

PROCEEDINGS OF COMMON COUNCIL.

REGULAR SESSION—JANUARY 5, 1880.

The Common Council of the City of Indianapolis met in the Council Chamber, on Monday evening, January 5th, A. D. 1880, at seven o'clock, in regular session.

PRESENT—Hon. John Caven, Mayor, and, *ex officio* President of the Common Council, in the chair, and 21 members, viz.: Councilmen Bermann, Bieler, Brown, Bryce, Carey, Dowling, Downey, Hamilton, Kahn, King, Lamb, Morrison, McGinty, McKay, Prier, Rooker, Sheppard, Shilling, Tucker, Van Vorhis, and Wiese.

ABSENT, 4—viz. Councilmen Harmening, O'Connor, Pearson, and Wood.

The Proceedings of the Common Council, for the regular session, held on December 15th, 1879, having been printed, and placed on the desks of the Councilmen, said journals were approved as published.

Sealed proposals for making the below-described improvements, were opened, read, and referred to the Committees on Contracts :

- (S. O. 45, 1879)—For grading and graveling the second alley west of Noble street, from Lockerbie street to New York street.
- (S. O. 57, 1879)—For grading and graveling, (where not already improved,) the sidewalks of Shelby street, from the southern terminus of Virginia avenue to Raymond street.
- (S. O. 60, 1879)—For curbing with stone the sidewalks, and bowldering the gutters, (except where already curbed and bowldered,) of Alabama street, from Washington street to Wabash street.

REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON CONTRACTS.

The Committee on Contracts, through Councilman Brown, submitted the following report :

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

Gentlemen :—Your Committee on Contracts, to whom were referred sundry proposals, presented to Council, December 15th, 1879, have examined the same, and find them to be as follows, viz. :

First. For grading, and paving with brick the west sidewalk of Maple street, between Ray and McCarty streets—

D. A. Haywood, 30 cents per lineal foot front; corner posts 35 cents each.
 William Morrison, 27 cents per lineal foot front.
 John Schier, 26 cents per lineal foot front.

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

Second. For paving with brick and curbing with stone the sidewalks, and bowldering the gutters, of McCarty street, from Delaware street west to the Jeffersonville, Madison & Indianapolis Railroad tracks—

Henry Clay, \$1.22 per lineal foot front on each side.
 Richard Carr, \$1.18 per lineal foot front on each side.
 James Mahoney, \$1.14½ per lineal foot front on each side.
 Dunning and Hudson, \$1.11 per lineal foot front on each side.
 David A. Haywood, \$1.05 per lineal foot front on each side; corner posts 35 cents each.

David A. Haywood, being the lowest and best bidder, we recommend he be awarded the contract.

Third. For improving John street, from Peru avenue to Massachusetts avenue, by grading and graveling the roadway and sidewalks thereof—

Richard Carr, 75 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
 Henry Clay, 69 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
 Dunning & Hudson, 66 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
 James Mahoney, 49½ cents per lineal foot front on each side.

James Mahoney, being the lowest and best bidder, we recommend he be awarded the contract.

Fourth. For grading and bowldering the south gutter of St. Clair street, from Massachusetts avenue to the west line of lot 2, in outlot 42—

D. A. Haywood, 49 cents per lineal foot front.
 Richard Carr, 45 cents per lineal foot front.
 Dunning & Hudson, 41 cents per lineal foot front.
 Henry Clay, 41 cents per lineal foot front.
 James Mahoney, 40 cents per lineal foot front.

James Mahoney, being the lowest and best bidder, we recommend he be awarded the contract.

Fifth. For grading, and paving with brick (where not already paved) the east sidewalk of Park avenue, between Cherry street and Christian avenue—

William Morrison, 33 cents per lineal foot front.
 D. A. Haywood, 32 cents per lineal foot front; corner posts 30 cents each.
 John Schier, 31 cents per lineal foot front.

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

Respectfully submitted,

M. L. Brown,
 F. W. Hamilton,
 Committee on Contracts.

The recommendation contained in the first clause failed to be concurred in by the following vote :

AYES, 7—viz. Councilmen Bieler, Brown, Bryce, Downey, McKay, Rooker, and VanVorhis.

NAYS, 9—viz. Councilmen Bermann, Dowling, Hamilton, Katn, Morrison, McGinty, Prier, Shilling, and Tucker.

The second, third, fourth and fifth clauses were then concurred in, and the contracts awarded as recommended.

COMMUNICATIONS, ETC., FROM THE MAYOR.

His Honor, Mayor Caven, presented the following communication which was referred to the Hospital Board :

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

The undersigned petitioner, takes permission to call your attention to the fact that he is the owner and occupant of house No. 151, Elizabeth street, in this city ; that opposite of said house there is a vacant lot which is much deeper than the street ; that on account of the absence of gutters in said street, the water, whenever it rains, runs into said lot, becomes stagnant there, and spreads a disagreeable and unhealthy odor. The same condition of things exists four lots west from the said house 151 Elizabeth street, where this petitioner also owns a lot, and where the lot next to it also fills with water after a rain. These two vacant lots are, in consequence of the absence of gutters, regular nuisances, which hinder this petitioner in the full enjoyment of his property. Your petitioner therefore respectfully requests that proper steps be taken to vacate said nuisances, and that the proper officers be clothed with sufficient authority to act in the matter as it is proper.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN GRAHAM.

January 5th, 1880.

His Honor, Mayor Caven, presented the following communication ; which, on motion by Councilman McKay, was referred to His Honor, Mayor Caven, the Council and Aldermanic Committee on Public Charities and the City Attorney :

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 20th, 1879.

Hon. John Caven :

Dear Sir :— As you are doubtless aware, we are about building and operating a Friendly Inn and Work Yard. As it is a matter in which the city is directly interested, permit us to explain its idea and plan of action.

The Friendly Inn is for the use of the transient and tramps who are willing to work as payment for food and lodging. It will be located on the line of the Bee Line road, on ground which is leased to us for five years, on payment of taxes, only. Our idea is expressed in the words: "Work for all. Food and Lodging for all who will work." On entering, the transient is compelled to take a bath, is furnished a clean night shirt, and is given a comfortable bed. This is in the interest of cleanliness as well as humanity. In the morning he is required to work for about three hours in payment of lodging and food. This Inn makes provision also for transient women, who will pay for what they receive by washing and cleaning.

This Inn will be located inside an enclosure which is the wood-yard. The space thus enclosed is about 14,000 square feet. In this yard there is room for several hundred cords of wood.

This is designed to furnish work for any residents of the city who are out of work. We will pay fifty cents a day to all such, in money, food, or fuel, enough

to support them during the exigency. No one need be out of work, or suffer from hunger, or ask for charity, who is willing to work.

This Friendly Inn is no new and untried experiment. It has been tried in Boston, and in Providence, R. I., with success. In Providence the mayor reports that it saved the city \$6000. In Boston it has nearly paid expenses.

One feature of the plan which merits attention is the help it has been to these cities in diminishing the tramp element. In each city the lodgers at the station-houses are informed that they will be taken by the police to the wood-yard, will be fed, and then required to work until eleven o'clock. In Providence the falling off in station-house lodgers was 4,800 in a single year. The Overseers of the Poor in Boston report to the same effect.

The records of the city courts will show that a large number of the offenders are from this class. The cost of prosecution and of maintenance in the city prison is a large item. It would certainly be a saving to the city if these men could either be forced to work, or could be kept away from the city by the knowledge that they would be required to work.

There are others, also, who, from having no proper place to go, "fall among thieves." Our Inn and yard will—1st. Thus put the *work-test* to each applicant for relief, to every tramp and beggar. 2d. It will furnish good baths, good beds, and good food to all who will work. 3d. It will relieve the station-houses of a crowd of disorderly or unpleasant lodgers. 4th. It will warn away from the city the tramps. 5th. It will give shelter to the stranded and forlorn. Such an enterprise in other cities is operated by the city authorities. Here it is undertaken by private benevolence. But to ensure its success, it should have the co-operation of the city.

We respectfully ask such co-operation in money and by ordinance. We ask that a grant of one thousand dollars be made toward building and equipping the Inn. We ask that there be passed an ordinance requiring all station-house lodgers to work in the Work-Yard three hours each morning for lodging and food. We would be willing that a representative of the Council should be put on the committee of management to ensure the wise expenditure of money, and the faithful carrying out of the idea.

The estimated cost of the Inn and its full equipment is about \$2,000. When in operation, it is believed that it will be self-supporting.

Respectfully yours,

Oscar C. McCulloch,
S. Yandes,
Ingram Fletcher,
George Merritt,
Cyrus C. Hines,
Henry D. Stevens,
George W. Cook,
H. H. Walker,
M. W. Reed.

REPORTS, ETC., FROM CITY OFFICERS.

