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PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME OF THE FORTY-FIRST ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS.

(Subject to future modifications.)

The forty-first Annual Convention of the American Institute of Architects will be held in Chicago, November 18, 19, and 20, 1907.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1907.

At 10 o'clock a. m. the Board of Directors will meet at the Art Institute.

Monday night the Convention will open at the Art Institute at eight o'clock; the President of the Institute will deliver his annual address.

The address of welcome will be delivered by some representative of the City of Chicago, to be selected by the Illinois Chapter; an address of welcome by the President of the Art Institute; nominations, with lantern slides showing the work of the various nominees, will be presented for Honorary and Corresponding membership in the American Institute of Architects, after which a reception will be tendered in the galleries of the Art Institute.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 1907.

Tuesday morning the regular business of the Institute will commence by reading the report of the Board of Directors and the reports of the various committees. Luncheon in the Art Institute, given by the Illinois Chapter. Tuesday afternoon, business session.

Tuesday night there will be papers on the artistic treatment and expression of Skeleton Steel and Concrete; about four papers will be presented, illustrated by lantern slides.

provisions of the code, was discussed and a resolution was passed requesting the Associated Organizations to demand an investigation of same. After the meeting, Mr. S. E. Desjardins delivered an illustrated lecture on "The Development of Secular Architecture in France." At the meetings of the Chapter during the summer very little business is transacted, they being usually held at some pleasure resort where sports and amusements generally are indulged in.

ILLINOIS CHAPTER.

The Illinois Chapter has amended its By-Laws to conform with the changes adopted by the Institute at the last Convention.

MINNESOTA CHAPTER.

The Secretary of the Minnesota Chapter reports that the bill presented to the legislature of the State of Minnesota, for the registration of architects in that State, which was modeled mainly upon the laws now in effect in the states of California and Illinois, was not passed. The bill has the approval and sympathy of the State Builders' Association, with whose efforts it is hoped at the next meeting of the legislature to effect its passage.

SAN FRANCISCO CHAPTER.

The San Francisco Chapter is holding regular monthly meetings, each of which is preceded by a dinner. The membership of the Chapter has been increased by eight during the past three months. The resolution of the Chapter on the death of Mr. Seth Babson, for many years its president, will be found under Obituaries.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER.

On June 12, 1907, the Southern California Chapter was incorporated under the State laws of California. The Chapter has revised its Constitution and By-Laws in conformity with the changes adopted by the Institute at the last Convention.

Los Angeles, California,
Thursday, June 27, 1907.

A Special Meeting of the Southern California Chapter of the American Institute of Architects was held at Mr. Rosenheim's office, 615 Hellman Building, on the above date at 12 p. m., for the purpose of adopting resolutions of condolence to Mr. Max Jenney, as prepared by the committee appointed by the Chapter for that purpose.

The meeting was called to order at 12:20 p. m. by President A. F. Rosenheim, the following members being present: J. Lee Burton, Theo. A. Eisen, J. W. Krause, J. P. Krempel, A. F. Rosenheim, Fernand Parmentier, Norman St. Clair.

The resolution having been read by the Secretary, Mr. John P. Krempel moved, seconded by Mr. T. A. Eisen, to adopt the resolution, have it spread upon the minutes and have an engrossed copy of same forwarded to Mr. Max Jenney, also a type-written copy of the resolution to be sent to the local daily papers. The motion was carried.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:30 p. m.

FERNAND PARMENTIER,
Secretary.

The following is a copy of the resolution as per above minutes:

Resolved—

To Mr. Max Jenney:

The Southern California Chapter of the American Institute of Architects desires to express condolence and sympathy to you, to your family and to the public, in the decease of your father, William Le Baron Jenney, recognizing his ability as an architect, a man and a citizen; as an architect, the father of the skeleton steel frame, the means that has made possible the modern sky-scraper to meet the demands of the present urban conditions, resulting from a concentrated population. His charm in business and socially, coupled with his great ability, insured his success in the upbuilding of the great city of Chicago, and his universal popularity on all civic, professional and club life. To know him was to love him; your loss was our loss. His memory will ever be with us.

The Southern California Chapter of the American Institute of Architects again wishes to express its deep felt sympathy in your and their bereavement.

OCTAVIUS MORGAN,
MYRON HUNT,
JULIUS W. KRAUSE,
Committee.

