

# PROCEEDINGS OF COMMON COUNCIL.

REGULAR SESSION—JUNE 3, 1878.

The Common Council of the City of Indianapolis met in its Council Chamber, on Monday evening, June 3d, A. D. 1878, at half-past seven o'clock.

**PRESENT**—Hon. John Caven, Mayor, and, *ex officio*, President of the Common Council, in the Chair, and the following members: Councilmen Anderson, Bermann, Brown, Bruner, Cummings, Dill, Layman, Marsee, Maus, Morris, Morse, McGinty, McKay, O'Brien, Olf, Reading, Reasner, Rodibaugh, Showalter, Steeg, Tucker, Walker, Wiese, and Wright—24.

**ABSENT**—Councilman Sindlinger—1.

Sealed proposals for placing in position, on the stone abutments already erected on the canal, at the crossing of Vermont street, that portion of the Delaware street viaduct set apart for that purpose, were received, opened, read, and referred to the Committee on Contracts.

The following sealed proposition was also opened and read, and then referred to the Board of Public Improvements:

*Indianapolis, June 3, 1878.*

To the City Council:

I hereby propose to furnish, and place in position upon such gas-lamps at the street intersections of said city as do not at present in any manner denote the different streets, glass plates, with the names of such intersecting streets properly painted thereon. Such plates are to be inserted within the square lamps, and at a slight distance from the inner surface of the exterior glass, by which device the liability to breakage is lessened.

I propose to paint the requisite names, where the new globe-lamp occurs, upon the globe itself, at the price of 20 cents per name of street painted. Where *plates*, lettered as above described, can be used, my charge will be 20 cents per plate.

I am ready at any time to appear before such committee as this proposal may be referred to, exhibit samples of my work, and explain details.

Respectfully submitted,

J. N. BOUTWELL.

COMMUNICATIONS, ETC., FROM THE MAYOR.

His Honor, Mayor Caven, announced the following appointments for the ensuing year:

Indianapolis, June 3, 1878.

To the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis:

*Gentlemen*:—I respectfully report the following Standing Committees for this Council:

*Accounts and Claims*—Layman, Morris, and Off.  
*Benevolence and Hospitals*—Walker, Dill, and Reasner.  
*Bridges*—Morse, Bermann, and McGinty.  
*Contracts*—Brown, McKay, and Reading.  
*Finance*—Wright, Layman, Morris, Sindlinger, and Showalter.  
*Gas-Light*—Cummings, Tucker, and O'Brien.  
*Judiciary*—McKay, Marsee, and Steeg.  
*Markets*—Rodibaugh, Anderson, and Bruner.  
*Parks*—Tucker, Walker, and Reading.  
*Printing and Stationery*—Wright, Brown, and Wiese.  
*Public Buildings*—Anderson, Bermann, and Off.  
*Railroads*—Tucker, Bruner, and McGinty.  
*Revision of Ordinances*—Dill, Morse, and Steeg.  
*Public Schools*—Wiese, Wright, Off, Showalter, and Morse.  
*Sellers' Farm*—Sindlinger, Reasner, and McKay.  
*Sewers*—Brown, Sindlinger, and Maus.  
*Streets and Alleys*—Morris, McGinty, and O'Brien.  
*Street and Alley Opening*—Layman, Reasner, and Steeg.  
*Supplies*—Showalter, Cummings, and O'Brien.  
*Tunnels*—Bermann, Bruner, and Marsee.  
*Water-Works*—Marsee, Rodibaugh, and Maus.

Respectfully,

J. CAVEN, Mayor.

Also, the following report, which was approved:

Indianapolis, June 3, 1878.

To the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis:

*Gentlemen*:—The amount of fines collected by me, during the month of May, 1878, due the city treasury, is \$17.30; which I have paid the City Treasurer, and file, herewith, his duplicate receipt therefor.

Respectfully submitted,

J. CAVEN, Mayor.

Also, the following communication; which was referred to the Committee on Sewers:

OFFICE OF THE STATE HOUSE COMMISSIONERS, }  
 Indianapolis, June 1, 1878. }

To His Honor, the Mayor of the City of Indianapolis:

*Sir*:—The undersigned have been directed by the Board of State House Commissioners to procure the necessary authority from the City Council to construct a sewer, to drain the new State House building and the surface drainage of Tennessee street, which the new building will obstruct.

The Commissioners have determined to place the sewer in the centre of Market street, from Tennessee street to Missouri street, connecting there with the sewer leading south on Missouri street.

As the work must be completed very soon, we respectfully ask the City Council to appoint a committee to act with us, with a view of submitting to the Council such an ordinance on the subject as they may deem necessary.

We respectfully request your Honor to lay this matter before the City Council, at their next meeting.

Very respectfully, your obedient servants,

JOHN LOVE,  
T. A. MORRIS,  
Commissioners.

REPORTS, ETC., FROM CITY OFFICERS.

The City Civil Engineer submitted the following report, which was referred to the Board of Public Improvements :

*Indianapolis, June 3, 1878.*

To the Mayor and Common Council :

*Gentlemen* :—I was directed to examine Malott avenue, at the crossing of the Indianapolis, Peru and Chicago Railroad, and report what, if anything, is necessary to be done, to make the same passable.

I would suggest that, from Massachusetts avenue to the north line of Malott avenue, Macy street be graveled, including the intersection of Malott avenue, Macy street, and Christian avenue; also, that the Indianapolis, Peru and Chicago Railroad Company be required to plank the crossing at said intersection, to the full width of Malott avenue and Christian avenue.

Respectfully submitted,

BERNHARD H. DIETZ, City Civil Engineer.

The same officer submitted the following report; which was duly approved :

*Indianapolis, June 3, 1878.*

To the Mayor and Common Council :

*Gentlemen* :—I herewith report the following estimates :

A first and partial estimate in behalf of Dewey and Twiname, for building stone abutments on the Central Canal, at the crossing of Vermont street—

213.65 cubic yards masonry, at \$5.60 .....	\$1,196 44
368 cubic yards excavation, at 75 cents .....	276 00
Total.....	\$1,472 44
Less amount held back .....	25 00
Present payment.....	\$1,447 44

I transmit with this report a certified bill of the amount due Messrs. Dewey and Twiname on their first and partial estimate, and recommend it be inserted in the appropriation ordinance.

