

PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

REGULAR SESSION—JULY 9, 1879.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis convened in the Aldermanic Chamber on Wednesday evening, July 9th, A. D. 1879, at eight o'clock, in regular session.

PRESENT—His Honor, the Vice-President, T. E. Chandler, in the Chair, and Aldermen Coburn, Drew, Grubbs, Layman, Mussmann, Newman, Piel, and Seibert—9.

ABSENT—President Ridenour—1.

The Proceedings of Board of Aldermen, for the regular sessions, held on May 20th and 27th, for the special session, held on June 10th, for the regular sessions, held on June 3d and 17th, and of the Second Joint Convention, held on June 10th, 1879, having been printed, and placed on the desks of the Aldermen, said proceedings were duly approved as published.

QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE.

Alderman Coburn, by consent, was permitted to call the attention of this body to the charges preferred against him in the newspapers of this city, and requested that a joint committee of Aldermen and Councilmen, aided by the City Attorney, should investigate the truth or falsity of such public statements.

On motion made, it was determined that the Aldermanic membership of the proposed Joint Committee of Investigation should be two in number; and it was ordered that the Common Council should be requested to appoint three of its members thereon.

Vice-President Chandler, thereupon, appointed Aldermen Layman and Piel as the quota of this body.

MESSAGE AND PAPERS FROM THE COMMON COUNCIL.

The following message was duly received:

To the Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis:

Gentlemen:—I herewith transmit to your honorable body certain papers, which were favorably passed upon by the Common Council, at its regular session, held Monday evening (July 7th, 1879), for your action upon same.

For the Common Council: BENJ. C. WRIGHT, City Clerk.

The following resignation was presented; and this body duly concurred with the Common Council in accepting the same [see pages 173 and 174, *ante*]:

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

Gentlemen:—I herewith respectfully tender my resignation as "Wood-Measurer" at the West Market. Respectfully submitted,
July 7th, 1879. LEVI H. ROWELL.

The certificate of appointment of William Hadley, George W. Hill, James C. Yohn, Newton Kellogg, and Lyman W. Mix, as City Commissioners, as printed on page 174, *ante*, was read, and was duly received.

The following report from the City Civil Engineer was read; and this body duly concurred with the Common Council, in receiving such report and in approving the accompanying estimate [see page 175, *ante*]:

To the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis:

Gentlemen:—I herewith present the following estimate:

A first and final estimate in behalf of James W. Hudson, for grading and graveling Garden street and sidewalks, from Eddy street to Tennessee street—
388½ lineal feet, at 28 cents..... \$108 75

Respectfully submitted,

T. REED, City Civil Engineer.

The following estimate resolution [which had been duly adopted by the Common Council—see page 175, *ante*] was then read:

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen, That the accompanying first and final estimate in behalf of James W. Hudson, for grading and graveling Garden street and sidewalks, from Eddy street to Tennessee 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 it was duly adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 8—viz. Aldermen Chandler, Coburn, Grubbs, Layman, Musmann, Newman, Piel, and Seibert.

NAYS—None.

The following report from same officer was read; and this body duly concurred with the Common Council in approving the contract and bond accompanying said report [see page 175, *ante*]:

To the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis:

Gentlemen:—I herewith report the following contract and bond:

Contract and bond of John Schier, for grading, and paving with brick, the west sidewalk of Arsenal avenue, from Washington street to the first alley north of Washington street. Bond, \$75; surety, James Mahoney.

Respectfully submitted,

T. REED, City Civil Engineer.

City Clerk's statement of the amount of orders issued on the city treasury during the month of June, 1879; and the City Treasurer's report of receipts and disbursements during same period [see pages 176 and 177, *ante*], were read; and the action of the Common Council, in referring said statement and report to the Council and Aldermanic Committees on Finance, for audit, was duly approved.

Alderman Drew appeared, and took his seat.

City Attorney's report of the *status* of the cases of Simon Yandes vs. The City and The Indianapolis Gas-Light and Coke Company vs. The City [see page 179, *ante*] was read, and was duly received.

