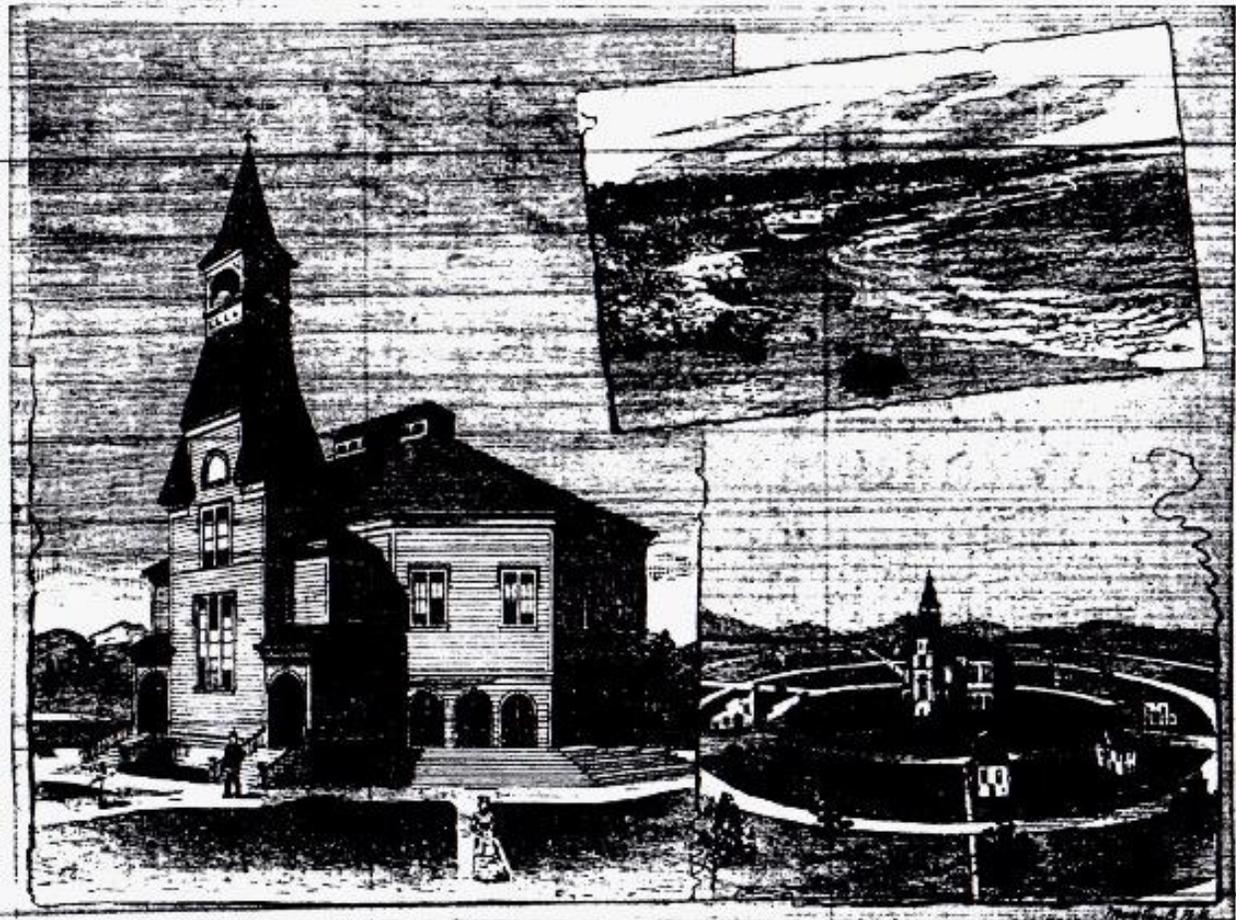
In compliance with this action, Rev. Mr. Denton has taken the time and trouble carefully to consult all available data, and to compile a statement which appears below. This report will be presented to the convention at this morning's session.