Also, a first and final estimate in behalf of David A. Haywood, for grading and graveled the first alley east of the lower arm of the canal, from Washington street to its southern terminus—

840 lineal feet, at 18 cents.....	\$151 20
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Also, a second and final estimate in behalf of David A. Haywood, for grading, and paving with brick, the east sidewalk of Pendleton Pike, between Clifford avenue and Orange street—

2430.8 lineal feet, at 29 cents .....	\$704 93
13 cubic yards gravel, at 70 cents.....	9 10
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Total.....	\$714 03
Former payment.....	714 03

Respectfully submitted,

BERNHARD H. DIETZ, City Civil Engineer.

The following estimate resolution was then read :

*Resolved, by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen, That the foregoing first and final estimate, allowed David A. Haywood, for grading and graveling the first alley east of the lower arm of the canal, from Washington street to the southern terminus, be, and the same is hereby, adopted as the estimate of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen, and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.*

And was adopted by the following vote :

AYES, 24—viz.: Councilmen Anderson, Bermann, Brown, Bruner, Cummings, Dill, Layman, Marsee, Maus, Morris, Morse, McGinty, McKay, O'Brien, Off, Reading, Reasner, Rodibaugh, Showalter, Steeg, Tucker, Walker, Wiese, and Wright.

NAYS—None.

The following estimate resolution was also read :

*Resolved, by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen, That the foregoing second and final estimate, allowed David A. Haywood, for grading, and paving with brick, the east sidewalk of Pendleton Pike, between Clifford avenue and Orange street, be, and the same is hereby, adopted as the estimate of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen, and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.*

And was adopted by the following vote :

AYES, 24—viz.: Councilmen Anderson, Bermann, Brown, Bruner, Cummings, Dill, Layman, Marsee, Maus, Morris, Morse, McGinty, McKay, O'Brien, Off, Reading, Reasner, Rodibaugh, Showalter, Steeg, Tucker, Walker, Wiese, and Wright.

NAYS—None.

The same officer presented the following communication, accompanying same with the contracts and bonds therein referred to; which communication was received, and the contracts and bonds were duly concurred in and approved :

*Indianapolis, June 3, 1878.*

To the Mayor and Common Council :

*Gentlemen:*—I herewith report the following contracts and bonds, for your consideration :

Of David A. Haywood, for grading and graveling Mill street and sidewalks, from Sixth street to Seventh street. Bond, \$600; bondsman, Charles S. Roney.

Of Fred. Gansberg, for grading and graveling Michigan street and sidewalks, from the east line of the C., C., C. & I. R. R. Co's grounds to Archer street. Bond, \$1500; bondsman, Richard Carr.

Of David A. Haywood, for grading, and paving with brick, the west sidewalk of Pennsylvania street (where not already paved), from the Union Railway tracks, or Louisiana street, to South street. Bond, \$250; bondsman, Henry C. Roney.

Of William Earls, for grading and graveling the first alley west of Tennessee street, from McCarty street to the second alley south of McCarty street. Bond, \$150; bondsman, Isaac Sagalowsky.

Of David A. Haywood, for re-graveling Ohio street, bowldering the gutters, and curbing with stone the sidewalks thereof, from Alabama street to East street. Bond, \$3,000; bondsmen, Richard Carr and Charles S. Roney.

Respectfully submitted,

BERNHARD H. DIETZ, City Civil Engineer.

The City Clerk submitted the following report; which was duly received:

*Indianapolis, June 3, 1878.*

To the Mayor and Common Council:

*Gentlemen:*—I herewith report the following affidavits, now on file in my office for the collection of street assessments by precept, to-wit:

Richard Carr vs. Alexander Armstrong, for .....	\$3 70
Richard Carr vs. Alexander Armstrong, for .....	3 70
John Greene vs. Charles Griggs, for .....	45 50
John Greene vs. W. F. Thorn, Trustee (Christian name unknown), for.....	45 50

And recommend that you order the precepts to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

BENJ. C. WRIGHT, City Clerk.

And the precepts therein recommended were ordered to be issued by the following vote:

**AYES, 24**—viz.: Councilmen Anderson, Bermann, Brown, Bruner, Cummings, Dill, Layman, Marsee, Maus, Morris, Morse, McGinty, McKay, O'Brien, Off, Reading, Reasner, Rodibaugh, Showalter, Steeg, Tucker, Walker, Wiese, and Wright.

**NAYS**—None.

The same officer submitted the following report; which was duly received:

*Indianapolis, May 29, 1878.*

To the Mayor and Common Council:

*Gentlemen:*—I herewith report that I have this day prepared and delivered to the City Treasurer, a certified copy of so much of the report of the City Commissioners, in the matter of vacating Kingan street, between West street and White River, as relates to the assessment of damages and benefits, also a copy of the resolution adopting and approving such report.

Respectfully, etc.,

BENJ. C. WRIGHT, City Clerk.

The Superintendent of the City Hospital submitted the following reports; which which were duly received:

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

The following report of the City Hospital and Branch for the month ending May 31, 1878, is respectfully submitted :

	First Week.	Second Week.	Third Week.	Fourth Week.	Three Days.	Total.	
NO. OF BEDS IN HOSPITAL—100.							
Number of Patients at last report—adults.....	60	60	63	61	55	.....	
Number of Patients at last report—infants .....	2	3	1	2	3	.....	
Received New Patients - adults.....	13	13	12	9	4	51	
Births, or Received—infants.....	2	1	2	3	1	9	
Discharged—adults.....	13	9	14	14	6	56	
Discharged—infants.....	1	3	.....	1	1	6	
Died—adults.....	.....	1	.....	1	.....	2	
Died—infants .....	.....	.....	1	1	.....	2	
Number of Patients remaining—adults.....	60	63	61	55	53	.....	
Number of Patients remaining—infants.. .....	3	1	2	3	3	.....	
Number of Patients in Branch—adults.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Number of Patients in Branch—infants.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Aggregate No. days of Patients in Hospital—adults.....	437	448	467	437	168	1957	
Aggregate No. of days Patients in Hospital—infants.....	22	22	10	24	11	89	
Total expenditures for month.....						\$970	90
Net expenditures for the month.....						970	90
Aggregate number of days subsistence furnished.....						2604	
Average expense per capita per diem.....						37.2	

W. H. DAVIS, Superintendent.

#### REPORTS, ETC., FROM OFFICIAL BOARDS.

The Hospital Board, through Councilman Walker, submitted the following report; which was duly concurred in :

To His Honor, the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis :

*Gentlemen:*—We, the undersigned members of the Hospital Board, to whom was referred the matter of introducing gas into the City Hospital, beg leave to report that we have given the matter some consideration, and have made some estimates of the cost of pipes and fixtures, and of the comparative cost of coal oil and gas, which we submit for your consideration.