Report from Superintendent of City Hospital and Branch of the contents of hospital register, expenditures, etc., for the month of June, 1879, [see page 179, *ante*] was read, and was duly received,

Report from Board of Health, setting forth, in detail, that 369 legal notices to clean vaults, yards, gutters, etc., had been served by the sanitary and day police during past month, and stating that the public were showing a general disposition to clean up; also, that the persons in charge of the Sellers' Farm continued to violate the ordinances prohibiting the spreading of tankage and hair during the summer months [see pages 179 and 180, *ante*], was read, and was duly received.

Report from same official board, giving a tabulated statement, by ages, of deaths registered in the City of Indianapolis, from June 16th to 30th, 1879, inclusive [see page 180, *ante*], was read, and was duly received.

The following report from the Dispensary Board, with the appended inventory [see pages 181 to 184, *ante*] was read; and this body concurred with the Common Council, in receiving and approving same:

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

Gentlemen:—The Dispensary Board herewith submit their first report of the condition of the City Dispensary under the ordinance re-organizing the same.

The Board organized by electing Dr. H. G. Carey as president, and Dr. Caleb A. Ritter as secretary.

It was ordered by the Board that the following physicians be appointed members of the medical staff of the Dispensary, viz.: Drs. F. S. Newcomer, T. B. Harvey, I. C. Walker, L. L. Todd, J. A. Comingore, W. B. Fletcher, H. Jameson, C. E. Wright, J. M. Dunlop, J. A. Sutcliffe, John Chambers, and J. L. Thompson.

The medical staff have organized, by electing Dr. F. S. Newcomer as president, and Dr. Sutcliffe as secretary, and adopted a regular time-table, by which one member of the staff will visit the Dispensary at eleven o'clock A. M. each day. They have recommended that J. R. Rubush, M. D., be appointed as Assistant Dispensary Physician, and Frank Ferree as Dispensary Clerk. They also recommended that No. 32 E. Ohio street be procured and fitted up for the use of the Dispensary.

The Dispensary Board have appointed Dr. Rubush as Assistant Dispensary Physician and Frank Ferree as Dispensary Clerk, and ask your honorable bodies to confirm these appointments and to direct the City Clerk to issue certificates of appointment to them and also to the medical staff.

The Dispensary Board have received from Dr. W. B. Fletcher the following property, belonging to the old City Dispensary. [See inventory, marked "A."]

After consultation with the Committees on Public Property of the Council and Board of Aldermen, the Dispensary Board have agreed—permission being granted—to reconstruct No. 32 E. Ohio street for the future home of the Dispensary. The Board ask that this work may be done, under their direction, at a cost not to exceed five hundred dollars. E. B. Twyman has a lease on No. 32 E. Ohio street until November 1st, which he agrees to cancel for fifty dollars. The Board recommend that the above amount be paid said Twyman, and the lease be canceled, and the property be taken possession of at once by the Board.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. G. CAREY, President.

The following joint report from the Fire Board, the Chief Fire Engineer, the Council Committee on Water Works, and the Aldermanic Committee on Water [see pages 184 and 185, *ante*] was read:

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

Gentlemen:—Inasmuch as there is a large portion of the city without proper fire protection, and believing it the duty of the Fire Board and Chief of the Fire Department, together with the Committee on Water-Works, to call your attention to such fact, and after careful examination, we beg leave to submit the following resolution, and recommend that the same be passed, believing the same to be a necessity and a matter of economy:

Resolved, That the Water-Works Company be, and are hereby, requested and directed to lay six-inch water-mains upon the following routes—Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5—and place water-plugs at the points designated by the Fire Board and the Chief of the Fire Department, and the number of plugs as designated to each route, as herewith submitted.

ROUTE No. 1—Beginning at St. Mary street and Ft. Wayne avenue; thence, running west on St. Mary street, to Alabama street; thence, north on Alabama street, to Home avenue; thence, west on Home avenue, to Pennsylvania street; thence, south on Pennsylvania street, to Second street, connecting with Pennsylvania street water-main. Number of fire-plugs for Route No. 1, 7.

ROUTE No. 2—Beginning at College avenue and Seventh street; thence, north, to Ninth street; thence, east, to Rohampton street; thence, south, to Lincoln avenue; thence, east, to Columbia avenue; thence, south, to Malott avenue; and from the intersection of Malott avenue and Christian avenue, west, to College avenue. Number of fire-plugs for Route No. 2, 14.