HISTORICAL STATEMENT.

The first effort of the State Convention of Christian churches in California, looking toward a permanent location, was inaugurated at the State meeting at Irvington, in September, 1888, when a motion was carried to appoint a committee to investigate the subject and report. In the talks made upon that motion, various speakers mentioned desirable sites. Among them brother Geo. Edward Walk, who said, "Why not locate on some beautiful spot on Monterey Bay, say at Santa Cruz?" He was the first who mentioned Santa Cruz as the place. On brother C. J. Todd's return from the State meeting he reported to the few brethren who met to worship in DeLamater's hall that the convention was to be located and that Santa Cruz had been favorably mentioned.

Some time during the next winter brother Todd received a letter from brother Ware asking

the church at Santa Cruz, "Can you induce the people, either of the railroad companies, or other parties, to offer a site for a permanent location?" This letter was referred to sister Nellie Uhden, who, being well acquainted, was appointed to make inquiries. She saw the editor of the *Sentinel* and showed him the contents of the letter, which was made the basis of an encouraging editorial in the next issue of that paper. This was about the 20 of April, 1889.



SCENES IN GARFIELD PARK.

After this there was a pause in the proceedings until about the last of June, 1889, when brother Henry Shadle, one of the State evangelists was directed by General Manager Ware to look out a location and see what could be done toward securing grounds. In the meantime Mr. A. H. Fitch, a real estate man of Santa Cruz, heard an indefinite report that a site was wanted for some kind of public building, and he came to brother Todd to inquire concerning the enterprise. He told him that it was to be a home for the Christian church in its annual meetings, similar to the famous Methodist resort at Pacific Grove, except that it was to be on a still grander scale and the cottages to be substantial and permanent. Brother Todd referred him to brothers R. N. Davis and H. Shadle, who were in Santa Cruz, who took their offers, and brother Shadle reported that four acres could be obtained as a donation, and more could be bought at reasonable rates.

About the time brother Shadle left Santa Cruz, brother David Walk of Memphis, Tenn., came, and on Lord's day preached in the hall. Among the hearers was sister Douglass of San Francisco, who was spending the summer here, and and [sic] whose sympathies had been enlisted in behalf of the little band. She remarked to brother Todd the fewness of numbers and

the loneliness of the situation of the church. In the conversation brother Todd said, "The church at Santa Cruz has a bright future before it. The State Convention is to be located, and we have an offer of location and lands which we think will bring it to Santa Cruz." Sister Douglass, delighted at the prospect, called to see brother David Walk and said, "Why don't you take the matter in hand and work it up." Mrs. David Walk and Mrs. S. S. Mathews of Kansas City, Mo., were present at the first interview between Dr. Walk and Mrs. Douglass, and it was through their enthusiastic espousal of the cause that he was induced to give it his attention.

He was immediately filled with enthusiasm for the project, and took his place at the head of the enterprise, systematically working to get it on a solid foundation. He, with brother H. F. Tandy of Tulare City, conferred with Messrs. E. H. Robinson and C. R. Bushnell to see what they would do and what stipulations they would require the church to fulfill. These public spirited gentlemen offered to donate a tract of ground consisting of about three acres near the "Cliff Drive" and adjoining the eucalyptus grove now at our very door.

With the expectation that other donations of land would be added, this definite proposition was considered a noble step toward the solution of the problem. Mrs. Raymond of the SURF, with her accustomed wakefulness for the interests of every good enterprise, caught the first sounds of success. She at once interviewed Dr. Walk, who outlined for her the proposed donation as follows:

"The land to be owned by the Christian churches of California and used for all annual meetings of that people will be laid out and improved upon the plans of a skilled landscape artist, with a view to beauty, utility and harmony of design. The central feature will be a picturesque Tabernacle, with a seating capacity of not less than 2,000. Building lots will be set off for cottages. Every purchaser of a lot will be obliged to bind himself legally to erect thereon a substantial cottage of tasteful design and to beautify the grounds around it.

