

Ohio University, Athens, Ohio, and the Capital Lift and Manufacturing Company of Columbus, Ohio. This contract covers the construction and completion of contract for elevator and elevator doors in book stack room in a building known as Library Building at the Ohio University, Athens, Ohio, as set forth in Item No. 20 of the Form of Proposal dated May 26, 1930. Said contract calls for an expenditure of four thousand two hundred and seventy-five dollars (\$4,275.00).

You have submitted the certificate of the Director of Finance to the effect that there are unencumbered balances legally appropriated in a sum sufficient to cover the obligations of the contract. You have also furnished evidence to the effect that the approval of the Controlling Board to the expenditure has been obtained as required by Section 11 of House Bill 510 of the 88th General Assembly. In addition, you have submitted a contract bond, upon which the Commercial Casualty Insurance Company of Newark, New Jersey, appears as surety, sufficient to cover the amount of the contract.

You have further submitted evidence indicating that plans were properly prepared and approved, notice to bidders was properly given, bids tabulated as required by law and the contract duly awarded. Also it appears that the laws relating to the status of surety companies and the Workmen's Compensation have been complied with.

Finding said contract and bond in proper legal form, I have this day noted my approval thereon and return the same herewith to you, together with all other data submitted in this connection.

Respectfully,
GILBERT BETTMAN,
Attorney General.

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APPROVAL, CONTRACT BETWEEN STATE OF OHIO AND HERMAN C. WELLER OF COLUMBUS, OHIO, FOR HOME MANAGEMENT HOUSE AT OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY, COLUMBUS, OHIO, AT AN EXPENDITURE OF \$22,986.00—SURETY BOND EXECUTED BY THE GLOBE INDEMNITY COMPANY, NEW YORK.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, December 4, 1930.

HON. A. T. CONNAR, *Superintendent of Public Works, Columbus, Ohio.*

DEAR SIR:—You have submitted for my approval a contract between the State of Ohio, acting by the Department of Public Works, for the Board of Trustees of the Ohio State University, and Herman C. Weller of Columbus, Ohio. This contract covers the construction and completion of general contract, Items 1 to 12, inclusive, together with alternates 1, 2, 4 and 12 for Home Management House on the campus at Ohio State University, in accordance with the form of proposal dated November 7, 1930. Said contract calls for an expenditure of twenty-two thousand, nine hundred and eighty-six dollars (\$22,986.00).

You have submitted the certificate of the Director of Finance to the effect that there are unencumbered balances legally appropriated in a sum sufficient to cover the obligations of the contract. You have also furnished evidence to the effect that the Controlling Board has approved the expenditure as required by Section 11 of House Bill 510 of the 88th General Assembly. In addition, you have submitted a contract

bond upon which the Globe Indemnity Company of New York appears as surety, sufficient to cover the amount of the contract.

You have further submitted evidence indicating that plans were properly prepared and approved, notice to bidders was properly given, bids tabulated as required by law, and the contract duly awarded. Also it appears that the laws relating to the status of surety companies and the Workmen's Compensation Act have been complied with.

Finding said contract and bond in proper legal form, I have this day noted my approval thereon, and return the same herewith to you, together with all other data submitted in this connection.

Respectfully,
GILBERT BETTMAN,
Attorney General.

2623.

SYNTHETIC METHYL ALCOHOL—SALE OF—REQUIREMENTS TO BE MET.

SYLLABUS:

Synthetic methyl alcohol which has the same chemical properties, the same poisonous effect, substantially the same odor as methyl alcohol, and which is not colorless, may be sold under the provisions of Section 12708-1,-2,-3 and -4 of the General Code, when labeled "Wood Alcohol" as therein provided.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, December 4, 1930.

State Board of Pharmacy, Columbus, Ohio.

GENTLEMEN:—Your letter of recent date is as follows:

"Under date of November 25, 1930, you rendered to this department Opinion No. 2585, with reference to Completely Denatured Alcohol, Wood Alcohol and Synthetic Methyl Alcohol.

We find in our request for the above mentioned opinion, we state that Synthetic Methyl Alcohol would not be classed as Methyl Alcohol. In addition to the opinion already rendered, we would respectfully request you give us an opinion upon the following:

If Synthetic Methyl Alcohol is found to have the same chemical properties and substantially the same odor, as Methyl Alcohol or Wood Alcohol, and is not colorless, and has the same poisonous effect in every respect, can it then be sold as Wood Alcohol under the requirements of Sections 12703-2,-3 and -4 of the General Code of Ohio?"

The holding of Opinion No. 2586, to which you refer, to the effect that synthetic methyl alcohol may not be sold in Ohio under the exceptions provided in Sections 12708-1,-2,-3 and -4, General Code, was predicated upon the information that synthetic methyl alcohol could not be classed as methyl alcohol.

It is my view that the process of manufacture is not a determining factor in the consideration of the specific question which you present and if a substance is produced which is chemically the same as methyl alcohol and has substantially the same characteristics as methyl alcohol, although not produced by the same process as methyl