

## BUILDINGS ARE DEMANDED

Postpone Collection of Subscriptions Till  
Exposition Structures Are Under Way.

## MORE ACTIVE CONSTRUCTION IS WANTED

Executive Committee of the Exposition  
Takes an Account of Stock  
and Investigates Some  
Causes for Delay.

The executive committee of the exposition held its regular weekly meeting at the Commercial club rooms yesterday afternoon.

Chairman Lindsey, manager of the Department of Ways and Means, reported that he had not been active of late in pushing the securing of subscriptions to the exposition stock, as he had felt that the prearranged subscription in Omaha desired to see something going up in the way of buildings before more subscriptions can be secured. He said that as soon as work was actively under way at the grounds he would take up the work of canvassing the city thoroughly, and believed that a satisfactory amount could then be secured. In this connection Mr. Lindsey read a financial statement prepared by the secretary, showing that the contracts for the construction of buildings and other work which are now outstanding, amount, in the aggregate, to about \$160,000. In addition to this the contract for the Agriculture building will be let today, it being estimated that the building will cost about \$50,000. The amount of cash now in the treasury was stated to be \$137,000, in addition to which it was stated that the park commission will repay to the exposition the amount of \$100,000 which has been expended by the exposition on the portion of the main court, which will be known hereafter as Kountze park, making a cash balance of about \$137,000.

The question of the delay in the construction of the Manufactures building was brought up, and it was stated that Contractor Strehlow is not having been active in his contract. This delay was attributed to a scarcity of cars, in which to ship the lumber to Omaha from Wisconsin. It was stated that the lumber which is being shipped from Wisconsin is being furnished by H. F. Cady, and that he says the lumber is all cut and will be along in due time. The advisability of using the lumber which is being shipped from Wisconsin was discussed, but no action along this line was taken. Some of the members of the committee criticized the superintendent of construction for not bringing this matter to the attention of the committee sooner, and also for not taking steps to prevent delay in the erection of the building.

## COMMITTEE WAS NOT NOTIFIED.

The superintendent of construction also came in for certain criticism in connection with the erection of the frame fire trap against the building which is to be used as a planing mill. It was the sentiment of the committee that Geraldine should have warned the committee of the dangerous building which was being erected almost against one of the largest buildings on the grounds instead of cutting a gap through the fence and facilitating access to the grounds from the planing mill.

## UNION PAPER HANGERS QUIT WORK.

## Out of Sympathy, the Painters Lay

## Down Their Brush.

## The union painters and paper hangers of Omaha are on a strike, and while there was not a non-union shop in Omaha a week ago, all the leading establishments are now employing "scab" labor. The strike is entirely on account of the demand of the paper hangers for a scale on piece work instead of a regular hourly wage, as has been previously paid. The painters received from 20 to 25 cents per hour and the paper hangers from 30 to 40 cents. The paper hangers have demanded that the scale be increased to 50 cents per hour and the paper hangers to 60 cents per hour. The demand was refused and the painters went out in sympathy with the strikers. Neither have returned to work, but the employers declare that they are having no difficulty in securing men to take the place of the strikers and that they will continue to resist their demands.

## The proprietors of several of the leading

## paper-hanging establishments stated yesterday

## that they could not comply with the demand

## of the union for a scale of 50 cents per hour

## and that they would continue to employ

## the "scab" labor. The strikers deny that the scale

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peared on the pay roll for last month, the time indicated on the pay roll showing that he had been employed some time before the request for his employment was made to the committee. No action was taken on the matter.

Another matter which was referred to was an item appearing on the pay roll, showing that the head draughtsman in the office of the supervising architects was on the list for \$20 for sixty hours overtime during the month of August, in addition to his regular salary of \$103.33. There was some comment on the fact that this same man had been paid but \$1,800 per year for the same work at the World's fair, but is now receiving \$2,500 per year, in addition to being furnished transportation to and from Chicago each month to visit his family, but no action was taken.

## It was announced that Collector Rhodes

## had resigned and Collector Copeland was ordered

## laid off for the present.

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## SOUTHSIDERS UP IN ARMS

Advocate Independent Street Car Line for  
Their Section of the City.

## MOVEMENT IS BACKED BY S. UTH OMAHA

Committee is Appointed to Draw Up  
Articles of Incorporation and  
Pave the Way for a  
Franchise.

The Southside Improvement club discussed street railways at its session last night. The railway in particular which is wanted very much by the club is that contemplated for South Eleventh street. For over a year past the subject has bubbled up for discussion at every meeting, yet very little has been accomplished, although the club has worked very industriously to that end. Last night the discussion took rather a warlike turn as the residents who live south of the viaduct, as represented by the members of the club, asserted they would have the transportation if they had to go into the railway business themselves.

After President John Powers had called the meeting to order, E. J. Cornish, as chairman of the committee on street railways, was called for. He stated that the committee to request an extension of the lines down Tenth or Eleventh street, and hold some conference with the street railway officials. Although very courteously received, the mission of the committee had come to naught. The officers of the company had stated that it was not prepared to build at present. The rebuilding of the Farnam, Sixteenth and North Twentieth street lines was given as an excuse. It was said that the company could not afford the extension of the line to Riverview park.

The subject of the building of a street car line by other than the street railway company was discussed by Mr. Cornish. He thought it probable that capitalists might be interested in building a line from South Omaha by way of Eleventh street and going west to the purposes of the southsiders. As to the matter of a franchise for trackage in Omaha he thought that an ordinance to that effect be drafted and presented by Councilman Stubb to the city fathers. If it was found necessary to call a special election, he thought this also might be accomplished. Ernest Stubb followed up the subject by saying that he would do