The City Civil Engineer submitted the following report; which was received, and the estimate (presented therewith) was approved:

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

Gentlemen:—I herewith report the following estimate:

A first and final estimate in behalf of R. P. Dunning & J. W. Hudson for grading and graveling the roadway of Prospect street, and bowldering the gutters thereof, from Dillon street to Reid street.

5020 lineal feet at 88 cts.....	\$4,417 60
66.6 cubic yards extra excavating.....	9 99
Total estimate	\$4,427 59

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. PATTERSON, City Civil Engineer.

The following estimate resolution was then read :

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, That the foregoing first and final estimate in behalf of R. P. Dunning and J. W. Hudson, for grading and graveling the roadway of Prospect street, and bowldering the gutters thereof, from Dillon street to Reed 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 adopted by the following vote :

AYES, 18—viz. Councilmen Bermann, Bieler, Brown, Bryce, Carey, Dowling, Downey, Hamilton, Kahn, King, Morrison, McGinty, McKay, Prier, Rooker, Shilling, Tucker, and Wiese.

NAYS—None.

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

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen :

Gentlemen :—I respectfully report that on the 29th day of December, 1879, I transmitted to the City Commissioners the petition of Theo. P. Haughey et al., in the matter of laying out, opening and extending Fifth street, from its present western terminus, at east end of bridge over the canal, to the Michigan Road, and Committee's report, and the resolution of your honorable body concerning the same, and that I issued notice to the said Commissioners according to law.

Respectfully,

JOS. T. MAGNER, City Clerk.

The City Clerk submitted the following report ; which was concurred in :

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

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

William Morrison vs. John A. Hart for	\$ 3 30
William Morrison vs. Chas. F. Warren, for.....	3 30
William Morrison vs. Erastus M. Briggs, for.....	3 30
William Morrison vs. Margaret Richter, for.....	3 30
William Morrison vs. Margaret Richter, for.....	1 65
William Morrison vs. Gilbert M. Levette, for	3 30
E. B. Elliot vs. Thos. O. Enders, for.....	37 70
David A. Haywood vs. Chas. G. Higgins, Trustee, for.....	12 20
David A. Haywood vs. Chas. G. Higgins, Trustee, for.....	6 10
David A. Haywood vs. Mary Ann Dumont, for.....	12 20

David A. Haywood vs. Chas. H. Perkins and Chas. C. Douglass, for.....\$12 20
 John Schier vs. Chas. Mittag, Wm. Mittag, Chris. Mittag, Mrs. Mary Lahr,
 Mrs. Annie Buchz and Henry Mittag..... 4 76

And recommend you order the precepts to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

JOS. T. MAGNER, City Clerk.

And the precepts were ordered to issue by the following vote :

AYES, 19—viz. Councilmen Bermann, Bieler, Brown, Bryce, Carey, Dowling,
 Downey, Hamilton, Kahn, King, Morrison, McGinty, McKay, Prier, Rooker,
 Shilling, Tucker, VanVorhis, and Wiese.

NAYS—None.

The City Clerk submitted the following report; which was referred to
 the Joint Committees on Finance :

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

Gentlemen:—I herewith submit an itemized statement, showing the amount of
 orders drawn on the city treasury during the month of December, 1879 :

Board of Health.....	\$	152	50
Bridges.....		359	05
City Assessor's Department.....		81	50
City Civil Engineer's Department.....		195	60
City Dispensary.....		172	13
City Hall.....		44	42
City Hospital and Branch.....		917	25
City Treasurer's percentage.....		314	26
Coal-oil Light.....		14	72
Damages and Costs.....		449	60
Fire Department.....		4,531	39
Gas.....		5,122	83
Incidental.....		501	95
Interest on bonds.....		990	00
Market-Masters' Fees.....		129	57
Parks.....		45	00
Police.....		3,574	58
Printing.....		251	63
Salary.....		52	50
Sewers.....		100	00
Station Houses.....		221	78
Street Improvements.....		162	35
Street Repairs.....		2,983	80
Tomlinson estate.....		3,500	00
Water rent.....		6,264	00
School Fund.....	\$	31,122	41
		802	43
Total.....	\$	31,934	84

Respectfully submitted,

JOS. T. MAGNER, City Clerk.

The City Treasurer submitted the following report; which was referred
 to the Joint Committees on Finance :

Report of Wm. G. Wasson, City Treasurer, for the month of December, 1879.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand November 30, 1879, as per report.....	\$ 149,526 03
From current taxes.....	4,003 12
From delinquent taxes.....	7,130 21
From tax sales.....	5 98
From auction licenses.....	10 00
From coal licenses.....	6 00
From dray licenses.....	54 00
From dog licenses.....	75
From express licenses.....	38 00
From fines (City Court).....	42 30
From hack licenses.....	62 00
From hucksters' licenses.....	7 00
From market-masters' fees.....	221 95
From peddlers' licenses.....	57 00
From promiscuous.....	82 00
From show licenses.....	30 00
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	\$ 161,276 34

DISBURSEMENTS.

For Board of Health.....	\$ 152 50
For bridges.....	359 55
For City Assessor's Department.....	81 50
For City Civil Engineer's Department.....	196 60
For City Dispensary.....	174 83
For City Hall.....	1,602 42
For City Hospital and Branch.....	938 70
For City Treasurer's percentage.....	314 26
For coal-oil light.....	14 72
For damages and costs.....	416 60
For elections.....	12 00
For Fire Department.....	4,697 43
For gas.....	5,122 83
For incidental.....	121 95
For interest on bonds.....	590 00
For levee.....	2 61
For market-masters' fees.....	129 57
For parks.....	45 00
For police.....	3,574 58
For printing.....	251 63
For salary.....	90 00
For sewers.....	100 00
For station houses.....	236 78
For street improvements.....	162 59
For street repairs.....	3,320 74
For Tomlinson annuity.....	3,500 00
For water rent.....	6,264 00
Balance on hand.....	128,402 95
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	\$ 161,276 34

Respectfully-submitted,

W. G. WASSON, City Treasurer.

To Jos. T. MAGNER, City Clerk.

The actual cash balance in the hands of the City Treasurer is in round numbers \$58,000, owing to the payment in New York of the January interest and the coupons not returned in time to be included in this report.

W. G. WASSON, City Treasurer.

The Chief Fire Engineer submitted the following report; which was received :

Indianapolis, December 24, 1879.

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

Gentlemen.—As provided by ordinance I am notified by the Water Works Company that hydrants No. 553, located on the corner of California and Maryland streets, and 554, located on southwest corner of the first alley on California street, south of Maryland street, as ordered by the Council and located by the Chief Fire Engineer, are placed in position and water turned on December 13th, 1879; and they are now ready for service, and the Company will charge for them from the above date at the rate of \$50 per year.

Respectfully submitted,

J. G. PENDERGAST, Chief Fire Engineer.

The Superintendent of the City Hospital and Branch submitted the following report; which was received:

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

Gentlemen.—The following reports of the City Hospital and Branch, for the month of December, 1879, are respectfully submitted:

	First Week.	Second Week.	Third Week.	Fourth Week.	Days.	Monthly Total.
Number of paid Officers and Employes in Hospital	11					
Number of paid Officers and Employes in Branch.....	1					
Number of beds in Hospital	90					
Number of beds in Branch.....	10					
No. of adult patients in Hospital at beginning of week.....	39	44	47	51	46	39
No. of infant patients in Hospital at beginning of week.....	1	3	.....	.....	2	1
No. of adult patients received during week	13	7	10	9	3	42
No. of infant patients received or born during week.....	2	.....	.....	2	1	5
No. of adult patients discharged during week	8	4	6	14	3	35
No. of infant patients discharged during week.....	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	3
No. of adult patients who died during week.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1
No. of infant patients who died during week.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
No. of patients in Branch at beginning of week.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
No. of adult patients in Hospital and Branch at end of week	44	47	51	46	45	45
No. of inf't patients in Hospital and Branch at end of week	3	.....	.....	2	3	3
No. of pay-patients at beginning of week.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
No. of pay-patients at end of week .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Aggregate number of days of patients in Hospital.....	317	325	356	331	151	1480
Aggregate number of days of patients in Branch .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Aggregate number days of subsistence furnished employes	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	432
Total expenditures for month						\$ 967 77
Cash collected from pay-patients and other sources, and paid to City Treasurer						\$85 00
Aggregate number of days subsistence furnished						1912
Average daily cost of each patient .....						.653
Average daily cost for patients, officers, and employes.....						.506

WILLIAM N. WISHARD, M. D., Superintendent.

REPORTS, ETC., FROM OFFICIAL BOARDS.

