

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Quarrelsome Discussion Relating to the Sherman Avenue Paving Matter.

MOTIVES PRICEMOUSLY IMPUGNED

Resolution Passed Ordering Board of Public Works to Award Contract to Hugh Murphy—Opinions of City Attorney and Engineer.

The city council adjourned just as the incandescent lights were beginning to glow dimly in the hall, and after one of the most stormy and exciting meetings of the year.

The Sherman avenue paving controversy was the star event on the card, and after over two hours of rancorous debate a resolution was passed by a small majority which in effect commanded the Board of Public Works to let the contract to Hugh Murphy on his bid, which was rejected by the board on the grounds that it did not conform to the specifications.

It will be remembered that when the bids were opened by the Board of Public Works Mr. Murphy's bid was found to be surprisingly lower than had ever been submitted on asphalt paving.

A majority of the board rejected all bids on the ground that the sort of asphalt was not specified in the contract. At the next meeting of the council a resolution was passed directing the board to submit the bids, with its reasons for the rejection, and also calling on the city engineer and the city attorney to submit their written opinions on the matter in question.

The contract amounts to something like \$30,000, and since the action of the board there has been a general lull on the part of the contractors interested.

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Compulsion Proposed. After the communications had been disposed of President Howell offered a resolution which, in substance, instructed the Board of Public Works to award the contract to Hugh Murphy as the lowest bidder. He took the ground that the council had legal right to direct the board to award the contract and said that he was tired of having the tail wag the dog.

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his bid the cost would have to be paid out of the general fund, as the city could not levy a cent of tax against the abutting property. Some of the contractors had evidently made their plans to certain members of the council and were forcing them to commit an act that had no warrant in law.

SAUNDERS DEPRECATES HASTE. Saunders expressed surprise that the immediate passage of such a resolution should be insisted on when all of the communications on the subject had been referred. There was no justice in trying to force the matter through the council before the members had time to examine the communications submitted and inform themselves as to the facts.

City Engineer Rosewater was called on and said that the statements contained in his communication could not be gained. He had no personal feelings in the matter, but he had worked for years to break up the monopoly on asphalt paving in Omaha.

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Vanity of the Truly Good Agitator Flatly Called in Question.

COMMISSIONER SHEEHAN ON THE STAND

Counsel Goff Questions Him Closely as to the Collection of Blackmail and He Declares that "Millions" Could Not Be Obtained.

NEW YORK, Oct. 30.—Commissioner Sheehan had another explanation to make today regarding his testimony yesterday before the Lexow committee.

"Police man McManus," said he, "to whom you referred yesterday, was indicted by the grand jury and tried in the court of general sessions."

"That does not explain why the police board did not dispose of the charge," retorted Mr. Goff. "Do you not regard the escape of Katie Schubert as a miscarriage of justice?"

"In what respect?" "Didn't strike you as peculiar that she was allowed to depart without being asked about Inspector McLaughlin?"

"Yes, I said so at the time." "When asked why she did not prosecute officers for taking money from pool sellers, he said: 'I couldn't fasten any particular crime upon any officer.'"

"Let us see, corruption was pretty general. Did you know the sail makers had to pay?" "No."

"Did you know Long Island clam diggers had to pay?" "Where did they come in?" "Never mind. Did you ever hear houses of ill fame had to pay?"

"Oh, rumors again," sneered Goff. "What do you do to earn your salary?" asked Goff. "Perform the duties devolving upon me as a commissioner." Witness added that he saw that the money appropriated was properly expended.

"Yes, I suppose you do see to the \$5,000," said Mr. Goff. Mr. Goff then produced the correspondence which transpired between Dr. Parkhurst and the police. He read Inspector Williams' reply, in which the doctor said: "I think Dr. Parkhurst's language is disgraceful to all men of his intelligence and clearly shows his animus against the police department."

"Have your opinions of the doctor changed?" "No."

"The commissioners were going to throw the doctor's communication into the waste basket at one time," commented Mr. Goff. The witness told how he had endeavored to obtain evidence in Corcoran's saloon on East Lake, Ogden, etc.

Mr. Goff then read the statement made by Foreman Henry M. Taylor of the grand jury in March, 1892, that \$7,000,000 were paid in tribute to the police annually.

"He lied," exclaimed Mr. Goff. "One of the best known citizens in this city, who has frequently been a foreman of our grand jury."

Hayden Bros.

Velvets and plushes on sale Wednesday morning, regular \$1.00 goods 10c, colors mostly black, cardinal, brown, navy, olive, gobein, tan, gray, beige, halotone, orange, etc., 10c a yard, 8 to 11 o'clock; quality limited to a customer.

DRESS GOODS SALE.

