

Wednesday, July 14, 1897. 4:30 P.M.

The committee met at the office of the Secretary, 281 State St.; Mr. Kinney in the chair and all the members present, besides Pres. Milne, & A. W. Fuller, architect, by invitation.

Mr. Fuller presented three alternative plans, with competitive bids for each plan, the object being to secure better access to the Assembly Hall and increased security in case of fire. After careful examination and discussion of the plans proposed, Mr. Pruyn moved that the alterations should include replacing the present main wooden staircases with new ones constructed of iron and slate ^{and} ~~after~~ widening the same as shown in the plans. Carried.

Mr. Van Kesselau moved that the simple plan for making a straight passageway from the entrance to the foot of the main staircases, ^{he adds} and that this passageway be paved with marble, if this could be done at an expense not exceeding eighteen hundred dollars (\$1800.) over and above that of a wooden floor. Carried.

The bids then being opened it was found that those of Mr. Mc Kinney to do all of the iron-work called for by the plans and specifications for two thousand and fifty-four dollars (\$2054.) and of Mr. Ryder, to do all of the rest of the work for four thousand four hundred and forty-five dollars (\$4445.), were the lowest, and on motion the contracts were awarded to them.

Mr. Howe moved that Mr. Pruyn be authorized and empowered to sign the above-named contracts on behalf of the Committee; and that Mr. Pruyn and Dr. Milne be appointed a building-committee to oversee the details of the work and make any unimportant changes that may become necessary. Carried.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

Saml. B. Hardy
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