The Board of Public Improvements, through Councilman McKay, submitted the following report; which was received:

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

Gentlemen:—We herewith report expenditures of the Street-Repairs Department for the month of December, 1879, together with total amount of expenditures to January 1st, 1879:

Pay-rolls	\$ 2,493 71
Lumber.....	105 11
Gravel	100 00
Hardware.....	58 74
Blacksmithing.....	20 30
Freight on stone.....	64 00
Freight on lumber.....	19 20
Cement.....	6 00
Coal for stone-yard.....	3 50
Stone spawls	26 40
Stone crossings and curbs	54 09
Cinders	32 75
Correction, November report	45

Total expenditures for December	\$ 2,984 25
Total expenditures per last report	21,605 40

Total expenditures to January 1st, 1880.....	\$ 24,589 65
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Respectfully submitted,

M. H. McKay,
H. Coburn,
J. L. Bieler,

Board of Public Improvements.

L. A. Fulmer, Street Commissioner.

The same official board, submitted the following report from the Street Commissioner; which was received:

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

Gentlemen:—I have collected and turned over to the City Treasurer, \$53.50 for dirt, old lumber, and old iron sold, and filed receipts with City Clerk for same.

Respectfully submitted,

L. A. FULMER, Street Commissioner.

The Dispensary Board, through Councilman Carey, submitted the following report; which was received:

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

Gentlemen:—The following reports of the City Dispensary for the month of December, 1879, are respectfully submitted:

Number of Patients treated at Dispensary.....	142
Number of Medical cases at Dispensary	107
Number of Surgical cases at Dispensary	26
Number of Disease of Nervous System.....	3
Number of Disease of Eye and Ear.....	6
Number of Out-door Patients treated	67
Number at Station House.....	13

Total number of Patients treated during month.....	222
Total number of Visits made during month.....	269
Total number of Prescriptions filled during month.....	654
Number of Births during month.....	4
Number of Deaths during month.....	2

EXPENDITURES FOR MONTH.

C. A. Ritter, Superintendent.....	\$ 60 38
T. R. Rubush, Resident Physician.....	125 00
F. M. Ferree, Prescription Clerk.....	85 00
W. A. & I. N. Pattison, drugs furnished for October and November.....	45 70
A. Medsker, stove, pipe, &c	16 25
Watson Coal & Mining Co, for coal.....	7 00
Indianapolis Gas Light & Coak Co.....	7 20

Total expenditures for month..... \$346 45

C. A. RITTER, M. D., Superintendent.

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

Report of Deaths in the City of Indianapolis, from December 15th to 31st, 1879.

Under 1 year.....	18
1 to 2 years.....	4
2 to 5 ".....	13
5 to 10 ".....	9
10 to 15 ".....	1
15 to 20 ".....	3
20 to 25 ".....	2
25 to 30 ".....	4
30 to 40 ".....	8
40 to 50 ".....	1
50 to 60 ".....	4
60 to 70 ".....	5
70 to 80 ".....	3
80 to 90 ".....	1
90 to 100 ".....	2
100 and upwards.....	0
Unknown.....	0
Total.....	78

Henry Jameson, M. D., President.

W. E. Jeffries, M. D., Secretary.

Board of Health.

The same official board submitted the following report; which was concurred in:

Indianapolis, January 5, 1880.

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

Gentlemen:—In answer to your resolution requesting an opinion from the Board of Health, as to whether the Surgical Institute is a hospital or not, we reply that it is the unanimous opinion of the Board that the Surgical Institute is a hospital in the common definition of the term.

Prof. Heeban Noys, of Bloomington University, in correspondence with Dr. Parvin of this city, offers to examine the water of all the principal wells of this

city; the only expense to the city will be cost of vessels and transportation, amounting to probably ten or fifteen dollars. We recommend that that amount be appropriated for that purpose.

All the force in the office have been busily engaged for the past six weeks in tabulating the records of this office from its commencement (a work that has never been done), for the Census Bureau and for our own use; consequently only such out-door work has been attended to as was absolutely necessary. The city has been so flooded with water that the vault-cleaning is interfered with very materially; as soon as practicable it will be pushed with vigor.

Respectfully,

Henry Jameson, M. D., President.

W. E. Jeffries, M. D., Secretary.

Board of Health.

On motion so much of the foregoing report as relates to wells, was referred to the Committees on Public Health.

The Board of City Commissioners submitted the following report :

REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS.

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

The undersigned respectfully show to your honorable body :

1st. That they were duly appointed by the Civil Circuit Court, Marion county, Indiana, in accordance with the provisions of an act of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, entitled "An Act in relation to the laying out, opening, widening, altering and vacation of streets, alleys, and highways, and for straightening or altering of water courses by the cities of this state, and providing for the appointment of Commissioners to assess benefits and damages, prescribing their duties and the method of procedure, and providing for the collection of benefits and payment of damages, prescribing the duties of city officers in relation thereto, and providing remedies in such matters," approved March 17th, 1875, to act as City Commissioners, to hear and determine all matters appertaining to the acquisition, laying out, altering and straightening of streets, alleys, and highways within said city, and also to hear and determine all matters appertaining to the altering or straightening of streams within said city, and the taking of lands for sewerage purposes.

2d. That they did take and subscribe the oath and affirmation by law required.

II.

We do further report :

1st. That on the 26th day of December, 1879, we met at the office of the City Clerk, room No. 4, City Hall, at 10 o'clock A. M., pursuant to the notice hereto annexed, marked Exhibit "A."

2d. That we did at the time and place aforesaid enter upon the consideration of the vacation of Bobbs street, from Bates street to Meek street, more fully described in the petition to us referred, and hereto annexed and marked Exhibit "B."

3rd. That we did inquire into the matter of the service of notices upon the persons interested in such vacation and do herewith report said notices with the returns of service endorsed thereon.

4th. That the following named persons appeared in answer to said notices, viz :

Catherine C. Bobbs, by her Attorney, James Sweetser,
Mrs. W. Hall, Geo. W. Jenks.

III.

We do further report,

That we did at the time aforesaid examine witnesses and hear evidence in the matter of said vacation, that we did view the said Bobbs street, proposed to be vacated, and did ascertain that Catherine C. Bobbs is the owner of all the property upon the line of said vacation on either side thereof.

We do further report:

1st. That the length of said Bobbs street to be vacated is six hundred and twelve feet and eight inches, and that the width is sixty feet, and that the location of the same is between Dillon street and Grant street, and from Bates street to Meek street.

2d. We further report that in consideration of the vacation of said Bobbs street, Catherine C. Bobbs agrees to donate a strip of ground 33 feet wide, abutting on the east side of Dillon street, from Bates street to Meek street, more fully described in her written agreement herewith annexed, and marked Exhibit "C." for the purpose of widening Dillon street.

3rd. We do assess benefits to Catherine C. Bobbs an amount equal to the expenses incurred in said vacation.

We do also report that the time of the City Commissioners in said case, is thirteen days.

Your Commissioners do therefore recommend that the said Bobbs street be vacated as prayed, and that the benefits be collected according to law.

Respectfully,

William Hadley,
Geo. W. Hill,
N. Kellogg,
Michael Steinbauer,
City Commissioners.

Councilman Tucker offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That the report of the City Commissioners, in the matter of the vacation of Bobbs street, be referred to the City Attorney, with instructions to examine same, and if the proceedings are all regular, to report a resolution adopting such report.

REPORTS, ETC., FROM COMMITTEES.

Councilman Tucker submitted the following statement; which was referred to the Joint Committees on Finance:

The City of Indianapolis in account with John S. Spann & Co.

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By balance September 25th, 1879		\$68 79
Oct. 2. By W. I. Bartholomew	\$25 00	
8. By Paul Sherman	15 00	
9. By W. H. Mahan	10 00	
11. By A. C. Harvey	35 00	
17. By W. H. Mahan	10 00	
22. By E. K. Farnum	20 00	
28. By W. H. Mahan	10 00	125 00

Nov. 3.	By E. K. Farnum.....	\$5 00	
3.	By Paul Sherman	15 00	
6.	By W. I. Bartholomew	10 00	
6.	By W. H. Mahan	10 00	
11.	By A. C. Harvey.....	35 00	
17.	By W. I. Bartholomew.....	15 00	
19.	By L. S. Campbell	12 50	
21.	By W. H. Mahan	10 00	
26.	By E. K. Farnum	25 00	
29.	By W. H. Mahan	10 00	\$147 50
Dec. 1.	By Paul Sherman	16 25	
6.	By W. H. Mahan	10 00	
9.	By A. C. Harvey	19 00	
13.	By W. H. Mahan	10 00	
20.	By W. H. Mahan	10 00	
20.	By W. I. Bartholomew	25 00	
22.	By A. C. Harvey	8 00	
27.	By W. H. Mahan	10 00	
30.	By E. K. Farnum.....	25 00	

133 25

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DR.

