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bid and proposed to do the labor for \$2,100. It is not material what it would cost us to do the other work. He proposed to do the whole thing for \$2,100, including the piling of lumber for the labor alone, without material. We had then bought about \$3,000 worth of lumber, and I am ready and prepared to show you the bills for the piling of lumber was used, and that if we had let that contract at \$2,100 and bought our own materials we would have saved not less than \$1,000. And it is further true and can be substantiated that the work is not done, that portion of it that relates to the pile driving is wretchedly done, that we have had to pay the secretary to substantiate the charges in regard to the contract. I do not suppose Mr. Geraldine will deny that the contract of Creedon & Mahoney was \$5,338.50. If he does not deny it, then there is no need of controversy on that point, and every cent of that amount has been paid, although I have not completed their work.

Some figures presented. Taking a different summary from what I have presented there—and it is not material to the main point as regards the care that has been exercised to protect the interests of the exposition; it is not very material whether the first estimate is exactly in accord with this estimate showing about the state of affairs in the matter. I don't know just what lumber has been used, what we could have done this work for if we had done it ourselves with our own lumber at the reduced price, and at a higher price, and also what it actually has cost. I put the summary in this form:

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responsibility of anything that might happen by reason of that failure, and not to force upon us the cost of the money. My employment was not authorized. I don't think that requires any great amount of talk.

Kirkendall—I would like to know what Mr. Geraldine's authority is for the employment of men in the absence of any action being taken on the subject by the board; whether he is only allowed to employ men or assistants with the consent of the board; whether he has any discretion at all of his own that he could exercise.

Watties—It is not intended that he shall use any discretion. The rules are that he can simply suggest or recommend.

Watties—Do I understand that Mr. Geraldine had any authority?

Watties—There was authority given in March for some work. Mr. Kirkendall stated it was necessary to put up a shop which was the tools and on, and he was authorized to secure the material and employ the necessary labor to make the temporary building.

Watties—Under what authority have all these men been employed since that time?

Watties—They have not had authority. I have been paying these salaries without any authority whatever?

Watties—We have been paying the wages on the pay roll of the manager of the department.

Watties—One thing is clear. There had to be some latitude given to Mr. Geraldine. He could not expect him to report every laborer he employed to the board. Under ordinary circumstances, in the case of a laborer, where a man is employed and may be laid off in a few days, it is not necessary to report to the board, but inasmuch as he was employed for a long time, it was necessary that he should have authority.

Watties—Yes, I think so. We were it with their silent consent, or knowledge, that he was retained?

Watties—I know the matter was mentioned several times, that he was on the pay roll.

Watties—I think every member of the board heard it.

Watties—The first knowledge we had of it was when that pay roll that the secretary sends monthly to every member of the Board of Directors reached us.

Watties—Mr. Tamm was employed by Mr. Kirkendall and a report made, and a request that he be continued in employment?

Watties—That was not the way. The request was that we should employ him on the pay roll, but after we had declined to act upon it the report reached us, three or four days after the fact.

Watties—Now, I don't want to dwell any length of time on him having 45 days' credit. It simply shows that we were paying a man recklessly more than what was the standard for the same kind of work, as paid by the city in his life.

Watties—I notice that white pine is quoted lower than the plain, yellow pine and that yellow pine dressed and tongued and grooved is quoted lower than white pine.

of yellow pine had entirely disappeared. By an oversight it was still left in the specifications and copied.

Kountze—But all the contractors had the ground that they might bid either with yellow or white pine?

Geraldine—Yes, sir, and their bids are there on both kinds.

Rosewater—Are these the bids of the lumber dealers?

Geraldine—No, sir; the contractors.

Rosewater—Am I permitted to ask some questions as was allowed here?

Kountze—I presume so, so long as you don't break in.

Geraldine—He has my full consent if he doesn't take up much time.

Rosewater—I simply want to know at what date these lumber bids were made or asked for?

Geraldine—The time of these bids, this yellow pine bid, was the 15th of July, I think the 16th of July.

Rosewater—Were these bids not submitted to the board—the bids for lumber?

Geraldine—Why were these bids for lumber not submitted to the board? Because we had no time for, and there was nothing to require it.

Rosewater—You said that you made a purchase. At what price did you buy this yellow pine? And how many thousands feet did you buy?

