

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL.

REGULAR SESSION.

CHAMBER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, }
Monday, October 4th, 1875—7½ o'clock P. M. }

The Common Council met in regular session.

Present—His Honor, the Mayor, John Caven, in the chair, and the following members :

Councilmen Adams, Albershardt, Bollman, Buehrig, Curran, Darnell, Diffley, Geiger, Gimber, Hall, Hook, Kahn, Kenzel, Laughlin, Madden, McGill, Ransdell, Reasner, Reed, Schmidt, Stratford, Stuckmeyer, Thalman, Ward and Webster—25.

Absent—Councilman Craft—1.

The proceedings of the regular session, held September 27th, 1875, were read and approved.

Sealed proposals for grading and paving with brick the sidewalk on Broadway street, from Christian avenue to Cherry street, were received, opened, read and referred to the Committee on Contracts.

Mr. Kahn, from the Committee on Contracts, submitted the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, October 4, 1875.

To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis :

Gentlemen.—Your Committee on Contracts to whom was referred sundry proposals, report that we have examined the same and find them to be as follows, to-wit :

FIRST.

For paving the north sidewalk on Washington street between Noble street and the corporation line east, except where already paved, the following proposals were presented, viz :

Oliver English, 75 cents per lineal foot front.

John Schier, 74½ cents per lineal foot front.

John Schier being the lowest and best bidder, we recommend that he be awarded the contract.

SECOND.

For building an iron bridge over the Canal at Walnut street, the following proposals were presented, viz :

Indiana Bridge, Roof & Bolt Co., \$2,600.00 as per plan and specifications.

Cincinnati Iron Bridge Co., \$2,490.00 as per specifications ; \$2390.00 as per specifications.

Indianapolis Bridge Co., \$40.00 per foot as plan No. 1 ; \$37.00 per foot as per plan No. 2.

Your Committee on Contracts, acting upon the opinion of the City Civil Engineer, recommend that the award be made to the Cincinnati Co., at \$2,390.00 ; believing that to be the best and cheapest bid ; the work of building to be under the direction of the City Civil Engineer, and according to his specifications.

Respectfully submitted,

LEON KAHN,
ROBT. C. MCGILL,
Committee on Contracts.

The first paragraph or section was concurred in, and the contract awarded.

The second paragraph was read and received.

Mr. Darnell moved to award the contract to the Indianapolis Bridge Company.

Dr. Stratford moved as a substitute to reject all bids.

Which substitute, on motion by Mr. Darnell, was laid on the table by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Albershardt, Darnell, Geiger, Hall, Hook, Ransdell, Reasner, Reed, Schmidt, Thalman, Ward and Webster—13.

Negative—Councilmen Bollman, Buehrig, Curran, Diffley, Gimber, Kahn, Kenzel, Laughlin, Madden, McGill, Stratford and Stuckmeyer—12.

Mr. Kahn moved that all the bids be rejected and that the City Civil Engineer be instructed to prepare plans and specifications for said Walnut street bridge, and to advertise for proposals for constructing the bridge according to such plans.

Which motion was laid on the table by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Albershardt, Bollman, Darnell, Geiger, Hall, Hook, Laughlin, Ransdell, Reasner, Reed, Stratford, Stuckmeyer, Thalman Ward and Webster—16.

Negative—Councilmen Buehrig, Curran, Diffley, Gimber, Kahn, Kenzel, Madden, McGill and Schmidt—9.

Mr. Darnell's motion was then adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Albershardt, Bollman, Buehrig,

Darnell, Geiger, Hall, Hook, Laughlin, Ransdell, Reasner, Reed, Stratford, Stuckmeyer, Thalman, Ward and Webster—17.

Negative—Councilmen Curran, Diffley, Gimber, Kahn, Kenzel, Madden, McGill and Schmidt—8.

Mr. Adams moved to reconsider the vote by which Mr. Darnell's motion was adopted.

Which motion to reconsider was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Albershardt, Bollman, Buehrig, Curran, Darnell, Diffley, Geiger, Gimber, Hall, Hook, Kahn, Kenzel, Laughlin, Madden, McGill, Ransdell, Reasner, Reed, Schmidt, Stratford, Stuckmeyer, Thalman, Ward and Webster—25.

Negative—None.

The second paragraph was then laid over for one week.

Mr. Reed offered the following motion :

Moved, That a special committee be appointed to investigate the charges of bribery and corruption intimated by Mr. Madden in reference to the bridge over Walnut street, and report next Monday night.

Which was adopted.

The Chair appointed as such Special Committee Councilmen Reed, Geiger, McGill, Adams and Curran.

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS.

By consent, Mr. Adams offered the following resolution :

Whereas, on the 20th day of September, 1875, the Council ordered certain precepts to issue against Jonathan M. Ridenour for street improvement assessment against lots 52 and 53, in Lippincott's sub-division in Ridenour's Highland Home addition to the city of Indianapolis; and

October 4, 1875.]

COMMON COUNCIL.

Whereas, said precepts are erroneous in this, to-wit: the affidavits upon which precepts were ordered were signed by Thos. O'N. Morris, in behalf of the contractor, James O. Woodruff, when such affidavits should have been signed by said Woodruff, the contractor; therefore, be it

Resolved, That all action of the Council and city officers, taken under the 'afore-said affidavits be and the same are hereby rescinded and set aside.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Albershardt, Bollman, Buehrig, Curran, Darnell, Diffley, Geiger, Gimber, Hall, Hook, Kahn, Kenzel, Laughlin, McGill, Ransdell, Reasner, Reed, Schmidt, Stratford, Stuckmeyer, Thalman, Ward and Webster—24.