1879.			
Sept. 26.	Pump repairs, 117 North Illinois street.....	\$1 25	
27.	T. Fesler, carpenter work, 117 North Illinois street ...	9 42	
27.	Isensee, repairing locks, 117 North Illinois street.....	1 00	
Oct. 23.	Cistern repairs, 117 North Illinois street.....	2 00	
30.	American Central Ins. Co., Ins. on 32 & 34 East Ohio.	8 00	
30.	Liv. & Lon. and G. Ins. Co., Ins. on 23 West Ohio and Illinois street block.....	35 00	
30.	Fire Association Ins. Co., Ins. on 27 West Ohio street and 21 Indiana avenue.....	10 50	
30.	T. Fesler, re-roofing Nos. 113, 115 and 117 North Illinois street	114 00	
Nov. 11.	Painting gutter at 113, 115 and 117 North Illinois st ..	3 00	
19.	Wiggins & Donnan, tin gutter, 113, 115 and 117 North Illinois street.....	65 27	
25.	Pointing up chimneys, 113, 115 and 117 North Ill. st...	10 00	
29.	Repairing roof, at No. 21 Indiana avenue	1 00	
29.	Liv. & Lon. and G. Ins. Co., Ins. North Illinois street	11 25	
Dec. 1.	Plumbing at 23 West Ohio street.....	10 80	
1.	Gas fixtures, North Illinois street.....	21 85	
1.	New pump, North Illinois street	7 00	
13.	Repairing roof at No. 21 Indiana avenue.....	50	
13.	Pump, North Illinois street	75	
	Commissions, at.....	14 25	

326 84

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To check, Fletcher & Sharpe

Indianapolis, January 5, 1880.

The above balance of \$147.70 this day placed in the hands of the City Treasurer, W. G. Wasson.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN S. SPANN & Co., Agents.

The Committees on Sewers and Drainage, through Councilman Tucker, submitted the following report: which concurred in:

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

Gentlemen:—Your Joint Committees on Sewers and Drainage, to whom was referred G. O. 58, 1879, "An ordinance to amend section 2 of an ordinance entitled 'an ordinance to provide for tapping public sewers and drains, and making connection therewith,'" would most respectfully recommend the passage of the said ordinance.

Leon Kahn,
W. H. Tucker,
John R. Pearson,
Council Committee.

H. Seibert,
W. F. Piel,
H. E. Drew,
Aldermanic Committee.

The Joint Committees on Judiciary and Finance, and the Mayor, through Councilman Lamb, submitted the following report; which was received:

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

Gentlemen:—The Joint Committees on Judiciary and Finance to whom, with the Mayor, was referred a motion in reference to advertising for plans for City Hall and Market, now report—

That they have prepared and herewith submit an Ordinance and recommend its passage, appointing six commissioners to be entrusted with the duty of advertising for, selecting and recommending a plan to be submitted to your honorable bodies; defining the duties of said commissioners, and appropriating the sum of two hundred dollars payable to the order of said commissioners to be expended in defraying necessary expenses; two of said commissioners to be appointed by the Council from their own number, one to be appointed by the Board of Alderman from their own number, and the three following named citizens: Messrs. Alfred Harrison, Thomas A. Morris and John Love, men of known high character and sound judgment and all having had valuable experience in the erection of large public buildings.

Messrs. Morris and Love are at this time members of the Board of State House Commissioners, and all of whom have generously consented to serve in such capacity without compensation, as will appear by their respective replies to letters addressed to them by Mayor Caven, which replies are made part of this report and marked exhibits "a," "b" and "c."

All of which is respectfully submitted,

Leon Kahn,
M. L. Brown,
Peter F. Bryce.
Finance Committee.

J. Caven, Mayor.
W. C. Lamb,
C. F. Rooker.
Jas. T. Dowling.
Committee on Judiciary.

January 5, 1880.

EXHIBIT A.

Indianapolis, December 23, 1879.

Hon. John Caven, Mayor of Indianapolis:

My Dear Sir:—I have just received your letter of the 22d inst., asking if I would serve as a commissioner to assist in selecting a plan for a City Hall and Market.

In reply would say that I will very cheerfully serve on such commission and promise my best efforts in aid of a work of so much interest to our citizens.

Very truly and respectfully,

JOHN LOVE.

EXHIBIT B.

Indianapolis, December 24, 1879.

Hon. John Caven, Mayor of Indianapolis:

Dear Sir:—After thanking you for your complimentary appointment as Commissioner to select plans for the contemplated City Hall, I have to say, that I will accept the trust with pleasure and give to the duties my best endeavors

Very Respectfully,

T. A. MORRIS.

EXHIBIT C.

Indianapolis, December 24, 1879.

Hon. John Caven, Mayor of Indianapolis:

Dear Sir:—Your letter of this date date, asking if I will serve as one of the commissioners to select plan, etc., for City Hall and Market House, without compensation, is just received. It will give me pleasure to do so if agreeable to your Honor.

Respectfully,

ALFRED HARRISON.

Councilman Lamb introduced the following entitled ordinance; which was read the first time, viz.:

G. O. 1, 1880—An Ordinance respecting the erection of a Market, Hall, and City Offices, on the east market place; appointing Commissioners to advertise for and select plans, defining their duties, and appropriating money to defray the necessary expenses thereof.

Councilman Lamb moved to suspend the rules for the purpose of placing the above entitled ordinance on its second and third reading and final passage.

Councilman Hamilton moved to indefinitely postpone the whole subject; which motion was not adopted.

Councilman Lamb's motion then failed of adoption, by the following vote:

AYES, 9—viz. Councilmen Bermann, Bieler, Brown, Bryce, Dowling, King, Lamb, McGinty, and Tucker.

NAYS, 12—viz. Councilmen Carey, Downey, Hamilton, Kahn, Morrison, McKay, Prier, Rooker, Sheppard, Shilling, VanVorhis, and Wiese.

The Committee on Public Health, through Councilman VanVorhis, submitted the following report; which was concurred in:

Indianapolis, January 5, 1880.

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

Gentlemen:—Your committee to whom was referred the recommendation of the Board of Health in regard to the examination of the wells of this city, respectfully recommend that the Board of Health be instructed to avail themselves of the offer of Prof. Noys, of Bloomington University. And when the examinations have been made to report the result to the Common Council and Board of Aldermen.

F. J. VanVorhis,

M. L. Brown,

W. H. Tucker,

Committee on Public Health.

The Conference Committee, through Councilman Bieler, submitted the following report:

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen.—Your Committee of Conference, consisting of three members of the Common Council, and three members of the Board of Aldermen, appointed to reconcile the difference existing between the two (2) bodies respecting, Ap. O. No. 61, 1879. "An ordinance appropriating the sum of four hundred dollars, to be paid to the Chief of Police and Street Commissioner to defray the expense of keeping and maintaining a horse and vehicle by each of said officers," would respectfully report as follows thereon: That Ap. O. No. 61, 1879, be stricken from the files, and in lieu thereof recommend that the Common Council and Board of Aldermen, instruct the Board of Public Improvements to allow the Street Commissioner in their regular appropriation ordinance, such sum, to defray the actual expense of keeping and maintaining a horse and vehicle during the present fiscal year, as in their best judgement, they deem proper. *Provided*, the same shall not exceed one hundred and seventy-five dollars, (\$175.00).

Most respectfully submitted,

Hiram Siebert,
James T. Layman,
W. F. Piel,
Aldermanic Conference Committee.

J. L. Bieler,
F. J. Van Vorhis,
Council Conference Committee.

Councilman Downey moved to refer the report back to the Committee, with the request that they make same report in reference to the Chief of Police.

Councilman Tucker moved to lay the foregoing motion on table; which motion was not adopted.

Councilman Downey's motion was then adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 12—viz. Councilmen Carey, Downey, Hamilton, Kahn, King, Lamb, McGinty, McKay, Prier, Rooker, Sheppard, and Shilling.

NAYS, 9—viz. Councilmen Bermann, Bieler, Brown, Dowling, Morrison, Tucker, Van Vorhis, and Wiese.

By consent, Councilman Rooker presented the following petition; which was received:

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

The petition of William F. Piel and Andrew Erkenbrechen, of Indianapolis, in the County of Marion and State of Indiana, would respectfully show that they are the entire legal and equitable owners of all the lots in John Ott's subdivision, of eastern part of lot thirty-seven (37) of the Indianapolis, Peru & Chicago Railroad Company's addition to the city of Indianapolis, Indiana, said lots being numbered from one (1) to twenty-four (24) inclusive—the size of said lots being given in feet. A plat of said addition is filed herewith, and made a part of this petition, marked "A."