Every dollar accumulated will be, by the terms of the organization, re-invested in beautifying and improving the encampment grounds, and the object will be to make the spot as nearly an earthly paradise as possible."

All the facts were fully and brilliantly set forth in the DAILY SURF of July 27, 1889, under the flaming head lines of "Paradise Found — A Tabernacle for Christians to be Built at Santa Cruz — A Sabbath Rest Beside the Sea — Generous Santa Cruzans Offer Land for an Encampment Ground for the Christian Church." [see transcription above: *Santa Cruz Surf* 1889 Sep 194:1-5]. Every phase of the subject was presented; the strength of this people, numerically third among the Protestant churches on this continent, and rapidly growing in California, the need of a permanent and abiding place of meeting for this great people and the benefits to accrue to Santa Cruz from having such influences and such institutions in their midst.

July 30th, 1889, the SURF again took up the encampment under the heading "Paradise Repeated," reviewing its former statements and adding new points of interest in regard to the progress of the scheme.

The generous offer of Messrs. Robinson and Bushnell having formed a nucleus of definite shape, other gentlemen were soon enlisted. Mr. Abram King, of San Jose, owned land adjoining that offered by Robinson and Bushnell. A part of this land was necessary to give success and magnitude to the projected plan. Bro. Walk, armed with a copy of the SURF, went to San Jose to lay the plan before Mr. King. This gentleman, having been the promoter of many other public spirited movements, was not slow to understand nor afraid to act. The project was heartily endorsed by him. Mr. King said, "I like this plan, and I will assist it; can you go to Santa Cruz with me Monday morning?"

They came to Santa Cruz and in connection with Mr. Robinson and others, looked over the ground. It was found that a strip of land necessary to the symmetry of the plot and intervening between the lands of Mr. King and Mr. Bushnell, was owned by a party in San Francisco. Mr. King promptly bought this land and incorporated such portion of it as was needed in his gift.

It was also found that Mr. **F. A. Hihn**, of Santa Cruz, owned lands adjoining those of Mr. King, which would make a most desirable addition to the grounds for the proposed encampment. Messrs. Robinson, Walk and Tandy held a conference with **Mr. Hihn** and explained their objects with and desires to him. Mr. Hihn met the proposition with cordial approval, and promised to give whatever portion of his ground should be needed to complete the plan on a generous scale.

Still other lands, which could only be obtained by purchase, was needed to **complete the circle**. This gave the Carnall-Fitzhugh-Hopkins Co. a chance to be identified with the noble enterprise, and they subscribed \$300 toward the purchase of the grant needed. Mr. F. H. Parker of the Ocean Villa tract also furnished \$400 for the same purpose. Many other citizens followed with subscriptions amounting to about \$3,000 toward building the Tabernacle. Among some the principle subscriptions were the Carnall-Fitzhugh-Hopkins Co., \$300; D. Younglove, \$250; Miller & Jenkins, \$250; Grover & Co., \$200; Mr. Cunningham \$200. Friends sprang up on every hand as if by magic—nay, rather by the Providence of God. Mr. Horace Wanzer, Civil Engineer of the city, offered to survey, stake and plot the tract without charge, in order that the project might be clearly presented to the State meeting at Ukiah on the 20th of September. It is to him we owe those bright and accurate maps which were the source of information and the center of attraction at Ukiah.

H. E. Makinney also rendered valuable assistance in preparing abstracts, and rendering other substantial aid.

Messrs. Damkroeger & Saunders asked the privilege of making plans and specifications for the Tabernacle, as their contribution to the work. Their offer was gladly accepted, and the plans made by them were finally used in the construction of this magnificent temple.

Dr. Walk was selected by the church at Santa Cruz and the citizens as their agent to present the scheme to the convention at Ukiah.