WASHINGTON STATE CHAPTER.

The Secretary of the Washington State Chapter writes that the Chapter has held regular monthly meetings since the last report, but that the business transacted was of an entirely routine character.

OBITUARIES.

W. G. ROBINSON, F. A. I. A.

Mr. W. G. Robinson of Grand Rapids, Michigan, died on February 19, 1907, at the age of seven-two years.

Mr. Robinson was elected a member of the Western Association of Architects in 1884 and by the consolidation of this Association with the American Institute of Architects he became a Fellow of the Institute in 1889.

JAMES ROWLAND WILLET, F. A. I. A.

James Rowland Willet, son of James F. and Anne Willett, was born in Dublin, Ireland, June 23, 1831, but came with his parents when quite young to America, and settled in Philadelphia. He died in Chicago, Illinois, May 9th, 1907.

Mr. Willett started in life as a stereotype moulder, afterwards matriculated in the Polytechnic College of the State of Pennsylvania and received his degree as Bachelor of Mine Engineering in 1854. He practiced this profession until the outbreak of the Civil War. Then he entered the U. S. Army and was appointed by General Fremont in 1861 as Lieutenant of Engineers. He performed duty as an Engineer of Fortifications and took active part in many battles. In 1863 he was made Post Engineer at Nashville and had charge of the construction of all fortifications in and about Nashville. In 1864 he was made Inspector of Fortifications of the District of Tennessee. During this year he was also made Major of Volunteer Engineers, at the same time being made Chief Inspector of Railroad Defences. He was discharged from the army September 26, 1865, with the rank of Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel. After the war Mr. Willett was appointed Inspector to report on the condition of the Government Buildings throughout the South which had been destroyed by the ravages of the war, after which he was appointed Superintendent of the erection of the new Government Building at Nashville, Tenn., and commenced the practice of Architecture. Just after the fire he moved to Chicago and opened an office, the first commission being the building for the "Chicago Times," one of the leading papers. In 1876 he built the first large apartment building in Chicago. In 1878 he was appointed Architect for the Eastern Hospital for the Insane at Kankakee, Ill., the first asylum to adopt the "Cottage System." During his practice in Chicago he was Architect for many public and private buildings throughout the west. In 1900 Mr. Willett retired from business and devoted the rest of his life to

books and study. He was a deep student and a vigorous worker as well as an authority on many branches of his profession, contributing many reviews on professional books to architectural journals. He lectured, wrote and did considerable research work in Graphics and in the Heating of Buildings.

Mr. Willett joined the American Institute of Architects in 1870, and was one of the organizers of the Chicago Chapter. He was always zealous in maintaining the high standing of his profession, honorable in his dealings with his brother architects, and never in any way compromising for the sake of a commission.

(Signed) ALFRED F. PASHLEY.

WILLIAM SCHICKEL, F. A. I. A.

Mr. Schickel was born in Hochheim, Germany, January 29, 1850, and when one year old his parents moved to Wiesbaden. When twenty years of age he immigrated to America where he found employment the day after his arrival with Mr. R. M. Hunt, in whose office he worked six months. He then went with Mr. Henry Fernbach, for whom he later became foreman, and with whom he formed a close friendship which lasted up to the time of Mr. Fernbach's death. He opened an office for himself in 1873. Mr. Schickel was at the time of his death, which occurred June 14, 1907, associated in the practice of architecture with Mr. Isaac E. Ditmars. Many churches, residences, and business buildings in New York City testify to his art, among which may be mentioned the following churches and institutions: St. Ignatius of Loyola, St. Monica's and St. Joseph's Churches; Catholic Orphan Asylum; St. Andrews and St. Joseph Seminaries; Dunwoodie; Isabella Home; St. Joseph's, St. Francis, St. Vincent's and German Hospitals; the following business buildings: Staat's Zeitung, Constable, Knickerbocker, Johnson; also the following residences: Thomas F. Ryan, Adolph Kuttroff, John D. Crimmins, Isaac Stern and Benjamin Stern.

Mr. Schickel was elected a Fellow of the American Institute of Architects in 1894.

WILLIAM LE BARON JENNEY, F. A. I. A.

(From *The Brickbuilder*, Vol. 16, No. 6, June, 1907.)