Geraldine—The price of yellow pine purchased was \$14.50.

Rosewater—And you thought at that time that that was \$1.50 lower than you could buy it at any other place, from any other dealer?

Geraldine—I thought so.

Rosewater—Didn't you know that you could buy lumber at that time a dollar cheaper than that?

tion we proposed for setting the piling in the ground was to sink a ditch one foot and drive the piling six inches, the idea being that by driving six inches we could get probably as good a hold as by driving a greater depth. I also decided that instead of sharpening the piles as shown here, to sharpen them on the side so that they would form a wedge on the ground.

Rosewater—Who made these plans?

Geraldine—I must ask Mr. Kountze, that this gentleman be required to sit down and wait until I get through.

Kountze—I think Mr. Geraldine should have the right to make an explanation.

Geraldine—I explained that these plans were drawn by Thomas M. Conolly. I simply suggested that instead of driving at all, if I would relieve him from doing any driving that he could put the piling in a ditch and fill it up so that it would hold water. I didn't think so, and told him I couldn't consider it. When he put in this bid, "if sheet piling is allowed to be set in a trench instead of being driven, deduct \$700." It was on the proposition to do no driving at all, which we could not consider, and I distinctly remember that he then said that we would make no deduction on that score and his bid was at \$7,800, and he refused to do it for anything less. I had asked him the same question as to whether he would do the work, and for all the materials and the work, or for such portion of the materials as he could furnish to the best advantage.

This was his proposition. These plans were proposed to me by Mr. Conolly. I received from Creedon & Mahoney. (Reads.) After receiving that proposition from Mr. Creedon, I asked him what price he had figured on lumber. He said he had figured \$13.50. I asked him if he could buy lumber of the quality called for. He insisted that he could; that he could get a good quality of it that he could have time to get it here. I then explained to him that I had ordered the lumber, explained the specifications under which it was ordered, the degree of thickness, the better quality and the special design of the tongue and groove, and asked if he would be willing to take that order off his hands at that price and still do the work at the figure he had made. He said he wanted time to consider that, went away, came back, and finally said he would do the work. I then reported this matter to the manager of my department and recommended that the contract be given to Creedon & Mahoney at the figures named and that I should report this matter to the board as a separate contract or done by ourselves. I explained that the lowest figure I could obtain was 5 cents per foot for driving the piling and the other price mentioned for driving the sheet piling. Mr. Kirkendall asked me if I could do it for a less figure. I told him I thought we could, but I was not sure. He then said that we do the piling ourselves, the contract to be let to Creedon & Mahoney. It went to the executive committee. There was some criticism offered on the specifications. It was on the day that Mr. Kirkendall left the city, I think, Mr. Rosewater and Mr. Lindsay came to my office to get the specifications. The criticism was that which I replied and asked for a suggestion of something better, which was never offered. Later the same proposition was presented to the executive committee by the president, who, in the absence of Mr. Kirkendall, acted as manager of this department. I was called before the committee in regard to the matter. I was asked numerous questions with regard to it and explained every detail as far as was required. Mr. Rosewater was present and asked some questions about it; asked me in regard to the cement matter and other questions. I don't remember just what he said, but I remember that I explained all this to him. He then said I am explaining now. In my presence the committee voted unanimously to award the contract to Creedon & Mahoney, and instructed the acting manager to execute the contract.

Kountze—May I ask you—The cement was omitted in doing the work? Had the cement been used, would it have added to the cost of doing the work?

Geraldine—No, sir.

Kountze—The puddling of the trench cost the contractor as much as he would have cost him had he used the cement?

Geraldine—Yes, it cost him more.

Kountze—And the work with the cement was somewhat uncertain?

Geraldine—Yes, sir; I believe it is. At the time I drew those specifications I was somewhat uncertain about the matter and thought that perhaps the contractor would use the cement there might aid in some cases. I was fearful of finding decomposed strata of clay or porous material that would not puddle, and I was apprehensive that the cement there might aid in some cases. I was fearful of finding decomposed strata of clay or porous material that would not puddle, and I was apprehensive that the cement there might aid in some cases. I was fearful of finding decomposed strata of clay or porous material that would not puddle, and I was apprehensive that the cement there might aid in some cases.

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