

PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF EQUALIZATION.

THIRD SESSION—AUGUST 30, 1879.

The Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, together with the City Clerk and City Assessor, met as a Board of Equalization, in the Council Chamber, on Saturday evening, August 30th, A. D. 1879, at eight o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT—His Honor, John Caven, Mayor, and, *ex officio*, President of the Common Council, in the chair; Benj. C. Wright, City Clerk; William Hadley, City Assessor; Aldermen Chandler, Drew, Mussmann, Newman, Piel, and President Ridenour; and Councilmen Bieler, Brown, Carey, Dowling, Hamilton, Kahn, King, Lamb, Morrison, McKay, O'Connor, Rooker, Shilling, VanVorhis, and Wiese—24.

ABSENT—Aldermen Coburn, Grubbs, Layman, and Seibert; and Councilmen Ber-
mann, Bryce, Downey, Harmening, McGinty, Pearson, Prier, Sheppard, Tucker,
and Wood—14.

His Honor, Chairman Caven, read section 59 of the City Charter, in which is defined the powers and duties of the Board of Equalization, and also the following section from "An Act supplementary to 'An Act to repeal all General Laws now in force for the Incorporation of Cities, prescribing their Powers and Rights, and the manner in which they shall exercise the same, and to regulate such other matters as pertain thereto (approved March 5th, 1877)," viz. :

SEC. 9. In such city, all the powers and duties of the Common Council, as defined in previous Acts of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, shall be exercised by the joint action of the Common Council and the Board of Aldermen.

And then held, that there being a majority of the joint membership of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen in attendance, the necessary quorum was present, and the Board of Equalization was competent to enter upon the transaction of business.

The select committee appointed by this Board at its first session, held on the 20th *instant*, submitted the following report; which was duly approved:

To His Honor, the Mayor, Members of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen
of Indianapolis, in joint session assembled as a Board of Equalization:

Gentlemen :—We, the undersigned, to whom was referred the assessment-lists for the year 1879, respectfully report that we have been in session each day from the

21st of August, 1879, to this date, inclusive (Sunday excepted), and have diligently labored to equalize assessments and protect the interests of the city, and, at the same time, to satisfy complaining tax-payers as far as possible.

We have reduced assessments as follows, to-wit:

