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GOULD HAS PAVING MATTER LAID ON TABLE

Street Committee Brings in Resolution Conferring Action in Making Contract.

Thirteen Out of 23 Aldermen Decide That They Wish Views of City Attorney Before Adopting Measure—Murray Declares Wyckoffs Were Lowest Bidders.

The Street committee brought in a resolution last night, at the meeting of the Common Council, which in effect, by its passage, would confirm the decision of the committee in awarding the contract for wood block pavement on Main street to the United States Wood Preserving Company. The resolution was laid upon the table, upon a motion made by Alderman Gould, who gave as his reason for making the motion, that he desired to know the reasons why the city attorney, who was said to be the author of the measure, desired it.

It appeared that there were a number of aldermen present who believed that the contract should have been awarded to Silliman & Godfrey, upon the ground that they were a local concern.

Alderman John McMurray thought the contract ought to have been awarded to the lowest bidder. He adduced facts to show that the Wyckoff Company was by a large figure the lowest bidder. If the contract was not to be given to the lowest bidder, he thought it should have gone to the local bidders.

The Street committee has full power to make the contract and Alderman Hartley, chairman of the Street committee informed the board that he would sign it this week. It is doubtful, however, if he does so until the council have considered the resolution already referred to.

In view of the fact that Silliman & Godfrey have brought suit against the city for \$5,000 damages because the committee changed its mind after awarding them the contract the resolution was offered by four members of the Street committee in order to heal up any legal loop holes that might be found in the case by the attorney for the other side.

Alderman John M. Griffin did not sign the report. Chairman Hartley said that the resolution was one which the city attorney had asked the committee to present as it would give the city a little better chance in the courts. He said he did not think there was much danger of the case coming to trial and that the city attorney had also stated that he did not believe the matter would ever be tried out.

Alderman McMurray said that as long as the matter was being discussed he wanted to say that he could see where it was going to be \$25 cheaper for the street railroad and the city together by turning down the Silliman & Godfrey. But he could not see why the Wyckoff Co.'s bid was turned down when they were \$4,125 cheaper than the E. S. Wood Preserving Co.

Alderman Hartley said that the Wyckoff Co. wanted to fill the order under their own specifications and not the city's. He said a failure of that company to meet the specifications of the city was the cause of the trouble in the letting of the Fairfield avenue contract. He did not want a repetition of that trouble. He added that the Wyckoff people had eliminated from their bid the mention of any guarantee and that it was required of the other bidders.

Alderman Mahoney said that he did not think that the contract should have gone to the U. S. Wood Preserving Co. after it had furnished so many warped blocks for the pavings of Bank street that the city had to borrow some Wyckoff blocks from Silliman & God-

frey to piece out with.

Alderman Hartley said he was surprised to hear a local firm with Bank street's paving.

Alderman Brock made a strong plea for Silliman & Godfrey on the ground that they were a local firm. He said: "When you get a local concern laying your block pavement you always get him where you can get back at him."

Alderman Griffin had moved that the resolution be referred to the Street committee and there were several amendments piled upon the motion when Alderman Gould moved that the motion and the amendments be tabled. This motion was carried by a vote of 13 to 10. Then Alderman Gould moved that the city attorney be requested to appear at a meeting of the council to be held one week hence for the purpose of explaining the reason for the resolution.

Alderman Hartley announced that he would probably sign the contract with the U. S. Wood Preserving Co. within a week. He said that if the chairman of the street and sidewalk committee was going to sign the contract he would withdraw his motion.

It is not likely that the city attorney will advise the signing of the contract until the council has ratified it. This will probably delay the laying of new pavement in Main street.

WINSTED BOY INJURED.

Winsted, April 20.—George Werner, 10 years old, son of George Schneider and Archie Carriety, to the town quarry, Sunday, when they got three boxes of caps. The boy picked one of the caps to pieces with a pin.

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Weather Indications.

(Special from United Press.)
New Haven, April 20.—Forecast: Cloudy and rainy tonight. Wednesday partly cloudy.

Showers occurred during the past 24 hours from Ohio eastward to the coast and the tone ruled strong with fractional gains. Reading was the only stock in which there was a wide opening, its first sales being reported 1-8 lower than yesterday's close. Union Pacific after moving up slightly receded to below yesterday's close and the course of these two stocks influenced the trading after the first few minutes in the other active railroad issues.

WALL STREET TO-DAY.