We estimate the cost of coal oil and lamp-chimneys for the coming year at \$120. The estimated cost of gas for the same period is \$360. To this should be added the cost of lighting four street-lamps, at \$28 each, which would increase the cost of gas to \$472; making a net difference of \$352 in favor of coal oil. To this may be added the cost of pipes and fixtures (estimated to cost \$290); which would make a total difference in the expense for the year of \$642 in favor of coal oil.

We, therefore, recommend that the expenditure be not made.

Respectfully submitted,

T. E. CHANDLER,  
I. C. WALKER,  
J. B. DILL,

Hospital Board.

June 2, 1878.

The Board of Health submitted the following report; which was duly received:

Deaths registered during the month ending June 1, 1878:

Under 1 year	-----	25
1 to 2 years.	-----	11
2 to 3 "	-----	1
3 to 4 "	-----	0
4 to 5 "	-----	0
5 to 10 "	-----	0
10 to 20 "	-----	5
20 to 30 "	-----	7
30 to 40 "	-----	8
40 to 50 "	-----	2
50 to 60 "	-----	4
60 to 70 "	-----	4
70 to 80 "	-----	1
80 to 90 "	-----	1
90 " 100 "	-----	0
Above 100 "	-----	0
Unknown	-----	3
Total	-----	72

T. N. BRYAN, M. D., President.  
 WILLIAM WANDS, M. D.  
 H. JAMESON, M. D., Secretary.

The Board of Public Improvements, through President McKay, submitted the following report:

*Indianapolis, June 3, 1878.*

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

*Gentlemen:*—The Board of Public Improvements, to whom was referred sundry papers and motions, have given them due consideration, and report as follows:

1st. Is a motion of Councilman Brown, that the Street Commissioner be ordered to repair the first alley east of Dillon street, on the south side of Fletcher avenue.

We find the alley has been lately improved, that a fill of several feet was required, and that, since its completion, the north end has settled below the grade of Fletcher avenue, causing a chuck-hole at their intersection. We believe four loads of gravel will make the needed repair at this time, and recommend the passage of the motion.

2d. Is a motion of Councilman Brown, that the Street Commissioner be instructed to place a plank crossing over the gutter, at the alley on the east side of Dillon street, between Fletcher and Lexington avenues.

We find the asked-for improvement needed, and recommend the passage of the motion.

3d. Is a motion of Councilman Maus, that the Street Commissioner be directed to fill the chuck-holes in New York street, between Blackford and Agnes streets.

On examination, we find but two chuck-holes. They need filling at once. We recommend the passage of the motion.

4th. Is a motion of Councilman McGinty, that the Street Commissioner be directed to clean the gutters of McCarty street, between West and Illinois streets.

We find some parts of the gutters in a filthy condition, and, as a sanitary meas-

ure, the work should be done. It will not require more than one day for a street gang to complete the work. We, therefore, recommend the passage of the motion.

5th. Is a motion of Councilman McKay, that the Street Commissioner be ordered to place a double-stone footwalk across Second street, at its intersection with Pennsylvania street.

We find the asked-for improvement much needed, and recommend the passage of the motion.

6th. Is a motion of Councilman Steeg, that Joseph Blackman be allowed to construct a plank drive-way across the side-walk in front of his woodyard, on the west side of Virginia avenue, between Bradshaw and Buchanan streets—the same to be done within ten days, at his own expense, and under the direction of the City Civil Engineer.

We would substitute the word "bouldered" for "plank" drive-way, and recommend the passage of the motion.

7th. Is a motion of Councilman Tucker, that the Street Commissioner be instructed to re-gravel Virginia avenue, from the I., C. & L. R. R. track to Dillon street.

After careful examination, we recommend that the motion do not pass.

8th. Is a petition of John R. and C. S. Nickum and others, for permission to curb the north sidewalk of Lockerbie street.

Inasmuch as nearly all of the property owners on the said street have signed the petition, and as the work is to be done at the expense of the property owners, and under the direction of the City Civil Engineer, we recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

9th. Is a remonstrance against the passage of Special Ordinance No. 135, 1876 ("To provide for grading and graveling the alley between Olive and Linden streets, running from Orange to Willow streets").

We find that a very large majority of the property holders along said alley have signed the remonstrance. We can see no cause for urging the improvement, and recommend that the prayer of the remonstrating petitioners be granted.

Very respectfully submitted,

HORACE MCKAY,  
JOHN L. MARSEE,  
HENRY COBURN,

Board of Public Improvements.

All the clauses in the preceding report, except the fifth, were duly concurred in.

Councilman Wright demanded a vote by "ayes and nays" on the fifth clause; which, being taken, the Common Council refused to concur in the recommendation of the Board by the following vote:

**AYES, 7—viz.:** Councilmen Cummings, Layman, Marsee, Maus, Morris, McKay, and Rodibaugh.

**NAYS, 17—viz.:** Councilmen Anderson, Bermann, Brown, Bruner, Dill, Morse, McGinty, O'Brien, Off, Reading, Reasner, Showalter, Steeg, Tucker, Walker, Wiese, and Wright.

