

# "CONEY ISLAND" RESORT IN IVY WILD TO COST \$75,000

Colorado Springs is to have a "Coney Island" resort.

John J. Coughlin, Chicago's famous alderman, has made arrangements to turn his Cheyenne Springs ranch, at Broadmoor, into a playground for young and old. Approximately \$75,000 will be spent on the work which was started Monday under the direction of F. W. Harland, an amusement manager of Milwaukee.

The grounds, which will be known as the Cheyenne Springs Park and Zoo, will be opened to the public about July 1. A small admission will be charged to adults, but children with their guardians will be admitted free of charge.

Mr. Coughlin has announced positively that he will allow no intoxicating liquors to be sold on the grounds. A number of refreshment parlors will be built about the park, but there will be no saloons.

A gang of 20 men under Mr. Harland, who is one of the best known amusement promoters in the country, began work Monday building a "old mill." This will be 3,000 feet in length, and will run from a point near the present highway entrance to Mr. Coughlin's ranch past the large barns to the west of the entrance. The mill will run up hill at a five per cent grade, the water and power being furnished by Cheyenne

## Alderman John J. Coughlin of Chicago Will Open Recreation Grounds and Zoo About July 1--Work Has Already Been Begun.

creek. It will take three months to complete the mill.

Besides the mill, Mr. Coughlin will install a merry-go-round, a shoot the chutes, a large zoo containing everything from an elephant to a canary bird, a band stand, a number of cafes and ice cream parlors. Mr. Harland said yesterday that these amusements, together with the animals to be imported for the zoo and the extensive parking, will cost Mr. Coughlin approximately \$75,000.

The merry-go-round will arrive here in a few days and will be installed immediately, an elephant, several camels and smaller animals will be here February 1, and the shoot the chutes will be built as soon as the ice in the lake on the ranch melts. Among the animals will be several sacred bulls, which Mr. Coughlin has imported from India.

"This is one of the best places I ever saw for the building of a Coney Island resort," said Mr. Harland, yesterday.

"The ranch is large and has enough shade trees to make a beautiful park. The small lake is just the thing on which to build a shoot the chutes, and Cheyenne creek has plenty of power to run a big mill. The merry-go-round will be built on the knoll of the hill north of Mr. Coughlin's stables. A large electric power plant will be built to furnish lighting for the park and zoo."

Mr. Coughlin, after spending two weeks here looking over the ground with Mr. Harland, left last Saturday for Chicago, where he will spend a few weeks looking after his business interests. He will return to Colorado Springs about February 10 and will stay here until his amusement grounds are in full working order.

It is probable that Mr. Coughlin will engage the Midland band to play a number of afternoons and evenings each week at Cheyenne Springs Park. He may build a small play house at which a vaudeville performance will be given during the summer season. Mr. Harland says that the plans have not been completed yet, but that Alderman Coughlin told him that he intends to make Cheyenne Springs Park and Zoo the most popular pleasure resort in the west. "He has \$75,000 to put into it," says Mr. Harland, "and from the way he is going ahead with the plans, he will be successful."