

arranged that the city can get what she may want. If the ground is not wanted for park purposes I think that clause can be arranged under certain conditions. If the grounds were to be converted into cotton factories or something of that kind right now the clause providing for the park purposes could not be obliterated. Five years from now changes might possibly occur which would not be observed. The truth is the stockholders of the Piedmont company are ready and willing to make any concessions or agreement that is right or equitable."

Mr. Spalding then spoke of the right the Cotton States people had in the matter on account of the buildings on the grounds.

Mr. Dimmock regretted that the full committee was not present so that something definite could be done.

Mr. Spalding said that he was willing to defer action until the chairman could secure a full committee.

Mr. Miller suggested that the committee adjourn subject to the call of the chair, and the suggestion when put in the shape of a motion was adopted.

COMMITTEE ON PIEDMONT PARK

Three of the Five Members Confer with the Company's Committee.

Three members of the special committee appointed by Mayor King to consider the purchase of Piedmont park by the city conferred for a half hour yesterday with representatives of the Piedmont park people.

The special committee named by Mayor King is composed of Mr. Dimmock, chairman, and Mr. Hirsch and Mr. Tolbert, all of the board of aldermen, and Mr. Miller and Mr. Maddox, of the council, the first one of the last two named being the senior member from the fourth, and the other being the junior member from the second ward. Two of the members, Mr. Hirsch and Mr. Maddox, were not present.

When Mr. Dimmock called the meeting to order Mr. Jack J. Spalding, Mr. Joseph Thompson and Mr. Walker were seated around the table. Mr. Dimmock briefly explained that the meeting had been called for the purpose of discussing and considering the purchase of the Piedmont park grounds by the city at the price given in the papers drawn when Atlanta was given an option on the grounds by the company at the price named. Mr. Dimmock then asked if the committee desired to consider the matter.

"There are two members of the committee," said Mr. Dimmock, "absent—Mr. Hirsch and Mr. Maddox."

"It won't do any hurt to hear from the gentlemen," remarked Mr. Tolbert.

Mr. Spalding was given the floor and unrolling a map of the park grounds stated that the park people were anxious to dispose of the matter. Mr. Spalding then briefly and correctly repeated the conditions of the contract which had been entered into between Atlanta and the owners of the ground. He showed the manner in which the Piedmont company had given the incorporators of the Cotton States and International Exposition Company an option on the ground for figures named in consideration of money advanced and how that option was the property of the city.

"Now," said Mr. Spalding, "if the conditions laid down in that paper are not thoroughly satisfactory the Piedmont people are willing to do anything that will be right in the matter. If the city does not want all the ground I think it can be so