- John Goll, lot 23 in outlet 123—house reduced from \$800 to \$700.
 Michael Cassin, lot 18 in outlet 107—house reduced from \$400 to \$300.
 John F. Ramsey, part lot 7, square 66—house reduced from \$1,500 to \$1,000.
 John F. Ramsey, lot 4, square 24—house reduced from \$1,800 to \$1,500.
 William Thomas, 3d lot south of Ninth street on Ash—house reduced from \$900 to \$500.
 E. H. Koller, lots 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, and 24, Sturm & Koller's Addition—reduced \$550.
 James Gibson, at No. 36 Fayette street—house reduced from \$500 to \$400.
 Ida S. Henning, lot 3, outlet 66—house reduced from \$1,000 to \$800.
 Betty Cox, lots 3 and 4, outlet 104—house reduced from \$1,800 to \$1,500.
 Ed. G. Gaston, w. $\frac{1}{2}$ lot 6, square 67—house reduced from \$1,650 to \$1,000.
 Charles Danmeyer, part lot 4, square 40—house reduced from \$1,000 to \$500.
 William Thomas, lot 11, square 22, Johnson's Addition—house reduced from \$900 to \$450.
 R. M. Crosby, lot 97, Butler's Addition—house reduced from \$5,000 to \$4,500.
 John Wood, lot 6, square 37—house reduced from \$1,200 to \$1,000.
 John Wood, part lot 12, square 56—lot reduced from \$6,700 to \$6,200.
 John Wood, part lot 7, square 65—house reduced from \$500 to \$300.
 Catharine Downey, lot 4, outlet 87—lot reduced \$300.
 Nancy Hammond, lot 17, outlet 99, H.'s Sub.—house reduced \$100.
 George H. Carter, part outlet 15, west White River—improvements reduced \$900.
 Joseph Solomon, lot 5, square 41—house reduced from \$5,000 to \$4,500.
 August Heaf, part lot 5, square 46—house reduced from \$1,650 to \$1,050.
 Clemens Vonnegut, lot 3, outlet 14, Robinson's Subdivision—house reduced \$50.
 L. A. Keifer, lot 100, A. & C.'s Sub. of B. & F.'s Addition—house reduced \$50.
 Jere. Sweeney n. $\frac{1}{2}$ lot 6, outlet 11—house reduced from \$500 to \$400.
 Joseph Becker, part lot 8, square 55—house reduced from \$7,000 to \$5,500.
 H. Mount, w. $\frac{1}{2}$ lot 4, square 4, Southeast Add.—house reduced from \$600 to \$500.
 Robert N. Lamb, lot 10, Byram's Sub. Henderson's Add.—house reduced \$300.
 Michael Caveny, lot 4, outlet 90—house reduced from \$450 to \$350.
 Ed. H. Ferguson, lot 24, outlet 172—house reduced from \$1,600 to \$1,100.
 John Carroll, lot 16, Kelly's Sub. H. & H.'s Oak Hill—house reduced \$100.
 E. S. Gale, n. $\frac{1}{2}$ lot 4, outlet 39—house reduced from \$3,000 to \$2,500.
 Abel E. Davis, lot 6, outlet 161—house reduced from \$1,400 to \$1,200.
 George Biersdorfer, lot 6, square 30, Drake's Add.—house reduced from \$3,200 to \$3,000.
 Joseph L. Fisher, lot 3, square 23, P., K. & B.'s Sub.—house reduced from \$2,000 to \$1,500.
 Sarah A. Hibben, lot 32, outlet 170—house reduced from \$2,500 to \$2,000.
 Thomas Russell, lot 20, outlet 126—house reduced from \$400 to \$300.
 Aug. Keifer, lots 5 and 6, outlet 171—house reduced \$2,000.
 Carlton Eden, residence on N. Delaware street reduced \$1,000.
 New Rolling-Mill, lot in outlets 130 and 132—reduced from \$12,000 to \$9,000.
 H. Doyle, lot 3, square 7, Drake's Add.—house reduced \$50.
 Stephen McNabb, lot 11, outlet 13—house reduced from \$800 to \$600.
 Elizabeth Barth, part lot 1, square 10, Affenstranger's Sub.—house reduced \$200.
 Margaret M. Day—personal property reduced from \$6,795 to \$2,035.
 Henry M. Day—personal property reduced from \$6,825 to \$2,065.
 Harriet E. Bliss, lot 1, outlet 2—house reduced from \$3,000 to \$2,500.
 Hettie M. Adams, part lot 12, outlet 37—house reduced from \$700 to \$400.
 Hannah L. Wilde, lot 28, outlet 120—house reduced from \$500 to \$300.
 William Essman, lots 10 and 11, square 96—house reduced from \$7,000 to \$5,500.
 Catharine Meyer, lot 10, outlet 3—house reduced from \$3,000 to \$2,500.
 John Ferris, No. 165 W. McCarty street—lot reduced from \$200 to \$150.
 H. Seibert, lot 18, outlet 89—house reduced \$300.