ROUTE No. 3—Beginning at present end of Fletcher avenue main, and running east on Fletcher avenue to Linden street; thence, south on Linden street, to Prospect street, connecting with Prospect street main at intersection of Linden and Prospect streets. Number of fire-plugs for Route 3, 8.

ROUTE No. 4—Beginning at intersection of Morris street and Madison avenue thence, south, to Nebraska street. Number of fire-plugs for Route 4, 4.

ROUTE No. 5—Beginning at intersection of Blake and Washington streets; thence, north on Blake street to Indiana avenue; thence, southeast on Indiana avenue, to Blackford street, connecting with Indiana avenue main. Also, from corner of Pearl and California streets to Georgia street—2 plugs. Number of fire-plugs for Route No. 5, 12.

The resolution embodied in foregoing report was then concurrently adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 7—viz. Aldermen Chandler, Coburn, Drew, Layman, Mussmann, Newman, and Piel.

NAYS, 2—viz. Aldermen Grubbs and Seibert.

The following report from the Hospital Board [see page 185, *ante*] was read; and this body concurred with the Common Council, in approving such report and the recommendation therein contained:

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

Gentlemen:—In obedience to your instructions, we have investigated the matter of introducing water into the City Hospital, and have had approximate estimates made for the necessary piping, closets, baths, etc., which we find will cost about \$400; and we find that a wind-mill and pump, erected on the premises, will cost about \$200. Parties are proposing to erect and maintain these mills for a series of years, and guarantee an adequate supply of water for all the requirements of the Hospital.

We are led to believe that a very satisfactory arrangement of this kind can be made; and as there is a very urgent necessity for the introduction and use of a greater quantity of water in the institution, we earnestly request and recommend that we be directed to take the necessary steps for its introduction, at an outlay not exceeding \$600.

Report from Board of Public Improvements and Street Commissioner, giving an exhibit of moneys paid on account of the Street-Repairs Department, for the month of June, 1879 [see page 186, *ante*], was read, and was duly approved.

The following clauses in the report of the Board of Public Improvements were read; and the favorable action of the Common Council thereon [see pages 186 and 187, *ante*], was duly approved:

2d. Is a motion directing the Street Commissioner to grade and fill the crosswalks and roadways at intersections of New Jersey and Bicking streets and of High and Bicking streets.

We recommend said work be done.

3d. Is a motion directing the Street Commissioner to cut down Massachusetts avenue, at the crossing of the old Peru Railroad, and re-bowlder the same, at a grade to conform with the grade of the street.

We would recommend said work be done.

4th. Is a motion directing the Street Commissioner to clean the gutters of Olive and Linden streets, south of Prospect street, where needed.

We recommend said work be done.

5th. Is a motion directing the Street Commissioner to place a cinder crossing on Dillon street, at the intersection of Hoyt avenue.

We recommend said work be done.

6th. Is a motion directing the Street Commissioner to make a stone crossing for sidewalk, on the east side of Fort Wayne avenue, at the west end of Cherry street.

We recommend said work be done.

7th. Is a motion directing the Street Commissioner to raise and re-bowlder the gutter on the southeast side of Massachusetts avenue, between Liberty and St. Clair streets, so as to give free passage to the water.

We find at this place a pump and well, and we would recommend the owner of same be notified by the Street Commissioner to provide a sink for the waste water; and if not done at once, said officer shall remove the pump and fill up the well.

The following joint report from the Council and Aldermanic Committees on Bridges was read; and this body duly approved the same, thereby concurring with the Common Council in the recommendation to advertise for proposals [see page 187, *ante*]:

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

The following motion was referred to your Committees on Bridges: "That the City Civil Engineer be instructed to advertise for bids to build the necessary stone abutments, and to re-build the bridge over Pogue's Run, on Ohio street, the full width of the street and sidewalks, and that the iron taken from the Delaware street viaduct be used in the construction of said bridge, so far as it can be used to advantage."

We have examined the matter, and believe it necessary to build a bridge at the point referred to, and, therefore, recommend concurrence in the above motion.

