OPEN WAR IN THE CITY COUNCIL

Record Stormy Session Last Night Resolves Itiself Into a Three-Cornered Fight.

CLAWSON, KELSEY AND COUNCIL

Konnedy Contract Creates Warm Time -Fernstrom Scored by Chairman of Board of Public Works.

Apparently lest the public might foret that the city council of Salt Lake a reputation for wrangling that last evening broke loose with another one of its famous fights which will be remembered sometime after the present council goes out of commission entirely on the first of the year. The session last night of the committee of the whole was one of the stormiest and most bitter in the history of the coundi and the end of the trouble has not been reached yet, and from all indiations the session next Monday might, which will be the last one of the present administration, will be almost as tropical as the one last evening.

est administration, will be almost as ropical as the one last evening. The trouble arcse over the rejection of the bid of Kennedy & Co., for the swer extensions for 1904 and also over a statement made by Chairman Claw-son at the meeting of the board of pub-le works last Friday to the effect that the city engineer had used his influence with the members of the council and induced them to sell a certain amount of asphaltum to P. J. Moran at a loss to the city of \$600. Criminations and recriminations were made and a ques-tion of veracity was raised which ne-cessitated the disgraceful proceeding of putting a city official and employe un-der oath to make statements before the council. After two and a half hours of bitter wrangling the commit-tee of the whole refused to rescind its action in rejecting Kennedy & Co.'s bid for the sewer extensions, and Clerk Kegler, of the board of public works, was clied to appear next Monday even-ing at 7:30 o'clock and defend him-self of the charge made on the floor of the council that the proposal of Ken-nedy & Co. had been tampered with or substituted while in his possession. In regard to the asphaltum proposition the committee adopted the motion made by Mr. Clawson were "unjust. by Fernstrom that the statements made by Mr. Clawson were "unjust, intrue and incorrect in every particu-

ROBINSON OPENS THE BALL.

When the committee was called to order Councilman Thomas was chosen as chairman. Robinson was the first to secure the floor and he stated that according to the figures of the board of public works the contract for the at public works the contract for the sewer extension this year was only \$80 more than last year. He did not see where the \$1,500 difference came in, and stated that if the contractor agreed to jurnish 10-inch pipe at 39 cents, the same price as the 8-inch pipe, it would be a gain to the city because it could be a gain to the city because it could and the 10-inch pipe altogether. n at 39 cents for the 8-inch pipe he nnedy's bid was over \$1, oran's bid, who was the

the agent of the company at the board meeting. Mr. Clawson said that a sub-stitution of proposals was impossible and passed the proposal around for the inspection of all of the councilmen. Nearly all of the councilmen asked the chairman some questions as to his rea-son for identifying the proposal so pos-itively.

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OTHERS HAVE THEIR SAY. Robinson was inclined to blame the city engineer for the error and said that if the present engineer could not protect the city's interests in such matters they should get one that could. Thomas regretted very much that this trouble had arisen just on the eve of the present administration's affairs, but he thought that the only thing to do was to reject the blds and then in-vestigate the charges of irregularity which had been made. Fernstrom's mo-tion was then amended so as to cite Mr. Kegler to appear Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock and defend himself. The motion was then passed. THE ASPHALTUM ALLEGATIONS.

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The asphaltum matter was then tak-en up and Mr. Clawson was given an opportunity to explain his statements in regard to that matter. He said that he did make the statement that the city engineer had induced the council to sell the asphaltum to Moran at a loss of \$600, but that he was mistaken, that he meant to say a loss of \$6 per ton. He then read a communication from the agent of the Barber Asphalt company, offering to sell to the city the asphalt at \$28 per ton, while the coun-cil sold it to Moran at \$20 per ton. As there was 32 tons at the above quota-tion, he figured that the city lost \$192 on the deal. He said that the action of the council in selling the material without referring it to the board of public works was irregular. City Engineer Kelsey then stated that \$20 was a fair price for the as-phaltum, and that he had received quo-tations before it was sold quoting a price of \$20.75 per ton for it. He read a letter addressed to Chairman Clawson from the Barber company offering to sell the asphaltum at \$23 per ton. The asphaltum matter was then tak-

CHARGES AGAINST COUNCIL.

