

CRAM WAS SO WEARY. But He Thought, on the Whole, the Dock Board Would Better Obey the Law. AND THEY DID, WITH WRY MOUTHS.

The windows on three sides of the delightfully airy chamber on Pier A, at the Battery, where the Dock Commissioners hold their meetings, were wide open yesterday morning when the board met, and a refreshing breeze swept through the neat side-whiskers of Commissioner Andrew J. White and shook the wide, loose, white-and-blue-striped flannel pantaloons of Commissioner J. Sergeant Cram.

It was not the weather that occasioned this condition, for butterm would not have softened in that wind-swept chamber, the walls of which are high with picture rails and through the windows of which all the stirring sights of the harbor are visible. The trouble was that the Commissioners, after all possible squirmings and wriggings to get away from it, found themselves finally forced to the point of obeying the law in regard to the awarding of contracts, which the late Legislature enacted after a hard battle for its passage by the World.

This law calls for the advertising for bids when any public work is to be done, and the awarding of contracts to the lowest bidder in every instance. Before the passage of this bill the Dock Commissioners had advertised when they felt like it, but had placed the matter of awarding contracts entirely in the hands of the Treasurer of the board.

The new law leaves no option but to accept the lowest bids, and the Corporation Counsel, to whom they appealed, so advised the Commissioners. It was their duty to accept the lowest bids which were reluctantly invited a short time ago, and to abide by the result of such sealed proposals. The hoganey box with a brass padlock stood on the table when at 10:45 A. M. the three Commissioners took their seats. The secretary of the board produced a small key and drew forth five large envelopes, all lightly sealed with wax. The envelopes were labeled "Contract 472" and two of them "Contract 471." The first of these contracts is for the dredging of the North River, and is for about one and one-half miles of twenty-seven feet at mean low water. The second contract calls for dredging in the North River, and is for about one and one-half miles of twenty-seven feet at mean low water.

The five sealed envelopes were handed to President Cram, who, with a sigh of weariness—one of those blazes of which it is impossible for any one outside of the board to have any idea—initiated the bidding process. The bids for contract No. 472, which were: Morris & Cummings, 19 cents; Charles T. Bole, 19 1/2 cents; and the Atlantic Dredging Company, 19 1/2 cents per cubic yard. The two bidders for the second contract (No. 471) were Morris & Cummings, 23 1/2 cents; and Charles Bole, 24 cents per cubic yard.

Chief Engineer Green, who was seated at the side of President Cram, was asked at what figure he had estimated the work, and replied that his estimate was 30 cents per cubic yard for such contract. "Well, move," said Commissioner Phelan, "that all the bids be rejected. But, really, you know," said President Cram, "we can't do that. The Legislature has made the law, and we must obey it. As far as I can make out, the President Cram spoke in a tone of utter weariness the intention of this law is to force the department to pay higher prices than necessary. It is like making of the rest of this modern reform business that doesn't reform. Still, it is the law, and we must obey it."

Commissioner Phelan started to say that he denied the right of the Legislature to make any such law, but he was suddenly interrupted by the other two Commissioners to award contract No. 472 to the Atlantic Dredging Company, at a cent and a quarter per cubic yard less than the engineer's estimate.

In regard to the second contract, Commissioner Phelan said that he had turned from his purpose. "I move that we consider it in executive session," said he. "What's the use?" said President Cram, "even more wearily than before, for the law seems to intend that we shall pay fair prices, and there you are." Commissioner Phelan said he had, nevertheless, and reported to the board while excluded from the board room in order that the Commissioners might discuss the Legislature's iniquity in secret. At the close of the executive session it was announced that the second contract had been awarded to Morris & Cummings by a vote of two to one. Commissioner Phelan opposed.

While it would appear from the engineer's estimate that the bids for the second dredging contract were higher than they need have been, a little examination will show that such was not the case. The contract calls for dredging at such points along the North River as the Engineer designates. No body but Engineer Green knows whether there are two or three dozen different places where dredging is to be done. Large items of work are done at one place in moving and setting-up his dredging machinery at spots where the work is to be begun. It is not to be entered to be made the work cost, of course, be done cheaper than if there are many more. Engineer Green's estimate, it will therefore be seen, was based upon knowledge which none of the actual bidders possessed. The iniquity, in terms of this second contract, that the Atlantic Dredging Company refrained from bidding upon it at all.

Ex-Alderman John Engel Dead. (Special to the World.) ELIZABETH, June 21.—Ex-Receiver of Taxes and ex-Alderman John Engel died to-night at his home, No. 7 Broadway street, Elizabeth, in his seventieth year. Mr. Engel was one of the oldest clothing dealers and merchant tailors in Elizabeth. During the war he made clothing for the Union Army, and was a general politician and for several years was Receiver of Taxes for Elizabeth, and previous to that he was a member of the Board of Aldermen. He was connected with the Catholic church in Thompsonville, N. J., and with the Holy Family Church in Newark. He was also one of the first trustees, and founded St. Michael's Benevolent Society. He was also one of the founders of the Elizabeth Building and Loan Association.