The following joint report from the Council and Aldermanic Committees on Finance [see pages 187 and 188, *ante*], was read; and this body duly concurred with the Common Council, in approving the several recommendations therein contained:

1st. Is a motion with a preamble, stating that the county had received several thousand dollars upon property secreted from taxation; that same property should pay taxes to the City of Indianapolis; and that the Finance Committee contract with some competent person to do the above work, at a price not exceeding fifteen per cent. of such taxes recovered. Also, a proposal from B. F. Riley "to faithfully and diligently search for, and report to the City Treasurer, hidden and secreted property that had not been returned by the City Assessor for the year 1879 and previous years, for the sum of ten *per centum*," with a motion "That the above proposition be accepted." One J. W. Wharton also filed ten *per centum* proposition with your committees, in almost identical language of Mr. Riley's proposal.

We think best to recommend that the consideration of foregoing matter be deferred until the City Assessor shall have turned over his Records of the Assessment Lists for 1879 to the City Clerk and the preparation of the Tax-Duplicates for 1879 shall have been entered upon.

2d. We have carefully compared the City Clerk's report of "Orders issued on the City Treasurer during the Fiscal Year commencing with May 16th, 1878, and ending with May 31st, 1879 (twelve and one-half months)" with books of said officer, and have found such report to be correct.

We have also compared same officer's "Tabular Statement of the Bonded Indebtedness of the City of Indianapolis on May 31st, 1879," and "Interest-Coupon Statement," with the Bond Register, and have found such statements to have been accurately and commendably prepared.

3d. We return, herewith, the contract and bond of John Edwards (sureties, E. J. Hardesty and Austin H. Brown), with our approval thereof, and recommend like action by your honorable bodies.

4th. The contract and bond of Indianapolis Journal Company, for doing that portion of the city printing designated as "Class A—Book-Work and Printed

Blanks," was handed us by City Clerk since the last sessions of your honorable bodies. The principal on this bond is Otto H. Hasselman, and the sureties are W. C. Smith and O. H. Watson; penalty of bond, \$1,000.

We have no hesitancy in recommending your approval of this bond.

The contracts and bonds, referred to in the third and fourth clauses [as printed on pages 188 to 191, *ante*], were presented, and were severally approved.

The following clauses in the report from the Council and Aldermanic Committees on Printing [see pages 194 and 195, *ante*], were read; and this body duly concurred with the Common Council, in awarding the contracts as therein recommended:

2d. In answer to advertisement, the following bids were made for doing public advertising for the City of Indianapolis:

Indianapolis Republican (formerly "The Southside")—Average circulation during past three months, over 2,300 copies; at six cents (6c) a square for each insertion.

The People—Average circulation during past three months, 5,000 copies; at eight cents (8c) a square for each insertion.

The Western Citizen—Average circulation during past three months, 2,700 copies; at eight cents (8c) a square for each insertion.

"The Indianapolis Republican" being the lowest bidder, we recommend that paper be awarded this contract.

3d. In response to same advertisement, the following bids were made for publishing 2,500 copies of the delinquent-tax list of 1879:

The Indianapolis Republican's bid was seven cents (7c) for each description, or line.

The People's bid was seven and one-half cents (7½c) for each description, or line.

The Western Citizen's, *The Indianapolis Journal Company's*, and *The Sentinel Company's* bids were, each, eight cents (8c) for each description, or line.

We recommend that this contract be awarded to the "Indianapolis Republican."

4th. On the motion with regard to the immediate arrangement "for indexing the Proceedings of the Board of Aldermen, Common Council, and Joint Conventions of said bodies, for the past year—said work to be done in the style and upon the plan of the indexes of 1876-1877 and 1877-1878," we recommend that the proposition made to your committees by Geo. H. Fleming, for the price of \$1.50 a page, be accepted.

Alderman Coburn was excused for the balance of this session.

The following report from the Council and Aldermanic Committees on Public Property [see page 195, *ante*] was read; and this body duly concurred with the Common Council, in approving the recommendation therein made:

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

Your Committees on Public Property would most respectfully report that we have granted the use of the property, No. 32 E. Ohio street, to the City Dispensary, free of charge.

We would further report that we have placed in the hands of John S. Spann & Co. all of the Tomlinson Estate property, except No. 34 E. Washington street, No. 32 E. Ohio street, and the Market House Space, and buildings on said East Market.