#### REPORTS, ETC., FROM STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Benevolence and Hospitals, through Councilman Walker, presented the following reports; which were duly received:

*Report of the City Dispensary for May, 1878.*

Number of visits made to families in District "North" .....	61
Number of visits made to families in District "South" .....	117
Number of Patients treated at Dispensary .....	401

## DISEASES OF SAID PATIENTS:

	Cases.		Cases.
Intermittent fever .....	72	Tonsillitis .....	5
Remittent fever .....	14	Gonorrhœa .....	2
Typhoid fever .....	1	Neuralgia .....	6
Brain fever .....	1	Pericarditis. ....	1
Phthisis .....	12	Epilepsy .....	5
Tuberculosis .....	4	Worms .....	5
Pneumonia .....	10	Sciatica .....	2
Bronchitis .....	15	Chorea .....	1
Constipation .....	7	Conjunctivitis .....	2
Anæmia .....	4	Pertussis .....	2
Herpes .....	2	Exzema .....	2
Old age .....	2	Whooping cough .....	1
Scrofula .....	2	Uterine Hemorrhage .....	1
Jaundice .....	3	Catarrh .....	2
Congestion .....	1	Mennorrhagia .....	2
Rheumatism .....	5	Asthma .....	3
Hysterics .....	2	Dyspepsia .....	3
Inanition .....	2	Cystitis .....	2
Heart disease .....	1	Diarrhœa .....	2
Scarlatina .....	4	Debility .....	5
Diphtheria .....	2	Goitre .....	1
Pleuritis .....	6	Adonitis of Axilla .....	1

## NUMBER OF SURGICAL CASES:

	Cases.		Cases.
Amputation of one finger .....	1	Fracture of arm .....	2
Syphilis .....	19	Fracture of clavicle .....	1
Syph. Iritis .....	2	Burn .....	1
Mucous Patches .....	1	Sprained wrist .....	1
Dysmenorrhœa .....	1	Œdema of leg .....	1
Leucorrhœa .....	3	Felon .....	1
Amenorrhœa .....	3	Abscess .....	2
Metritis .....	1	Hip disease .....	2
Prolaps. Uteri .....	3	Varicose .....	3
Vaginitis .....	1	Orchitis .....	1
Retroversion .....	2	Probing cancer .....	1
Prolaps. Vagina .....	1	Cancer .....	1
Enteritis .....	1	Ulcer of ear .....	1
Uterine disease .....	3	Ulcer of mouth .....	2
Abortion .....	1	Dislocation of thumb .....	1
Threatened abortion .....	3	Dislocation of shoulder .....	1
Erysipelous .....	4	.....	.....
Number of vaccinations .....			10
Number of teeth extracted .....			14
Number of prescriptions filled .....			770

## NATIVITY OF PATIENTS:

United States .....	309	Switzerland .....	1
Ireland .....	101	Denmark .....	1
Germany .....	17	Canada .....	1
England .....	12	Italy .....	1
France .....	2	Of these, 30 were colored.	

## CONDENSED REPORT:

Number of visits made North .....	61
Number of visits made South .....	117
Number of Patients treated at Dispensary .....	401
Number of Prescriptions filled .....	770
Number of surgical cases .....	74
Number of teeth extracted .....	14
Number of vaccinations .....	10
Number of births .....	4
Number of deaths .....	1

Prescriptions filed at City Dispensary from Physicians not connected with the same:

Dr. Waters .....	27	Dr. Foulds .....	2
Dr. W. Wishard .....	12	Dr. Hadley .....	2
Dr. Bullard .....	6	Dr. Cochran .....	1
Dr. Brennan .....	5	Dr. Murdock .....	1
Dr. Woolfolk .....	4	Dr. Chambers .....	1
Dr. Sutcliffe .....	3	Dr. Bigger .....	1
Dr. Woolen .....	3	Dr. Martin .....	1
Dr. Henthorne .....	3		
Dr. Featherston .....	2	Total .....	74

Respectfully submitted,

OTTO E. MUELLER.

## MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

The following message from the Board of Aldermen was received, and the motion therein set forth was duly concurred in:

*Indianapolis*, June 3, 1878.

To the Mayor and Common Council:

*Gentlemen*.—At an adjourned session of the Board of Aldermen, held Tuesday evening, May 28th, 1878, the following motion was adopted, viz.:

“*Moved*, That the Board of Public Improvements be instructed to station a watchman, or place warning lights, at the crossing of Vermont street and canal, to prevent accidents occurring at night during the time that above crossing is without a bridge.”

For the Board of Aldermen:

GEO. T. BREUNIG, Clerk.

## INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES.

The following ordinances were introduced, and severally read the first time:

The Fire Board, through Councilman Layman, introduced—

Ap. O. 34, 1878—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of the Fire Department.

The Hospital Board, through Councilman Walker, introduced—

Ap. O. 35, 1878—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of the City Hospital and Branch.

The Police Board, through Councilman Brown, introduced—

Ap. O. 36, 1878—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of Station Houses.

The Committee on Accounts and Claims, through Councilman Layman, introduced—

Ap. O. 37, 1878—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of Expenses of City Election, held May 7th, 1878.

Ap. O. 38, 1878—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis.

Councilman Cummings introduced—

G. O. 23, 1878—An Ordinance to amend section two (2) and section five (5) of an ordinance entitled "An Ordinance creating the Police Board; prescribing its Powers and Duties; and regulating the Organization of the Police Force of the City of Indianapolis (ordained and established May 28, 1878)."

Councilman Layman introduced—

G. O. 24, 1878—An Ordinance to amend the fourth clause of section three (3) of "An Ordinance providing for the Compensation of the Officers of the City of Indianapolis, and the Officers and Members of the Police and Fire Departments of said city, for the Fiscal Year ending May 15th, 1879 (ordained and established May 28, 1878)."

Councilman Maus introduced—

S. O. 27, 1878—An Ordinance to provide for the erection of lamp-posts, lamps, and fixtures (complete to burn gas, except the service-pipes), on Agnes street, between New York and North streets.

Councilman McGinty introduced—

S. O. 28, 1878—An Ordinance to provide for grading and graveling the first alley south of South street, between Missouri and Mississippi streets.

#### PENDING ORDINANCES—PROCEEDINGS HAD THEREON.

This being the regular appropriation night, Appropriation Ordinances 34, 35, 36, 37, and 38 were now read the second time.

The following amendments were made in Ap. O. 37, 1878:

On Councilman McKay's motion, the name of "E. C. Jones" was stricken out, as claimant for the "room rent of Second Ward Election Board," and the name of J. H. Laird (owner of the property) inserted in lieu thereof.

On Councilman Marsee's motion, this item was added to the ordinance: "Geo. F. Miller, meals for Eighteenth Ward Election Board, \$2.50."

Aforesaid appropriation ordinances were then severally ordered to be engrossed.

On Councilman Layman's motion, the rules were ordered to be suspended, for the purpose of now reading General Ordinance 24, 1878, the second and third times, and placing same on its passage, by the following vote :

**AYES, 20**—viz.: Councilmen Brown, Bruner, Cummings, Dill, Layman, Marsee, Maus, Morris, Morse, McGinty, McKay, Off, Reading, Reasner, Rodibaugh, Showalter, Tucker, Walker, Wiese, and Wright.