Negative—None.

The City Clerk submitted the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, October 4, 1875.

To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis :

Gentlemen :—The City Clerk respectfully reports the following affidavits now on file in his office, for the collection of street assessments by precept, to-wit :

James O. Woodruff vs. Jonathan M. Ridenour for.....	\$330 60
James O. Woodruff vs. Jonathan M. Ridenour for.....	330 60

And respectfully recommend that you order the precepts to issue.

BENJ. C. WRIGHT,
City Clerk.

Which report was concurred in, and the precepts ordered to issue by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Albershardt, Bollman, Buehrig, Curren, Darnell, Diffley, Geiger, Gimber, Hall, Hook, Kahn, Kenzel, Laughlin, Madden, McGill, Ransdell, Reasner, Reed, Schmidt, Stratford, Stuckmeyer, Thalman, Ward and Webster—25.

Negative—None.

Also, the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, October, 4, 1875.

To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis :

Gentlemen :—The City Clerk respectfully reports the following affidavits now on file in his office for the collection of street assessments by precept, to-wit :

James H. Smith vs. Wm. T. Nesbit for.....	\$19 78
John Scheier vs. S. A. Norton (christian name unknown) for	11 06

And respectfully recommend that you order the precepts to issue.

BENJ. C. WRIGHT,
City Clerk.

Which was concurred in, and precepts ordered to issue by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Albershardt, Bollman, Curran, Darnell, Geiger, Gimber, Hook, Kahn, Kenzel, Laughlin, Madden, McGill, Ransdell, Reasner, Reed, Schmidt, Stratford, Stuckmeyer, Thalman, Ward and Webster—22.

Negative—None.

Also, the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, October 4, 1875.

To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis :

Gentlemen :—I respectfully report that on the 30th day of September, 1875, I transmitted to the City Commissioners petition of Charles Dollman, and others, in the matter of laying out and opening Vermont street, and resolution of your honorable body concerning the same, and that I issued notice to said Commissioners according to law, and also to the owners of property.

Respectfully submitted,

BENJ. C. WRIGHT,
City Clerk.

Which was concurred in.

The City Clerk submitted the following statement :

STATEMENT Showing receipts and disbursements of the City Treasury of the City of Indianapolis, Marion county, Indiana, for the month of September, 1875 :

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand Sept. 1st, 1875..	\$277,540 98
Received from taxes and all other sources.....	9,050 09
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Total.....	\$286,591 07

DISBURSEMENTS.

Assistant City Assessor.....	\$27 50
Assistant City Civil Engineer.....	17 00
Bridges	12 00
Costs	268 15
Elections.....	20 14
Fire Department	327 88
Hospital.....	56 54
Incidental.....	100 00
Markets.....	45 22
Printing.....	45 00
Police	215 36
Salary.....	62 00
Sewers.....	20 45
Street repairs.....	443 04
Street improvements.....	31 60
School Board.....	5,966 05
Interest on Bonds.....	37,595 50
Balance.....	241,337 64
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Total.....	\$286,591 07

The above balance consists of the following—

Cancelled warrants paid in Boston Sept. 29th, 1875, and not yet received at this office.....	\$100,000 00
Payment of warrants due Nov. 12 and 17, 1875, in New York.....	100,000 00
Semi-annual annuity to Mrs. Tomlinson.....	3,500 00
Payment of interest on Sellers Farms bonds October, 1875.....	840 00
Treasurer's per cent.....	653 58
To be applied to payment of January, 1876, interest, by order of Council	36,344 06
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	\$214,337 64

All orders redeemed during the month were received in payment of taxes, except in case of the School Board and interest on bonds.

HENRY W. TUTEWILER,

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., October 4th, 1875.

City Treasurer.

To BENJ. C. WRIGHT, City Clerk.

Which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The City Civil Engineer submitted the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, October 4, 1875.

To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis :

Gentlemen :—I hereby report the following estimates for work done :

A first and final estimate allowed E. H. Roney, for grading and paving the south sidewalk of Fourth street between Illinois and Tennessee street—

208 lineal feet at 40 cents.....	\$83 20
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Also, a first and final estimate allowed Elliott & Morrison, for grading and graveling Pratt street, and paving the sidewalks thereof from Delaware street to Fort Wayne avenue, and for bowldering and flagging the street and alley crossings—

693.2 lineal feet, grading, graveling and paving at 90 cents.....	\$623 88
263.9 lineal feet grading, graveling and paving, at 75 cents.....	197 92
216.8 lineal feet grading and graveling at 42 cents.....	91 05
6 lineal feet graveling at 35 cents.....	2 10
53 lineal feet bowldering at 50 cents.....	26 50
53 lineal feet flagging at 50 cents.....	26 50

Total payment.....	\$967 95
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Also, a first and partial estimate allowed James W. Smith for grading and paving the east sidewalk on Union street between Madison avenue and Hanway street, and for bowldering the street and alley crossings—

1.056 lineal feet paving at 44½ cents.....	\$469 92
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Also, a third corrected and partial estimate allowed Lefever & Keating for constructing a brick sewer in and along Maryland street, from Illinois street to Kentucky avenue, and connecting with the sewer in Kentucky avenue—

475 lineal feet at \$3.80.....	\$1,805 00
2 man-holes at \$45.00.....	90 00

\$1,895 00

Balance brought forward.....	\$1,895 00
Less 15 per cent.....	284 00
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	\$1,611 00
Less former payment.....	884 60
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Present payment.....	\$726 40

Also, a first and partial estimate allowed Helm & Co., for removing old masonry and building stone abutments for an iron bridge over Pogues Run on Illinois street—

