

PROCEEDINGS OF JOINT CONVENTION.

SECOND SESSION—MAY 16, 1881.

The Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis convened in Second Joint Convention in the Council Chamber, Monday evening, May 16th, 1881, at half past seven o'clock, in compliance with the following call:

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
Indianapolis, Ind., May 16, 1881. }

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

Gentlemen:—You are hereby requested to meet in Joint Convention, in the Council Chamber, this evening, May 16th, 1881, at 7½ o'clock P. M.

D. W. GRUBBS, President.

It appearing from an informal count that a quorum of both Aldermen and Councilmen were in attendance, President Grubbs directed the Secretary to call the roll of the members, which being done, the following members were found to be

PRESENT—Aldermen DeRuiter, Mussmann, Newman, Rorison, Seibert, and Tucker—6. Councilmen Bedford, Brundage, Bryce, Caylor, Cole, Cowie, Coy, Dean, Dowling, Egger, Fultz, Harrold, Hartmann, Knödel, Koller, Morrison, Pearson, Pritchard, Reichwein, Stout, Thalman, Ward, Weaver, Yoke, and President Grubbs—25. Total present—31.

ABSENT—Aldermen Drew, Hamilton, Wood and Layman—4. Councilman Mauer—1. Total absent—5.

Councilman Dean, in behalf of the City Civil Engineer, offered the following resignation, which was accepted:

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

Gentlemen:—Owing to my not having fully recovered from the effects of my illness last fall, in my opinion the responsibilities of my office will be too great during the coming hot months. I therefore hereby tender my resignation as City Civil Engineer, to take effect the first day of June, 1881.

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. PATTERSON.

President Grubbs then stated that the business to be brought before this Joint Convention would be the election of a City Civil Engineer, in place of R. M. Patterson, resigned.

Councilman Dean moved that the Joint Convention proceed to the election of a City Civil Engineer for the unexpired term.

Which motion was adopted.

Councilman Bedford placed in nomination Samuel H. Shearer.

On motion by Councilman Dowling, the Secretary was directed to cast the unanimous vote of this Convention for the nominee.

The President then declared Samuel H. Shearer as duly elected to the office of City Civil Engineer, for the term beginning June 1st, 1881, and ending December 31st, 1881.

On motion, the Convention was declared adjourned, to meet on the call of the President.

DANIEL W. GRUBBS, Mayor,
President of Joint Convention.

Attest: JOS. T. MAGNER, City Clerk,
Secretary of Joint Convention.

PROCEEDINGS OF COMMON COUNCIL.

REGULAR SESSION—MAY 16, 1881.

The Common Council of the City of Indianapolis met in the Council Chamber on Monday evening, May 16th, A. D. 1881, at eight o'clock, in regular session.

PRESENT—Hon. Daniel W. Grubbs, Mayor, and, *ex officio*, President of the Common Council, in the chair, and 24 members, viz: Councilmen Bedford, Brundage, Bryce, Caylor, Cole, Cowie, Coy, Dean, Dowling, Egger, Fultz, Harrold, Hartmann, Knodel, Koller, Morrison, Pearson, Pritchard, Reichwein, Stout, Thalman, Ward, Weaver and Yoke.

ABSENT—Councilmen Mauer--1.

The Proceedings of the Common Council for the regular session held May 9th, 1881, having been printed, and placed on the desks of the Councilmen, said Journal was approved as published.

COMMUNICATIONS, ETC., FROM THE MAYOR.

His Honor, Mayor Grubbs, presented the following message, which was read; and, on motion by Councilman Pearson, was ordered printed in the Proceedings:

Gentlemen of the Council:—In assuming the duties of Mayor of the City of Indianapolis, I am called upon to succeed Hon. John Caven, a gentleman of culture and large experience in municipal affairs, whose place any one might find difficult to fill. It shall be my aim to bring to the performance of the duties of the office whatever of ability I possess, and to devote my entire time to the promotion of the best interests of the city.

Our bonded indebtedness at the present time is \$1,414,500, bearing interest at rates varying from 6 to 8 per cent. This does not include \$500,000 of bonds issued to the Belt Railroad Company, against the payment of which the city is secured by first mortgage on all property of said company. It is a question that has been often discussed whether it would not be prudent on the part of the Council to create a sinking fund, out of which to redeem a portion of this indebtedness when it becomes due, the first of which will mature in 1886. This is a matter for careful consideration and worthy of early attention. The limit of taxation allowed by law has not been reached, and perhaps tax-payers would not object to a slight increase, with the understanding that it should be applied to the liquidation of debt and the consequent saving of interest. The amount of interest now paid annually on our debt is \$101,325.50—slightly more than 7 per cent. on the entire amount. Whatever portion of this debt we can afford to pay at maturity should be paid, and the balance re-funded at the lowest possible rate of interest.