- S. S. Adams, lot 9, Vajen's Third Add.—house reduced \$200.
 Chris. Karle, w. $\frac{1}{2}$ e. $\frac{1}{2}$ lot 2, square 62—house reduced \$500.
 A. G. Pettibone, lot 2, Kappes & F.'s N. Add.—house reduced \$50.
 T. A. Morris, lot 11, square 76—house reduced \$2,000.
 T. A. Morris, lot 12, square 76—house reduced \$3,000.
 John G. Kistner, part lots 2 and 3, square 75—ground reduced \$1,000.
 H. P. & M. S. Wetsell, lot 1, W. H. Talbot's Add.—house reduced \$500.
 John Tarlton, lot 10, square 12, Drake's Add.—reduced \$300.
 John Vanstan, lot 71—house reduced \$200.
 W. H. Seiders, lot 64, Crane's N. Add.—lot reduced \$50.
 W. H. Seiders, lot 64, Crane's N. Add.—house reduced \$150.
 W. H. Seiders, lot 22, W. H. Morrison's Add.—house reduced \$300.
 J. Parrish, lot 6, outlot 181—house reduced \$200.
 James Murphy, lot in square 101—house reduced \$200.
 B. R. Phillips, part lots 116 and 117, S. & Co.'s Woodlawn—lot reduced \$50.
 John Minteeth, lot 1, Ford's Add.—lot reduced \$300.
 M. Hug's heirs, lot 4, square 41—house reduced \$300.
 F. M. Lackey, lot 76, B. & H.'s Sub. F.'s Oak Hill—house reduced \$100.
 William Fritsche, lot 10, outlot 161—house reduced \$200.
 R. A. Miller, e. $\frac{1}{2}$ e. $\frac{1}{2}$ lot 2, outlot H—house reduced \$200.
 John Dillon, lot 3, outlot 108—house reduced \$150.
 E. A. Scott, part lots 4 and 5, outlot 11—house reduced \$150.
 E. A. Scott, lot 1, outlot 9, west White River—lot reduced \$100.
 C. W. Smith, lot 8, square 19, Edwards's Sub.—house reduced \$500.
 Richard Moore, lot 6, square 71—house reduced \$150.
 L. Barbour, s. $\frac{1}{2}$ lot 13, St. Clair's Add.—house reduced \$1,000.
 B. D. Walcott, lot 3, square 1—house reduced \$100.
 John Gahm, lot 2, outlot 161—house reduced \$200.
 Aug. Sommer, lot 3, outlot 116—house reduced \$600.
 F. Linderman, lot 7, Whitsett's Sub. Cress's Add.—house reduced \$500.
 Charles Williams, lot 6, square 54—house reduced \$1,000.
 H. Seibert, lot 9, P. & I. R. R. Add.—lot reduced \$150.
 H. Seibert, lot 8, P. & I. R. R. Add.—lot reduced \$250.
 H. Seibert, lot 6, square 78—lot reduced \$500.
 M. Holloway, lot 23, Alvord & Co.'s Sub.—lot reduced \$100.
 F. C. Sanders, s. side lot H, I. & C. R. R. Add.—lot reduced \$1,000.
 Whelan & Miller, part lot 10, square 34—lot reduced \$200.
 Ninety-six lots in T. A. Lewis's Add.—\$25 off each, \$2,400.
 E. C. Howlett, lot 10, outlot 170—house reduced \$200.
 M. A. Dickey, lots 2 and 3, Southeast Add.—house reduced \$200.
 H. Baldwin, in s. e. $\frac{1}{4}$ square 16—house reduced \$1,000.
 John J. Cooper, lots 40 and 41, Cooper's S. Meridian Add.—house reduced \$300.
 Laura Ream, e. $\frac{1}{2}$ lot 9, square 66—house reduced \$200.
 Berg Applegate, lot 5, square 2—house reduced \$1,000.
 McKernan, lots 13, 16, 18, 25, 36, 37, 38, 40, 41, 43, 44, 45, in outlot 129—reduced \$25 each, \$300.
 McKernan, lots 226, 227, 228, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, and 249, in outlot 129, Yandes's Sub.—reduced \$50 each, \$950
 McKernan, lots 34, 37, 39, 50, Yandes's Sub., outlot 130—reduced \$50 each, \$200.
 McKernan, outlot 126, n. e. of canal—lot reduced \$1,500.
 McKernan, lot 20, outlot 27—lot reduced \$100.
 McKernan, lot 35 and part lots 34 and 36, outlot 27—reduced \$150.
 McKernan, lots 62, 87 and 88, outlot 128—reduced \$150.
 McKernan, triangle, south of Maryland street and west of canal—lot reduced \$200.
 McKernan, parts lots 75, 76 and 77, outlot 128—house reduced \$150.
 Beaty heirs, all their property (real estate), excepting in square 2, reduced 10 per cent., \$9,130.
 R. B. & J. S. Duncan, their lots in Bruce Place and Bruce-Baker Add., reduced 10 per cent., (say) \$1,200.
 J. C. Yohn, part lot 1, square 56—lot reduced \$1,000.

