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 were off in pairs or trios, ~~and~~
~~at a checker board~~ at board,
 others at a book or magazine
 some less industrious ~~to the~~ myself
 simply talking & laughing or
 what is even more enjoyable
 listening to other talk. Very often
 this little ~~pleasure~~ was
 interrupted by a meeting of the
 committee, ~~so~~ and there in
 a solemn & dignified manner
 Benet, & ~~Frank~~

took the chair & arrangements
 for the public meeting were
 carefully discussed. ~~There~~ ~~there~~
 were only a privileged few at
 these however. The picture
 is a little indistinct is going