The proposition to locate in the city by the sea was read by Dr. Walk and hailed with enthusiasm and delight. The following resolution offered by brother E. B. Ware was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That this convention accept the proposition of the citizens of Santa Cruz, as per memorandum of agreement, made and dated August 12th, 1889, and that the State Convention of the Christian churches in California be located permanently at Santa Cruz.

It was moved and carried that the name of the park be Santa Cruz Christian Park, and this is its legal name, but its existence had been so individualized, that it already had such a history that it is popularly known to-day as Garfield Park, and we are happy to believe that it is no less a Christian Park for being named for a Christian man.

At the Ukiah Convention a vote of thanks was tendered in recognition of the invaluable services rendered by the Daily SURF in securing the location of the park in that beautiful seaside resort.

This recognition was just. From July 30th to the time the Park became an assured success, not a week and scarcely a day elapsed that the enterprise did not receive notice and attention from the SURF. It became the head and front of the movement. Just before the Ukiah convention the SURF published a map of the grounds, with every lot marked and the streets named, and republished the project from its incipiency, and sent to the convention 1,000 copies of the paper,

containing eight pages, for gratuitous distribution. It gave a column description of the plans of the building, and again gave the description when plans had been changed into walls of fact, foundations of granite and roof self-supporting. The contracts for the building were let as follows: stone work, Mr. Evans; carpenter work, Mr. R. R. Bixby; painting, Mr. Longley. It is the opinion of your historian, who visited the grounds almost daily during its construction, that no more honest piece of work, either on the part of architects or builders, was ever done than this Tabernacle, which was erected at a cost of about \$14,000, and which was solemnly dedicated to the service of God August 31, 1890. It stands in the centre of the "Cliff Drive," which is taken daily by visitors from all parts of the world, and it is in full view all the way.

It stands by the sea, where the buoy sends forth its doleful warnings, where the white spray is dashed high from craggy peak and rocky cavern. Behind it are the Santa Cruz mountains, crowned by Loma Prieta's peak, to remind us of the eternal and sustaining power of God.

Its lofty dome looks out upon the beautiful expanse of blue waters, and the heavens to which it points say to us "Go preach the gospel to every creature."

1890 Sep 6

Source: *Santa Cruz Surf* 1890 Sep 6 3:6

AT THE PARK.

Delegates and Visitors Now on the Garfield Park Register.

[Transcriber's Note: The original newspaper article listed the names, run-on, not in alphabetical order; my transcription has converted the order, and sorted the names. The manner in which the original names are listed it is not always clear which city the individual is from. I have used the name of the city that appears just after the string of names in which the name appears.]

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| Alexander, J. T. (Mrs.), Lakeport | Clark, F. C., Napa City |
| Alumbaugh, F. W., Vacaville | Clugh, C. W., Merced |
| Archer, A. J., Panoche | Coffman, Kate (Mrs.), Watsonville |
| Aull, Mary F., Modesto | Colvin, Peter, Stockton |
| Baker, O. A. (Mrs.), Merced | Comstock, A. (Mrs.), Visalia |
| Barr, Thos., Oakland | Crabb, L. L., Fortuna |
| Beamer, Mary (Mrs.), Woodland | Crader, W. J. (Mrs.), Sacramento |
| Bennett, C. R., Oakland | Crandall, F. W., Los Gatos |
| Benson, M. J. (Mrs.), Trenton, Mo. | Craycroft, T. B., Panoche |
| Bradley, J. H., Corralitos | Cutler, Elda (Mrs.), Colusa |
| Bray, Delia (Mrs.), Wheatland | Davis, R. N., Los Gatos |
| Bridgewater, Emma (Mrs.), Watsonville | Doughty, Belle, Stockton |
| Briggs, W. H., Visalia | Douglass, N. S. (Mrs.), San Francisco |
| Brown, John, Madera | Eaton, R. W., Watsonville |
| Brunk, Alf., Galt | Eddy, E. D., San Mateo |
| Bruton, J. J., Lakeport | Edson, H. O., Nicolaus, Sutter Co. |
| Burk, Erastas, Mountain View | Edward, Thos., Gilroy |
| Burnett, A. G. (Mrs.), Santa Rosa | Edwards, P. Kate, Madera |
| Burnett, Julia (Mrs.), Wheatland | Ellis, Sarah, Butte City |
| Chrisman, A. P., Los Gatos | Ensley, L. H., Traver |