We have increased assessments and added to the assessment list as follows, to-wit:

George Bushong, house s. e. corner Fayette and Walnut streets—increased from \$300 to \$500.

John Miller, w. side Fayette street, 2d house south of Walnut—increased from \$300 to \$400.

Academy of Music, s. e. corner Ohio and Illinois streets—increased from \$1,500 to \$2,000.

James C. Yohn, lot 12, square 17—increased (for corner) \$300.

Henry Coburn, houses on lots 32, 33, 34, 35 and 36, outlot 182, \$3,400.

Caroline M. Bence, house on lot 79, outlot 182, \$1,800.

Thomas A. Hendricks, house on lot 19, outlot 182, \$150.

Thomas A. Hendricks, house on lot 20, outlot 182, \$100.

William W. Christy, house on lot 28, outlot 159—from \$400 to \$600.

Benjamin F. Owens, personal property, \$965 and poll.

A. B. Meyer, personal property, \$1,845 and poll.

A. L. Wright, trustee of W. A. Bradshaw, personal property, \$3,000.

Woolley & Wright, assignees of Nutting & Co., personal property, \$5,000.

Concordia S. & B. Association, stock, \$5,025.

Jefferson S. & L. Association, stock, \$9,900.

Teutonia B. & S. Association, stock, \$14,145.

Western B. & L. Association, stock, \$1,214.

Union Depot S. & B. Association, stock, \$12,963.

Southeast S. & L. Association, stock, \$3,860.

Russell Avenue B. & L. Association, stock, \$7,488.

South Side B. & L. Association, stock, \$2,860.

Celtic S. & L. Association, stock, \$4,000.

Bank of Commerce, stock, \$53,292.

Real estate of National Banks, \$235,000, heretofore deducted.

House on lot 31 in outlot 120—increased \$300.

William Wilkenson, residence in square 2—house increased \$800.

McCarty, lots 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, McC.'s Sub.—increased \$50 each, \$1,200.

James C. Yohn, part lot 1, square 56—house increased \$2,000.

A. W. Hendricks, residence on n. e. corner square 6—house increased \$500.

Charles H. G. Bals's heirs, residence on n. e. corner St. Joseph and Delaware streets—increased \$500.

Francis Webb, residence in outlot 171—increased \$500.

W. H. Morrison, residence in square 45—increased \$1,000.

Mrs. Everson, residence in outlot 181—increased \$200.

Samuel Delzell, residence in square 4—increased \$700.

T. Burrows, lot 67, outlot 156—new house, \$300.

A. T. Fredericks, lot 2, square 12, Southeast Add.—new house, \$600.

Thos. Dean, personal property, \$55.

We have heard and investigated, in addition to the foregoing, 159 complaints, on which we determined that they stand as reported by the Assessor and without change.

The total additions are.....	\$375,962	
The total deductions are	68,850	
Total gain.....		\$ 307,112
Amount reported by Assessor.....		47,728,215

Total taxables for 1879..... \$48,035,327

Number of polls, 13,739.

Respectfully submitted,

F. W. Hamilton,
Hiram Seibert,
Leon Kahn,
Jas. T. Dowling,
W. E. Shilling,
Committee.

Indianapolis, Indiana, August 29th, 1879.

William Hadley, City Assessor.
Benj. C. Wright, City Clerk,

Councilman Hamilton then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That there be, and is hereby, assessed and levied upon all the real estate, personal property, notes, stocks, bonds, and choses in action, assessed and returned for taxation for the year 1879, a general tax-levy of seventy-five (75) cents upon each one hundred dollars of such property assessed and returned for taxation, and the further sum of fifty cents on each poll.

The City Clerk is directed to place said taxes upon the proper tax-duplicates, and the Treasurer is directed to collect and make due reports thereof, according to law.