586.8 cubic yards excavation at 35 cents.....	\$205 88
199 cubic yard excavation, under water at \$1.50.....	298 50
686.8 cubic yards old masonry removed at \$1.25.....	858 50
251.3 cubic yard new masonry at \$3.50.....	879 55
432 feet of lumbar at \$2.50 per 100.....	10 80
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	\$2,252 73
Less per cent	153 73
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Present payment.....	\$2,100 00

Also, a first and final estimate allowed Bernard Hammill for grading and graveling Randolph street and sidewalks, between New York and Michigan streets—

2692,6 lineal feet at \$1.12.....	\$3,015 71
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Also, a first and final estimate allowed Anderson & Devenish for repairing Kentucky avenue sewer at its mouth on White River—

504.3 square yards at 24 cents.....	\$121 03
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Also, a first and partial estimate allowed Helm & Co., for removing old masonry and building stone abutments for an iron bridge over Pogues Run on Morris street—

367 cubic yards old masonry removed at \$1.25.....	\$458 75
558 cubic yards excavation at 35 cents.....	195 30
100.3 cubic yards excavation, under water at \$1.50.....	150 45
361 cubic yards refilling at 25 cents.....	90 25
200.6 cubic yards new masonry at \$3.50.....	702 10
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	\$1,596 85
Less per cent.....	239 85
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Present payment.....	\$1,357 00

Also, a first and partial estimate allowed C. S. Roney for building a cistern at the corner of Orange and Olive streets—

1119.73 barrels at 58 cents.....	\$649 44
Less per cent	399 44
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Present payment.....	\$250 00

Respectfully submitted,

BERNHARD H. DEITZ,
City Civil Engineer.

Which was concurred in.

Also, the following estimate resolution :

Resolved, That the foregoing first and final estimate allowed E. H. Roney, for grading and paving the south sidewalk of Fourth street, between Illinois and Tennessee streets, be and the same is hereby adopted as the estimate of this Council, and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Albershardt, Bollman, Curran, Darnell, Geiger, Gimber, Hook, Kahn, Kenzel, Laughlin, Madden, McGill, Ransdell, Reasner, Reed, Schmidt, Stratford, Stuckmeyer, Thalman, Ward and Webster—22.

Negative—None.

Also, the following estimate resolution :

Resolved, That the foregoing first and final estimate allowed Elliott & Morrison, for grading and graveling Pratt street and paving the sidewalks thereof, from Delaware street to Fort Wayne avenue, be and the same is hereby adopted as the estimate of this Council, and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Albershardt, Bollman, Curran, Darnell, Geiger, Gimber, Hook, Kahn, Kenzel, Laughlin, Madden,

McGill, Ransdell, Reasner, Reed, Schmidt, Stratford, Stuckmeyer, Thalman, Ward and Webster—22.

Negative—None.

Also, the following estimate resolution :

Resolved, That the foregoing first and partial estimate allowed James W. Smith, for grading and paving the east sidewalk on Union street, between Madison avenue and Hanway street, be and the same is hereby adopted as the estimate of this Council, and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Albershardt, Bollman, Curran, Darnell, Geiger, Gimber, Hook, Kahn, Kenzel, Laughlin, Madden, McGill, Ransdell, Reasner, Reed, Schmidt, Stratford, Stuckmeyer, Thalman, Ward and Webster—22.

Negative—None.

Also, the following estimate resolution :

Resolved, That the foregoing first and final estimate allowed Bernard Hammill for grading and graveling Randolph street and sidewalks between New York and Michigan streets, be and the same is hereby adopted as the estimate of this Council, and that the property holders are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Albershardt, Bollman, Curran, Darnell, Geiger, Gimber, Hook, Kahn, Kenzel, Laughlin, Madden, McGill, Ransdell, Reasner, Reed, Schmidt, Stratford, Stuckmeyer, Thalman, Ward and Webster—22.

Negative—None.

Also, the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, October 4, 1875.

To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis :

Gentlemen :—The City Civil Engineer reports for your approval the following contracts and bonds, viz :

Contract and bond of William Sonnefield, for grading and graveling Coburn street and sidewalks, from Short street to Virginia avenue.

Contract and bond of John J. Palmer, for repairing and filling the break in Michigan street, between Mill Race and White River bridge.

Contract and bond of Defrees, Morris & Co., for building a wooden bridge over the State Ditch on College avenue.

Respectfully submitted,

BERNHARD H. DIETZ,
City Civil Engineer.

Which was concurred in and the bonds approved.

The City Attorney submitted the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, October, 4, 1875.

To the Honorable Mayor and Members of the Common Council :

Gentlemen :—The following causes have been tried in the Superior Court since the the last meeting of the Common Council, to-wit :

Aaron Kauffman vs. City of Indianapolis; appeal from street assessments. Judgment against the city for \$300; increasing the assessment made by the Commissioners, \$270.

John A. Benson vs. City of Indianapolis. Appeal from street assessment. Judgement against city for \$230; increasing the assessment made by the Commissioners \$195.

The above cases were appeals from assessments of damages and benefits made by reason of the proposed widening of Washington street west of the river.

Respectfully submitted,

CAS. BYFIELD,
City Attorney.

Which was received.

The Board of Health submitted the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, September 27, 1875.

To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis:

Report of deaths in the City of Indianapolis from 6 o'clock P. M., on the 25th day of September, to 6 o'clock P. M. on the 4th day of October, 1875.

