

I voted. But the bill afterwards went to the mayor and was vetoed. In the mean time I consulted with one of the gentlemen named in the Barnum bill, Col. Hoffman, and he told me he would not invest money in a three cent bill. I give this as the reason why I changed my vote, and was willing to support the four cent fare afterwards. I heard afterwards from others that Brooks & Barnum did not think the three cent fare would pay, and would not invest money in the project. The bill was sent back with a recommendation to add another cent to the fare that cent to be appropriated for the public parks. The recommendation was adopted and the bill became a law.

Question. Did you know during the time the Travers bill was before the Council, that it was in contemplation to make an assignment of that grant?

Answer I did not.

Question. Had you ever heard it talked of?

Answer. No assignment.

Question. Did you vote under the impression that Travers & Co would be able to build the road?

Answer. I voted under the impression that they would be assisted to build it?

Question. What sort of assistance?

Answer. That capital was abundant for such a grant and could be procured with ease.

Question. Where from?

Answer. I heard Philadelphia mentioned.

Question. From whom?

Answer. I heard no names of any parties.

Question. Who told you at any time that capital would come from Philadelphia?

Answer. I cannot recollect any one. I heard it mentioned in the Council and perhaps out of it.

Question. If you had known that the bill was to be assigned to Brock & Co., would you have voted for it?

Answer. I question whether I would. I can't say what would have been my action then.

Question. Why not?

Answer. It is very hard to go back six months.

Question. I think it is easy to give a reason.

Answer. Because I preferred Baltimoreans, if they were willing on the same terms to invest their capital.

Question. But I understood you to say, when you voted for it, that it was under the impression that Baltimore capital would not build it.

Answer. No sir; I was under the impression that capital could be procured very easily—if not in Baltimore, from Philadelphia. The railroad mania was very high then.

Question. Was it not mentioned, in fact, to you that the capital was to come from Baltimore.

Answer. I cannot say whether it was or not.

Question. Was it not mentioned to you, time and again that it was to come from Philadelphia?