Evans, W. H. (Mrs.), Tulare
Fay, M. (Mrs.), Sacramento
Felkner, O. O., Vacaville
Fitzgerald, H. E. (Mrs.), Rolinville
Ford, A. C., Irvington
Ford, F. S., Ione
Ford, H. D., Ione
Ford, Mabel, College City
Ford, Pierce, Tucson, Arizona
Fowler, Charley A., Tulare
Fowler, M. A. (Mrs.), Tulare
Fraser, J. Lou (Mrs.), Wheatland
Garvin, T. D., Santa Barbara
Gifford, P. E. (Mrs.), Oakland
Gillaspy, R. C., College City
Green, S. F., College City
Grinstead, J. R., Healdsburg
Haley, J. H., Lickford, San Joaquin Co.
Hall, E. A. (Mrs.), Healdsburg
Harlan, Jo, Woodland
Haslan, Grace H., Woodland
Hawkins, Duff (Mrs.), Vacaville
Hawkins, Geo., Vacaville
Hockabout, W. H., Corralitos
Hoffman, G. H., St. Louis, Mo.
Holgen, J. W., Woodland
Honuebins, S., Colusa
Houston, J. W. (Mrs.), Elk Creek, Colusa Co.
Israel, F. S., College City
Ives, W. C., Santa Rosa
Jackson, (Mrs. Dr.), Woodland
Jackson, Alice, Woodland
Jeans, R. (Mrs.), Woodland
Johnson, A. S. (Mrs.), San Andreas
Johnson, L. A. (Mrs.), Visalia
Jordan, W. F. (Mrs.), San Luis Obispo
Kean, Mary R., Woodland
Kelsey, J. W., Willows
King, C. A. (Mrs.), Merced
King, J., Merced
Largent, J. M., Fortuna
Layford, P. S., Los Gatos
Layton, Henry, Sacramento
Lemoine, P. B. (Mrs.), Brentwood
Lewis, Joshua, Tulare
Long, S. E. (Mrs.), Visalia

Loudrain, C. (Mrs.), Merced
Lyle, M. R., Oakland
Martin, Angie B. (Mrs.), Fresno
McClellan, R. L. (Miss), Oroville
McDonald, J. E. (Mrs.), Oakland
McGraw, E. E., San Jose
Monroe, S. E. (Mrs.), Madison
Montgomery, J. W., Los Gatos
Mulligan, F. L. (Miss), Healdsburg
Murphy, W. G., Marysville
Nash, J. T., San Francisco
Page, R. E. (Mrs.), Nashville, Tenn.
Pattan, M. H., Wallula, Wash. [*sic*]
Pearson, I. M., Vacaville
Pearson, J. R. (Mrs.), Vacaville
Pepin, J. J. (Mrs.), Santa Cruz
Perrine, P., Alameda
Priest, W. H., Stockton
Proctor, J. P. (Mrs.), Santa Rosa
Ragsdale, M. S., Marysville
Rawlins, T. F., Butte City
Rayland, T. S. (Mrs.), Pacific Grove
Renshaw, A. M., Watsonville
Rice, W. A., Saratoga
Rifenberick, Chas., Green Castle, Mo.
Roberson, Robert, Boulder Creek
Robinson, S. H., Woodland
Russell, Geo., Marysville
Sanford, Bettie (Mrs.), College City
Sanford, Mamie S., Grass Valley
Saxe, E. E., Irvington
Schlosser, C., Wheatland
Scott, Samuel, Saratoga
Shadle, H., Madison
Shellhammer, Leta, Woodland
Sherman, M. (Mrs.), Merced
Shoemaker, G. (Mrs.), Healdsburg
Slawson, Anna A. (Mrs.), Sacramento
Sparks, J. C. (Mrs.), Oakland
Spencer, N. E. (Mrs.), Butte City
Stafford, Geo. P., Acampo
Stafford, J. W., Acampo
Stratton, H. M., Newman
Surbough, J. T. (Mrs.), Madera
Thomas, B. T. (Mrs.), Santa Barbara
Thomas, Sallie (Miss), Santa Rosa