The report of the Finance Committee, made at a recent session of the Council, shows that the city has no floating debt; that all demands on the city are paid on presentation, and that there is a balance on hand of \$69,914.98. This is certainly a good showing, and you should take pride in maintaining this satisfactory condition of the Treasury.

During the past two years the various departments of the city have been efficiently and economically managed. The Police and Fire Departments have done excellent service, at a ratio of expense far below that of other cities. Our streets are well cared for; and, compared with other cities, are cleanly and in good sanitary condition.

Under a recent act of the Legislature, you have the power to create sewer districts, and the right to levy a tax on all property in any district for the construction of sewers. Care should be taken at the outset in preparing a proper system of sewerage; and the plan should be liberal enough to meet the wants of the future, when the city shall have grown, as we trust it soon may, to a population double that we now number. You should profit by the experience of older and larger cities, and provide now for a system of drainage and a supply of pure water, which will answer the demands of many years to come. You should persistently refuse to allow the city to be supplied with water except from a source as absolutely pure as it is possible to obtain it.

One of the great needs of the city is a Work House, wherein prisoners may be confined and their labor used to advantage and profit. A cheap building might be erected on the Southern Park grounds and this valuable property, purchased at large cost, saved from waste and loss, and, in time, through the labor of prisoners, be converted into a place of beauty, worthy of resort by citizens and strangers. Female prisoners are now being boarded at a cost of \$2 each per week. If a place is provided for these unfortunates, their labor might be utilized in doing laundry work and plain sewing, and this item of expense to the city materially reduced, if not entirely wiped out.

I would recommend that the Council and Board of Aldermen direct to be made and published a revision of the city ordinances, and also the laws in relation to cities. The last revision was published in 1875, since which time almost all ordinances have been changed or greatly modified. The publication of 1875 has long since been exhausted, and, consequently, the members of the present Council and Board can not be supplied with the printed laws of this city. The revision should be carefully made, either by or under the supervision of the City Attorney.

Your predecessors have given the people an honest administration, efficiency in every department and economy in every branch of the Municipal Government; and have so managed the finances of the city as to secure the approval of men of all political parties. The control of the city for almost three years to come is now in your hands. The people expect of you a firm, pure and economical conduct of affairs, and will be content with nothing less. Enter into no combination in order to secure the success of any scheme. Let each measure brought before this body be presented on its merits, and, if it fails, be sure it is because it does not deserve to succeed. Be true to yourselves as representatives of the people. Be honest with the tax-payer. Sustain and encourage every officer in the fearless and impartial enforcement of the laws. Having done this, you may rest assured that at the end of your term of office you will receive the hearty approval and endorsement of every good citizen within the limits of the city.

His Honor, the Mayor, presented the following appointment of Standing Committees for the ensuing term:

- Accounts and Claims—Brundage, Egger and Hartmann.
- Bridges—Cowie, Cole and Fultz.
- Contracts—Thalman, Dean and Koller.
- Education—Bryce, Stout and Dowling.
- Finance—Pearson, Thalman, Ward Koller and Hartmann.
- Judiciary—Pritchard, Yoke and Dowling.

Markets—Mauer, Caylor and Harrold.
 Office Fixtures and Supplies—Morrison, Reichwein and Coy.
 Ordinances—Cole, Pritchard and Dowling.
 Printing—Bedford, Brundage and Fultz
 Public Charities—Weaver, Knodel and Harrold.
 Public Health—Bedford, Reichwein and Coy
 Public Light—Bryce, Stout and Dowling.
 Public Property—Cowie, Morrison and Fultz.
 Railroads—Yoke, Caylor and Pearson.
 Rules—Knodel, Egger and Harrold.
 Sewers and Drainage—Morrison, Mauer and Koller.
 Streets and Alleys—Weaver, Cole and Coy
 Water—Ward, Dean and Hartmann.

Councilman Pearson moved that the regular order of business be suspended, and that this Council proceed to the election of a President pro tem.

Which motion was adopted.

Councilman Pearson placed in nomination Isaac Thalman.

Councilman Coy placed in nomination E. H. Koller.

His Honor, the Mayor, appointed Councilmen Stout and Hartmann as tellers.

