

THE CITY.

The colored citizens of Omaha will celebrate the anniversary of their emancipation on next Monday evening at Goodrich hall.

The permit for the new St. Joseph's hospital was issued from the office of the building inspector yesterday. The building is to be erected at a cost of \$112,000.

Ernest Stauff has commenced the erection of a three-story and basement hotel at Eleventh and Mason streets. The structure will have a frontage of sixty-six feet on Mason and seventy-five feet on Eleventh street. The building will be of St. Louis pressed brick, trimmed with Portage red sandstone. It will contain fifty-five rooms with all modern improvements and is to be completed and ready for occupancy by December 1st.

MUST REMOVE THE DIRT.

Otherwise Mr. Squires Will Not Be After He Paid for Sweeping.

All of the members were present at the meeting of the board of public works yesterday afternoon.

There were half dozen bidders for the construction of sewers in districts Nos. 117, 118, and 119.

E. L. Reeves & Co. secured the contract for putting the sewers in districts 117 and 118, while Graham Park captured the contract in District No. 119.

The contract is graded. Twenty-seventh street from Portionton to Hickory street was awarded to James Connelly, 119-16 cents per cubic yard, while the contractor grading Thirtieth street from Ames avenue to the city limit was given 116-16 cents per cubic yard.

Chairman Birchbauer said a number of streets had not been swept as provided for in the contract.

Engineer Wilson said it would be better to leave the dirt spread upon the streets than to sweep it into the gutters and leave it piles. He said that dirt had not always been hauled away while the streets were heavy, and in such cases he had notified the people for whom the dirt was to be paid. Squires had performed the work.

Mr. Birchbauer said Squires had been allowed bills for sweeping when the streets had not been swept as provided for in the contract.

"Well, we will rub this all out and commence over again, and in future, the bare sweeping of the streets don't count, but in addition to the sweeping, the dirt must be hauled away and the streets cleaned," said Mr. Connelly.

"That is what I say," said Mr. Kierstead, "and now Mr. Squires' bill will be allowed."

The pleased the members and the bill of \$3,243.83 for the month ending August 15 was passed.

The following statements were allowed:

J. O. Carty, brick culvert on Monroe avenue, over Saddle creek, \$1,781.88; the Barber asphalt company, paving Twenty-ninth street from Jackson to Harrison, \$1,880.72; N. Murphy having Eleven-cent street from Niobrara to Clark, \$8,636.66; C. D. Woodworth, curbing Pacific street, from Twenty-ninth to Thirty-second, \$1,48.06; Hugh Murphy, curbing Thirtieth street, from Cassio Avenue, \$88.75; D. A. Johnson, Twenty-third street, from Capriola avenue to Cuming street, \$1,28.87; Thirtieth avenue from Poppleton avenue, to Mason street, \$1,49.79.

"I only fortune that was ever destined is my honor," said John F. Daly, he is put in a lock against repairing west Lawrencewood street where the street car company has put in new line.

"The same old story," said Mr. Kierstead. "Let me talk at a time," remarked the chairman.

Mr. Daly was given the floor and recited the history of the manner in which he had built the seven houses and related the payment made to him for the same. He then took it up and refused to put it back in place.

He was interrupted by Mr. Kierstead, who stated that a lot of the pavement had been washed away while Daly was under contract to put the street in proper shape.

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The chairman took up his pen and, hurrying into the front office came back with half a dozen boxes filled with gravel, sand, silt, broken stone and small pebbles, and said he placed them on the table in front of Mr. Squires. Mr. Squires excitedly exclaimed: "This is that stuff."

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"New York and other cities that I can mention are in the chairman."

"I'll bet you can name a city where they use asphaltum and that now before you do," retorted Squires.

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