Thomas, Sue L. (Mrs.), Gilroy
Thomasson, W. J., Gilroy
Thompson, R. M., Los Gatos
Tout, E., Panoche
Trantham, W. H. B., Los Gatos
Traver, Panoche

Troy, M. P. (Mrs.), Santa Rosa
Tuttle, Dexter, Colusa
Waddell, H. C., Petaluma
Walbridge, H., Ventura
Williams, Frank, Vacaville

1891 Nov 19

Source: F. A. Hihn & F. A. Hihn & Co. Agreements, Deeds, and Leases Vol. 9,
[Page Number] 19 11/19/1891 Entry # 2848

It is hereby agreed by the undersigned that the time of the bond of sale of lots 156, 157 and 158, in Garfield Park, as numbered and designated on map marked "Garfield Park, Number One", filed June 7th, 1890" in the office of the County Recorder of Santa Cruz County, as per agreement between F.A. Hihn and the State Convention of the Christian Churches of California dated October 16th, 1889 is hereby extended to September 1st, 1892.

Santa Cruz, Cal. November 19th, 1891.

F.A. Hihn Co
By A.C. Hihn Pres

State Convention of the
Christian Churches
F.C. Hodges, pres
E.B. Ware

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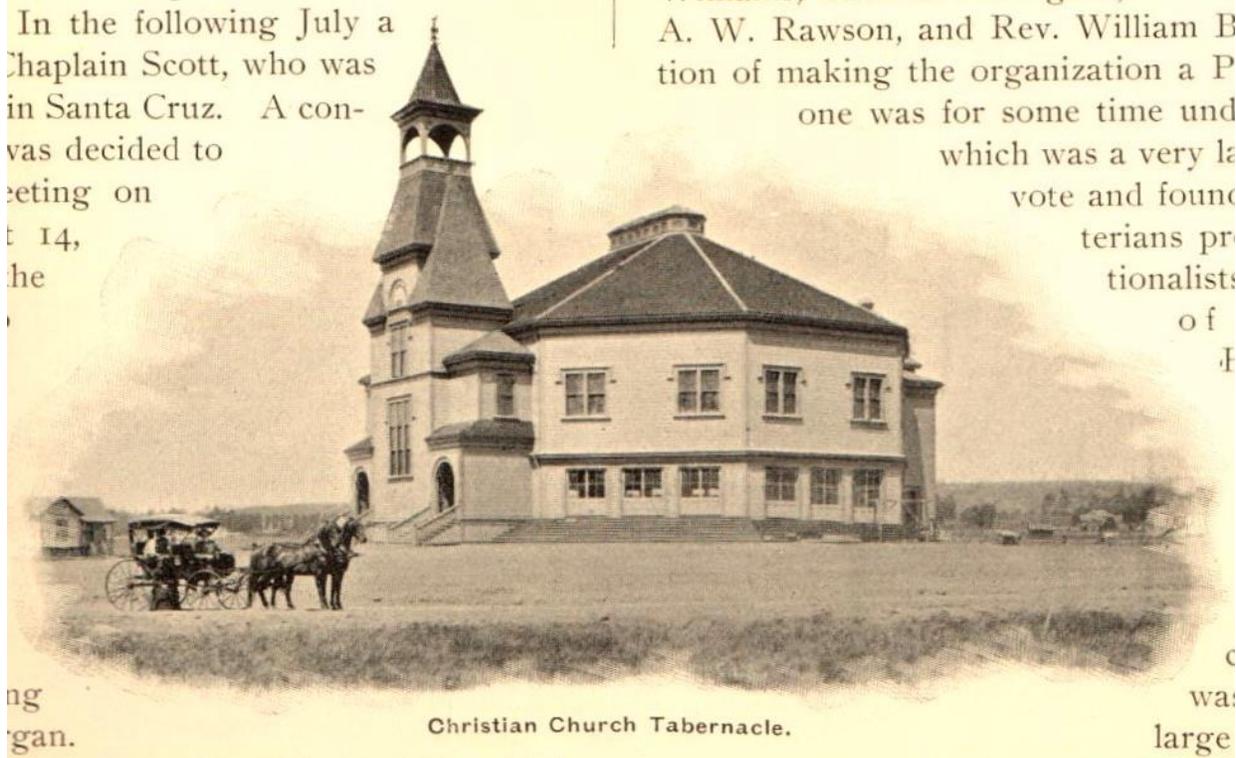
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The Christian Church.

