COURT HOUSE TROUBLE
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The Property Committee in Special cetting, but Nothing is Done After iscussing the Question for Three cours—The Inspector's Method of condemning Stone — Mayor Fleming and the architect.

Why He Didn't Condemn the Stone. "With regard to the complaint of my allowing stone to be laid down at the works and not condemning it until cut, I have this to say: I have no right to interfere with the workmen cutting the stone. I cannot interfere until the stones are cut and on the work. Once I did suggest to the foreman that a certain stone was not good, and as he told me to mind my own business I have not said anything since. Then, with regard

your little speech, doesn't it? I was coming down Queen-street shortly after the architect took possession. It is nothing unusual for me to come down Queen-street."

Ald. Atkinson: "Well, all I know about it was what I saw in the papers."

The Mayor: "O, well, I see lots of things in the papers about you, but I don't believe them all." [Laughter.]

Ald. Atkinson: "If Your Worship did not act with the architect then I presume that it was unfortunate any color should have been given to this illegal proceeding. I therefore think it the duty of this committee to repudiate this transaction so as to save the city from disastrous consequences. I think it is to be regretted that the Mayor, without consulting this committee, aided the architect in taking the high-handed proceeding which he did on Thursday night."

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He then read extracts from the diary of the contractor's foreman complaming of the architect's methods of condembing work. "It is bumiliating, the extracts from these diaries," he added. "They show that in every matter from the part of the architect delays, changes in plans, work allowed to go up and ordered to be pulled down, showing to my mind evidence of a desire on the part of the architect and the clerk of the works to thwart the contractors and get them to throw up the work." He claimed that the documents from which he read extracts were public property and copied from those on file with the courts.

In the members of the grain section had a feast of luscious Crawfurd peaches yesterday at the expense of Mr. J. T. Mathews.

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The Documents Were Private.
"Excuse me," interrupted City Solicitor
Biggar, "but these documents were never on file in the courts. They are private documents

The statement caused a small sensation.
The Mayor: "Have you seen the affidavits in the possession of Mr. Lennox?"
Ald. Atkinson: No: I have, however, heard his verbal statements.
The Mayor: If you had seen his affidavits you wouldn't waste time in reading those you have there. you wouldn't waste time in reading those you have there.

Ald. Atkinson then turned his attention to Clerk of Works Hunter with the remark: "I understand the clerk of the works is employed on two or three-other buildings. Is that so?"

"It is " out of ly replied Mr. Hunter, who

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"It is," quickly replied Mr., Hunter, who occupied a seat at the back of the Mayor.

Ald. Atkinson: "Well, I am surprised. I really think that a man employed to inspect such a work as the Courte House should put in his full time on it. I think we have no right to put up with it." Then, referring again sto the dispute, he continued: "It seems to me that a better understanding should be arrived at. Before we allow this matter to go any further and get into a serious litigation we should cry a halt. I think it is time for this committee to assert itself and stop what I am afraid will prove a disastrous thing for the city. Bring the parties together and get an amneable settlement."

"I think we should, hear from the City Solicitor before this resolution is put," remarked the Mayor. "I want to know what position this committee will be placed in if the resolution carries; also of the propriety of what the architect has done, and as to the wisdom of holding an investigation."

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The City Solicitor rose slowly, but there was fire in his eye. "I think," he began, "it is a delicate matter for the solicitor to speak upon in the presence of the press, and when the case is before the courts. Ald. Atkinson says we ought to settle this matter. Unfortunately we did not come into the courts of our own free will. The contractors forced us in. What I want to say to the pommittee is that the tremendous anxiety to avoid litigation comes too late. The litigation is upon us and will be disposed of Sept. 26, when it comes up for trial. This will settle the matter much quicker than would an investigation. As to whether Mr. Lennox was a fit man for architect I am not going to give my opinion. All I can say is that if he is the man the contractors claim he is he is not. If it is that a city official must not have friction with anyone then the sooner we know our position the better. If we have to curry favor with contractors I for one don't want to hold my position any longer."

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Mr. Biggar: I think the position of the architect before the court is this: You have no more power to suspend the architect than you have the Mayor. A contract was made with Mr. Lennox to do certain work, and that was to be judge between the contractors and the city. The city is co-defendant with him in this case, and if I were solicitor for the plaintiffs there could be nothing that would please me better than to see you trying to swap horses while crossing a stream." He read a clause from the specifications showing that the sample of New Brunswick stone must be supplied by the contractor.

"Unfortunately we cannot withdraw," put in Ald. Crawford, "but at any rate this action will be the quickest way of getting over the troubles."

"Perhaps the contractors could be induced to withdraw their action," mildly suggested Ald. Shaw.

Upbraided Where Praise Was Due.
Mayor Fleming: I have the utmost sympathy with the architect in the course he has pursued. He is acting in the best interests of the city. The contractors are two years behind with the work, and Mr. Lennox only acted after taking the advice of the best legal talent in the city. Instead of praising the man who is doing his duty by the city you upbraid him. I think it is a disgrace to offer such a resolution. His Worship said Mr. Lennox did not entertain any idea of doing the work by day labor, "but really I don't see what harm could be done by his putting on the men who were employed there when he took possession."

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Mr. Hunter, the clerk of the works, then advanced to the table and asked the com-mittee to pass a resolution cutting off the city's share of his salary. "If you do that," he added, "it will mean that I shall not be further employed at the works, I am tired of the way things are going on. As far as I am concerned it is only my respect for the

Mrs. Sarah M. Black of Seneca, Mo., during the past two years has been affected with Neuralgia of the Head, Stomach and Womb, and Discussing the Question for Three Hours—The Inspector's Method of Condemning Stone — Mayor Fleming Sympathizes With the Architect Ended for 10° clock yesterday to discuss the court house trouble sat for three wary hours, and then adjourned without absolutely doing anything.

Chairman Small presided, and associated with him were the Mayor, Ald, Shaw, Atkinson, David Carlyle, Crawford and Jollife, on the work at 8 a.m. and selevation the action of the architect recourt house dispute and lay before you some important of which was to the effect that Architect Lennox had approached him and asked him to try and get Contractor Neclous to consont to go off the work for \$40,000. Proceeding, he said: "When It was seen that the action take hey the architect the following morning, I really could not explain to your feelings, but I felt the stronger when I saw that the architect was vanid and all along. The consensus of opinion was favorable to the works."

How to Get Rich.

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