Under 1 year.....	8
1 to 2 years.....	3
2 to 3 ".....	0
3 to 4 ".....	1
4 to 5 ".....	0
5 to 10 ".....	1
10 to 20 ".....	1
20 to 30 ".....	6
30 to 40 ".....	3
40 to 50 ".....	3
50 to 60 ".....	3
60 to 70 ".....	2
70 to 80 ".....	0
80 to 90 ".....	1
90 to 100 ".....	0
Above 100 ".....	0
Unknown ".....	0
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Total.....	32

C. E. WRIGHT, M. D.,

President Board of Health.

A. STRATFORD, M. D.,

Secretary Board of Health.

Which was received.

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING.

Mr. Diffley introduced special ordinance No. 203, 1875, entitled :

An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling the alley between Tennessee and Willard streets, running from Garden street to Pogues Run.

Which was read the first time.

By consent, Mr. Geiger, from the Committee on Fire Department, submitted the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, October, 1875.

To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis :

Gentlemen :—We, your Committee on Fire Department, to whom was referred the petition of Geo. Harrison, Thomas Curran and many others, in regard to the storing of petroleum or coal oil on Bates street, would respectfully report that we have carefully examined the matter referred to us in the petition, and believing that what the petitioners ask is not more than what their safety requires. We therefore beg leave to submit the accompanying ordinance and recommend its passage to cover this and other cases that may occur hereafter.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. W. GEIGER,

GEO. KENZEL,

Committee on Fire Department.

Which was concurred in.

Mr. Geiger introduced general ordinance No. 76, 1875, entitled :

An ordinance to regulate the storage of crude petroleum, earth or rock oil or any of its products, except lubricating oil.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Gimber introduced general ordinance No. 77, 1875, entitled :

An ordinance regulating the shutting off of the supply of water by the Water Works Company of Indianapolis in certain cases, and prescribing a penalty for its violation.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Madden introduced special ordinance No. 204, 1875, entitled :

An ordinance to provide for grading and paving with brick the east sidewalk of Pennsylvania street, between South street and a point opposite Garden street, where not already paved.

Which was read the first time.

Also, special ordinance No. 205, 1875, entitled :

An ordinance to provide for grading and paving with brick the south sidewalk of South street, between J., M. & I. R. R. tracks and Pennsylvania street, where not already paved.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Reasner introduced special ordinance No. 206, 1875, entitled :

An ordinance to provide for grading and paving with brick the sidewalk on the west side of Noble street, from Huron to South street, where not already paved.

Which was read the first time.

Also, special ordinance No. 207, 1875, entitled :

An ordinance to provide for grading and paving the north sidewalk on Georgia street, between Noble and Dillon streets.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Schmidt introduced special ordinance No. 208, 1875, entitled :

An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling Miami street, between Liberty and Noble streets.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Thalman moved to reconsider the vote by which special ordinance No. 183, 1875, entitled "An ordinance to grade and gravel Patterson street and sidewalks, from Michigan street to the first alley north of Vermont street," was passed Sept. 27th, 1875.

Which motion to reconsider was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Albershardt, Bollman, Buehrig, Curran, Darnell, Diffley, Geiger, Gimber, Hall, Hook, Kahn, Ken-

zel, Laughlin, Madden, McGill, Ransdell, Reasner, Reed, Schmidt, Stratford, Stuckmeyer, Thalman, Ward and Webster—25.

Negative—None.

The ordinance was then taken up and stricken from the files.

By consent, Mr. Reasner, from the Committee on Accounts and Claims, submitted the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, October 4, 1875.

To the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis :

Gentlemen :—Your Committee on Accounts and Claims would report to Council the bill of J. C. Ballard for lighting and cleaning lamps, amounting to \$220.34, and recommend that only \$165.26 be allowed said Ballard for the following reasons, viz :

1. The City Civil Engineer has several letters from citizens stating that their lamps were not light for several nights ; the aggregate number being 1365 lamps.
2. The Gas Company report 455 lamps as having burned 31½ hours over time.
3. The contractor has failed to clean the lamps as required by contract.

Under the above conditions your committee feel that \$165.26 is all that should be allowed.

We call the attention of the Council to the Gas Company's bill as being rather arge, but it is made per contract and we cannot cut any on the said bill.

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. REASNER,
GEO. C. WEBSTER,
G. W. GEIGER,

Committee on Accounts and Claims.

Which was concurred in.

Also, the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, October 4, 1875.

To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis :

Gentlemen :—Your Committee on Accounts and Claims beg leave to submit the following report, viz :

FIRST.

The claim with communication of the Journal Company, was referred to us and we find, upon examining the matter that we are unable to act upon the same, and recommend that it be referred to a special committee of three Councilmen, viz: Messrs. Adams, Reed and Difley.

SECOND.

Your Committee respectfully call the attention of the Council to the enormous gas bill for the Illinois street tunnel, amounting to \$156 for the month of August.

We recommend that the Street Commissioner be directed to provide gates for the entrance to said tunnel, and that he be instructed to close the same at night for the period of one month.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. W. GEIGER,

GEO. C. WEBSTER,

W. F. REASNER,

Committee on Accounts and Claims.

Which was concurred in.

Also, the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, October 4, 1875.

To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis:

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Accounts and Claims report to Council the bill of Albert Gall for papering and whitewashing the several houses comprising the Tomlinson estate; amounting in the aggregate to \$368.14, and recommend that it be referred to the Committee on Public Buildings, to examine into said bill.

Your Committee would also call the City Civil Engineers attention to the expensive use of gas at No. 5 Engine House, Station House and the tunnel, with instructions that he examine into the cause of such expensive bills and report to Council.

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. REASNER,

GEO. C. WEBSTER,

GEO. W. GEIGER,

Committee on Accounts and Claims.

Which was concurred in.

Mr. Reasner introduced special appropriation ordinance No. 48, 1875, entitled :

An ordinance appropriating money to pay sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis for the month of September, 1875.