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It is a m.—There was a demand for calls on Reading with bids for thirty day calls made at 132. Pennsylvania was strong, advancing over one point, and there was persistent buying of Wisconsin Central which rose five points to 62-1-4, a new high record. The Hill stocks were strong but apart from the stocks named in the railroad list there was considerable irregularity with some developments on heaviness and especially in Rock Island, Union Pacific and St. Paul. The industrial group made vigorous advances. Government bonds unchanged; other bonds strong.

Noon.—Trading was extremely quiet in the last half of the forenoon with fluctuations narrow. Reading continued well held above 145 and the Hill stocks and Baltimore & Ohio also advanced. The firm tone in the early afternoon the majority of stocks showed slight net losses due chiefly to selling by the trading element on the floor.

ROSE STAHL PRAISED

(Special from United Press.)
London, April 20.—London dramatic circles to-day are fulsome in their praise of Rose Stahl, the American actress who made her first appearance last night at the Adelphi in her American success, "The Chorus Lady." The play itself is considered trafficking but the individual work of the star has met with almost universal praise. It is conceded that Miss Stahl is assured of a successful season.

SAVES CHILDREN IN BURNING HOUSE.

Reading, April 20.—The house of Mrs. Frederick Frede of Chestnut Hill was destroyed by fire Sunday night. She was alone with her four children in the house, which is in an isolated locality, and with difficulty rescued them from the burning house. The fire was caused by a lighted lamp which she was carrying when she slipped on a toy which one of the children had left on the floor, and fell. The lamp exploded and set fire to the house. She had barely time to get her children to a place of safety.

WAR DEPARTMENT WANTS \$500,000 FOR AIRSHIPS

(Special from United Press.)
Washington, April 20.—General Allen, chief of the signal corps of the army, will make another attempt to secure from Congress an appropriation of \$500,000 in the preliminary budget for the War Department for the establishment of an aerial division. If he is successful the amount will be divided for the purchase of dirigibles and the erection of plants necessary for their maintenance. A balloon shed will be erected; a gas making plant constructed from which gas will be supplied to amateur aeronauts; gas tubes provided for the transportation of gas and the dirigibles themselves.

It is the aim of the signal corps to establish the plant as near Washington as possible. This will be the center for aerial branches along the coast. At the other points only harbor sheds will be erected. This amount will leave but little to be expended for aeroplanes. At present the Department is awaiting the landing of Derring who is to submit his machine before the end of May and of the Wrights, who are to have their trials at Fort Meyer before the end of June.

AMERIKA ASHORE PASSENGERS SAFE

(Special from United Press.)
Cushaven, Germany, April 20.—The Hamburg-American liner Amerika, en route from New York to Hamburg, is ashore off Altenbruch, near the mouth of the Elb. It is not believed she is in any danger and tugs have been sent to assist in refloating her.

New York, April 20.—The Amerika sailed from New York on April 10 with a complement of passengers and a very heavy cargo of freight. All of the passengers, however, were landed at Cushaven last night to complete their journey by rail and it is supposed that the big Amerika took the soft bottom wharf. It is nothing unusual for the liners to take the soft mud at the mouth of the Elb and at the Hoboken offices of the Hamburg-American line it is declared there is no chance of the Amerika being injured and that she will likely be floated with the tide. Captain Kuth is in command.

A. B. FAIRCHILD FOR DEPUTY GOVERNOR

New Haven, April 20.—The State Order of the Founders and Patriots of America held its annual meeting here yesterday and elected the following officers: Governor, Arthur J. Birds-eye, Farmington; deputy governor, Alfred B. Fairchild, Bridgeport; chaplain, Rev. J. G. Davenport, Waterbury; secretary, Arthur Marvin, New Haven; treasurer, Samuel Parker, Bridgeport; state attorney, Sylvester C. Dunham, Hartford; registrar, Eli Mix, New Haven; genealogist, W. J. F. Boardman, Hartford; historian, W. E. Mosley, New Haven; counselors for three years, A. W. Kellogg of Bridgeport, C. E. Dustin of Hartford and L. W. Brooks of Torrington.

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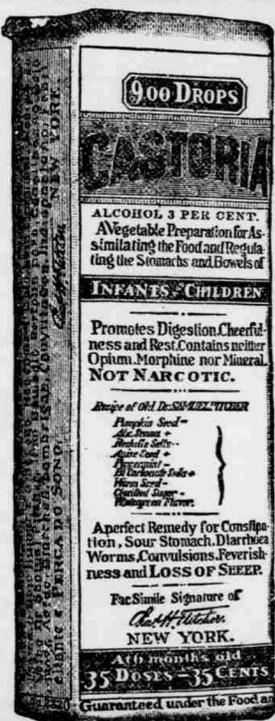
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