And they further show that they are the entire legal and equitable owners of all of said lot thirty-seven (37), and all property adjacent thereto, as shown by a plat herewith filed, and made a part herewith, marked "B." That these petitioners own lots thirty-eight (38), thirty-nine (39), and forty (40), as shown in the plat marked "B." That your petitioners desire to vacate all of said lots, alleys and

streets, as shown by said plat marked "A," to-wit, the alley running north and south through said addition, the alley running east and west through said addition, and the street on the south known as Fremont street. Said plat is recorded in Plat-Book No. 7, page 96, of the Records of Marion County. That no improvements have been made in said addition, and that your petitioners are in sole and complete possession of the same, and that said addition is of no private or public advantage whatever, but on the contrary is a great disadvantage to your petitioners.

Wherefore they pray for an order by your Honors for the complete vacation of said addition, and all the streets and alleys and lots thereof; and that said real estate may be known, described and conveyed by the description given to it by said railroad company.

William F. Piel.
Andrew Erkenbrechen.

STATE OF INDIANA, *Marion County, ss :*

William F. Piel being duly sworn, upon his oath says, that the facts stated above in the foregoing petition are true.

W. F. PIEL.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 5th day of January, 1880.

CALVIN F. ROOKER, Notary Public.

Councilman Dowling, in behalf of certain special committee, submitted the following report, and resolutions; which report was received:

To the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis:

Gentlemen :—The Special Committee to whom was referred the communication of the Mayor, on the subject of resolutions of respect to the memory of Gen. Jeff. C. Davis, would report:

That in compliance with your instructions the committee presented a communication to Mrs. Davis requesting that the remains of the General be permitted to lie in state in the corridor of the Court House at such time as might be acceptable to her feelings, which request was complied with, and the body lay in state at such place a large portion of the afternoon of Dec. 2d, 1879, and although no public notice had been given, the distinguished dead was looked upon by many thousands, and a marked peculiarity was the great number of children among the visitors.

Gen. Davis was a native of Indiana, born in Clark county, March 2d, 1827, and died in Chicago, November 30th, 1879, in the 52d year of his age.

While but a boy he served with great credit as a private soldier in the war with Mexico, and was under Gen. Taylor, at the battle of Buena Vista and during the campaign.

On the 17th day of June 1848, he was commissioned as Second Lieutenant in the 1st artillery, regular army of U. S., and was promoted to First Lieutenant on the 29th day of February 1852, and to Captain, May 14th, 1861. Of date Dec. 1st, 1879, General Sherman in General Order No. 104 writes of him: "When the great civil war of 1861 burst on this country, he knew the little regular army was entirely inadequate to the occasion, and he turned at once to his friends in Indiana, and was elected Colonel of the 22d Indiana Infantry, Aug. 15, 1861. His was no uncertain action but with all the ardor of his nature he threw his whole soul into the contest and wherever the fighting was hardest, for four years we find him at the very front."

He afterwards rose to the rank of Corps Commander in which capacity he served with great gallantry and distinction ranking among the great Captains of the war, but to recount his achievements would be a history.

He was not a mere soldier pursuing the profession of arms or actuated by mere ambition, but was a patriot, and it was this intense love of country and determination the Union should be saved, that nerved his arm and fired his heart, and that which went peculiarly to made him the great soldier he was. That he was Indiana's greatest soldier is of course undisputed, and Indiana may well be proud of him and do him honor; therefore,

Resolved, That in Gen. Jefferson C. Davis, we recognize Indiana's foremost soldier in the war for the preservation of the Union, and we honor him for his great soldierly qualities and grand patriotism, and when he died a good man and great soldier fell, and the army and nation has suffered a great and irreparable loss. We had hoped he would live long to enjoy the honors he had won, and lament his death, and tender our deepest sympathy to his widow, relatives and friends.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be transmitted to the widow of the deceased.

J. Caven, W. F. Piel, W. H. Tucker, M. H. McKay,
James T. Dowling, J. M. Ridenour.

And the resolutions were adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 21—viz. Councilmen Bermann, Bieler, Brown, Bryce, Carey, Dowling, Downey, Hamilton, Kahn, King, Lamb, Morrison, McGinty, McKay, Prier, Rooker, Sheppard, Shilling, Tucker, VanVorhis, and Wiese.

NAYS—None.

Councilmen Rooker and Prier were then granted leave of absence.

MESSAGES AND PAPERS FROM THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

The following message was read and received:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—I herewith transmit to your honorable body the following motions, which originated in and were adopted by the Board of Aldermen at its session, held on Wednesday evening, December 17th, 1879.

For the Board of Alderman:

GEO. T. BREUNIG, Clerk.

That the City Marshal be directed to file complaint against any person or corporation who are using railroad tracks over or across any street or streets, sidewalk or sidewalks, alley or alleys of this city, placed there and maintained in violation of the ordinances of the city.

That Ripley & White be allowed to construct a crossing over the sidewalk in front of their livery stable on West Washington street—said work to be done under the direction of the City Civil Engineer, and under existing ordinance.

The foregoing motions were read, and were concurrently adopted.

The following message was read and received:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—At a regular session of the Board of Aldermen, held on December 17th, 1879, said body amended G. O. 57, 1879, "An ordinance granting J. B. and G. A. Dickson, a special license on account of the Park Theater," (passed by your honorable body, Dec. 15th,) as follows: by changing the license rate from \$50 for 6 months to \$55, and from \$25 for 3 months to \$30, also, by adding a clause providing that such licenses should be dated back to the commencement of the season, or expiration of old license. The ordinance as amended was then passed.

I herewith transmit said ordinance for your further consideration and action.

For the Board of Aldermen:

GEO. T. BREUNIG, Clerk.

The amendments to G. O. 57, 1879, as set forth above, were then concurred in by the following vote:

AYES, 17—viz. Councilmen Bermann, Bieler, Brown, Bryce, Carey, Dowling, Downey, Hamilton, Kahn, King, Morrison, McGinty, McKay, Sheppard, Shilling, Van Vorhis, and Wiese.

NAYS—None.

The following message was read and received;

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—At a regular session of the Board of Aldermen, held on December 17th, 1879, said body determined to adhere to its action of December 3d, 1879, when the following motion was adopted, viz.:

“That the Joint Committees on Public Property be, and are hereby, authorized to purchase 250 trees, and to set out the same in Military Park, the cost for trees and setting not to exceed \$60.”

For the Board of Aldermen:

GEO. T. BREUNIG, Clerk.

A motion to concur in the action of the Board Aldermen, failed to be adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 8 — viz. Councilmen Bieler, Bryce, Carey, Hamilton, McGinty, Sheppard, Shilling and Tucker.

NAYS, 9—viz. Councilmen Bermann, Brown, Downey, Kahn, King, Morrison, McKay, Van Vorhis, and Wiese.

The following message was read and received:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—At a regular session of the Board of Aldermen, held on December 17th, 1879, said body refused to adopt the resolution (adopted by your honorable body, November 17th), directing the Board of Public Improvements to pay the street laborers \$1.25 per day; also the motion (adopted by your honorable body, December 15th), making the same order. Said body, at the same session, concurred in the report of the Board of Public Improvements, herewith submitted, in relation to the foregoing subject.

For the Board of Aldermen:

GEO. T. BREUNIG, Clerk.

“*Second*. Is a motion that the Board of Public Improvements be instructed to report upon the resolution referred to such Board November 19th, 1879, in relation to increasing the pay of street laborers to \$1.25 per day, at the next meeting of this body:

After carefully considering the instructions of the resolution, we are of the opinion that to increase the pay of laborers only would be making a discrimination that would be unjust to the other employes of the city, who we think are equally deserving of an increase in wages. Therefore we have advanced the pay of all of the employes of the city, from and after the 28th day of November, as follows, to-wit:

	Per day.
Foreman of dirt teams.....	\$2 00
Foreman of scrapers.....	2 00
Foreman of chain-gang	1 75
Foreman of gutter-gang	1 75
Foreman of carpenter-gang	1 75
Foreman of gravel teams	1 75
Foreman of bowlder-gang.....	2 10
Foreman of sewer-gang	2 75
Sewermen	1 75
Bowldermen	1 90
“	1 60
Carpenters	1 50
Teams, two-horse	2 70
Teams, one-horse	2 00
Laborers	1 20

Very respectfully submitted,

M. H. McKay,
H. Coburn,
Board of Public Improvements.”

The action of the Board of Aldermen, as set forth above, was concurred in by the following vote:

AYES, 17—viz. Councilmen Bermann, Bieler, Brown, Bryce, Carey, Dowling, Downey, Hamilton, Kahn, King, Morrison, McKay, Sheppard, Shilling, Tucker, VanVorhis, and Wiese.

NAYS, 2—viz. Councilmen Lamb, and McGinty.

By consent, Councilman VanVorhis presented a claim against the city, in favor of the Indianapolis Telephone Exchange, in the sum of \$86.43; which was referred to the Police, Hospital and Dispensary Boards.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCES.