Which was read the first time.

Dr. Ward introduced special appropriation ordinance No. 49, 1875, entitled :

An ordinance appropriating money on account of City Hospital and branch for the month of September, 1875.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Gimber introduced special appropriation ordinance No. 50, 1875, entitled :

An ordinance appropriating money on account of bridges and cisterns.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Reed introduced special appropriation ordinance No. 51, 1875, entitled :

An ordinance appropriating money on account of Station House for the month of September, 1875.]

Which was read the first time.

Mr. McGill introduced special appropriation ordinance No. 52, 1875, entitled :

An ordinance appropriating money on account of printing, etc., for the month of September, 1875.

Special appropriation ordinance No. 47, 1875, was read the second time and ordered engrossed.

Special appropriation ordinance No. 48, 1875, was read the second time and ordered engrossed.

Mr. Gimber moved to reconsider the engrossment of the above entitled ordinance.

Which motion to reconsider was laid on the table by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Curran, Darnell, Geiger, Hall, Hook, Kahn, Ransdell, Reasner, Schmidt, Thalman, Ward and Webster—13.

Negative—Councilmen Albershardt, Bollman, Buehrig, Diffley, Gimber, Kenzel, Laughlin, Madden, McGill, Reed, Stratford and Stuckmeyer—12.

Special appropriation ordinance No. 49, 1875, was read the second time and ordered engrossed.

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Special appropriation ordinance No. 51, 1875, was read the second time and ordered engrossed.

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Special appropriation ordinance No. 47, 1875, was read the third time and passed by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Albershardt, Bollman, Buehrig, Curran, Darnell, Diffley, Geiger, Gimber, Hall, Hook, Kahn, Kenzel, Laughlin, Madden, McGill, Ransdell, Reasner, Reed, Schmidt, Stratford, Stuckmeyer, Thalman, Ward and Webster—25.

Negative—None.

Special appropriation ordinance No. 48, 1875, was read the third time and passed by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Albershardt, Bollman, Buehrig, Curran, Darnell, Diffley, Geiger, Gimber, Hall, Hook, Kahn, Kenzel, Laughlin, Madden, McGill, Ransdell, Reasner, Reed, Schmidt, Stratford, Stuckmeyer, Thalman, Ward and Webster—25.

Negative—None.

Special appropriation ordinance No. 49, 1875, was read the third time and passed by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Albershardt, Bollman, Buehrig, Curran, Darnell, Diffley, Geiger, Gimber, Hall, Hook, Kahn, Kenzel, Laughlin, Madden, McGill, Ransdell, Reasner, Reed, Schmidt, Stratford, Stuckmeyer, Thalman, Ward and Webster—25.

Negative—None.

Special appropriation ordinance No. 50, 1875, was read the third time and passed by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Albershardt, Bollman, Buehrig, Curran, Darnell, Diffley, Geiger, Gimber, Hall, Hook, Kahn, Kenzel, Laughlin, Madden, McGill, Ransdell, Reasner, Reed, Schmidt, Stratford, Stuckmeyer, Thalman, Ward and Webster—25.

Negative—None.

Special appropriation ordinance No. 51, 1875, was read the third time and passed by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Albershardt, Bollman, Buehrig, Curran, Darnell, Diffley, Geiger, Gimber, Hall, Hook, Kahn, Kenzel, Laughlin, Madden, McGill, Ransdell, Reasner, Reed, Schmidt, Stratford, Stuckmeyer, Thalman, Ward and Webster—25.

Negative—None.

Special appropriation ordinance No. 52, 1875, was read the third time and passed by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Albershardt, Bollman, Buehrig, Curran, Darnell, Diffley, Geiger, Gimber, Hall, Hook, Kahn, Kenzel, Laughlin, Madden, McGill, Ransdell, Reasner, Reed, Schmidt, Stratford, Stuckmeyer, Thalman, Ward and Webster—25.

Negative—None.

By consent, Dr. Ward presented the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, October 4, 1875.

To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis:

Gentlemen :—I herewith submit the following report for the City Hospital and Branch, for the month ending September 30, 1875, to wit .

Number of patients per last report.....	82
Number of patients admitted during the month.....	85
Number of births during the month.....	5
Number of patients discharged during the month.....	84
Number of deaths during the month.....	4
Number of patients now in Hospital.....	84
Total expenditure.....	\$2,039 89
Total number of days for which subsistence was furnished.....	3,090
Average expenses per capita per diem.....	\$0 64
Total amount of money received from day patients.....	\$19 00

Respectfully, submitted.

WM. B. McDONALD,

Superintendent.

Which was received.

Also, the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, October 4, 1875.

To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis:

Gentlemen :—I beg leave to submit the following report of the City Dispensary for the month of September, 1875 :

No. of visits to out patients in district north of Washington street.....	168
No. of visits south of Washington street.....	344

No. of visits to County Jail.....	30
No. of visits to Station House.....	20
Total number of visits.....	562
No. of patients prescribed for at office during month.....	410
No. of cases of Eyes and Ears treated.....	57
No. of prescriptions filled for jail.....	160
Total No. of prescriptions filled at Dispensary during month.....	1,174
No. Surgical cases treated.....	12
No. of Obstetrical cases.....	3
No. of Deaths.....	0

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN A. GALE,
Resident Physician.

Which was received.

Also, the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, October 4, 1875.