**NAYS, 4**—viz.: Councilmen Anderson, Bermann, O'Brien, and Steeg.

The following ordinance was then read the third time :

**Ap. O. 34, 1878**—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of the Fire Department. [Total amount appropriated, \$893.56.]

And was passed by the following vote :

**AYES, 24**—viz.: Councilmen Anderson, Bermann, Brown, Bruner, Cummings, Dill, Layman, Marsee, Maus, Morris, Morse, McGinty, McKay, O'Brien, Off, Reading, Reasner, Rodibaugh, Showalter, Steeg, Tucker, Walker, Wiese, and Wright.

**NAYS**—None.

The following ordinance was also read the third time :

**Ap. O. 35, 1878**—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of the City Hospital and Branch. [Total amount appropriated, \$970.19.]

And was passed by the following vote :

**AYES, 24**—viz.: Councilmen Anderson, Bermann, Brown, Bruner, Cummings, Dill, Layman, Marsee, Maus, Morris, Morse, McGinty, McKay, O'Brien, Off, Reading, Reasner, Rodibaugh, Showalter, Steeg, Tucker, Walker, Wiese, and Wright.

**NAYS**—None.

The following ordinance was also read the third time :

**Ap. O. 36, 1878**—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of Station Houses. [Total amount appropriated, \$289.69.]

And was passed by the following vote :

**AYES, 24**—viz.: Councilmen Anderson, Bermann, Brown, Bruner, Cummings, Dill, Layman, Marsee, Maus, Morris, Morse, McGinty, McKay, O'Brien, Off, Reading, Reasner, Rodibaugh, Showalter, Steeg, Tucker, Walker, Wiese, and Wright.

**NAYS**—None.

The following ordinance was also read the third time :

Ap. O. 37, 1878—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of Expenses of City Election, held May 7th, 1878. [Total amount appropriated, \$637.50.]

And was passed by the following vote :

AYES, 24—viz.: Councilmen Anderson, Bermann, Brown, Bruner, Cummings, Dill, Layman, Marsee, Maus, Morris, Morse, McGinty, McKay, O'Brien, Off, Reading, Reasner, Rodibaugh, Showalter, Steeg, Tucker, Walker, Wiese, and Wright.

NAYS—None.

The following ordinance was also read the third time :

Ap. O. 38, 1878—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis. [Amount appropriated, \$23,451.68.]

And was passed by the following vote :

AYES, 24—viz.: Councilmen Anderson, Bermann, Brown, Bruner, Cummings, Dill, Layman, Marsee, Maus, Morris, Morse, McGinty, McKay, O'Brien, Off, Reading, Reasner, Rodibaugh, Showalter, Steeg, Tucker, Walker, Wiese, and Wright.

NAYS—None.

Councilman Walker was excused for the balance of session.

The following ordinance was read the second time, ordered to be engrossed, and then read the third time :

G. O. 24, 1878—An Ordinance to amend the fourth clause of section three (3) of "An Ordinance providing for the Compensation of the Officers of the City of Indianapolis, and the Officers and Members of the Police and Fire Departments of said city, for the Fiscal Year ending May 15th, 1879 (ordained and established May 28, 1878. [Increasing the pay of Telegrapher of the Fire Department to \$1000 per annum.]

And was passed by the following vote :

AYES, 20—viz.: Councilmen Bermann, Brown, Bruner, Cummings, Dill, Layman, Marsee, Maus, Morris, Morse, McGinty, McKay, Off, Reading, Reasner, Rodibaugh, Showalter, Tucker, Wiese, and Wright.

NAYS, 3—viz.: Councilmen Anderson, O'Brien, and Steeg.

#### INTRODUCTION OF MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Councilman Brown offered the following motion; which was referred to the Committee on Gas-Light and City Civil Engineer :

*Moved*, That the City Civil Engineer be instructed to remove the two lamp-posts between New Jersey and Alabama streets, as said lamp-posts are in the middle of the sidewalks.

The same gentleman presented the following petition; which was referred to the Committee on Judiciary and City Attorney:

THE CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS

To THOMAS C. BOWLER and MARY BOWLER, Dr.

To building 23 cubic yards of Stone Wall at \$6.00 per cubic yard (built in 1876 to protect their lot No. 77, in Hubbard, McCarty & Martindale's Subdivision of lots 1, 2, 7, and 8 in the Southeast Addition to the City of Indianapolis, it being necessary to protect said lot from the washing of Pleasant Run, and by mistake in his application heretofore made was stated as lot 78), amounting to \$138.

By the estimate of a competent person, it will require sixty cubic yards more of stone wall to be a safe protection against the washing of Run on said lot 77, which can now be built for \$5 per cubic yard; which said Bowler now offers to build, and asks the city to pay him said sum of \$138 for the work already done, and build the additional wall, or allow them \$5 per cubic yard for building the same.

THOMAS C. BOWLER,  
MARY BOWLER.

May 28, 1878.

Councilman Bruner offered the following motion; which was adopted:

*Moved*, That the City Marshal be directed to take such steps, under the direction of the City Attorney, as will result in abating a nuisance from an overflowing privy vault located on the property known as the Bugbee Block, corner of Liberty street and Massachusetts avenue.

Councilman Cummings offered the following motion; which was adopted:

*Moved*, That the Board of Public Improvements be instructed to investigate, and to report at the next meeting of this Council, as to the practicability of dividing the city into Districts, and letting the street cleaning and repairing out by contract.

The same gentleman offered the following motion:

*Moved*, That the Committee on the Revision of Ordinances be instructed to prepare an ordinance abolishing the Police Board, and providing for the government of the Police Force other than by a Police Board, and report the same to this Council at the next meeting.

Councilman Tucker moved to lay the preceding motion on the table, and demanded the "ayes and nays"; which, being taken, the Common Council refused so to do by the following vote:

AYES, 10—viz.: Councilmen Anderson, Bruner, Layman, Marsee, Morris, Morse, McKay, Rodibaugh, Tucker, and Wright.

NAYS, 13—viz.: Councilmen Bermann, Brown, Cummings, Dill, Maus, McGinty, O'Brien, Off, Reading, Reasner, Showalter, Steeg, and Wiese.