Space, the said John S. Spann & Co. to rent said property to the best advantage, under the directions of the Committees on Public Property, and to file with the City Treasurer a bond of \$1,000.

The following clauses in the report from the Council and Aldermanic Committees on Railroads [see pages 195 to 197, *ante*], were read :

1st. Is a preamble and motion, offered by Councilman Rooker on 26th May [see page 63 *ante*], in which it is recited that the Citizens' Street Railway Company had laid the rails on their recently-constructed Indiana avenue route with the flange outside the track, "thus obstructing the passage of buggies, wagons, and other vehicles along or over said track"; and ordering the Street Commissioner to notify aforesaid company to immediately reverse such rails, so as to bring the flange on the inside of the track, or, on failure of said company so to do within fifteen days of such notification, said officer to cause said rails to be reversed, and charge and collect the expenses thereof from said company.

We recommend that the indicated notice be not served at present, but that the said company be at once notified by the Street Commissioner that it must not lay any more rails with flanges outwardly, except upon bowldered streets.

2d. Your committees have been informed that aforesaid company have cleaned away the loose bowlders and large rocks left by it along the line of its Indiana avenue route, thereby complying with the spirit of the second motion on page 63, without service of notice so to do in this particular case.

With a view to prevent the necessity of future action by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen, at as frequent intervals as in the past, your committees recommend that the Street Commissioner be furnished by the City Civil Engineer, or otherwise promptly supply himself, with a list of all lines of said Citizens' Street Railway Company where its tracks are not being kept up in accordance with the requirements of the amendatory ordinance of April 2d, 1878, and that said Street Commissioner shall then serve the necessary notice upon said company, forthwith, to literally comply with the requirements of section 1 of such amendatory ordinance.

3d. Is a petition from the owners of property and residents on Indiana avenue and immediate vicinity, to have the line of the Citizens' Street Railway Company extended from its present terminus on Indiana avenue, at West street, along North street, to Blake street, accompanied by a resolution directing said company to construct such route at once.

4th. Is a petition from property owners, citizens, and tax-payers for an extension of the said Indiana avenue route, north, on West street, to the intersection of First street.

Your committees find that said company accepted the order to construct the Indiana avenue route on April 8th, 1879; that the length of said route is about 3,000 feet; and that section 15 of the charter-ordinance provides that "a period of time therefor shall be allowed for such construction equal to thirty days for each one thousand feet of such proposed line of street railway"; * * * and "that when a notice has been served to construct a line of street railway, no notice to construct another line of street railway shall be served until after the expiration of thirty days; and should the company certify an intention to comply therewith, no notice to construct another line of railway shall be served more than thirty days before the time in which the first line of railway is required to be completed, as hereinbefore provided."

Taking the foregoing extracts from said charter-ordinance together, and so construing them, your committees are of the opinion that the resolution offered with the proposed North street extension may now be taken up and adopted; but that if such action shall be had, and such order be consented to, all proceedings as to the proposed West street route must be deferred until "thirty days before" the time allowed for the completion of the North street line shall have elapsed.

5th. Is a motion made by Councilman Rooker on June 9th, proposing to require the Citizens' Street Railway Company to place cars on its Illinois street route, from Seventh to Twelfth street, and to take up its turn-table at Seventh street and put one down at Twelfth street, or otherwise take up the present track between the points named.

Your committees have agreed upon a compromise of the above proposed requirements, by making the northern terminus of the Illinois street route at the cross street immediately south of the point where this line curves to go to the Exposition Grounds, the turn-table to be placed between such curve and the cross street south thereof. We recommend that due notice be given the Citizens' Street Railway Company, by the Street Commissioner, to make the above recommended changes within thirty days from date of service of such notice upon said company, or that said company be compelled to take up such unused track.

Alderman Mussmann demanded that the question of concurrence in the favorable action of the Common Council upon the several recommendations contained in preceding report should be determined by an "aye and nay vote"; which, being taken, this body concurred with the Council as here shown, to-wit:

AYES, 7—viz. Aldermen Chandler, Drew, Grubbs, Layman, Newman, Piel, and Seibert.

NAYS, 1—viz. Alderman Mussmann.