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

By the Fire Board, through Councilman Tucker:

Ap. O. 1, 1880—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of the Fire Department.

By the Hospital Board, through Councilman Bryce:

Ap. O. 2, 1880—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of the City Hospital and Branch.

By the Police Board, through Councilman Downey:

Ap. O. 3, 1880—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of Station Houses.

By the Committees on Accounts and Claims, through Councilman VanVorhis :

Ap. O. 4, 1880—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis.

By the Committees on Printing, through Councilman Hamilton :

Ap. O. 5, 1880—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of Printing, Stationery, Advertising, and City Statistics.

By the Board of Public Improvements, through Councilman McKay :

Ap. O. 6, 1880—An Ordinance appropriating the sum of Five Thousand Dollars, on account of the Street-Repairs Department of the City of Indianapolis.

Appropriation Ordinances 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, 1880, were severally read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed.

Ap. O. 1, 1880—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of the Fire Department.
[Amount appropriated, \$650.12.]

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

AYES, 17—viz. Councilmen Bermann, Bieler, Brown, Bryce, Carey, Dowling, Kahn, King, Lamb, Morrison, McGinty, McKay, Sheppard, Shilling, Tucker, VanVorhis, and Wiese.

NAYS—None.

Ap. O. 2, 1880—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, \$967.77.]

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

AYES, 17—viz. Councilmen Bermann, Bieler, Brown, Bryce, Carey, Dowling, Kahn, King, Lamb, Morrison, McGinty, McKay, Sheppard, Shilling, Tucker, VanVorhis, and Wiese.

NAYS—None.

Ap. O. 3, 1880—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of Station-Houses. [Amount appropriated, \$229.48.]

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

AYES, 17—viz. Councilmen Bermann, Bieler, Brown, Bryce, Carey, Dowling, Kahn, King, Lamb, Morrison, McGinty, McKay, Sheppard, Shilling, Tucker, VanVorhis, and Wiese.

NAYS—None.

Ap. O. 4, 1880—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis. [Amount appropriated, \$11,395.32.]

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

AYES, 17—viz. Councilman Bermann, Bieler, Brown, Bryce, Carey, Dowling, Kahn, King, Lamb, Morrison, McGinty, McKay, Sheppard, Shilling, Tucker, VanVorhis, and Wiese.

NAYS—None

Ap. O. 5, 1880—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of Printing, Stationery, Advertising, and City Statistics. [Amount appropriated, \$866.60.]

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

AYES, 17—viz. Councilmen Bermann, Bieler, Brown, Bryce, Carey, Dowling, Kahn, King, Lamb, Morrison, McGinty, McKay, Sheppard, Shilling, Tucker, VanVorhis, and Wiese.

NAYS—None.

Ap. O. 6, 1880—An Ordinance appropriating the sum of Five Thousand Dollars, on account of the Street-Repairs Department of the City of Indianapolis.

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

AYES, 17—viz. Councilmen Bermann, Bieler, Brown, Bryce, Carey, Dowling, Kahn, King, Lamb, Morrison, McGinty, McKay, Sheppard, Shilling, Tucker, VanVorhis, and Wiese.

NAYS—None.

NEW ORDINANCES.

Under this order of business, the following entitled ordinances were introduced, and were severally read the first time :

By Councilman Bieler :

S. O. 1, 1880—An Ordinance to provide for grading and graveling the first alley north of Buchanan street, from Greer street to East street.

S. O. 2, 1880—An Ordinance to provide for grading and graveling McKernan street and sidewalks, from Buchanan street to the south line of out-lot No. 99.

S. O. 3, 1880—An Ordinance to provide for grading and graveling Atwood street and sidewalks, from the south line of out-lot No. 99 to Sanders street.

By Councilman Brown :

S. O. 4, 1880—An Ordinance to provide for grading and graveling the first alley east of Shelby street, from the first alley south of Prospect street to its southern terminus, and repealing S. O. No. 16, 1879.

By Councilman Bryce :

- S. O. 5, 1880—An Ordinance to provide for bowldering the alley, between Meridian and Illinois streets, from Maryland street to Georgia street.

By Councilman Dowling :

- G. O. 2, 1880—An Ordinance amending section 44 of an ordinance "regulating and maintaining signs for advertisement purposes on the streets of the city," ordained and established September 2d, 1878.

By Councilman Hamilton :

- S. O. 6, 1880—An Ordinance to provide for grading, and paving with brick the north sidewalk of St. Clair street, from East street to Park avenue.
- S. O. 7, 1880—An Ordinance to provide for paving with brick, (where not already paved,) the north-west sidewalk of Massachusetts avenue, from St. Clair street to Cherry street.
- S. O. 8, 1880—An Ordinance to provide for grading and graveling Railroad street, and paving with brick the sidewalks thereof, from North street to St. Clair street.
- S. O. 9, 1880—An Ordinance to provide for grading, and paving with brick, (where not already paved,) the east sidewalk of Park avenue, from Vine street to St. Clair street.

By Councilman Kahn :

- G. O. 3, 1880—An Ordinance regulating the obstruction of sidewalks with signs, goods etc. across any sidewalk in the City of Indianapolis.

The above entitled ordinance was accompanied by the following petition; which was received:

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

Gentlemen:—The undersigned, merchants and business men of the city of Indianapolis, respectfully, but earnestly petition your honorable bodies to declare the following ordinance in full force from the date of its passage, and to continue the same in full force and effect, and to save harmless all who have acted thereunder in good faith believing it in force.

General Ordinance No. 79, 1875. An Ordinance concerning the obstruction of sidewalks.

SEC. 1. Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, That no person or persons shall be fined for placing or hanging goods or signs on or across any sidewalk in the City of Indianapolis unless twenty-four hours notice shall have been given to such person or persons so obstructing such sidewalk, by some policeman or other officer of the city, to remove such obstruction. Provided, any person or persons once notified and shall repeat the offense by placing the same or similar obstructions, no additional notice shall be necessary.

This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Ordnained and established this 11th day of October, 1879.

Henry Schwinge, Charles Mayer, Albert Gall, Jno. Darby & Co., Jno. Dury, Merrill, Hubbard & Co., Browning & Sloan, Vajen & New, John J. Cooper, Ritzinger & Co. and one hundred and six others.

Councilman Kahn moved to suspend the rules for the purpose of placing G. O. 3, 1880, on its second and third reading and final passage.

Which motion failed of adoption by the following vote :

AYES, 9—viz. Councilmen Bermann, Bieler, Brown, Bryce, Hamilton, Kahn, Lamb, Sheppard, and Wiese.

NAYS, 10—viz. Councilmen Carey, Dowling, Downey, King, Morrison, McGinty, McKay, Shilling, Tucker, and Van Vorhis.

The City Clerk, in behalf of Councilman Rooker, presented the following remonstrance ; which was received :

Indianapolis, January 5, 1880.

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

Gentlemen :—The undersigned, owners of real estate along the line of Highland street, between Washington and Ohio streets, desire to remonstrate against the passage of Special Ordinance No. 75, entitled "An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling the sidewalk and roadway, and bowldering and curbing with stone the gutters of Highland street, from Washington street to the north line of Ohio street, and repealing Special Ordinance No. 48, 1879," now pending before your honorable bodies, for the reason that said ordinance provides that the work shall be done according to stakes set by the City Civil Engineer, and does not in any manner establish the grade of the street when improved. As the establishment of a grade is very necessary upon the line of this street, for the reason that it is at present very uneven and without any established grade, we think the ordinance should by its terms fix the grade of the street. We are informed that the Engineer has made a profile under which he expects to have the work done, and we do most earnestly protest against the improvement of this street according to that profile, as it will cut down Market street at the point of intersection about one and a quarter feet, and will leave that street at that point in a very bad condition, unless it is graded east and west of Highland street to make it conform to it, which would have to be paid for by the city; while Highland street, between Washington and Market, the distance of one square, will be left with a very deep depression or valley about half way between the streets, and the grade will be so steep that the gravel placed upon it will in a very short time be entirely washed off. An examination of the locality will demonstrate to any person that before any lasting improvements are made upon this street, the grades of Market and Highland streets at the point of intersection must be very materially changed, as the intersection is upon the apex of a steep knoll; and when the grades of the two streets are properly established they will have a gradual descent, sufficient to properly drain them and no more. Again, the improvement as now proposed will cause the flooding of a great deal of the surrounding property, by the backing up of surface water that will be drained upon it.

For these reasons we most earnestly protest and remonstrate against the passage of this ordinance, or the making of this improvement, until such time as it can be properly done, and in such a manner as to be an improvement instead of a damage to our property. And we, therefore, ask that said ordinance be not passed.