To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis:

Gentlemen :—I beg leave to submit the following report of the City Dispensary for the quarter ending September 30th, 1875 :

No. of visits to out patients north of Washington street :

July.....	223
August.....	220
September.....	168
Total No. of visits for north side.....	611

Number of visits to out patients south of Washington street:

July.....	154
August.....	229
September.....	344
Total number of visits for south side.....	727
No. of visits to Little Sisters of the Poor for July, August and September.....	80
No. of visits to Colored Orphan Asylum for months of July, August and Sept.	70

No. of visits to County Jail :

July.....	31
August.....	22
September.....	30
Total visits to Jail.....	93

Total number of visits to Station House for months of July, August and September.....	45
Total number of visits during the quarter.....	1626
No. of cases of Eye and Ear treated.....	105

No. of patients prescribed for at office :

July.....	350
August.....	339
September ..	410
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Total.....	1099

No. of prescriptions filled for Jail:

July.....	220
August.....	300
September.....	190
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Total for Jail.....	710

Prescriptions filed at office :

July.....	698
August.....	862
September.....	1174
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Total prescriptions filled during quarter.....	2734

No. of Surgical cases attended by Physicians of City Dispensary :

July.....	13
August.....	11
September.....	12
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Total Surgical cases.....	36
No. of Obstetrical cases.....	7
No. of Deaths.....	2

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN A. GALE, M. D., Resident Physician.

Which was received.

The special orders for the evening were then taken up, Enos B. Reed, President pro tem., being in the chair.

Mr. Gimber, from the Committee on Streets and Alleys, submitted the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, October 4, 1875.

To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis :

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Streets and Alleys to whom was referred the petition, remonstrance and ordinance relating to the Ohio street cedar block pavement, respectfully submit the following facts in the case, viz :

The total number of feet exclusive of city portion, on each side of Ohio street, from Meridian to Noble street is 5320 feet and the remonstrance along the same represents 4592 feet ; leaving a majority of 1932 feet in favor of the remonstrance.

The total number of feet, exclusive of city's portion on each side of Ohio street, from Noble to Arsenal avenue is 6030 feet ; and the remonstrance along the same is 1800 ; leaving a majority of 4230 feet not represented.

The total number of feet, exclusive of the city's portion along each side of Ohio street from Meridian street to Arsenal avenue is 11,350 feet ; and the remonstrance represents 6392 feet ; and the petition represents 926 feet ; leaving unrepresented either by petition or remonstrance 4032 feet.

RECAPITULATION.

Remonstrance 6392 feet ; Total feet along the whole line 11,350 ; the half of total and including the petition 5,675 feet ; leaving a majority in favor of remonstrance of 717 feet ; total number of feet including city's portion 17,075 feet ; remonstrance 6,392 feet ; leaving unrepresented 10,683 feet.

Respectfully submitted,

H. GIMBER,
ISAAC THALMAN,
W. F. REASNER,

Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Which was received.

On motion by Mr. Thalman, the ordinances were then taken up.

Special ordinance No. 189, 1875, entitled :

An ordinance to provide for improving Ohio street as follows : Grading, curbing the sidewalks thereof, parking each side of the street joining the sidewalks, and paving the center of said street with cedar block pavement, from the west side of Meridian street to the east side of Noble street.

Was read the second time.

Mr. Thalman moved to engross the ordinance.

On motion by Mr. Kahn, the main question was ordered by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Bollman, Curran, Diffley, Gimber, Hall, Kahn, Kenzel, Laughlin, Madden, McGill, Reed, Schmidt, Stratford, Stuckmeyer and Thalman—15.

Negative—Councilmen Adams, Albershardt, Buehrig, Darnell, Geiger, Hook, Ransdell, Reasner, Ward and Webster—10.

Mr. Geiger moved to adjourn.

Which motion was not adopted.

Mr. Thalman's motion was then adopted, and the ordinance engrossed by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Albershardt, Bollman, Buehrig, Diffley, Gimber, Hall, Hook, Kahn, Kenzel, Laughlin, Madden, McGill, Reed, Schmidt, Stratford, Stuckmeyer and Thalman—18.

Negative—Councilmen Curran, Darnell, Geiger, Ransdell, Reasner, Ward and Webster—7.

Special ordinance No. 189, 1875, entitled :

An ordinance to provide for improving Ohio street as follows : Grading, curbing the sidewalks thereof, parking each side of the street joining the sidewalks, and paving the center of said street with cedar block pavement, from the west side of Meridian street to the east side of Noble street.

Was read the third time.

The question being on the passage of the ordinance, those who voted in the affirmative were :

Councilmen Adams, Bollman, Buehrig, Curran, Diffley, Hall,

Hook, Kahn, Kenzel, Laughlin, Madden, McGill, Reed, Schmidt, Stratford, Stuckmeyer and Thalman—17.

Those who voted in the negative were :

Councilmen Albershardt, Darnell, Geiger, Ransdell, Reasner, Ward and Webster—7.

Whereupon the Chair declared the ordinance passed.

Special ordinance No. 190, 1875, entitled :

An ordinance to provide for grading Ohio street, curbing the sidewalks thereof, and paving the full width thereof with cedar block pavement, from the east side of Noble street to Arsenal avenue.

Was read the second time and ordered engrossed by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Bollman, Diffley, Hall, Hook, Kahn, Kenzel, Laughlin, Madden, McGill, Ransdell, Reed, Schmidt, Stratford, Stuckmeyer and Thalman—16.

Negative—Councilmen Albershardt, Curran, Darnell, Geiger, Reasner, Ward and Webster—7.

Special ordinance No, 190, 1875, entitled :

An ordinance to provide for grading Ohio street, curbing the sidewalks thereof, and paving the full width thereof with cedar block pavement, from the east side of Noble street to Arsenal avenue.

Was read the third time.