The following resolution [which had been duly adopted by the Common Council—see page 197, *ante*] was then read:

Resolved, That the Citizens' Street Railway Company be, and they are hereby, granted the right to retain their present connection with the Exposition Grounds, from N. Illinois street, to be used at their discretion, but to be kept in like condition and repair with their other tracks in the city, under the provisions of their charter-ordinance.

And be it further resolved, That in addition to the "T"-rail now laid, said railway company shall be allowed to remove their track, north of the said Exposition connection, or enough thereof as shall be necessary to put down a double track north of the present turn-table on N. Illinois street; but the above rights and privileges shall not be allowed should said railway company fail to run their passenger cars, regularly, from their entire route on N. Illinois street to a point between the Exposition curve and the first street immediately south of said curve, on N. Illinois street.

And it was duly adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 8—viz. Aldermen Chandler, Drew, Grubbs, Mussmann, Newman, Piel, and Seibert.

NAYS--None.

Petition from A. L. Hunt, for auction license [see page 175, *ante*] was read; and this body concurred with the Common Council, in granting the prayer of said petitioner.

The following entitled ordinances [which had been duly passed by the Common Council—see pages 202 and 203, *ante*], were then read the first time:

Ap. O. 40, 1879—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of the Fire Department.

Ap. O. 41, 1879—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of the City Hospital and Branch.

Ap. O. 42, 1879—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of Station Houses.

Ap. O. 43, 1879—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of the City Dispensary.

Ap. O. 44, 1879—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis.

Ap. O. 45, 1879—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of Printing, Stationery, and Advertising.

This being the regular appropriation night, the several Appropriation Ordinances were taken up for second and third readings, and placed on their passage, without suspension of the rules.

The following entitled ordinance was read the second and third times :

Ap. O. 40, 1879—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of the Fire Department. [Amount appropriated, \$3,525.92.]

And it was duly passed by the following vote :

AYES, 8—viz. Aldermen Chandler, Drew, Grubbs, Layman, Mussmann, Newman, Piel, and Seibert.

NAYS—None.

The following entitled ordinance was read the second and third times :

Ap. O. 41, 1879—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of the City Hospital and Branch. [Amount appropriated, \$855.73.]

And it was duly passed by the following vote :

AYES, 8—viz. Aldermen Chandler, Drew, Grubbs, Layman, Mussmann, Newman, Piel, and Seibert.

NAYS—None.

The following entitled ordinance was read the second and third times :

Ap. O. 42, 1879—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of Station-Houses. [Amount appropriated, \$215.73.]

And it was duly passed by the following vote :

AYES, 8—viz. Aldermen Chandler, Drew, Grubbs, Layman, Mussmann, Newman, Piel, and Seibert.

NAYS—None.

The following entitled ordinance was read the second and third times :

Ap. O. 43, 1879—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of the City Dispensary. [Amount appropriated, \$250.00.]

And it was duly passed by the following vote :

AYES, 8—viz.: Aldermen Chandler, Drew, Grubbs, Layman, Mussmann, Newman, Piel, and Seibert.

NAYS—None.

The following entitled ordinance was read the second and third times :

Ap. O. 44, 1879—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis. [Amount appropriated, \$13,017.00.]

On Alderman Piel's motion, certain claims, amounting to \$13.75 in the aggregate, were stricken out of this ordinance, thus making the actual amount to be appropriated \$13,003.25.

Aforesaid entitled ordinance was then read the third time, and it was duly passed by the following vote :

AYES, 8—viz. Aldermen Chandler, Drew, Grubbs, Layman, Mussmann, Newman, Piel, and Seibert.

NAYS—None.

The following entitled ordinance was read the second and third times :

Ap. O. 45, 1879—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of Printing, Stationery, and Advertising. [Amount appropriated, \$325.28.]

And it was duly passed by the following vote :

AYES, 8—viz. Aldermen Chandler, Drew, Grubbs, Layman, Mussmann, Newman, Piel, and Seibert.

NAYS—None.

NEW BUSINESS.

The Fire Board, through President Layman, submitted the following report; which was duly approved :

To the Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis :

The Fire Board, to whom was referred a motion instructing Mr. Wishmeyer to tear down the old saw-mill situated between Davidson and Railroad streets, report that the request has been complied with.

