

REACH AGREEMENT IN PINE LAWN CASE

Hayman and Willis Will Repair City Houses As Soon As Possible.

ARBITRATORS END TASK Agreement Ends Controversy Which Has Been Raging For Two Years.

It is the end. The referees have pronounced the victors, and the shouting dies away as the curtain rings down upon the final episode. The exultant spectators piod homeward from the municipal arena content in the knowledge that there will be new roofs on the city's houses at Pine Lawn before many days have passed.

Since the city embarked upon the Pine Lawn venture two years ago,

a controversy has raged back and forth with exasperating consistency, as to the alleged incompetent manner in which the dwellings in question had been erected.

While there were members of the London Housing Commission who strenuously maintained that among other things the roofs were not laid in strict accordance with the plans and specifications of the contract, there were others who contended with equal vigor and confidence that the houses were just what the commissioners ordered.

After a thorough, comprehensive study of the facts submitted during the preliminary skirmish, the Advertiser joined the forces of those who adhered to the belief that there was certainly room for improvement and an investigation at least.

Months Pass By.

Months rolled by. Tongues wagged. Charges and counter-charges were hurled with increasing fervor and certainty. But little else was undertaken or accomplished however, while the citizens, interested or otherwise, wondered what it was all about and who was right, if anyone, the critics or their opponents who defended to the last ditch, the Pine Lawn residences.

"All things must end," it has been written, and those who held to the last that the roofs were not leaky

as charged, witnessed their final Waterloo last night, when the housing commissioners in special session considered the award just handed down by the board of arbitration, which several weeks ago investigated the numerous complaints.

Advertiser Vindicated.

In company with D. J. Tallant, J. W. Cunliffe, and other members of the commission, the Advertiser today stands vindicated. The roofs have been poorly constructed, the arbiters say, and the work of replacement must commence without delay.

The contractors have already expressed willingness that the work should proceed as speedily as possible, and the city is relieved of all financial responsibility.

Should the contractors feel that their architect or sub-contractors who were involved in the original work, should meet a proportion of the cost, it will devolve upon them to insure collection. The commissioners "wash their hands" of the entire affair as it were.

Extracts From Award.

The important extracts from the award follow:

"We have inquired into all matters in dispute or referred to between the parties, and except as to the matter of the roofs we find that there are only minor matters that, under the contracts and conditions, are fairly matters of complaint, and even as to these it appearing that the contractors both before these arbitration proceedings were commenced, and also at the sittings hereof, have voluntarily offered to repair and make good the minor matters complained of, which perhaps have unavoidably occurred or become manifest owing to the very considerable length of time which has elapsed since the work was done, the arbiters are pleased to accept and ratify the offer made by the contractors in this respect, which we find is under all the circumstances, satisfactory and fully fair."

Shingles Poorly Laid.

"As to the roofs, we find the shingles as a whole were not put on in a proper and workmanlike manner, the exposure to the weather, instead of being four inches as should be with the shingles used, frequently being four and one-half and even more, the nailing, as well as the type of nails used, frequently or generally being quite unacceptable and improper.

"It is shown by the evidence that the shingles were laid and other roof work done by sub-contractor or sub-contractors, and as before stated there is nothing to lead us to believe the contractors were aware of the imperfect work during its progress, they having relied upon it being properly inspected and passed upon as the work progressed, and the work in fact being badly done, we find the contractors must be held responsible, and they are required as hereinafter provided to remedy these defects.

Should Be Relaid.

"We direct that the shingles on all the roofs shall be practically all removed and properly re-laid, and new shingles of the same class supplied to replace all shingles seriously damaged; the nails to be carefully withdrawn from shingles which are to be used again, so as not to damage the shingles, and only those shingles to be used again which will

leave the roof in a good and satisfactory condition when relaid. All old nails shall be removed and replaced by the overlapping shingles to afford ample protection from wind, water and weather; broken or cracked shingles shall not be used again; the shingles shall be properly nailed with the right type of nails used for this work; shingles must be laid flat and new shingles shall not be used immediately alongside of old shingles or on any one side of the same roof, except as provided in the next following clause:

Special Permission.

(1) Upon a roof (if any) on which any portion of the roof shingles are now laid and nailed in a proper manner and more especially in cases where the first one row of shingles extending over the eaves and any other rows (if any) adjoining thereto, as also where in other places they are now properly laid, the removal of the shingles so properly laid may be dispensed with, when special permission is given for their non-removal, but in no case will such removal of shingles be dispensed with where the nailing has been improperly done or where the exposure to the weather is so great as to render their efficiency doubtful, nor where their non-removal will leave the roof when finished to have an objectionable patched appearance.

To Be Completed at Once.