The question being on the passage of the ordinance, those who voted in the affirmative were :

Councilmen Adams, Bollman Buehrig, Diffley, Hall, Hook, Kahn, Kenzel, Laughlin, Madden, McGill, Reed, Schmidt, Stratford, Stuckmeyer and Thalman—16.

Those who voted in the negative were :

Councilmen Albershardt, Curran, Darnell, Geiger, Ransdell, Reasner, Ward and Webster—8.

Whereupon the Chair declared the ordinance passed.

Dr. Stratford, from the Committee on Sewers, submitted the following report :

INDIANAPOLIS, October 4, 1875.

To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis :

Gentlemen :—Your Committee on Sewers to whom was referred the ordinance for the construction of a four foot brick sewer in and along Massachusetts avenue from Pennsylvania street to New Jersey street, would respectfully report that we have examined the premises and desire to make the following report :

That the Pennsylvania street sewer is only four and a half feet, and that the sewerage on Pennsylvania street is very large, and it has also to receive the sewerage of Market street from the Circle to Pennsylvania street ; also the Court street sewer and from the Court House, and that the sewer on Massachusetts avenue will only extend two squares, since according to the original plan of sewerage, there will be a sewer along north New Jersey street, connecting with the Washington street sewer.

We therefore are of the opinion that a three foot sewer is all that will be needed for the two squares, and also that it will be all the Pennsylvania street sewer will receive. We recommend that the ordinance be passed for a three foot sewer.

Respectfully submitted,

I. W. STRATFORD,
FRED. SCHMIDT,
WM. BUEHRIG,
Committee on Sewers.

Mr. Stratford moved to receive the report, and lay the subject over for one week.

Which was adopted.

By consent, the following papers were presented :

Dr. Ward offered the following motion :

Moved, That the City Attorney be and is hereby requested to report to this

Council at its next meeting, whether or not a two-thirds vote was necessary to the legality of the ordinance passed to-night for the improvement of east Ohio street.

Which was adopted.

Dr. Stratford presented the following petition :

INDIANAPOLIS, October 4, 1875.

To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis :

Gentlemen :—The undersigned, owners of the real estate fronting on the first alley north of Huron street or Lexington avenue, between Dillon street and Grove street, respectfully petition your honorable body for permission to grade and gravel the above described alley ; the work to be done at our own expense and according to stakes to be set by the City Civil Engineer.

And your petitioners will ever pray, etc.,

C. M. WRIGHT,
J. P. COLEMAN,
J. L. BLACKMAN,
E. T. WILLIAMS.

Which was received and prayer of petitioners granted.

Mr. Thalman offered the following motion :

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be directed to immediately repair the abutments at the foot of Elizabeth street at the mill race, which washed out during the heavy rains.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Diffley offered the following motion :

Moved, That the City Marshal be and is hereby instructed to notify the proper officials of the railroad tracks on Georgia street between West and Missouri streets, to lower their tracks in accordance with the grade established by the City Civil Engineer, as shown in his report of September 13, viz : "between West street and first alley east, should be lowered $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches," and that the City Civil Engineer furnish a proper profile.

Which was adopted.

Dr. Hook moved that the roll be called, and that each member be allowed to introduce one paper.

Which motion was adopted.

Mr. Adams offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the report of the City Commissioners assessing benefits and damages to property affected by reason of extending Second street from Meridian to Pennsylvania street, made to this Council on 27th day of September, 1875, be and the same is hereby accepted and approved, and the City Treasurer is hereby ordered to tender the damages thereon assessed to the proper parties, and proceed to collect according to law, the benefits therein assessed, and that the ground necessary to extend said street as aforesaid, be and is hereby appropriated for that purpose.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Albershardt, Buehrig, Curran, Darnell, Diffley, Geiger, Hook, Kenzel, Laughlin, Madden, McGill, Ransdell, Reasner, Reed, Schmidt, Stratford, Thalman, Ward and Webster—20.

Negative—None.

Mr. Albershardt offered the following motion :

Moved, That Wm. H. English be and is hereby granted permission to grade and pave the sidewalk in front of his property on corner of Noble and Washington streets, at his own expense and under direction of the City Civil Engineer.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Curran offered the following motion :

Moved, That the City Civil Engineer be and is hereby authorized to make a profile of Reed street from English avenue to Prospect street.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Darnell offered the following motion :

Moved, That the Orphans' Home have permission to move a house from Williams street west to Mississippi street, thence south to Fifth street, thence east on Fifth street to the Orphans' Home.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Diffley offered the following motion :

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be directed to immediately put down a new floor on White river bridge at the Washington street crossing, also to repair the National Road bridge over White River.

Which was referred to the Committee on Bridges.

Dr. Hook offered the following motion :

Moved, That the City Civil Engineer be directed to advertise for proposals for building a well for fire purposes at the intersection of Columbia avenue and Pendleton Pike.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Kenzel offered the following motion :

Moved, That R. C. Arthur be allowed to grade and pave with brick the sidewalk in front of his property on south West street, south-east corner of Merrill and West streets ; said work to be done at his own expense, and that the City Civil Engineer be instructed to set the grade stakes for the same.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Laughlin presented the following petition and motion :

INDIANAPOLIS, October 4, 1875.

To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis :

Gentlemen :—Your petitioners would respectfully represent to your honorable body that they are the owners of property and reside on Mississippi street. That they

suffer great inconvenience because of the insufficient drainage on said street in front of their said property.

That the waters frequently covers the streets, sidewalks and yard of divers of your petitioners, also in many cases running into the cellars, all because of the want of proper drainage on said street.

And your petitioners would ask that your honorable body take immediate steps to cure the defects in said drainage, either by extending the sewer from Missouri street along Market street to Mississippi street, or such other steps as will afford the necessary relief.