William Le Baron Jenney, who died at his home in Los Angeles, Cal., June 15, was born in Fairhaven, Mass., September 25, 1832, and graduated from the Scientific School at Cambridge, Mass., in 1853, and from the Ecole Centrale des Arts et Manufactures at Paris, in 1856. In 1858 he again visited France, and spent a year and a half in study, then returned to enter the Civil War, was appointed captain additional aide-de-camp and assigned to engineer duty at Cairo, Ill., and served in that capacity on the staff of General Grant from Cairo to Corinth; was transferred at General Sherman's request to his command and put in charge of engineer works at Memphis; was chief engineer 15th Army Corps at Vicksburg, and resigned May, 1866, and in 1868 went to Chicago and began his professional career. His first important works were Grace Episcopal Church, the Portland Block, and the Mason Building. In 1883, he was commissioned to design the office building for the Home Life Insurance Company of New York, with instructions that the plans above the second story should have the maximum number of small well-lighted offices, which the committee understood would require small piers, smaller than in the usual masonry construction. Mr. Jenney evolved from his engineering knowledge a system of the use of iron columns, upon which each story was supported independently, which solved all difficulties in regard to expansion and contraction strength, etc., and occupied minimum floor space, the design of construction resembling, in many respects, iron bridges on end, side by side. This was the first occasion when Bessemer steel beams were used, and this building of the Home Life Insurance Company has been considered as the initial and parent building of the steel construction method. In recognition of this fact the Bessemer Steamship Company, in February, 1897, named one of the vessels constructed for them after Mr. Jenney.*

*BESSEMER STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
26 BROADWAY, NEW YORK,
F. T. GATES, *President*,

February 13, 1897.

Mr. W. LB. JENNEY, HOME INSURANCE BUILDING,
CHICAGO, ILL.

My dear Sir:—With your permission we shall take pleasure in naming a ship, now being constructed for us by Messrs. F. W. Wheeler & Co., Detroit, Mich., the "W. LB. Jenney," as a mark of our appreciation of your distinguished services in connection with the invention and introduction of lofty steel skeleton construction of buildings.

Yours very truly,

F. T. GATES,
President.

Mr. Jenney also developed in the Home Life Building, to a hitherto unconceived degree, the equipment of a modern office building, such as rapid elevators, fireproof construction and bracing, well-lighted corridors, lights between rooms and corridors, electric plant, office vaults, thorough system of plumbing, and well-appointed toilets, all of which appointments are now common to all good office buildings, but were first used by Mr. Jenney in that building. His interest and knowledge of work of this type procured him the appointment as architect, with his partner, Mr. Mundie, for the following buildings in Chicago:—The Fair, Siegel-Cooper Building, Association Building, New York Life Building, Trade Building, Fort Dearborn Building, Chicago National Bank and the Union League Club. He was architect for the Horticultural Building at the Chicago Exposition. The last work in which he was actually interested was the Illinois-Vicksburg Memorial, a monument constructed by Illinois on the Vicksburg battlefield. In the spring of 1905 Mr. Jenney retired from active business, and made his permanent residence in Los Angeles. Among the architects and engineers who had early training with Mr. Jenney are the following: D. H. Burnham, William Holabird, Martin Roche, D. E. Waid, A. H. Granger, Howard Shaw, J. M. Ewen, L. E. Ritter.

Mr. Jenney was elected an Associate of the American Institute of Architects in 1872 and a Fellow in 1885. He served as First Vice-President in 1898 and 1899 and was a member of the Board of Directors in 1892 and from 1895 to 1897.

WILLIAM H. RUSSELL, A. A. I. A.

(From *Construction News*, Chicago, August 10, 1907.)

William Hamilton Russell, of the New York architectural firm of Clinton & Russell, died recently in Cannes, France, aged fifty-one years. He graduated from Columbia University in 1878 and soon after entered the office of his great uncle, Mr. James Renwick, the architect of St. Patrick's Cathedral, and was soon admitted to partnership in the firm, which was known as Renwick, Aspinwall & Russell. Later Mr. Russell became associated with Charles W. Clinton under the firm name of Clinton Russell. Mr. Clinton was one of the pioneers in the designing of lofty office buildings, and after Mr. Russell joined him they planned and constructed many of the most notable examples of this style of architecture in New York. Among them are the Atlantic, Mutual, Mutual Life, American Exchange, National Bank, Broad Exchange, Tontine Broadway and Consolidated Exchange buildings, and the United States Express Company's Building.