"The whole of the work so directed to be done, shall be proceeded with and completed with all reasonable dispatch and shall be performed in a good proper and workmanlike manner; the material used shall be proper, good and sufficient for their respective purposes. The work and materials shall be subject to the approval of the arbiters who may make such inspections, or have such inspections made, from time to time as to them may seem right, the cost thereof to be added to the arbitration charges.

"In the event of any of the persons who are purchasers of any of the houses under a purchase agreement objecting to any of the work as above directed being done, either in whole or in part, or as to the manner or time of doing such work, then unless such purchaser and both parties hereto agree between themselves what shall be done, the matter will be decided by the arbiters.

"Upon completion of the award on the part of the contractors, the owners will pay over to them the balance now remaining unpaid.

To Pass Upon Work.

"The arbiters reserve the final disposal of this matter until after the completion of all the work awarded to be done, which they reserve the right finally to pass upon, to determine if the same has been properly executed; and also reserve the right to make any other or further order or award from time to time as to them may seem right, which may be necessary or expedient to fully wind up and settle all matters referred to them; and for such purposes the arbiters have by resolution passed, with the consent of both parties, postponed any further meeting of the arbiters to a day to be fixed by the chairman, and of which due notice shall be given to each of the other two arbiters.

"The arbiters, however, confidently expect that this award now made will be observed and performed in good faith by both parties, and unless required by either party, the arbiters will leave all matters, either as to the inspection of the work or otherwise to be dealt with by the parties themselves."

SEE GREATER NEED FOR CHRISTMAS AID

Salvation Army Prepares to Distribute Larger Number of Baskets This Year.

The local headquarters of the Salvation Army is a very busy spot these days.

Brigadier Crichton, the divisional commander, and his staff are hard at work in connection with the annual Christmas cheer and winter relief effort.

A great many appeals have already been received at headquarters and by the officers of the local corps, and it is expected that there will be a much greater demand for Christmas baskets to be sent out this year than last. This, of course, can only be done by a more generous response by the citizens of London to the appeal that will be made for this purpose, and judging by the way they have readily responded in the past, the funds will be forthcoming for the necessary expansion of the work.

The Christmas baskets are only the beginning of the winter's effort, as relief is provided after careful investigation to meet the requirements of the needy throughout the winter months. The needy and the destitute are turning more and more to the Salvation Army as their friend in their hour of need, and the army is anxious that they shall not have to disappoint those who merit assistance.

Staff-Captain Penfold will be in charge of the collecting pots which will be on the street corners from



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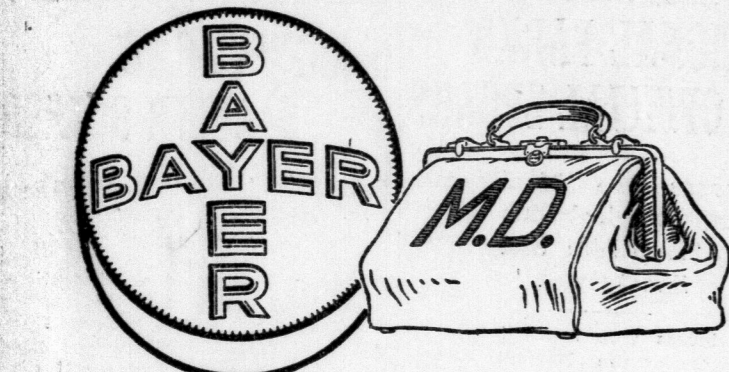
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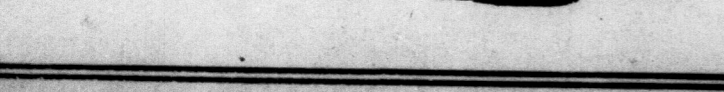
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DISAPPROVE SCHOOL SITE

The London Real Estate Board has gone on record expressing its disapproval of the school site at the corner of Oliver and Trafalgar streets, and a communication has been sent to the board of education

stating that the London Real Estate board will hold them personally responsible if they build a school on that site.

HEAVY CARGOES CLEARED.

Port William, Dec. 12.—The total cargoes cleared today were 2,250,000 bushels of wheat and 295,000 bushels of oats.

RUSSIA GETS "HUFFED" AT LAUSANNE CONFERENCE

Lausanne, Dec. 12.—Bolshevik Russia is keeping up the same pace in the way of protests at Lausanne as she set at Genoa. The Russian experts today walked ceremoniously out of the meeting which was discussing the Dardanelles and the Bosphorus as a protest against the alleged exclusion of the Russians from important periods of the straits negotiations, and tonight the Russian delegation officially notified the three presidents of the conference of Russia's unalterable determination to abandon none of her rights in the negotiations over the straits which directly affect her vital interests.

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