Respectfully submitted,

G. H. VOSS,
JOHN G. WATERS,
H. B. McCARTHY,
W. D. McLAIN,
E. E. CASE,

Moved, That the Street Commissioner, under the direction of the City Civil Engineer be directed to enlarge the culvert and other points necessary to let off the water immediately.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Madden moved to take up general ordinance No. 71, 1875.

Dr. Stratford moved as a substitute to suspend the rules for the purpose of taking up general ordinances No. 71, 1875, and No. 54, 1875, and place them on their passage.

Which was adopted by unanimous consent.

General ordinance No. 71, 1875, entitled :

An ordinance to provide for building a brick sewer in and along Maryland street, [from the east side of the first alley west of Meridian street to and connecting with the Illinois street sewer, and providing for the assessment and collection of benefits.

Was read the second time and engrossed, and read the third time and passed by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Albershardt, Curran, Darnell,

Diffley, Hook, Kahn, Kenzel, Madden, McGill, Reasner, Reed, Schmidt, Stratford, Thalman, Ward and Webster—17.

Negative—None.

Mr. Adams moved to reconsider the vote by which the subject of constructing a sewer in Massachusetts avenue, from Pennsylvania to New Jersey street, was postponed.

Which motion was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Albershardt, Curran, Darnell, Diffley, Hook, Kahn, Kenzel, Madden, McGill, Reasner, Reed, Schmidt, Stratford, Thalman, Ward and Webster—17.

Negative—None.

On motion by Mr. Diffley, the session of the Council was extended by unanimous consent.

General ordinance No. 54, 1875, entitled:

An ordinance to build a brick sewer in and along Massachusetts avenue, from Pennsylvania street to the east side of New Jersey street.

Was read the second time.

Mr. Adams moved to amend by making the sewer four feet in the clear.

Which was adopted.

Dr. Stratford moved to amend by running the sewer from Pennsylvania street to the south side of Vermont street, instead of to east side of New Jersey street.

Which amendment was adopted.

The ordinance as amended was ordered engrossed, and read the third time and passed by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Adams, Albershardt, Curran, Darnell, Diffley, Hook, Kahn, Kenzel, Madden, McGill, Reasner, Reed, Schmidt, Stratford, Thalman, Ward and Webster—17.

Negative—None.

Mr. Reasner offered the following motion :

Moved, That the report of the City Commissioners in regard to opening an alley from first alley east of East street to first alley west of Noble street be concurred in.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Schmidt offered the following motion :

Moved, That the City Civil Engineer set the stakes for the proper grade on Cruse street between east Market street and Washington street, and that the Street Commissioner follow the instructions of the City City Engineer ; also, that the Street Commissioner use the dirt for filling up a ditch on said street.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Also, the following motion :

Moved, That Adam Keeling have the consent of this Council to lay a brick pavement on the north side of Cruse street between east Washington street and east Market street ; also, on the north-east corner of Cruse and east Washington street ; stakes to be set by the City Civil Engineer ; at his own expense.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Thalman offered the following motion :

Moved, That the City Attorney be requested to report an ordinance amending the ordinance relating to obstructing the streets and alleys of the city, by signs and otherwise, so as to require a notice of twenty-four hours to remove the same, by an officer of the city before the parties shall be liable to arrest and fine.

Which was adopted.

Dr. Ward presented the following petition and communication :

INDIANAPOLIS, October 4, 1875.

To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis :

Gentlemen :—We, the undersigned ladies, having visited the City Hospital, some of us every week for nearly two years, have been deeply impressed with the necessity of warm, suitable clothing being provided for convalescents, such as loose pants and jackets, socks and slippers, for the men; and skirts, saques, stockings and slippers for the women.

We therefore come before your honorable body, and ask you to make an appropriation for the purchase of such garments, the necessity of which, in promoting the comfort and cleanliness of the patients, and the general health of the hospital, we feel assured will commend itself to the approval of your honorable body.

Should you think best to grant our request, we will attend to the making up of the garments ourselves, and the following figures we have, after careful investigation, found to be the lowest at which suitable material can be purchased :

30 flannel suits for men at 6 yards a suit, would take 180 yards; at 30 cents a yard would be	\$54 00
30 pairs slippers at 50 cents a pair.....	16 00
30 pairs socks at 12½ a pair.....	3 75
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Total for men.....	\$72 75
For women, 30 suits, 8 yards each 240 yards, at 30 cents a yard.....	\$72 00
30 pairs hose at 20 cents a pair.....	6 00
30 pairs slippers at 50 cents a pair.....	15 00
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Total for women.....	\$93 00
Tape, thread and making.....	35 00
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Total for all.....	\$200 75

Having placed this one request and these figures before you, we respectfully pray you to grant our petition.

MRS. J. H. BAYLISS,
ANNA MILLS,
MRS. P. S. CORNELIUS,
MRS. H. A. EDSON.

and 4 others.

INDIANAPOLIS, October 4, 1875.

To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis :

Gentlemen :—The petition from the ladies who have been, such frequent visitors to the Hospital, and who have been laboring so faithfully for the good of the

inmates, which is presented you, asking for clothing for convalescent patients is cordially approved.

Provisions, such as is asked, is made in most other hospitals. The clothing will not be taken away by patients when they leave, but will remain the property of the Hospital, and be again used by others.

Yours respectfully,

THEOPHILUS PARVIN,

President Board of Trustees;

Which was referred to the Committee on Supplies.

On motion, the Council adjourned.

JOHN CAVEN, Mayor.

Attest :

BENJ. C. WRIGHT, City Clerk.