A ballot was then had, which resulted as follows :

Councilman Thalman received 19 votes, and Councilman Koller received 6 votes.

Councilman Thalman having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared duly elected as President pro tem. of this Council during the ensuing term.

OPENING AND REFERRING SEALED PROPOSALS FOR PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Sealed proposals for constructing the below described fire cistern, and for lettering the street corners with the names of streets, etc., were opened, read and referred to the Committee on Contracts :

For building one two-thousand (2,000) barrel cistern at or near the corner of Seventh and Howard streets.

For lettering the street corners with the names of streets, by placing strips of frosted glass, lettered black, on four sides of the street-lamps, and tin signs on street corners where there are no lamps, and for remodeling old lamp frames to the style of the "Giroux Patent Street Sign."

For the erection of the following described lamp-posts there were no proposals presented :

For erecting lamp-posts, lamps and fixtures (complete to burn gas, except service pipes), on Yandes street, from Malotte avenue to Seventh street. Six lamp-posts to be erected on said line.

REPORTS, ETC., FROM CITY OFFICERS.

The City Clerk offered the following communication; which was received, and the appointments confirmed:

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

Gentlemen:—I have appointed George T. Breunig and Frank W. Ripley as my deputies. I have also appointed George T. Breunig as Clerk of the Board of Aldermen. I respectfully request your honorable bodies to confirm such appointments.

Respectfully submitted,

JOS. T. MAGNER, City Clerk.

The City Clerk presented the following report of Wm. Hadley, rental agent of the Tomlinson estate; which was approved:

Indianapolis, May 16th, 1881.

To His Honor, the Mayor, Members of the Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—I herewith submit report of the collection of rents on on the Tomlinson property for the month of April, with the Treasurer's receipt therefor:

LOCATION.

21 Indiana avenue.	Received of Paul Sherman, house rent, 1 mo.....	\$15 00
30 East Ohio street.	Received of Mrs. B. W. Cain, ground rent, 3 mo.....	15 00
23 West Ohio street.	Received of Theo. Zumbush, house rent, 1 mo.....	35 00
113 North Illinois st.	Received of Mary A. Dyer, house rent, 1 mo.....	25 00
115 North Illinois st.	Received of Hannah C. Overman, house rent, 1 mo.	25 00
117 North Illinois st.	Received of W. H. Mahone, house rent; 1 mo.....	25 00
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		\$140 00
	Less 3½ per cent, commission	4 90
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		\$135 10
	Less bill for cleaning well and cistern	7 50
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For which please find Treasurer's receipt.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM HADLEY, Agent.

The City Marshal offered the following communication; which was received, and the appointment confirmed:

Indianapolis, May 18th, 1881.

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

Gentlemen:—I hereby nominate and appoint Joseph R. Forbes as Deputy Marshal, to serve as such during my term of office; and ask your confirmation thereof.
Respectfully,

R. S. COLTER, City Marshal.

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

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—I herewith report the following estimates, done according to contract:

A first and final estimate in behalf of Fred Gansberg, for grading and bowldering the gutters, and curbing with stone the outer edges of the sidewalks (except where already properly curbed or bowldered) of Mississippi street, from First street to Seventh street:

5,342 $\frac{2}{3}$ lineal feet curbing, at 36 cents	\$1,924 15
6,468 $\frac{2}{3}$ lineal feet bowldering, at 42 cents	2,717 19
1,652 $\frac{9}{12}$ lineal feet stone crossings, at 30 cents	495 81
Total	\$5,137 15

A first and final estimate in behalf of James Mahoney, for grading and graveling the first alley west of East street, from McCarty street to Bicking street:

1,143 $\frac{6}{12}$ lineal feet, at 18 cents	\$205 83
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A first and final estimate in behalf of James Mahony, for grading and graveling the first alley north of Buchanan street, from Greer street to Beaty street:

623 lineal feet, at 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ cents.....	\$65 43
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A first and final estimate in behalf of R. P. Dunning and James W. Hudson, for grading and bowldering the southeast gutter, and curbing with stone the outer edge of the southeast sidewalk, of Kentucky avenue from Louisiana street to Sharpe street:

1,061 lineal feet curbing, at 39 cents	\$413 88
1,061 $\frac{17}{100}$ lineal feet bowldering, at 47 cents ..	498 71

Total	\$912 59
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A first and final estimate in behalf of R. P. Dunning and James W. Hudson, for grading and bowldering the north gutter of South street, from Virginia avenue to New Jersey street:

