

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4, 1873.

The Committee met in the Regent's office, at 4 P. M.

Present—Messrs. Cobb, Lawrence, Edwards, Pickrell, Scott, and Prof. Shattuck, the Regent *pro tem*.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

An amount of \$31 85 was ordered to be refunded by warrant to Prof. S. W. Robinson, for overcharges on duplicate books from February.

A motion to open bids received for finishing the new University building was carried, and the same were opened, except those for the heating apparatus.

The Committee took a recess to 7:30 P. M.

EVENING SESSION.

Committee assembled as per adjournment.

The following motion was adopted :

Resolved, That the Regent be authorized to accept the bid of Mr. Samuel H. Gehlman for the entire finishing of the new University Building, at \$13,150, he being the lowest bidder ; and contract with him provided he furnish bonds to the amount of \$5,000, by Friday, the 6th inst., noon. And provided further, that in case Mr. Gehlman fails to furnish such bond by the time aforesaid, the Regent is authorized to close contracts with the next lowest bidders, to-wit :

Messrs. Patrick & Peter Ward, plastering.

Messrs. Tobias & Besore, carpenter work.

Messrs. Price & Bros., painting.

The Regent was authorized to employ an attorney to draw up contracts and bonds.

The following motion was adopted :

WHEREAS the time has arrived when we should decide whether Mr. Card shall continue as the business agent of the University ; and, whereas, the new board provided by law will come into office in July next ; therefore,

Resolved, That this Committee dispense with the further services of Mr. Card.

It was decided that the Regent and Recording Secretary be authorized to procure such clerical help as may be necessary to keep the books, etc., of the University, at an expense of not to exceed \$50 per month.

On motion, the bids for heating apparatus in the new building were opened, and after reading, referred to Mr. VanOsdel, the architect, for report.

The Regent submitted the following report:

Gentlemen of the Executive Committee, Illinois Industrial University:

I have the honor to make the following report:

According to your instructions, the following advertisement was published in Chicago, St. Louis, Cincinnati and Champaign papers:

"To CONTRACTORS—The Trustees of the Illinois Industrial University will receive proposals—

1st—For heating apparatus, complete, to heat, perfectly, the whole of the new University Building in the coldest winter weather.

2d—For the completion of the above mentioned building, according to the plans and specifications of the architect, which may be seen at the Regent's office in the University; also, at the architect's office, in Chicago, after May 26, 1873.

3d—For any one class of the work and material required to complete the said building.

The Trustees reserve the right to reject any or all bids or plans, or parts thereof, if they shall deem it necessary for the interest of the State.

All proposals must be directed to 'Trustees of the Illinois Industrial University,' and indorsed 'Illinois Industrial University Proposals.' They will be delivered at the Regent's office in the University by four o'clock P. M., on June 4, 1873.

If one or more contracts are awarded to any party under the above mentioned proposals, a good and sufficient bond in each case, to insure the fulfillment, will be required.

The bond for the first class will not be discharged until March 1, 1874.

Work, under all classes, must be completed within ninety days from the time the contract is signed.

S. W. SHATTUCK, *Regent pro tem.*

J. M. VANOSDEL, *Architect.*

For the Trustees."

URBANA, *May 19, 1873.*

The architect not coming to Champaign, as was expected, I consulted with him in Chicago. The advertisement was issued immediately after. Parties from Chicago, Cincinnati and other places have answered to it. Under the authority granted at your last meeting, Mr. John Mann, of Urbana, a competent mechanic, was engaged at a compensation of \$3 per day to take the inventory of the material on hand for finishing the University Building, and amount of unfinished work, also assist the contractors in getting a correct idea of the condition of matters.

He commenced work May 19, and has given satisfaction.

According to the specifications under which bids to complete the building will be made, the University will be called upon to furnish all the necessary flooring and moulding for it, which matter will demand your immediate attention. It is thought sufficient lumber is now on hand for this purpose, but it will require going through the dry houses and working up.

But little has been done to the grounds of the new building. Student labor sufficient could not be had, and it was not thought desirable to employ laborers from outside until a closer personal attention could be given to the matter. If thought best I will give this attention after the close of the term. Five hundred dollars can well be spent on the grounds in front of the building.

