

Question. Did Mayor Swann veto a bill for three cents?

Answer. No, sir; that was my four cent bill.

Question. Did you try to have it passed over the Mayor's veto?

Answer. No, sir.

Question. If you could have got a majority of two-thirds of the Board you would have passed it, notwithstanding his veto?

Answer. Yes, sir.

Question. You made no effort of that kind?

Answer. No, sir. The Mayor sent for me, and I went to see him. He stated that he regretted very much that he was sick, because there was a feature he would like to introduce with this Railroad scheme which he thought would be of great interest to the City of Baltimore and to the State of Maryland, and that was a provision in reference to Parks. He said four cents was an awkward sum any how, and that in New York, Philadelphia, and the other cities, five cents was the lowest sum. He thought that to make the fare five cents, and to give one-fifth to the Public Parks, would be the best plan. And he asked me if I, as the author of the four cent bill, would consent to have it vetoed, if I would submit to have it vetoed. I thought his plan a most magnificent idea, and said that most certainly I would agree to it. He was sick at the time, and I said if he would dictate the bill he had indicated, I would write it down then. He did so, and I wrote it down. It was the same bill as the other only making the fare five cents, one-fifth to be reserved for the City Park Fund.

Question. Previous to that, had there not been a bill proposing a grant of this kind at three cents?

Answer. Yes, sir; under certain circumstances.

Question. What were those circumstances?

Answer. To state them, I would have to give a short history of the way in which the four cent bill passed.

By the Chairman. Question. Did the bill the Mayor vetoed, and the Travers bill that passed, have the same corporators named in them?

Answer. Yes, sir.

Question. The Travers bill had an additional section over the four cent bill?

Answer. Yes, sir. I would like to explain about that three cent bill when I come to make my general explanation.

By Mr. Blakistone. Question. There was a three cent bill?

Answer. Yes, sir.

Question. Did you vote for it?

Answer. No, sir; certainly not; it did not come to a vote.

By Mr. Gordon. Question. You did not try that bill before the Council.

Answer. No, sir.

By the Chairman. Question. Was it ever reported?

Answer. No, sir.

By the Chairman. Question. Was it held before the Committee?

Answer. No, sir; there never was any three cent bill before the Committee.

Question. You have spoken of but one set of corporators as yet. Was