Charles Latham,	} 330 feet.
Henry Latham,	
Fred. Knefler,	333 feet.
Edward King,	330 feet.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Councilman Bermann offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That the City Civil Engineer be instructed to set line stakes on alley between Sinker and McCarty streets, from alley west of New Jersey street, to first alley east of Alabama street; and that the City Marshal be instructed to notify property owners along said alley to set their fences back to conform with said lines.

Councilman Brown offered the following motions; which were adopted:

That J. L. Spaulding be granted sixty days extension of time to complete his contract for the improvement of Chesapeake street.

WHEREAS, By the terms of a certain lease entered into by and between the City of Indianapolis and Samuel Ogden and Henry C. Adams, assignee, said city agrees to pay, as the same becomes due, any and all taxes and assessments of every kind that may be levied and charged against lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18, in Metzger & Robinius' subdivision of lots 1, 2 and 3 in square No. 70, (used for market purposes), for the term of five years from August 8th, 1878, including the taxes for 1878.

AND WHEREAS, the taxes for state, county and city purposes have not been paid for 1878 and since; therefore,

Moved, That the City Attorney and City Treasurer be, and are hereby, instructed to interview the Honorable Board of County Commissioners, and endeavor to obtain from said Board an order exempting said lots from taxation during the continuance of such lease.

Moved further, That the City Assessor and Treasurer be, and are hereby, directed to cancel and certify off all taxes and assessments for city purposes against said property, beginning with the year 1878.

That a special Committee of three be appointed by the Mayor to investigate and report to this body, the cheapest and most feasible way of providing a driveway over the Union tracks, at the Virginia avenue crossing.

The Chairman appointed Councilmen Brown, Bieler and O'Conner as the special committee called for by the foregoing motion.

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

That the crossing of Pearl street, on east side of Illinois street, between Washington and Maryland streets, be improved by putting down a double stone crossing.

Councilman Carey offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, West street or Michigan Road, from the intersection of First street, running thence north, as it is now maintained and operated by its owners as a gravel road, is a nuisance and ought to be abated by the proper grading of said street, so as to run off the surface water and stop at First street. From First street north there are various pools where the water stands, breeding malaria almost perpetually, and in many places making the street almost impassable for the children

attending Public School No. 17. The condition of said street must greatly endanger the health of the children attendant at said school, as well as that of the surrounding neighborhood; therefore, be it

Resolved, by the Board of School Commissioners, That the present condition of said West street or Michigan Road, as it is now maintained, is a nuisance, greatly endangering the health of the pupils attending School No. 17, and that of the community; and that the Mayor and Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis be respectfully requested to take such action as shall be necessary to abate such nuisance; and that a copy of this resolution shall be presented to the Honorable Mayor and Common Council and Board of Aldermen.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

AYES, 19—viz. Councilmen Bermann, Bieler, Brown, Bryce, Carey, Dowling, Downey, Hamilton, Kahn, King, Lamb, Morrison, McGinty, McKay, Sheppard, Shilling, Tucker, VanVorhis, and Wiese.

NAYS—None.

Councilman McKay moved to reconsider the vote by which the motion failed of adoption, providing for the suspension of the rules on G. O. 3, 1880.

Which motion to reconsider, was adopted by the following vote :

AYES, 12—viz. Councilmen Bermann, Bieler, Brown, Hamilton, Kahn, Lamb, Morrison, McKay, Sheppard, Shilling, Tucker, and Wiese.

NAYS, 7—viz. Councilmen Bryce, Carey, Dowling, Downey, King, McGinty, and VanVorhis.

The question then being on the motion to suspend the rules, the same failed of adoption by the following vote :

AYES, 13—viz. Councilmen Bermann, Bieler, Brown, Bryce, Hamilton, Kahn, Lamb, Morrison, McKay, Sheppard, Shilling, Tucker, and Wiese.

NAYS, 6—viz. Councilmen Carey, Dowling, Downey, King, McGinty, and VanVorhis.

Councilman Carey offered the following resolution; which was referred to the Joint Committees on Finance and City Attorney :

That the City Treasurer be directed to invest all the monies now in his possession and belonging to the Tomlinson Estate in four per cent Government Bonds, Registered, and hereafter, as soon as the revenues of the estate from all sources, including the interest on the four per cent bonds, shall amount to five hundred dollars, shall be invested in like manner.

Councilman Dowling offered the following motion; which was referred to the Fire Board.

That the Fire Board be directed to enquire into the expediency of constructing two (2) cisterns of the capacity of at least 2000 barrels each, to be located on Illinois street immediately north of Pogue's Run, the other at the corner of Tennessee street and Garden street, and report at the next meeting of this Council.

Councilman Downey offered the following resolution :

Resolved, By the Common Council and Board of Aldermen, that Charles Feller & Co. be and are hereby allowed to place an electric clock in front of No. 222 East Washington street, at their own expense.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

AYES, 13—viz. Councilmen Bieler, Brown, Bryce, Carey, Downey, Kahn, Lamb, Morrison, McGinty, McKay, Sheppard, Tucker, and VanVorhis.

NAYS, 6—viz. Councilmen Bermann, Dowling, Hamilton, King, Shilling, and Wiese.

Councilman Downey offered the following resolution ; which was referred to the Committee on Public Light :

Resolved, By the Common Council and Board of Aldermen, that the City Civil Engineer be directed to erect a lamp post, lamp and fixtures complete to burn gas, on Court street midway between East street and Liberty street.

Councilman Hamilton presented the following petition and resolution ; which petition was received :

Resolved, That the name of "Chatham street" be changed to that of "Park Avenue." A petition representing the ownerships of nearly all of the ground on the first named street is presented herewith.

We, the undersigned property holders on Chatham street, in this city, request your honorable body, the City Council to change the name of that street to Park avenue.

The reasons which make this change desirable are the following, viz :

1st. Chatham street is a very short street situated between Walnut and St. Clair streets, and is therefore little known.

2d. It is the connection of Massachusetts avenue with Park avenue and should be known by that name.

Hoping that our request will be granted we sign our name this 3rd day of January, 1880.

Christoph G. Hohl, 96 feet; Max. G. I. Stern, representing 37 feet; Elizabeth Canby, representing 96 feet; Julius Mannfeld, representing 54 feet; Barbara Bergner, 24 feet; Anna M. Koch 48 $\frac{3}{4}$ feet; W. C. Cooper, 48 $\frac{3}{4}$ feet; J. E. Ludlum, 48 $\frac{3}{4}$ feet; David Springer, 48 $\frac{3}{4}$ feet; Valentin Morgenveck, 74 feet; S. A. Fletcher & Co., 48 $\frac{3}{4}$ feet; Citizens National Bank, 30 feet.

And the resolution adopted by the following vote :

AYES, 19—viz. Councilmen Bermann, Bieler, Brown, Bryce, Carey, Dowling, Downey, Hamilton, Kahn, King, Lamb, Morrison, McGinty, McKay, Sheppard, Shilling, Tucker, VanVorhis, and Wiese.

NAYS—None.

Councilman Hamilton offered the following motion :

That as soon as any horses shall become incapacitated for service in the Fire Department that the Chief Fire Engineer be and he is hereby authorized to turn over one horse each, to the Street Commissioner and Chief of Police, for use in their departments.

Councilman Tucker moved to refer the Judiciary Committee.

Councilman Lamb moved as a substitute to refer to the Committee on Public Property; which substitute was adopted.

Councilman Hamilton offered the following resolution :

WHEREAS, The old trees in Military Park are fast dying out, and it will not be many years until the place will be destitute of shade, it is expedient that young trees should be set out to supply the places of the old ones; therefore,

Resolved, That the Committee on Parks be and is hereby authorized to procure and set out in said Military Park one hundred hardy young trees, provided it be done without expense to the City.

Which was laid on the table by the following vote :

AYES, 11—viz. Councilmen Bermann, Bieler, Brown, Bryce, Dowling, Downey, Kahn, King, Morrison, VanVorhis, and Wiese.

NAYS, 8—viz. Councilmen Carey, Hamilton, Lamb, McGinty, McKay, Sheppard, Shilling, and Tucker.