The specimens of soils of the State which you authorized to have removed from Springfield have not yet been moved, as Mr. Worthen thought it necessary to have some member of the Faculty go to Springfield to attend to the packing of them, and no one had the time to do it.

A team has been procured for the Horticultural Department, the horses costing \$240.

I believe it to be necessary that action should be taken at your present meeting to provide for seating the Chapel, and for the Library and Cabinet cases.

The Chapel seats and Library cases should be in by the first of September. This can be, but it requires immediate action in order to have it well done.

Prof. Carey, the Librarian, has had some plans and estimates for the Library cases made. Prof. Taft is having the same done in regard to those for the Cabinet.

Several communications from Professors, in addition to those received at your last meeting, call for your attention.

Action in regard to confirming, or not continuing the engagement of Mr. W. L. Card, is called for.

I am glad to be able to say to you, gentlemen, that though two of the most important members of the Faculty have been absent during the greater part of the term, the work of the University has been carried on to the general satisfaction of the students and public, I believe. This good result has been gained by the hearty co-operation of all members of the Faculty present and the general good will of the students.

The following named students are recommended to you for certificates, authorized by section 10 of our charter :

Charles P. Graham, of Champaign, Ill.
 F. L. Hatch, of Bliven's Mills, Ill.
 Charles I. Hays, of Bridgeport, Ill.
 A. S. Hennessey, of LaSalle, Ill.
 E. L. Hill, of Watson, Ill.
 Samuel H. Hook, of Urbana, Ill.
 J. A. Ockerson, of Elmwood, Ill.
 P. A. Phillips, of Damascus, Ill.
 N. E. Porterfield, of Sidney, Ill.
 H. E. Robbins, of Wenona, Ill.
 A. C. Swartz, of Fairview, Ill.
 Howard Silver, of Urbana, Ill.
 Charles W. Silver, of Urbana, Ill.
 J. H. Day, of Nokomis, Ill.
 C. M. Tate, of Champaign, Ill.
 J. M. Baker, of Tarboro, N. C.
 T. Yamaou, of Yeddo, Japan.
 David Meade, of Fairmount, Ill.
 E. J. Wiley, of Mason, Mich.
 L. E. Williams, of Montrose, Iowa.

Proposals or bids for the whole or part of the work on the University Building have been received and are presented for your inspection and action.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

S. W. SHATTUCK,
Regent, pro tem.

The Committee on Mechanical Department were authorized to make such arrangements with Prof. Robinson as may enable him to continue work in the machine shops during vacation.

Professors Shattuck, Snyder, Taft and Carey were appointed a committee to present plans and estimates for the furniture and fixtures needed in the new building.

The Recording Secretary was instructed to call the new board, when notice is received of their appointment.

The appointment for the chair of English Language, also of all the assistants, was deferred till next meeting.

The Regent was authorized to employ a competent mechanic for superintending the work in carpenter shops and on new University Building, at reasonable wages, until next meeting.

The fund accrued for the Chemical Laboratory from breakage, etc., was ordered to be deposited with the Treasurer.

The sum to be expended in leveling and adorning grounds around the new building was increased to \$500.

A request from Horticultural Department for purchase of fruit drier was deferred till next meeting.

A report from Captain E. Snyder, on repairs needed on Drill Hall roof, referred to Regent, with instructions to have such repairs made.

Prof. Robinson's recommendations in regard to Physical Laboratory were referred to next meeting.

The report of the Book-keeper of expenditures to date, was read and accepted.

The bills presented for payment were audited and allowed.

The architect, Mr. Van Osdel, now reported on the two bids for steam heating, which, on motion, were rejected.

It was voted that the Regent re-advertise for proposals for heating apparatus for the new building—such proposals to be handed in at the architect's office, at Chicago, 41 Clark street, by eleven o'clock A. M., June 14, 1873.

A committee consisting of the Regent, the Architect, Messrs. Cobb, Scott, Lawrence, Edwards and Goltra, were appointed and instructed to meet at the above mentioned time and place, to receive and decide upon such proposals, and also make contract with the accepted bidder.

Adjourned to the call of the Regent.

E. SNYDER,
Recording Secretary.