375 $\frac{4}{12}$ lineal feet, at 38 cents	\$142 62
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A first and final estimate in behalf of Charles S. Roney, for re-graveling Malott avenue, from Alvord street to Columbia avenue:

2,021 lineal feet, at 20 cents.....	\$404 20
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Respectfully submitted,

R. M. PATTERSON, City Civil Engineer.

The following estimate resolution was read:

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, That the accompanying first and final estimate in behalf of Fred Gansberg, for grading and bowldering the gutters and curbing with stone the outer edges of the sidewalks (except where already properly curbed or bowldered) of Mississippi street, from First street to Seventh street, be, and the same is hereby, adopted as the estimate of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of said city; 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, 24—viz. Councilmen Bedford, Brundage, Bryce, Caylor, Cole, Cowie, Coy, Dean, Dowling, Egger, Fultz, Harrold, Hartmann, Knodel, Koller, Morrison, Pearson, Pritchard, Reichwein, Stout, Thalman, Ward, Weaver and Yoke.

NAYS—None.

The following estimate resolution was read:

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, That the accompanying first and final estimate in behalf of James Mahoney, for

grading and graveling the first alley west of East street, from McCarty street to Bicking street, be, and the same is hereby, adopted as the estimate of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of said city; 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, 24.—viz. Councilmen Bedford, Brundage, Bryce, Caylor, Cole, Cowie, Coy, Dean, Dowling, Egger, Fultz, Harrold, Hartmann, Knodel, Koller, Morrison, Pearson, Pritchard, Reichwein, Stout, Thalman, Ward, Weaver and Yoke.

NAYS—None.

The following estimate resolution was read:

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, That the accompanying first and final estimate in behalf of James Mahoney, for grading and graveling the first alley north of Buchanan street, from Greer street to Beaty street, be, and the same is hereby, adopted as the estimate of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of said city, 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, 24.—viz. Councilmen Bedford, Brundage, Bryce, Caylor, Cole, Cowie, Coy, Dean, Dowling, Egger, Fultz, Harrold, Hartmann, Knodel, Koller, Morrison, Pearson, Pritchard, Reichwein, Stout, Thalman, Ward, Weaver and Yoke.

NAYS--None.

The following estimate resolution was read:

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, That the accompanying first and final estimate in behalf of R. P. Dunning and James W. Hudson, for grading and bowldering the southeast gutter, and curbing with stone the outer edge of the southeast sidewalk, of Kentucky avenue, from Louisiana street to Sharpe street, be, and the same is hereby, adopted as the estimate of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of said city; 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, 24.—viz. Councilmen Bedford, Brundage, Bryce, Caylor, Cole, Cowie, Coy, Dean, Dowling, Egger, Fultz, Harrold, Hartmann, Knodel, Koller, Morrison, Pearson, Pritchard, Reichwein; Stout, Thalman, Ward, Weaver and Yoke.

NAYS—None.

The following estimate resolution was read:

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, That the accompanying first and final estimate in behalf of R. P. Dunning and James W. Hudson, for grading and bowldering the north gutter of South street, from Virginia avenue to New Jersey street, be, and the same is hereby, adopted as the estimate of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of said city, 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, 24—viz. Councilmen Bedford, Brundage, Bryce, Caylor, Cole, Cowie, Coy, Dean, Dowling, Egger, Fultz, Harrold, Hartmann, Knodel, Koller, Morrison, Pearson, Pritchard, Reichwein, Stout, Thalman, Ward, Weaver and Yoke

NAYS—None.

The following estimate resolution was read :

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis. That the accompanying first and final estimate in behalf of Charles S. Roney, for re-graveling Malott avenue, from Alvord street to Columbia avenue, be, and the same is hereby, adopted as the estimate of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of said city; 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, 24—viz. Councilmen Bedford, Brundage, Bryce, Caylor, Cole, Cowie, Coy, Dean, Dowling, Egger, Fultz, Harrold, Hartmann, Knodel, Koller, Morrison, Pearson, Pritchard, Reichwein, Stout, Thalman, Ward, Weaver and Yoke.

NAYS—None.

The City Civil Engineer submitted the following report; which was received, and the contract and bond approved :

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen :

Gentlemen:—I herewith report the contract and bond of Henry Clay, for grading and graveling Baltimore avenue, from the intersection of Hill avenue to the north corporate limits. Bond, \$3,000. Surety, Hamilton Bailie.

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. PATTERSON, City Civil Engineer.