Councilman Kahn presented the following statements, and offered the following motions; which were referred to the Joint Committee's on Finance, City Attorney and City Assessor :

Guardians.	Wards.	Amount.
David D. Long	Culley Heirs	\$2,600 00
S. T. Gillett	Chloe Palmer	345 00
S. T. Gillett	Mary H. Palmer	915 00
S. T. Gillett	Alice L. Gillett	1,395 00
Wm. Kothe and J. W. Schmidt.....	Edward and Alfred Schmidt.....	1,660 00
George F. McGinnis.....	William, Louis and John Schmidt..	4,750 00
Lorenz Schmidt.....	Mary and Edward King ..	585 00
Sabastian Raab.....	Henry Schneider	515 00
Adolph Seidensticker.....	E Lipp	250 00
G. C. Krug	Mattie and William Allen.....	1,700 00
E. J. Hume	Estella and H. B. Hume.....	380 00
Thomas Hays	James Cunningham.....	800 00
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Esfates.	Administrators.	Amount.
J. D. Albersmier.....	M. F. Albersmier.....	\$940 00
W. R. Revels	Ed. M. Jones.....	53 00
N. Lacroix	Joseph Lacroix	500 00
Otis Howe.....	E. B. Newcomb	1,200 00
L. J. Jones	Howard M. Foltz.....	60 00
A. O. Lawrence.....	John J. Garver	400 00
A. M. Mortland.....	Mrs. A. Mortland, add	100 00
John Clark	William Clark	13,500 00
Robert P. Parker	Kate F Parker	360 00
S. F. Smith	William S. Hubbard, add	5,350 00
William H. Porter.....	Sarah Porter	925 00
John Buckley	Hannah Buckley	2,000 00
Elizabeth Base	August Richter.....	525 00
Belvidere R. Smith.....	William S. Hubbard.....	800 00
O. Gallagher	James Renihan.....	600 00
J. Whitlinger.....	Fredrick Kline.....	1,655 00
Sarah Coburn.....	Robert F. Bence.....	1,000 00
A. B. Winslow	John D. Condit	1,600 00
E. Fleming.....	William L. Wingate.....	1,800 00
Thomas Wooley	F. M. Finch	3,890 00
M. N. Sullivan	Ellen Keating.....	115 00
Isaac N. Phipps.....	Charles R. Phipps.....	7,200 00
Amos Cleavenger	Howard Cale	2,500 00
Charlotte Haines.....	James H. Russell	125 00
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		\$47,198 00
Caroline Schmidt	Wm. Kothe and J. W. Schmidt.....	28,285 00
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		\$75,483 00
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Guardianships.....		\$15,895 00
Administrators.....		75,483 00
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Total of both		\$91,378 00

The within looked up and put on duplicate for the year 1879 by D. W. Brouse, Township Assessor.

That the City Assessor be and is hereby, directed to place upon the tax duplicate all parties on above list which are not already so placed.

In consideration of the services rendered, it is moved that the sum of twenty-five dollars be placed in the next appropriation ordinance, in favor of Mr. D. W. Brouse.

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

That the Street Commissioner be instructed to make a cinder walk across West street at Pratt street, and that he have power to act.

Councilman Morrison offered the following motion; which was not adopted:

That the City Treasurer together with the City Clerk be and are hereby requested to report to this Council at the next regular meeting, the amount of money thus

far expended in all departments, in the same form as our estimates was made for this Council year, together with the estimate as made by this Council that all boards and committees may know how they are running as compared with the estimate.

Councilman Morrison offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That David Stout be granted license as auctioneer for the time of three months; said auction to be held at his place of business, No. 76 East Washington street, in this city.

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

That the Street Commissioner be ordered to put a double stone footwalk across Mississippi street on the north and south side of New York street.

Councilman Morrison presented the following petition, and offered ten following resolution; which was referred to the Board of Public Improvements:

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

We the undersigned citizens of the 12th Ward would most respectfully ask your honorable body to lay a double stone crossing on the south side of Indiana avenue, at the intersection of New York street, for the following reasons, to-wit:

1. The said crossing is in very bad repair.
2. The over-flow from the water fountain covers the crossing with mud and water continually on account of the lowering of the grade of New York street, which makes said crossing lower than the grade of both Indiana avenue and Tennessee.
3. That almost the entire population of the northwest portion of the city have occasion to cross said crossing daily.
4. As we, the undersigned, citizens of the 12th ward have paid for the improvement of New York street, we deem it only a matter of right that the city keep this crossing in thorough repair.

Conrad Baur, James G. Douglass, E. B. Douglass, J. M. Bryan, H. H. Aldridge, E. C. Overman, A. F. Shortridge, J. L. Aldridge, Robt. Fertig, Chas. G. Haag, Chas. Helwig, John W. Eelstun, T. L. Thomson, per J. R., C. C. Herriott, Jacob B. Aldridge, M. S. Arbuckle, Chas. Haag, M. Prindle, A. H. Frank.

Gentlemen of the City Council, the desire to have the foregoing crossing fixed is universal in this ward, and also the crossing at north side of New York street, on Mississippi street. All who have been seen, have anxiously signed above petition,
&c. E. C. Overman.

Ed. Oldendorf, Thos. Ward, John Hommon, James E. Baker, F. D. Ponsonby.

Resolved, The Street Commissioner be and is hereby ordered to lay, as soon as the weather will permit double stone crossings as requested by the petitioners.

Councilman McGinty offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That the Street Commissioner and the Board of Public Improvements, be and is hereby directed to go and see what could be done to secure the people's property that has been washed away by the overflow of Pogue's Run, between Merrill street and Catherine street Bridge.

Councilman McKay offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That Dewey, Twiname & Graham be allowed thirty days further time, to complete the alley improvement under contract to them, between Lincoln avenue and Seventh street and Columbia avenue and Yandes street.

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

That the Street Commissioner be and is hereby directed to construct a crossing of broken stone or gravel, on the west side of Vermont street, corner of Blake street.

Councilman Sheppard offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That Henry Guetig, proprietor of the Spencer House, be and is hereby allowed to erect in front of his premises, South Illinois street, a business sign nine or ten feet high.

Councilman Tucker presented the following remonstrance; which was received:

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

The undersigned owners of lots fronting on Reed street, on the west side thereof, and between Prospect and Cypress streets, respectfully remonstrate against the construction of a sidewalk in front of their respective lots.

John H. Rethert, 181 feet; C. Barmparar, 66 feet;
David Sherman, 66 feet; R. Browning, 66 feet;
Sophia P. Ray, 66 feet; Rachel K. Clarke, 66 feet;
N. McCarty, 66 feet; Wright and Bouers, 392 feet;
T. V. Cook, 208 feet; S. A. Fletcher Jr., 66 feet;
Hinreich Bohne, 105.

Councilman Tucker offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That the Board of Public Improvements and the Street Commissioner be, and are hereby, requested to report to this Council at its next meeting, the probable amount it requires to scrape and clean the mud gutters of the city per year, what part of the estimates made for the street department.

Councilman Wiese presented the following petition; which was referred to the Joint Committees on Streets and Alleys:

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

Gentlemen:—The undersigned, city tax payers and residents on the Three Notch Line Gravel Road do urgently petition your honorable bodies to purchase so much of said road as will require the removal of its toll gate outside of the city limits. This toll road has a depreciating effect upon our property, and is of great injury to all kinds of mercantile and manufacturing business along one of the most important of our city streets. The company is willing and ready to sell this portion of their road at a low figure, and we trust your honorable bodies will take immediate steps in that direction. And your petitioners will ever pray, etc.

John Lehrritter, Chas. Wagner, Hermann Altmann, Jacob Bauar, Joseph Dirk, H. H. Langenberg, Dick Schmidt, Fredrich Klare, E. R. Lake, I. L. Hempleman, Henry Becker, Ph. Mayer, F. Borst, John Uhl, G. Holzward, M. Clune, W. Barking, John Müller, John Bach, John Vacker, David M. Fisher, A. F. Simon, John Shafer, John Hafner, M. Doherty, Christian Lehr, Hermann Nefhins, Joseph Gimber, W. Wiemann, S. C. Miller, George Knarzer, Frank Straub, Franz Vörters, Louis Budenz, Herman Hoerst, John Lauer, Fred. Kerkhuff, Charles Schwicher, Katharina Reinhart, Mich. Hofmann, Geoge Ohleyer, Leopold Spitznagel, A. Ahlder, Katharina Frankstein, R. Essigke, I. Efruymsen, Chr. Renner, Anna Lir, Wm. Meyer, Ernst Bernhard, Thomas J. Bristow, Alton Fuchsloch, Mrs. Woerner, Wm. C. Weiland, William Kohlstadt, J. Marqin, John Meyers Sr., Herman Weinberger, L. Mussmann, D. Mussmann, C. F. Wiese.

Councilman McKay offered the following motion:

That the vote, by which the report of the Committee on Conference, (in relation to Ap. O. 61.) was referred back to said Committee, be, and is hereby reconsidered.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 13—viz. Councilmen Bermann, Bieler, Brown, Bryce, Dowling, King, Lamb, Morrison, McGinty, McKay, Tucker, and VanVorhis.

NAYS, 5—viz. Councilmen Carey, Downey, Hamilton, Kahn, and Shilling.

A motion to adjourn was lost.

On motion the report of the Conference Committee in relation to Ap. O. 61, 1879, was then concurred in.

On motion, the Common Council then adjourned.

JOHN CAVEN, Mayor,
President of Common Council.

Attest: JOS. T. MAGNER, City Clerk.