

HAVE HUNG UP THE CONTRACT

City Council Will Have Another Squint in Ketcham Furniture Company Methods. SHALL THE CITY GET WHAT IT PAYS FOR

It will be some days before the Ketcham Furniture company gets \$20,000 of the city's money to apply on the city hall furniture contract, as the council has concluded to take a little time for the purpose of investigating the matter.

Last Tuesday night, George C. Whitlock, the resident agent of the company, asked for the payment of \$20,000. This was referred to the committee on public property and buildings and last night the committee reported back the communication, which was unanimously adopted.

Your committee to which was referred the communication from George C. Whitlock, advised for an estimate of \$20,000 in favor of the Ketcham Furniture company, respectively report that owing to the fact that by paying any of the money for said furniture we would thereby accept the same.

Then came another report from the same committee on a request to issue a warrant room in the city hall, in which to store the furniture. Your committee to which was referred the communication from the Ketcham Furniture company in regard to room for the new furniture, respectfully report that we have ordered the company not to ship any more furniture until further orders. We therefore recommend that the communication be placed on file.

Some Items of Detail. The mayor returned without his approval four sidewalk resolutions. The documents were not dated and the veto was sustained. The application of the city engineer and Board of Public Works to move into the new city hall was referred.

George L. Hoar was named for the position of license inspector. The appointment was rejected. Mr. Lowry moved a reconsideration of the vote. The motion prevailed and the appointment was referred to the committee on finance.

The mayor recommended that the contractor hurry up and prepare for occupancy the balance of the offices in the city hall. City Clerk Groves was instructed to give the Nebraska Central Railway company official notice of the result of the recent bond election, that the company might file its written acceptance within the forty-five days specified in the proposition.

Herman Kottler protested against the paving of Seventeenth, between Harney street and St. Mary's avenue. The council approved the action of City Treasurer Bohn in the sale of the district improvement bonds.

The Board of Public Works submitted the plans and specifications of the proposed new viaduct along the line of South Sixteenth street. All of the papers in the case went to the committee on viaducts and railroads.

It is only proper to give the Omaha public an idea of what it cost the Ketcham Furniture company to secure this contract. A. F. M. Billingsie, who was the vice president and general manager of the company, spent a greater portion of the summer of 1891 in Omaha lobbying this contract.

Not long ago the administrator, with a view to settling up the estate, scheduled the debts, liabilities and assets. Among the latter was a claim against the Ketcham Furniture company, in plain and unmistakable figures it read, '\$25,000 expended in securing the furniture contract for furnishing the Omaha city hall.'

As Colonel Billingsie had passed to the great and unknown beyond, the expenditures could not be explained. The claim was contested, but subsequently it was allowed and the money paid over.

Yesterday an expert furniture man, one who has been in the business in this city for more than twenty-five years, made a critical examination of the furniture now in the three offices and unhesitatingly and unadvisedly stated that the city had been misled to the tune of several thousand dollars.

The counter, a plain affair made of oak, cost \$75, while the top price should be \$275. There are two flat-tops charged up at \$48 each, while the retail price is \$18. A good profit. A plain flat table is put in at \$18, when \$25 would leave a good profit.

For the Fourth of July. The committee having charge of the Fourth of July celebration invited the council to participate in the festivities. The invitation was accepted. A resolution was introduced by Mr. Munro to have the city contribute the sum of \$1,000 to aid in the Fourth of July celebration.

Several parties protested against ball playing on the vacant lots at Sherman avenue and Locust street. The committee on police will look after parties who congregate there to play ball.

By an unfortunate error, the circular announcing the execution of the Nebraska Press association gave the date of the Omaha as Wednesday, July 14. It should be Thursday, July 14, of which all interested should take notice.

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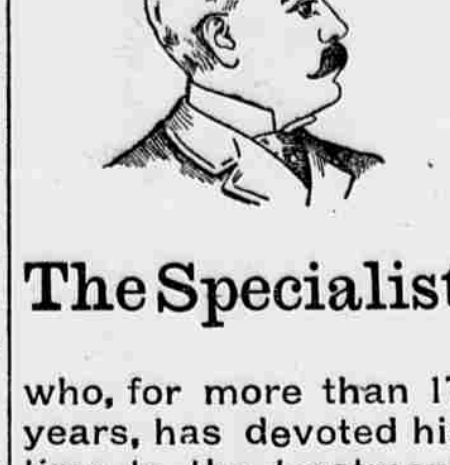
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