The City Civil Engineer submitted the following report; which was received :

To the Mayor and Common Council :

Gentlemen:—At a meeting of your honorable body, held May 9, 1881, a motion was adopted, directing me to report whether the time of the contractor for improving the gutter of New Jersey street, between Louisiana and South streets, had expired.

The time for completing said contract has expired. The contractor made the excavation for said improvement late last fall, and owing to the severity of the winter, could not complete the work. Said contractor is now at work on the improvement.

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. PATTERSON, City Civil Engineer.

REPORTS, ETC., FROM OFFICIAL BOARDS.

The Board of Public Improvements, through Councilman Morrison, submitted the following report; which was concurred in :

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

Gentlemen:—Your Board of Public Improvements herewith submit an ordinance extending time on the contract of Anderson Bruner, for building a brick

sewer in Washington street, from Pennsylvania street to east side of New Jersey street, and we recommend that the ordinance be passed at this session.

Respectfully submitted, William H. Morrison,
Edward H. Dean,
John R. Cowie,
Board of Public Improvements.

The following entitled ordinance, presented with the above report, was read the first time:

G. O. 18, 1881—An Ordinance granting Anderson Bruner, contractor for the construction of a brick sewer in and along Washington street, from Pennsylvania street to the east side of New Jersey street, further time in which to complete his contract.

Councilman Dean moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of placing the above entitled ordinance on its final passage.

Which motion was adopted, and the rules suspended by the following vote:

AYES, 24—viz. Councilmen Bedford, Brundage, Bryce, Caylor, Cole, Cowie, Coy, Dean, Dowling, Egger, Fultz, Harrold, Hartmann, Knodel, Koller, Morrison, Pearson, Pritchard, Reichwein, Stout, Thalman, Ward, Weaver and Yoke.

NAYS—None.

General Ordinance 18, 1881, was then read the second time, ordered engrossed, read the third time, and passed by the following vote:

AYES, 24—viz. Councilmen Bedford, Brundage, Bryce, Caylor, Cole, Cowie, Coy, Dean, Dowling, Egger, Fultz, Harrold, Hartmann, Knodel, Koller, Morrison, Pearson, Pritchard, Reichwein, Stout, Thalman, Ward, Weaver and Yoke.

NAYS—None.

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

Report of Deaths in the City of Indianapolis, from the 30th day of April to the 15th day of May, 1881—inclusive.

Under 1 year.....	15
1 to 2 years.....	3
2 to 5 ".....	4
5 to 10 ".....	2
10 to 15 ".....	3
15 to 20 ".....	5
20 to 25 ".....	2
25 to 30 ".....	5
30 to 40 ".....	8
40 to 50 ".....	4
50 to 60 ".....	4
60 to 70 ".....	6
70 to 80 ".....	4
80 to 90 ".....	0
90 to 100 ".....	0
100 and upwards.....	0
Unknown.....	2
Total.....	67

Respectfully, E. S. ELDER, M. D., President.
W. E. JEFFRIES, M. D., Secretary.

REPORTS, ETC., FROM STANDING COMMITTEES.

Councilman Pritchard, in behalf of the Judiciary Committee, submitted the following majority report :

Indianapolis, Ind., May 16th, 1881.

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen :—Your Judiciary Committee, together with the City Attorney, to whom was referred General Ordinance No. 15, 1881, authorizing the Indianapolis, Decatur & Springfield Railroad Company to construct single and double tracks into and through the city, report thereon as follows :

The only question in the reference was the laying of a double track, a distance a little less than one-half square in Louisiana street, from west side of Kentucky avenue to or near east side of Mississippi street on north side of Louisiana street. All property owners in the immediate vicinity of the double track in street, as your committee are informed, are consenting to the passage of ordinance.

We recommend that the words "than two," in the seventh line from end of ordinance, be stricken out of ordinance, and that the ordinance then be passed.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Pritchard,
N. Yoke,

Judiciary Committee.

JOHN A. HENRY, City Attorney.

Councilman Dowling, a member of the Judiciary Committee, submitted the following minority report :

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

Gentlemen :—I beg to present a minority report differing from my colleagues of the Judiciary Committee in the matter of G. O. 15, 1881. I do not believe it the part of wisdom in this city to grant to said I., D. & S. R. R. the right to construct a double track. Believing it unwise, I most respectfully present this report.

James T. Dowling,
Minority Judiciary Committee.

Councilman Weaver moved to postpone action on the foregoing reports, and G. O. 15, 1881, for one week.