This church is situated in Garfield Park, where the annual convention of this body of Christians is held every summer. The tabernacle is a large building with pleasant surroundings. The land was donated by Messrs. Fitch, King, Bushnell, Younglove, Hihn and others, and a cash donation of \$3,000 was guaranteed. Rev. David Walk and Mr. H. F. Vandy [*sic*] were largely instrumental in getting this Christian encampment located at Santa Cruz, and the Santa Cruz *Surf*, which took an active part in this enterprise. This church has a good membership, which every summer is greatly augmented by members of this faith who come from a distance to the annual convention, and to camp at Garfield Park for their summer outing. [The tabernacle is pictured on p. 23.]

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Christian Church Tabernacle.

1931 Dec 28

Source: Santa Cruz News 1931 Dec 28 2:4

USE URGED OF TABERNACLE IN GARFIELD PARK

Authorization for the use of the 41-year-old tabernacle in Garfield Park for any interdenominational purposes for which no admission charge is made has been received by the Rev. D. L. Hughes,, custodian of the old octagonal two-story building, from the state board of the Christian church, he announced today.

The tabernacle, under the permission, might be used for presentation of oratorios by the joined choirs of the churches of the city, or for any church union meeting. The only provision is that the meetings must not be for profit and no door charge must be made.

For City-Wide Meetings

The state board of the Christian church has also given permission to Mr. Hughes to grant use of the tabernacle for any state conference of any denomination, or for any city-wide or public meeting, with the exception that it may not be used for any political purpose.

The old tabernacle, in a circular plot, with three streets in concentric circles around it, has been a landmark since it was built by the Christian church of California in 1890, since which time it has been used for the annual summer church conferences. The land not only for the church but for many building lots which were sold to church members was **donated by F. A. Hihn**, pioneer capitalist of this county; by Abram King of San Jose and a number of others.

Oratorio Society

Mr. Hughes has already taken up with President Lester H. Wessendorf of the chamber of commerce the project of organizing a city-wide oratorical society or some similar project and has been invited by Mr. Wessendorf to present his plan to the directors of the chamber.

“I can think of no greater attraction to the better class of people, nor better advertisement for Santa Cruz, than to have it known that a permanent musical organization presents here year after year the great oratorios and musical productions of that sort,” said Mr. Hughes today.

“The seating capacity of the tabernacle is as great as any auditorium in the city available for the sort of musical events I have in mind and the acoustics are good.”

1935 Aug 5

Source: Santa Cruz Evening News 1935 Aug 5 1:2-3 accompanying by photo

Garfield Park Tabernacle, 45 Years Old, Taken By Fire

Had Been Home Of Many State-Wide Church Meets

C O S T \$ 1 4 , 0 0 0

The Garfield Park tabernacle, 45 year old octagonal church building which has housed scores of state-wide church meetings, burned at 2 o'clock this morning.