These Arlington mills auction sale dress goods are selling fast. They are cheaper than in cotton fabrics. The dress goods are in neat half-wool checks, etc., and are worth fully 17 1/2c to 20c.

12 1/2c dress goods, clean, new and stylish weaves and colors that have always sold for 20c to 25c. 15c dress goods, varied colorings and weathers, positively worth heretofore 25c and 20c.

39c all wool colored or black serges, all-ways sold for 55c, Scotch plaid same. 10c dress goods, worth \$1.50.

40c broadcloths, worth \$1.50. 25c all wool suitings, worth 50c. OVERCOATS 50c ON DOLLAR.

Tomorrow 500 very finest kersey overcoats, blue, black, brown, tan, fine silk and wool lining, silk yoke, make and fit equal to any custom garment, positively never offered till 50c. Table No. 2, 175 ladies' cloaks, \$12.50, Wednesday for \$12.50, \$13.50, \$15.00.

All wool beaver overcoats, blue, brown and black, \$10.00 quality, Wednesday \$6.50. Western blankets, Shetland and frieze, 4 grades, worth \$5.50, today \$5.20.

All wool frieze ultra, made of cloth, weighing 36 ounces to the yard, black, brown, Oxford mixed, sold everywhere, \$12.00 to \$15.00, on sale tomorrow \$7.50.

NEW CLOAKS. Entire department reorganized and stocked with new goods; come and inspect the bargain tables.

Table No. 1, 275 ladies' cloaks, \$2.45, new stylish cloaks, worth \$4.00 to \$6.00. Table No. 3, 175 ladies' cloaks, \$5.75, worth \$8.00, \$10.00 and \$12.00.

Table No. 4, 215 children's cloaks, 4 to 10 years, \$4.49, worth \$5.00 to \$15.00. New and splendid assortment shawls, skirts, wraps, Mackintoshes for women and children.

SPECIAL NOTATION SALE. Wednesday morning, fancy clothes hamper, serape baskets, work baskets, baby baskets, at cost.

50c handbags, 35c; 60c handbags, 28c; 200-yard spool machine thread, 2c. Western blankets, 5c, 10c, 15c, worth 4 times this price; come and see them.

Ribbons, 1c yard tomorrow; 5,000 yards all silk, satin and gros grain ribbon, 1c.

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Was all sold to BOSTON STORE, OMAHA. On Monday, Oct. 29th, it is now being packed and shipped as fast as possible to us.

BOSTON STORE bought this stock, as it does everything else, for spot cash, at a greater sacrifice than ever goods were let go of before.

Watch for the date of sale. This sale will sweep any sale ever held on the face of the earth held by mortal man. It will mark another record of Boston Store's power in the commercial world, and revolutionize all previous ideas of what YOU can do for your money.

Look your newspaper over carefully every day and wait for the grandest sale since the world was created. BOSTON STORE, N. W. Cor. 15th and Douglas.

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For Wednesday on our take-off counter you will have your choice for 55c. Tuesday's price was 61c, and as we take off 3c a day, tomorrow's price will be 58c.

Great lines of seasonable winter goods on this counter for tomorrow (Wednesday.) Not a dollars worth of goods taken from this counter until they are sold. Your choice for Wednesday will cost you 55c.

We take off 3c a day. THE MORSE DRY GOODS CO. Are you going to Texas? If so, call on or address E. L. Palmer, P. A. Santa Fe route, room 1, First National Bank building, Omaha. He will save you money.

DEATH OF FRANK MORRISSEY. Well Known Newspaper Man Yields to the Ravages of Consumption.

Frank R. Morrissey, an editorial writer on the World-Herald, died at his home at 5 o'clock yesterday morning from consumption. He had been a victim of this disease for some time, and during the last few years made a desperate struggle to retain the vital spark, but the best medical treatment only prolonged his misery.

Mr. Morrissey came to Omaha in 1885 from St. Paul and took editorial charge of the Herald for Dr. George L. Miller, who then owned the paper. When John A. McNamee bought the Herald, Mr. Morrissey was given the position of managing editor.

He took a prominent part in democratic politics. When James E. Boyd was elected governor in 1890, Mr. Morrissey was appointed as his private secretary, and much to do with the political appointments of the governor. He was a prominent member of the Samson club, and when Omaha had a press club he was one of the active members and worked for the advancement of the newspaper men in general.

TO FORECAST AN ELECTION. Is an easy task. The man with a character as pure as the "dilly of the valley," who is ready to sacrifice his individual interests for that of his state, who loves and respects his fellow-men better than himself, and who's ideas are ever in consistency with all cranky notions, will always be some votes short after the election.

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FRANCISCAN DROPS. Purely Vegetable. A POSITIVE CURE for all Stomach, Kidney and Bowel troubles, especially CHRONIC CONSTIPATION. Price 50 cents. Sold by all druggists.

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