Dr. Edward E. Conrad Honorably Acquitted. Dr. Edward E. Conrad, of No. 117 West Forty-second street, was arrested May 15 charged with performing a criminal operation on Annie Hoffman, of No. 208 West One Hundred and Sixty-sixth street, was arraigned in the Madison Square Court yesterday. The defense was put in against him, and Justice Weld dismissed the case in less than ten minutes. Dr. Conrad received a commendation. The doctor declares that his arrest was the result of a conspiracy and that he may make matters interesting for his persecutors.

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WON'T PAY HIS WIFE'S BILLS. She Was a Handsome Young Widow and He Was a Widower of Sixty with Grown Daughters. MARRIED LESS THAN SIX MONTHS. Danton Society Folks Are Busy Talking Over the Breach in the Boogie Household.

JAMAICA, June 21.—Domestic infelicity, which has reignited for some time in the Dodge household in Danton, reached a climax this week when this notice appeared in a local paper: "To Whom It May Concern: Take notice that from this date I will not be responsible for any debts contracted by Margaret M. Dodge, and all persons having dealings with her are warned against giving her credit on my account. "JOHN J. BODGE. "Dated Danton, June 19, 1894."

This announcement was followed by an allegation credited to the family milliner, that Mr. Dodge had ordered him not to let his wife have milk and his credit. As a result there is much gossip here. John J. Bodge is sixty years old, is in the cutlery business in New York City and is considered to be a nice old man. He has been a widower for seventeen years, and last November he married a twenty-three-year-old widow, Mrs. Bodge has three marriageable daughters and a son, and is a well-to-do woman. Last fall she attended a church party in the Dodge parlors, and the host paid her marked attention from that time. Last September Mrs. Bodge's mother, with whom she had resided since her husband's death, died in Danton, Conn., and the daughter made her home with Mrs. Mary Bensenmiller, in Danton, where she was married in November, 1883, leaving her a two-year-old boy. Her maiden name was Schenck, and she was a well-to-do woman. Last fall she attended a church party in the Dodge parlors, and the host paid her marked attention from that time. Last September Mrs. Bodge's mother, with whom she had resided since her husband's death, died in Danton, Conn., and the daughter made her home with Mrs. Mary Bensenmiller, in Danton, where she was married in November, 1883, leaving her a two-year-old boy. Her maiden name was Schenck, and she was a well-to-do woman.

Mayor Used the Trowel. Schieren Laid the Corner-Stone of the New Memorial Hospital and Made a Speech. TRIBUTES PAID TO WOMEN'S WORK. The Handsome New Edifice Will Be Ready for its Humane Mission Within a Year.

The corner-stone of the new Memorial Hospital was laid yesterday afternoon with simple but impressive ceremonies. The site of the new hospital is on Claason avenue. Gray stone and fireproof bricks are being used in the construction, and when the building is completed it will reach from St. Mark's avenue to Prospect place and be one of the finest buildings devoted to the purpose in Brooklyn.

Mayor Schieren was to have made the opening address, but as he did not arrive in time, Dr. J. Coleman Adams took his place and made a few eloquent and impressive remarks. He spoke of the pleasure it was to the managers of the hospital to at last see this substantial realization of their long-cherished idea, when they had not expected to see it so soon. This magnificent project so soon to be realized that any one should be so bold as to object to women serving on the board of the hospital, or to our own land who still look askance upon the woman who enters the noblest of professions. The doctor closed his address with hearty congratulations and a blessing to the building which would just as Dr. Adams concluded his remarks, the Mayor stepped to the front, mounting the scaffolding which had been erected for the purpose, and made a public address. The Mayor's speech was devoted to his mistaking the address, and he said that he had a point or two he wished to make, and was happy not to have lost the opportunity.

I would like to tell you that Germany has many fine clinics and hospitals, but all erected by the State, and seldom by the individual. The same thing is true of France, although that country is noted for its hospitals. In England are found a number of hospitals erected by individual benevolence, and contractors are buildings on all hands testifying to the generosity of the English people. Our beautiful city is full of institutions to aid the poor and unfortunate. Now, what is the use of the Memorial Hospital? The men of the women; the glorious women of Brooklyn, and Brooklyn is proud of them, and they are to be lauded. The Mayor laid on a trowel full and spread it out in masterly style. Mrs. Bodge followed, then Dr. Adams. Still there was room for more cement, and Mrs. J. S. Marcellino, Dr. Mary Lines, Dr. M. J. Hanford and a number of the dispensary corps each laid a little lump under the hanging stone. Finally the word was given, and slowly the stone settled into place.

The stone invoked the divine blessing and the stone which had been inserted in an opening in the stone a few minutes before, and various names of the others, Board of Managers, Advisory Board, Young Ladies' Auxiliary, Board of the Hospital Staff, Dispensary Staff and Consulting Staff, the names of our donors, and other coins in the course of the Brooklyn Eagle Standard-Breeze, the Standard-Breeze and the Standard-Breeze of the New York World, Press, Standard-Breeze, and a copy of the Holy Bible.

Three lumps of the stone were then laid by the Mayor, and the ceremony was over. The building will be ready for occupancy next May.

New Union League Club Treasurer. The Union League Club elected William G. White Treasurer in place of George Montague. This is supposed to end the little war that has been waged over superannuated places in the club. Mr. Montague retired because of ill health, and the superannuated members of the club attempted to induce him to withdraw his resignation, but he is absolutely refused.

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