Respectfully,

James T. Layman,
W. H. Tucker,
Fire Board.

The Board of Public Improvements submitted the following report; and the recommendation therein contained was duly concurred in :

To the Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis:

The following motion was referred to us by your honorable body: That the Street Commissioner be instructed to lay a stone crossing over Pennsylvania street, at the intersection of Second street.

We recommend said crossing be laid.

Respectfully submitted,

M. H. McKay,
J. L. Bieker,
H. Coburn,
Board of Public Improvements.

The Finance Committee, through Alderman Layman, submitted the following report; which was duly approved:

To His Honor, the President, and Members of the Board of Aldermen:

Your Committee on Finance, to whom were referred the official bonds of G. Almont Taffe and Eugene Saulcy, respectfully report that we have examined the same, and recommend that they be approved.

We also have examined the schedule of bonds pertaining to the different officers of the city government, and recommend their approval.

Respectfully submitted,

James T. Layman,
T. E. Chandler,
D. Mussmann,
Committee on Finance.

The Committee on Public Light, through Alderman Chandler, submitted the following report; and the suggestion therein contained was duly concurred in:

To the Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis:

Your Committee on Public Light would report as follows upon a motion which had been duly adopted by the Common Council on June 9th [see page 115. *ante*], proposing to re-light the street lamp at a catch-basin on the east side of Union street, and to discontinue the first lamp south of said catch-basin on the west side of said street.

It will be noticed that the exact whereabouts of the aforesaid lamps is not particularly defined, but after some search your committee found the locations intended in the square between McCarty and Ray streets. Union street, between the points named, is about 700 feet in length. On one side, 12-foot alleys separate the lots, having 42 feet frontage each, into pairs; and on the other side, the pairs of lots, with 44 feet frontage, are separated by 14-foot alleys; an occasional short and narrow street appearing as an east and west thoroughfare. There are seven alleys and streets intersecting Union street on each side thereof, so peculiarly located that a lamp placed at the corner of a street or alley on one side of the street throws its light about the centre of the opposite alley.

The lamps in question were situated so as to light two alleys each. About twenty feet north of the lamp on the west side of Union street (which the motion proposes to discontinue) is a small catch-basin, in the line of the west gutter; and about twenty feet south of the dismantled lamp on the east side (which the motion proposes to have re-lighted) is also a catch basin.

Your committee, therefore, report adversely to discontinuing the west side lamp, and suggest that the best way to put the east side lamp in service is to discontinue the lamp on the southeast corner of Union and McCarty streets.

Respectfully submitted,

D. W. Grubbs,
T. E. Chandler,
John Newman
Committee on Public Light.

The Committee on Public Property, through Alderman Piel, submitted the following report; which was duly concurred in :

To the President and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis :

Your Committee on Public Property, to whom was referred the resolution of the Common Council, declaring the lease of George W. Scott & Co. in the Southern Park forfeited, would report that, after a full investigation of the facts, we are of the opinion that the said George W. Scott & Co. have violated the express terms of said lease; and we, therefore, recommend that the action of the Common Council be concurred in.

H. Coburn,
W. F. Piel,
James T. Layman.
Committee on Public Property.

PENDING ORDINANCES.

Special Ordinance 32, 1878, and Special Ordinance 8, 1879, were called up from the files, and were severally read the second time.

The following entitled ordinance was then read the third time :

S. O. 32, 1878—An Ordinance to provide for grading and graveling Wilkens street and sidewalks, from Tennessee street to West street.

And it was duly passed by the following vote :

AYES, 8—viz. Aldermen Chandler, Drew, Grubbs, Layman, Mussmann, Newman, Piel, and Seibert.

NAYS—None.

The following entitled ordinance was also read the third time :

S. O. 8, 1879—An Ordinance to provide for paving with brick the sidewalks of Pratt street, from Illinois street to Mississippi street.

And it was duly passed by the following vote :

AYES, 8—viz. Aldermen Chandler, Drew, Grubbs, Layman, Mussmann, Newman, Piel, and Seibert.

NAYS—None.

On motion, the Board of Aldermen then adjourned.

T. E. CHANDLER, Vice-President.

Attest: GEO. T. BREUNIG, Clerk.