

NEW CHARTER FULL OF HOLES

Document as Printed for Inspection Looks Like Harry Duell's Skimmer.

DENVER JOKER CAUSES MUCH UPROAR

Clause that Puts the City at the Mercy of the Contractors is Objected to by City Attorney and City Engineer.

Receipt of printed copies of the latest revised charter introduced in the legislature at the city hall has called forth unmitigated criticism of the following section: "In all specifications to be used in public improvements of every kind the mayor and council shall establish a standard of purity, strength and quality, to be demonstrated by physical and chemical tests within the limits of reasonable variation such as rattling, crushing, absorption, chemical and other tests, and in every instance the material shall be described in the specifications either by standard or quality, as will admit of genuine competition between contractors, so that there can be at least two or more bids by individuals or companies in no manner connected with each other, and no material shall be specified which shall not be subject to such competition."

City Attorney Breen says: "This section is known as the 'Denver section,' and was not in the draft of the proposed charter when it left the charter revision committee's hands. It is not, in my opinion, at all desirable. After directing in a preceding section that the city engineer shall make all specifications for work coming under his supervision subject to changes at the order of the mayor and council, this latter provision in reality nullifies the powers placed in the engineer. It would mean that the mayor and council and not the engineer would initiate and legalize the most essential parts of all specifications."

Loophole for Poor Material. "I find great objection to this latter section because it is indefinite. It says that the mayor and council shall establish a standard of purity, strength and quality to be demonstrated by tests, but it leaves open the question whether this standard shall apply to the material as taken from its original sources or which used in paving, sewer or other work. For instance a certain quality or percentage of bitumen might be made the standard and the provision so worded that it would refer to the raw material and not as it is mixed and compounded in pavements to be laid in Omaha at all. In my opinion the section would enable various kinds of evasions and loopholes and deprive the engineer of rights which he should exercise by reason of the special knowledge and experience he is supposed to have.

"The section is necessary. Even though the engineering department should allow favoritism, contractors and the public alike would be protected by another provision which makes it imperative in the specifications to allow the widest possible latitude in competitions. This would enable a chance to hold up and destroy objectionable specifications by legal means."

City at Mercy of Whims. City Engineer Rosewater is more bitter than Mr. Breen in denouncing the "Denver Joker." He declares it would make his office simply that of an obedient clerk and would commit the city to a policy of sacrificing expert and scientific knowledge in the creation of public works to the views and whims of other officers not trained or educated in technical matters of the kind. He says that the objectionable section was inserted through the manipulations of interested contractors, who think they can prey more easily upon the inexpert knowledge and information of the council, as regards paving than they can influence the engineering department to gain concessions that would be unfair to other bidders.

"The law might just as well authorize the council to alter the briefs which the city attorney files in court or the prescriptions written by the health commissioners," says Mr. Rosewater. "Not content with content with giving the mayor and council the right to amend specifications made by this department, the contractors desiring unfair advantages have attempted to make it incumbent upon the mayor and council to fix vital elements in these specifications—elements that might render ineffective any specifications that may be made in the engineering department to safeguard the interests of the city."

Hunting the Weak Spots. City Attorney Breen and Assistant Attorney Herdman are going over the proposed charter carefully in search of conditions and incongruities. Already a number have been discovered one of which would give the members of the Fire and Police commission an annual salary of \$1,300 each instead of \$900 now contemplated. Another section which is now being modified would fine each councilman \$10 for failing to attend a special meeting unless detained by sickness, no other good reason sufficing. An amendment proposing to direct the payment of city laborers by the week instead of month in order to prevent the scaling of warrants in advance, and many others have been found defective and the attorneys are trying to patch them up and make them harmonious with laws on the statute books which it is not proposed to change.

HIGH SCHOOL HEATING PLANT Campaign of Investigation Does Not Suit Critics of the Apparatus at All.

Chairman Lower of the Board of Education committee on heat and ventilation says that he has directed Superintendent of Buildings Finlayson to make a thorough inspection of the High school heating and ventilating plant.

"When this report is made," says Mr. Lower, "I shall call a meeting of the committee and take up the report, and the matter generally. The subject is intricate and much involved. I am doing something meanwhile to ascertain the facts, but having nothing at hand now of particular interest."

Men familiar with school board affairs say that the course pursued by Lower exactly what they feared and that unless something else is done there is little hope for bettering the condition of the heating

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DEMOCRATS HAVE A CANDIDATE Frank Weaver's Name is Sprung as a Possible Successor to Dyball.

The dozen or so republicans, who are pressing their claims for councilmanic honors from the Seventh ward to fill the place vacated by the death of R. W. Dyball are threatened with other complications. Although there are seven republicans to one democrat in the council, patriots in the latter party have been urging that at least one candidate is due them. They have been prevailing upon Frank Weaver, president of the Jacksonian club to stand up and demand the place as a well behaved and popular resident of the Seventh ward, and Mr. Weaver has agreed to permit the use of his name.

LAST TO PHOTO MRS. STANFORD Gould Dietz of Omaha Catches Famous Millionaire with His Camera at Honolulu.

The last photograph of Mrs. Stanford, whose sudden death has had so much publicity, was taken by Gould Dietz of Omaha, who happened to be in Honolulu when the famous millionairess arrived, and who caught her with his camera as she was leaving the steamer at the dock. The Dietz party has reached San Francisco, on its return, and Mr. Dietz's photograph of Mrs. Stanford was printed in the San Francisco Chronicle of last Sunday. Mrs. G. P. Dietz, who, with her son, was a guest at the St. Francis, is quoted as expressing herself shocked beyond measure to learn on arriving here of the tragic death of Mrs. Stanford. Continuing, she said: "Mrs. Stanford arrived in Honolulu on the Corea, and was at first assigned to apartments adjoining mine at the Moana hotel. Knowing that she was intimate with Mrs. Bishop Newman, who is a personal friend of mine, I took the liberty to inquire of her as to Mrs. Newman's welfare. Further than that I had no conversation with her, although we met in the

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