Councilman Kahn moved that "eighty-two (82) cents" be substituted for "seventy-five (75) cents" in preceding resolution; which motion was defeated by the following vote :

AYES, 10—viz. Aldermen Chandler, Mussmann, Piel, and President Ridenour; and Councilmen Bieler, Kahn, King, Lamb, Rooker, and Wiese.

NAYS, 11—viz. Aldermen Drew and Newman; and Councilmen Brown, Carey, Dowling, Hamilton, Morrison, McKay, O'Connor, Shilling, and VanVorhis.

Councilman Rooker moved to substitute "eighty (80) cents"; which motion was also defeated by the following vote :

AYES, 7—viz. Aldermen Musssman and President Ridenour; and Councilmen Bieler, Kahn, King, Lamb, and Rooker.

NAYS, 14—viz. Aldermen Chandler, Drew, Newman, and Piel; and Councilmen Brown, Carey, Dowling, Hamilton, Morrison, McKay, O'Connor, Shilling, VanVorhis, and Wiese.

Alderman Chandler moved to substitute "seventy-seven (77) cents"; which motion was also defeated by the following vote :

AYES, 10—viz. Aldermen Chandler, Mussmann, Newman, Piel, and President Ridenour; and Councilmen Bieler, Carey, Lamb, Shilling, and Wiese.

NAYS, 11—viz. Alderman Drew; and Councilmen Brown, Dowling, Hamilton, Kahn, King, Morrison, McKay, O'Connor, Rooker, and VanVorhis.

Councilman Hamilton moved to substitute "seventy-two (72) cents"; upon which motion no vote was taken, the next highest sum to the one which last failed of adoption being named in the original resolution.

The general tax-levy for 1879 was then fixed at seventy-five (75) cents by the following vote :

AYES, 15—viz. Aldermen Chandler, Drew, Newman, and President Ridenour; and Councilmen Brown, Carey, Dowling, Hamilton, Lamb, Morrison, McKay, O'Connor, Shilling, VanVorhis, and Wiese.

NAYS, 6—viz. Aldermen Mussmann and Piel; and Councilmen Bieler, Kahn, King, and Rooker.

The original resolution was then duly adopted by the following vote :

AYES, 18—viz. Aldermen Chandler, Drew, Mussmann, Newman, Piel, and President Ridenour; and Councilmen Bieler, Brown, Carey, Dowling, Hamilton, Lamb, Morrison, McKay, O'Connor, Shilling, Van Vorhis, and Wiese.

NAYS, 3—viz. Councilmen Kahn, King, and Rooker.

The City Clerk presented the following communication ; which was ordered to be spread upon this journal :

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS }
OF THE CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, }
Indianapolis, Ind., Aug. 29, 1879. }

Hon. Benj. C. Wright, City Clerk:

Dear Sir :—The tax-levy for school purposes, for 1879, is as follows:

Special fund.....	8 cents.
Tuition fund.....	8½ "
Library fund.....	1½ "
Total.....	18 "

I will have Mr. Bingham write you officially.

Yours respectfully,

JNO. R. GIBSON, Clerk.

The Board of Equalization having now disposed of all the business for which it was convened, it was, on motion, declared to be dissolved.

JOHN CAVEN, Mayor,

Chairman of Board of Equalization.

Attest: BENJ. C. WRIGHT, City Clerk.

PROCEEDINGS OF COMMON COUNCIL.

SPECIAL SESSION—AUGUST 30, 1879.

The Common Council of the City of Indianapolis was convened in special session on Saturday evening, August 30th, A. D. 1879, immediately after the dissolution of the Board of Equalization.

PRESENT—Hon. John Caven, Mayor, and, *ex officio*, President of the Common Council, in the chair, and 15 members, viz.: Councilmen Bieler, Brown, Carey, Dowling, Hamilton, Kahn, King, Lamb, Morrison, McKay, O'Connor, Rooker, Shilling, VanVorhis, and Wiese.

ABSENT—Councilmen Bermann, Bryce, Downey, Harmening, McGinty, Pearson, Prier, Sheppard, Tucker, and Wood—10.