Fernstrom said that the attack upon Fernstrom said that the attack upon the council by Chairman Clawson was uncalled for and he repudiated the whole charge. He moved that the com-mittee report to the council that the charges made by Chairman Clawson were unjust, untrue and incorrect in every particular. Mr. Clawson denied that he had made any charge against the city council, but he did charge that the city engineer had unduly influenced the council and induced it to sell the asphaltum for \$6 per ton less than should have been re-ceived for it. He said he knew that the council had misplaced its confidence in

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²⁰ below Moran's bid, who was the ext lowest bidder. He suggested that hariman Clawson be given the floor. MR. CLAWSON EXPLAINS.

Mr. Clawson was granted the priviof the floor, and after making ral remarks about the recent conduct of City Engineer Kelsey towards the board of public works, he gave a detailed history of the advertising and receiving of bids for the work, and then told of opening and reading the bids at the board meeting. He said that he probably did read Kennedy's bid for the Schoch ping as 9 center in bld for the S-inch pipe as 29 cents in-stead of 39, and that others in the room who saw the proposal no doubt mis-took the figures for 29 too. A clerical error, he said, was not sufficient ground for rejecting the bid. The tabulation of the bids by the city engineer, he contended, was not official in any sense and did not bind the company, but the contract was what bound the company, and it clearly read 39 cents for S-inch pipe. He said that the bid at 39 cents 8-inch pipe was over a thousand ars lower than the next lowest bid, Hars lon and he thought the city would save noney by awarding the contract to sennedy & Co. If there was any mistake made in regard to the bid he said it was made while the proposal was in hands of the city engineer.

CITY ENGINEER'S SIDE.

ity Engineer Kelsey was then allowed to present his side of the case. He said that he took the figures 29 cents from the contract before it was read and also when it was read by Mr was Carson and that several other parties in the room took the bid as 29 cents. He said that he took the original proto his office immediately after board meeting and that his chief draughtmann checked it up and that-ulated it and that the bid was un-doubtedly 29 cents. He asked that Charles E. Reed, his chief draughts-man be didued to solve a distinguist an, be allowed to make a statement.

MR. REED SWORN.

Mr. Reed said that he carefully checked and tabulated this original proposal of Kennedy & Co., and that he bid for s-inch pipe was 29 cents written out to make the same set When asked if he would make stateme tatement under oath he replied he would. He was accordingly in by Deputy City Recorder di and then repeated his state-He further said that he saw no feations is the state of the saw no orn in by mondi terlineations in the proposal at all.

CLAWSON DENIES.

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this man Kelsey DAVELER HAS AN INNING.

Daveler took exceptions to Mr. Clawson's statement and hurled back at him that he for one was not influenced by the city engineer or the chairman of the board of public works or any other

man. In reply Mr. Clawson stated that he had the greatest respect for 14 mem-bers of the council, but as for the member who made the motion (mean-ing Fernstrom) he said he had only the utmost contempt for him. FERNSTROM GETS HOT.

"I shall object to that contemptible man being allowed to speak in this council again," hotly retorted Fern-strom. He was informed by Mr. Thomas, who was in the chair, that Thomas, who was in the chair, as that was his privilege. So as long as Fernstrom objects the chairman of the Fernstrom objects works will not be alboard of public works will not be al-lowed to address the council in person on any subject.

on any subject. After an attempt was made to amend the motion made by Fernstrom so as to require Mr. Clawson to withdraw his statements through the public press, the original motion was passed, de-claring that the charges were absolute-ue talo ly false

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BUDD HOLMAN HELD.

Budd Holman, a negro, was held for trial in the district court by Judge C. B. Dichl, in the criminal division of the city court this morning on a charge of housebreaking. In default of \$300 bail, Holman was committed to the county jail to await trial.

A Frightened Horse,

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MOTHER SEEKS DAUGHTER.

Mrs. E. Davis of Salt Lake Writes to

Denver City Recorder.

The anxiety of a mother over the fate of an absent daughter is expressed in a letter addressed to the city recorder of Denver, says the Post. The writ. er is Mrs. E, Davis of Salt Lake City, who says her daughter left her home about Dec. 1. She wants to know if a marriage license has been issued in the names of a man named Reynolds and her daughter, Carrie Davis. She was