A direct vote was then taken on Councilman Cummings's motion, and it was adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 12—viz.: Councilmen Bruner, Cummings, Dill, Maus, McGinty, O'Brien, Off, Reading, Reasner, Showalter, Steeg, and Wiese.

**NAYS**, 11—viz.: Councilmen Anderson, Bermann, Brown, Layman, Marsee, Morris, Morse, McKay, Rodibaugh, Tucker, and Wright.

Councilman Cummings also offered the following motion; which was referred to the Board of Public Improvements:

*Moved*, That the Street Commissioner be ordered to fill up the holes in the Tennessee block pavement, from Market street to Seventh street, with good screened river gravel, within thirty days, or as soon as practicable.

The same gentleman also offered the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, Complaint is made that appointments on the Police Force are not impartially distributed among the various wards of the city; Therefore,

*Resolved*, That the Board of Police be instructed to report to this Council the names of all policemen now in the employ of the city, together with the residence of each, showing street, number, and ward of such residences, and report at the next meeting of this Council.

On Councilman Tucker's motion, the preceding resolution was laid on the table by the following vote:

**AYES**, 13—viz.: Councilmen Anderson, Brown, Bruner, Layman, Marsee, Morris, Morse, McKay, Reading, Rodibaugh, Tucker, Wiese, and Wright.

**NAYS**, 10—viz.: Councilmen Bermann, Cummings, Dill, Maus, McGinty, O'Brien, Off, Reasner, Showalter, and Steeg.

Councilman Dill offered the following motions; which were, severally, referred to the Board of Public Improvements:

*Moved*, That the Street Commissioner be instructed to clean the gutters of Mississippi street, from New York to Washington street.

*Moved*, That the Street Commissioner be instructed to fill the chuck-holes in New York street, between Tennessee street and canal, at an expense not to exceed twenty dollars.

*Moved*, That the Street Commissioner be instructed to fill the chuck-holes in Mississippi street, between Washington and North streets.

The same gentleman offered the following motion; which, on Councilman Brown's motion, was laid on the table:

*Moved*, That the Street Commissioner be instructed to place double-stone crossings on all street crossings in the Twelfth Ward, where such are not already provided.

The same gentleman offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That this body be convened, hereafter, during the months of June, July, and August, at eight o'clock P. M.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 22—viz.: Councilmen Anderson, Bermann, Brown, Bruner, Cummings, Dill, Layman, Marsee, Maus, Morris, Morse, McGinty, McKay, O'Brien, Off, Reasner, Rodibaugh, Showalter, Steeg, Tucker, Wiese, and Wright.

NAYS—None.

Councilman Marsee offered the following motion; which was referred to the Board of Public Improvements:

*Moved*, That the Street Commissioner be directed to fill the chuck-holes in Virginia avenue, from I., C. & L. R. R. tracks to East street.

Councilman McKay offered the following motion; which was referred to the Committee on Gas-Light and City Civil Engineer:

*Moved*, That the lamp-post on the north side of Christian avenue, between Park avenue and Broadway street, be moved to the corner of the alley, under direction of the City Civil Engineer.

The same gentleman presented the following petition; which was referred to the Judiciary Committee and City Attorney:

*Indianapolis, May 28, 1878.*

To the Honorable, the Common Council and the Board of Aldermen:

Your petitioners represent that, during the years named in the accompanying schedule, there have been paid city taxes to the amount indicated, and upon the property therein set forth. Inasmuch as for all these years, the said property has been used by the society known as the Massachusetts Avenue M. E. Church for religious purposes, we, the legal successors of said society, respectfully pray an order upon the proper officer for the refunding of the amounts of tax so erroneously assessed and paid.

And we will ever pray.

A. B. GREGORY,  
Pres't Trustees Central Avenue M. E. Church.  
CHARLES BALLENGER, Sec'y.

STATEMENT OF TAXES PAID.

On 40 feet off the south end of lots 6, 7, 8, and 9 in out-lot 182, assessed in the name of Mary A. Coburn—but used for religious purposes by Massachusetts Avenue M. E. Church:

Year.	Value.	Rate.	Amount.
1870.....	\$175	\$1 10	\$1 93
1871.....	225	1 33½	3 00
1872.....	300	1 50	4 50
1873.....	350	1 10	3 85
1874.....	400	1 10	4 40
1875.....	550	1 50	8 25
1876.....	350	1 40	4 90
1877.....(not paid).....			
			\$30 83

Councilman O'Brien offered the following motion; which failed of adoption on a tie rising-vote:

*Moved*, That the Republican members of the City Council occupy the seats and desks on the east side of the Council Chamber, and the Democratic members those on the west—to take effect from and after this date.

Councilman Off offered the following motions; which were severally adopted:

*Moved*, That C. F. Wishmyer be, and he is hereby, ordered to remove his fence from Peru avenue inside of ten days, and if not complied with in that time, that the City Marshal be ordered to remove same.

*Moved*, That the Committee on Bridges be requested to inspect the bridge over Pogue's Run on E. Ohio street, and report as to the propriety of building a new one at once, the timbers in the present one being rotten and unsafe for travel.

The same gentleman offered the following motion; which was referred to the Board of Public Improvements:

*Moved*, That the Street Commissioner be ordered to clean the gutters of Spring street, between Market and Walnut streets.

The same gentleman presented the following petition; which was referred to the Committee on Markets:

To the City Council of the City of Indianapolis:

*To your Honorable Board*:—The petitioners respectfully represent that—

1. They are, if not all freeholders, at least all householders and tax payers of Marion County, and Center Township; and being all market gardeners by profession, they bear, to a greater proportion than most of the other tax payers, the burden of taxation imposed upon their business by the ordinances of the City of Indianapolis.

Wherefore, they now apply to your honorable body for relief and protection in the free enjoyment of the privileges of selling within the market space for which they pay so liberally.

