

FORT SHERIDAN PARK.

On Decoration Day, when the gates at Fort Sheridan Park are thrown open to the public, old patrons of this popular resort will wonder at the marvellous changes which have transpired since last they were there and new ones will marvel at the enterprise of the management in transforming this bit of country into a veritable garden of Eden.

No trouble or expense has been spared by the new manager, Mr. Grant Whitslar, in beautifying and making attractive this popular resort, as everybody will testify after witnessing the many innovations.

One of the most striking and charming changes apparent to the old habitues is the beautiful lake of clear, sparkling water, which nestles in a natural basin in the center of the grounds, midway between the dancing pavilion and the band stand, and spanning this beautiful little body of water and connecting the two buildings is a rustic bridge of exquisite design and workmanship. Surrounding the lake are Russian willows and various kinds of rare shrubbery and vines, all arranged in an artistic manner and making a piece of picturesque landscape pleasing to the eye. Around the entire grounds, immediately inside the fence are planted rose bushes which, when in bloom, will make of the park a bower of roses; and this is not all as vines, shrubbery and rare exotic trees have been planted profusely wherever needed to enhance the looks of the already beautiful landscape by one of the most noted landscape artists in the west.

Another notable change for the better is the transformation which has taken place at the pavilion. A promenade or deck about fifteen feet in width and on a level with the floor of same, has been erected around the entire building, which will accommodate many hundreds of people. From this promenade can be witnessed entertainments, etc., to be liberally provided.

Beneath the large and beautiful trees, with which the grounds abound will be swung hammocks, swings, etc., from which the recreation seeker

may listen to the entrancing strains of one of the finest bands of musicians to be procured.

An institution of this kind without a club house, would be like a cart without a horse—it would not go. So Mr. Whistler has converted the large building near the west entrance into a club house. There will be a well appointed dining room under the supervision of a noted chef and a corps of competent aids. On the lower floor will be a buffet.

So many are the improvements made the NEWS-LETTER has not the space to enumerate them. In Mr. Whistler's estimation, nothing will be too good for his patrons.

The promenade deck which has been added to the pavilion, is about fifteen feet wide, on a

level with the main floor, and will accommodate hundreds of people. The main entrance, facing the west, is to be enlarged and crowned with a beautiful arch; also an entrance with driveway will be placed on the south side.

It will prove an ideal resort for holding picnics, conventions, etc, and Mr. Whistler informed the writer he had several propositions of the kind.

It is the intention, if it can be arranged, to run a line of excursion steamers both from Chicago and Milwaukee.

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