Mr. Russell was elected an Associate of the American Institute of Architects in 1901.

SETH BABSON, F. A. I. A.

Mr. Seth Babson of San Francisco, California, died in Modesto, California, July 10, 1907. He practiced the profession of architecture in the State of California for over fifty years and was many years the president of the San Francisco Chapter. He was also for a time a member of the State Board of Architecture. Mr. Babson was elected a Fellow of the American Institute of Architects in 1881.

Following is a memorial presented to the San Francisco Chapter by a Committee appointed to draft a resolution on the death of its former president, Mr. Seth Babson:

San Francisco Chapter, American Institute of Architects:

Your Committee herewith place before you a brief tribute to the memory of our old associate, Seth Babson, with the suggestion that a copy of the same be forwarded to the survivors of his immediate family, to the American Institute of Architects at Washington, D. C., to the State Board of Architecture (both of which bodies he was a member), to the professional magazines and journals, and that a copy be spread upon the minutes of our Chapter.

Seth Babson, well and honorably known the length and breadth of California as one of the pioneers in the architectural profession in this State, passed to the silent majority on July 10, 1907, having reached almost his 79th year, maintaining his vigorous active interest in his chosen profession to within a few days of his death. For over fifty years he was identified with the architectural and building activities of this State and throughout that long career won and maintained the confidence and respect of his many clients. He was elevated to signal distinction by his professional brethren on many occasions, the most noteworthy of which was that of President of the San Francisco Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, which office he filled for many years. In 1901 his chosen State honored him through his appointment by Governor Gage as a member of the State Board of Architecture, which position he held at the time of his demise.

He was born in Maine, which State he left to settle in Massachusetts and where he remained to the year 1850 at which time he transferred his activities to California, locating at Sacramento when he at once entered into his professional life and where he continued for the succeeding twenty years, being intimately associated during that period with the pioneer projectors of the Central Pacific Railroad then in course of construction, and the residences built at Sacramento, then the finest in the State, by these individuals bear witness of his professional ability and activity; moving later to Alameda where he lived for the past twenty-eight years continuously practicing his profession up to the time of his death.

He loved his home and his profession and devoted his life to the service of both, his long professional career matured and mellowed his judgment which was used to the advantage of his younger brethren on all occasions and was therefore often appealed to; being blessed with a share of the leisure that comes of successful old age, there was no service that he was not ready and willing to assume to further the elevation and dignity of the cause of Architecture, and many of the successors of the body at large are directly attributable to his unsparing efforts.

His death came as the result of an operation made necessary from an injury received some months before his death, although not incapacitated entirely after the operation was resorted to for relief, acted against his recovery and he passed away suddenly from heart failure with little suffering and wholly unconscious of the fact that the end was near.

He is survived by his widow and three sons, to whom this tribute by his brethren is offered as a recognition of the esteem with which is held the memory of his modest character, retiring disposition and thoughtful interest in all he held most dear.

(Signed) HENRY A. SCHULZE,
WM. CURTLETT,
SYLVAIN SCHNAITACHER,
Committee.

RESOLUTION ON THE DEATH OF ALEXANDER J. CASSATT.

To Mrs. Alexander J. Cassatt:

The Board of Directors of the American Institute of Architects desires to express its sorrow at the death of Mr. ALEXANDER J. CASSATT, honorary Member of the Institute, and tenders to his family and friends its heartfelt sympathy.

In appreciation of Mr. Cassatt's broad culture and remarkable executive ability, his recognition of systematic development in Art, his perception of the value of Competent Artistic design and supervision in great Constructions, his notable services in assuring to the Cities of Washington and New York noble and monumental Railway Stations, and his patriotism in restoring the Mall for the beautification of Washington, the Board of Directors has passed the following resolution:

In the death of Mr. Alexander J. Cassatt, his friends and associates have lost a sympathetic adviser, the public a broad-minded and patriotic citizen of high principles and economic breadth, and the Institute a powerful factor in the advancement of the Art of Architecture.

FRANK MILES DAY, *President.*
RALPH ADAMS CRAM,
WALTER COOK,
EDGAR V. SEELER,
GLENN BROWN, *Secretary.*

For the Board of Directors.

THE OCTAGON, Washington, D. C.

June fifteenth, nineteen hundred and seven.