2. Assuming from the whole tenor of the "Ordinance regulating the markets within the City of Indianapolis," etc., ordained November 30, 1863, that the clear intention and meaning of the framers of said and subsequent ordinances relating to markets, was to facilitate to the citizens of Indianapolis, chiefly—nay, almost exclusively—in those places called markets, the purchase of provisions, meat and vegetables, your petitioners claim that the purchasers of, or dealers in those specific classes of articles, ought to be provided with the necessary space within the market limits, to the exclusion even, if necessary of the vendors of other commodities than provisions, meat or vegetables—such, for instance, as dry goods, crockeryware, and other merchandise—trades for which no market-houses were ever specially created, nor separate market spaces were ever dedicated. Your petitioners say that this abuse of market privileges by dealers in all kinds of goods other than provisions, meat, and vegetables, has increased to such an extent that market gardeners are considerably impeded and annoyed in the carrying on of their trade, being unable to secure the desired and necessary room for stands whereat to display those very articles for the sale of which chiefly markets and market-houses in cities are provided.

Wherefore, your petitioners humbly pray that the market ordinances be so amended that the four sides of the market proper be devoted and reserved exclusively to the sale of provisions and vegetables, and that no stand be leased to or permitted to be occupied by vendors of any other wares or merchandise.

If such goods are to be sold in market, the covered stands on the south side of the market-house proper, would offer all needed accommodations, without interfering with the legitimate market trade.

3. Your petitioners further represent that they have, all and each one, gone to considerable expense in preparing ground, fixing up hot-beds and hot-houses, and incurring innumerable other expenses for the purpose of supplying the inhabitants

of the City of Indianapolis, in and out of season, with all the vegetables required for their daily use; and that, in order to keep the market supplied, they have to be and remain at their stands winter and summer, in fair and foul, hot and cold weather, under a scorching sun or a pelting rain, without any protection against the inclemencies of the seasons, with such danger and injury to their health for which their pitiful earnings offer no adequate compensation.

Wherefore, they pray that your honorable body may enact such ordinances as will secure the erection of covered stands, built in such a way as to protect the occupants from the inclemencies of the seasons, even if a higher rental should be demanded for such improved stands.

4. Your petitioners further represent that, whereas the public generally, in their dealings, mostly become accustomed to a certain stand or location, irrespective of the party selling at such stand, the practice of selling the stands at public auction every year, is injudicious and injurious both to the dealers and the public at large. The advantages of both classes would be better served by setting an adequate price on each stand, and allowing the lessee to hold it from year to year, as long as he conforms to the city ordinances.

5. Your petitioners think that the stands rented by the year, ought not, when occasionally unoccupied, to be disposed of by the Market Master before 7 o'clock A. M., in the summer, and 8 o'clock A. M., in the winter; and further that the proceeds of such stalls or stands should go to the lessees thereof respectively.

6. Your petitioners call the attention of your honorable body to the almost intolerable nuisance of perambulating match, pin and stocking vendors, impeding the circulation between the stands, and more especially to the numerous criers of goods for sale, and auctioneers, which always gather crowds of idlers around their stands, and seriously obstruct circulation.

Hoping that your honorable body will make, in the premises, such amendments as your wisdom and your devotion to the interests of the City of Indianapolis, as well as a due consideration of the claims of your petitioners will suggest, we hereunto subscribe our names.

Christian T. Lentz, August Wacker, Jacob Bauer, August Lentz, Henry Baeger, George Knauer, John C. Storz, John L. Linder, Christopher Fingerly, John Frost, A. F. Goeff, John Bernhamer, Phillipp Woerner, Jacob Off, G. H. Off, Frank Emrich, August Abrecht, O. G. Woerner, J. A. Woerner, Andrew Denk, Fr. Niemeier, Gerd, Immink, Henry Weghorst, A. I. Kesler, H. Sunker, Carl Rosener, Henry Losche, Henry Pieper, J. J. Vandersaar, Wm. Hohlt, B. H. Wenning, H. Wenning, H. Hohlt, Jacob Gerlich, Wilhelm Weghorst, Johann Baumer, Lewis Roth, Gerhard Dierks, Frederick Eck, George Rickenbach, W. Minkner, George Rutter, Bernhardt Guenneman, Hampton Schoeneman, George W. Butcher, J. F. Kortepeter, Wm. Maschmeyer, Frederick Niemann, Fred Stiekan.

Councilman Rodibaugh offered the following motions; which were, severally, referred to the Board of Public Improvements:

*Moved*, That the Street Commissioner be directed to put in repair Meridian street, from Second street to Seventh street, by placing rolling-mill cinders thereon.

*Moved*, That the Street Commissioner be directed to remove the part of stone fence that projects into Fifth street, at the corner of Fifth and Meridian streets.

Councilman Steeg offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the office of Wood-Measurer be, and the same is hereby, abolished.

Councilman Layman moved to lay the preceding resolution on the table; which motion failed of adoption by the following vote:

AYES, 9—viz.: Councilmen Brown, Cummings, Dill, Layman, Marsee, Morse, McKay, Tucker, and Wright.

NAYS, 14—viz.: Councilmen Anderson, Bermann, Bruner, Maus, Morris, McGinty, O'Brien, Off, Reading, Reasner, Rodibaugh, Showalter, Steeg and Wiese.

A direct vote was then taken on the resolution; and it was adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 13—viz.: Councilmen Bermann, Bruner, Maus, McGinty, O'Brien, Off, Reading, Reasner, Rodibaugh, Showalter, Steeg, and Wiese.

NAYS, 11—viz.: Councilmen Anderson, Brown, Cummings, Dill, Layman, Marsee, Morris, Morse, McKay, Tucker, and Wright.

Councilman Steeg also offered the following motion; which was duly adopted:

*Moved*, That Isaiah Hazelip be granted permission to cross the sidewalk with carriage in front of his premises, No. 255 Virginia avenue, provided he bowlder the same to the satisfaction of the City Civil Engineer.

Also, the following motion; which was referred to the Board of Public Improvements:

*Moved*, That the Street Commissioner be instructed to fill up the pond of water in Wright street, between Coburn street and Donation alley.

Also, the following motion; which was referred to the Committee on Railroads:

*Moved*, That the Street Commissioner be instructed to notify the Citizens' Street Railway Company to take up their switch at the end of Virginia avenue, as said switch is no longer used; also to raise the track on the main line of said railway, at the end of said avenue.

Also, the following motion; which was referred to the Committee on Gas-Light:

*Moved*, That the Committee on Gas-Light be instructed to have the six gas posts taken from the Delaware street viaduct placed in the University Square, under the directions of the Park Committee.