No theory as to the cause of the blaze was advanced except a guess that faulty electric wiring may have started it.

The huge old church structure was a mass of flames when the fire apparatus reached it just before 2 o'clock. The roof fell in within five minutes. Indication were, it was said by Assistant Fire Chief Fred L. Lewis, that the blaze had started in the lower part of the building.

Just a week ago yesterday the eightieth annual conference of the Christian churches of northern California closed there.

Blaze Is Quick One

The telephoned alarm came to the fire station about 1:50 o'clock this morning. The roof timbers fell 10 minutes later and by 2:45 the walls had collapsed and the eight-sided pit of stone foundation walls was a bowl of flaming timbers.

The Garfield Park tabernacle was dedicated August 31, 1890. It had been built on land donated by F. A. Hihn of Santa Cruz and Abram King of San Jose, who also gave additional acreage which was laid out in lots and sold to raise a building fund.

Mr. Hihn was said to have been instrumental in laying out streets in concentric circles around the tabernacle, having obtained the idea from a city in Europe which he had visited.

Laid Out By Churchmen

Santa Cruz was selected as the site for the building for the annual conferences of the Christian church after a year and a half of consideration of other places. The Rev. David Walk of Memphis, Tenn., father of the Rev. George Edward Walk, then pastor of a church in San Jose, had laid out Bethany City, in Indiana, as a Christian church center. He was visiting his son and came to Santa Cruz for a rest and promoted (Continued on Page Two)

Tabernacle Is Taken By Fire

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Garfield park here, becoming resident manager of the real estate interests.

The Rev. L. B. Wilkes was president of the Garfield Park association and the Rev. George Edward Walk was secretary.

Circles Were Named

Bethany circle, Wilkes circle and Errett circle were named at the time.

The original cost of the building was \$14,000. Insurance was carried on it, it was said today by the Rev. C. E. Morris, pastor of the Garfield Park church, although he did not know how much. The Rev. Milo Smith, secretary of the Christian church conference, arrived here this afternoon from San Francisco to consider the situation.

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EIGHT SIDED TABERNACLE

Beginning of the work making the Garfield Park circle a public playground under city lease brings up stories of the establishment of the "circles" and of the huge octagonal wooden structure which, until seven or eight years ago, was the place of the annual gatherings of the Christian churches of northern California.

The idea of a tabernacle which would be the center of a colony of summer homes owned by church people was advanced by the Rev. David Walk of Memphis, Tenn., who was in California in the late eighties visiting his son, the Rev. George Edward Walk of San Jose.

Two of the large land owners in the Garfield Park area were F. A. Hihn of Santa Cruz and Abram King of San Jose. **To Hihn, the Santa Cruz millionaire, is attributed the idea of the circular streets, with others radiating like spokes from the central grounds. The scheme was patterned after a city in the Duchy of Brunswick he had known in his youth.**

The tabernacle itself cost \$14,000, a considerable sum in those days of redwood sawmills. Its architects were Damkroger and Saunders of Santa Cruz, who donated their services. Much of the land donated to the company was sold in small lots by the Rev. Walk of San Jose, who became resident manager of the Garfield Park Association. Its president in 1890, when the tabernacle was completed, was the Rev. L. B. Wilkes. Two of the circular streets bear their names. What is now Woodrow avenue was originally Garfield avenue.

The tabernacle was dedicated on August 21, 1890, and used yearly by the church until fire took it in the early 1930's. During the times the church conferences were in session the circular grounds were crowded with tents in which the visiting churchmen camped during their week or so in Santa Cruz.

Now a WPA crew is laying out a croquet court there.

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Santa Cruz street names spell history

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"Even The Circles, on Woodrow Avenue, began as circular footpaths to campsites around the Garfield Park Tabernacle."