The Joint Committees on Finance, through Councilman Kahn, introduced—

G. O. 51, 1879—An Ordinance making a General Tax-Levy for the year 1879, upon the Taxable Property within the limits of the City of Indianapolis.

His Honor, President Caven, read the last provision of section 59 of the City Charter, and then ruled that the passage of aforesaid ordinance forthwith was a statutory and an imperative duty, and, therefore, it was unnecessary to take action for suspension of the rules.

Foregoing entitled ordinance was, therefore, read the second time; was ordered to be engrossed; was read the third time; and was duly passed by the following vote:

AYES, 15—viz. Councilmen Bieler, Brown, Carey, Dowling, Hamilton, Kahn, King, Lamb, Morrison, McKay, O'Connor, Rooker, Shilling, Van Vorhis, and Wiese.

NAYS—None.

The following resolution, prepared by Alderman Ridenour, was read:

WHEREAS, Benj. C. Wright having served the people of Indianapolis as City Clerk, and having just retired from such service, at end of his second term, we, as representatives of the people, feel warranted in giving expression to the general sentiment of approval of the official conduct of Mr. Wright: Therefore,

Resolved, That, both as citizens and in our official capacity, we bear most willing testimony to the promptness and ability which have characterized all his official conduct, the uniform urbanity and obliging disposition always manifested by him

and his worthy and competent deputies, the Messrs. Geo. T. Breunig and Geo. H. Fleming. Believing these servants of the people have discharged their duties faithfully and properly for the interests of the people, this tribute of regard and esteem is recorded at the close of said official term.

Resolved, further, That Col. Wm. M. Wiles, City Treasurer, and William Hadley, City Assessor, and their able assistants (also just retiring from service) are all equally well deserving the commendation of the people for the faithful discharge of their respective trusts.

And, on Councilman Kahn's motion, it was duly adopted by an unanimous rising vote.

On motion, the Common Council then adjourned.

JOHN CAVEN, Mayor,
President of Common Council.

Attest: BENJ. C. WRIGHT, City Clerk.

PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

SPECIAL SESSION—AUGUST 30, 1879.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis convened in special session on Saturday evening, August 30th, A. D. 1879, immediately after the adjournment of the Common Council.

PRESENT—His Honor, the President, J. M. Ridenour, in the Chair, and Aldermen Chandler, Drew, Mussmann, Newman, Piel, and Seibert—7.

ABSENT—Aldermen Coburn, Grubbs, and Layman—3.

The following entitled ordinance [which had been duly passed by the Common Council—see page 401, *ante*], was read the first, second, and third times:

G. O. 51, 1879—An Ordinance making a General Tax-Levy, for the year 1879, upon the Taxable Property within the limits of the City of Indianapolis.

And it was duly passed by the following vote:

AYES, 7—viz. Aldermen Chandler, Drew, Mussmann, Newman, Piel, Seibert, and President Ridenour.

NAYS—None.

President Ridenour brought before this body the following resolution [which had been duly adopted by the Common Council—see pages 401 and 402, *ante*]:

WHEREAS, Benj. C. Wright having served the people of Indianapolis as City Clerk, and having just retired from such service, at end of his second term, we, as representatives of the people, feel warranted in giving expression to the general sentiment of approval of the official conduct of Mr. Wright: Therefore,

Resolved, That, both as citizens and in our official capacity, we bear most willing testimony to the promptness and ability which have characterized all his official conduct, the uniform urbanity and obliging disposition always manifested by him and his worthy and competent Deputies, the Messrs. Geo. T. Breunig and Geo. H. Fleming. Believing these servants of the people have discharged their duties faithfully and properly for the interests of the people, this tribute of regard and esteem is recorded at the close of said official term.

Resolved, further, That Col. W. M. Wiles, City Treasurer, and William Hadley, City Assessor, and their able assistants (also just retiring from service), are all equally well deserving the commendation of the people for the faithful discharge of their respective trusts.

And it was duly adopted by an unanimous vote.

On motion, the Board of Aldermen then adjourned.

J. M. RIDENOUR, President.

Attest: GEO. T. BREUNIG, Clerk.