Also, the following petition; which was referred to the Committee on Finance and the City Assessor:

*Indianapolis, May 28, 1878.*

To the Mayor, and Common Council, and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis:

*Gentlemen*:—In 1876, my taxes were \$1 95, as shown by Duplicate No. 15,274, vol. 3 (L. to R.), p. 263; on April 24th, 1877, I paid \$3.53 by mistake, being another

John Petrie (vol. 3, p. 263, Duplicate No. 15,287), as shown by receipt 6,695 hereto attached.

I now ask that said \$3.53 be refunded, that I may be enabled to pay my own taxes, which are still delinquent on the Duplicates.

Respectfully yours,

JOHN PETRY.

Councilman Tucker offered the following motions; which were severally adopted:

*Moved*, That the contract for hauling of dead animals out of the city be let to the lowest and best bidder, and that the City Clerk be authorized to advertise the same to be let by contract, subject to the approval of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen.

*Moved*, That the resolution which passed this Council and Aldermanic Board a few weeks since, ordering the City Marshal and Chief of Police to enforce the city ordinances preventing the running of trains through the city at a greater rate of speed than provided for by ordinance, be revoked, as it is generally believed it has greatly increased the speed of trains—so much that it is now unsafe to cross the tracks at any point on Virginia avenue or East street.

*Moved*, That the Board of Public Improvements be authorized to place upon the weekly pay-roll of the Street Department the men employed at University Square for this week, also including Friday and Saturday of last week (May 31st and June 1st).

*Moved*, That the Committee on Parks confer with the proper State authorities, and if permission shall be granted to open Circle Park, to at once make suitable gates and walks, and open the grounds to the public at as early a day as possible.

Also, the following motion; which was referred to the Board of Public Improvements:

*Moved*, That the Street Commissioner be instructed to fill the chuck-holes in Virginia avenue, between East and Dillon streets.

Councilman Wiese offered the following motion; which was adopted:

*Moved*, That the Street Commissioner be instructed to clean the catch-basins on Union street, between Ray and McCarty streets.

Also, the following motion; which was referred to the Board of Public Improvements:

*Moved*, That the Street Commissioner be instructed to cause the earth heaped on Meridian street, between Wilkins and Ray streets, by the Street Railway Company, to be removed; also to clean the gutter on west side of Meridian street, between Ray street and first alley north of Ray street.

Councilman Wright offered the following motions; which were, severally, adopted:

*Moved*, That the proceedings of the Common Council, Board of Aldermen, and Joint Conventions be printed and published in book-form, as heretofore; and that the Committees on Printing of said two bodies meet, jointly, at the office of the City Clerk, on next Wednesday afternoon, at two o'clock, and determine as to what, if any, changes should be made in the size of page, kinds of type to be used, and other matters connected with such publication.

*Moved*, That James Mahoney have sixty days' additional time to complete his contract for grading and graveling East or Japan street, between Morris and Minnesota streets.

*Moved*, That the contractors for removing the dead animals from the city must understand that they are hauled to Sellers' Farm.

The same gentleman presented the following petitions; which were, severally, referred to the Judiciary Committee and the City Attorney:

STATE OF INDIANA, *Marion County, ss:*

Johanna Cleary, being duly sworn, upon her oath says, that she is a widow, and has been a widow for the past fifteen years; that her real estate and personal property does not exceed in value the sum of one thousand dollars; that, under the provisions of an Act of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, approved December 21st, 1872 (Sec. 7, Chapter 37), she is entitled to an exemption of \$500; that she has paid into the city treasury the full amount of taxes assessed and charged against her for the years 1873, 1874, 1875, and 1876, on lot 178, out lot 97, without any rebate; and prays the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis to grant her proper relief, by ordering the issue of a refunding warrant upon the City Treasurer for the amount of taxes so illegally charged and paid for said years, as follows:

On \$500 for 1873, at \$1.10, \$5.50; for 1874, at \$1.10, \$5.50; for 1875, at \$1.50, \$7.50; for 1876, at \$1.40, \$7.00. Total, \$25.50.

Attest: E. J. MORRIS.

MRS. JOHANNAH <sup>Her</sup> CLEARY.  
<sub>mark.</sub>

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th day of May, 1878  
W. K. SPROULE, A. M. C.

This lady has been totally blind for the past ten years. The rent derived from the above property is all that she has to rely upon for support.

STATE OF INDIANA, *Marion County, ss:*

Catharine Corbett, being first duly sworn, upon her oath says, That she is now a widow, and has been ever since 1862.

That she owns lot No. 28, out-lot 99, Daugherty's Sub.; that she has been paying the full assessment of taxes on said lot ever since she has owned the same.

That for the years 1873, '4, '5, and '6, she was entitled to exemption on \$500 worth of property; that she never has been exempt, as provided by Act approved December 21st, 1872, exempting widows and unmarried females from paying taxes on \$500 worth of property, when their property does not exceed in value the sum of \$1,000.

That she has owned no other property, either personal or real, except the above, since her husband's decease.

She now asks the Common Council and Board of Aldermen to refund to her taxes paid by her, from which she was so exempt—

For the year 1873, \$5.50; 1874, \$5.50; 1875, \$7.50; 1876, \$7.00; making, in all, the sum of \$25.50, and she ever prays.

She files herewith tax receipts, showing that she has paid taxes as above stated.

CATHERINE CORBETT.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 31st day of May, 1878.

HENRY C. DARNELL, Notary Public.

STATE OF INDIANA, *Marion County, ss:*

Elizabeth Van Slack, being duly sworn, upon her oath says, That she is, and has been for the past sixteen years, a widow; that her real estate and personal property

does not exceed in value the sum of one thousand dollars; that under the provisions of an Act of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, approved December 21st, 1872 (sec. 7, chap 37), she is entitled to an exemption of \$500; that she has paid into the city treasury the full amount of taxes assessed and charged against her for the years 1873, 1874, 1875, and 1876, without any rebate, and prays the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis to grant her proper relief, by ordering the refunding of said taxes, so illegally charged and paid, as follows:

For year 1873, \$3.05; for 1874, \$4.08; for 1875, \$4.50; for 1876, \$4.80. Total, \$16.43.

MRS. ELLEN VANSLACK.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this — day of May, 1878.

W. K. SPROULE, A. M. C.

On motion, the Common Council then adjourned.

JOHN CAVEN, Mayor,

Attest:

President of Common Council.

BENJ. C. WRIGHT, City Clerk.