Which motion was adopted by the following vote :

AYES, 20—viz. Councilmen Bedford, Brundage, Bryce, Caylor, Cole, Cowie, Coy, Dean, Dowling, Egger, Fultz, Harrold, Hartmann, Knodel, Koller, Pearson, Reichwein, Thalmer, Ward and Weaver.

NAYS, 4—viz. Councilmen Morrison, Pritchard, Stout and Yoke.

REPORTS FROM SELECT COMMITTEES.

Councilman Pritchard, as chairman of a certain special Committee on Bribery, presented the following correction ; which was received :

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen :—As chairman of Special Committee on Bribery, that reported to the Council April 18, 1881, I desire to make a correction in that report.

That report says that "Councilman Van Vorhis stated to your committee that one S. G. Van Gilder, of Pennsylvania, came to him in September, 1880." What

Councilman Van Vorhis said in regard to the *time* was, that Van Gilder came to him a "few days after the county convention." Some one at the committee meeting suggested that the convention was held in September, so that month was mentioned in the report.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Pritchard, Chairman.

Councilman Dean, in behalf of a select Committee on the Three-Notch road, submitted the following report; which was concurred in:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—Your committee, to whom was referred a motion offered by Councilman Knodel, relative to purchasing so much of the Three-Notch gravel road as lies within the city limits, would report:

We have examined said road and find the same in good condition, and have seen the Directors and received the following proposition from them: They will sell three-fourths of a mile that is within the corporate limits for the sum of twelve hundred dollars (\$1,200), and bind themselves not to place a toll-gate nearer than where it now is, which is nearly one and a half miles from Morris street, where their road terminates.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward H. Dean,
Ernst Knodel,
John W. Fultz,
Committee.

Councilman Cowie, in behalf of a certain Conference Committee, submitted the following report; which was concurred in:

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—Your Committee of Conference, to whom was referred the matter relative to improving Market street, from Missouri street to Blackford street, by bowldering and curbing the gutters, would report:

After examination of the street, we are of the opinion that the improvement should be made. Therefore, recommend that the contract be awarded to S. W. Patterson, the lowest and best bidder, as reported by the Committee on Contracts.

Respectfully submitted,

John R. Cowie,
D. DeRuiter,
Hiram Seibert,
Isaac Thalman,
Conference Committee.

MESSAGES AND PAPERS FROM THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

The following message was read:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—The Board of Aldermen, in regular session, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, Wednesday evening, May 11th, 1881, amended S. O. 7, 1881, so as to read for the improving of Georgia street, from "Illinois street to Tennessee street," instead of from "Illinois to Mississippi."

Also, at the same session, amended S. O. 42, 1881, so as to read, "six feet" of the inner portion paved of the south sidewalk of Christian avenue, from Central avenue to the I., P. & C. Ry. Co.'s track, instead of "eight feet."

I submit the same for your consideration.

For the Board of Aldermen:

GEO. T. BREUNIG, Clerk.

On motion, the action of the Board of Aldermen was concurred in, and the ordinances re-passed by the following vote :

AYES 24—viz. Councilmen Bedford, Brundage, Bryce, Caylor, Cole, Cowie, Coy, Dean, Dowling, Egger, Fultz, Harrold, Hartmann, Knodel, Koller, Morrison, Pearson, Pritchard, Reichwein, Stout, Thalman, Ward, Weaver and Yoke.

NAYS—None.

The following message was read :

To the Mayor and Common Council :

Gentlemen:—The Board of Aldermen in regular session, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, Wednesday evening, May 4th, 1881, adhered to their former action in adopting the following resolution, and requested that a Committee of Conference be appointed:

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Property be directed to take steps for the immediate conversion of the "Tomlinson Estate Property," belonging to the city, into cash, with a view to the speedy erection of public buildings for the use of citizens and city authorities, for *market purposes*, on the south half of square forty-three (43), Indianapolis—such "public buildings" in no event to exceed in cost the amount received from the sale of said property.

Aldermen Hamilton, Tucker and Drew were appointed to act as the Aldermanic members of said committee.

I submit the same for your consideration.

For the Board of Aldermen :

GEO. T. BREUNIG, Clerk.

On motion, the Common Council adhered to its former action, and Councilmen Thalman, Hartmann and Cowie were appointed to act as members of said Committee of Conference.

The following message was read :

To the Mayor and Common Council :

Gentlemen:—The Board of Aldermen in regular session, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, Wednesday evening, May 11th, 1881, amended G. O. 16, 1881, so as to read: "That the Fire Board, Hospital Board, Police Board, Board of Public Improvements and Dispensary Board shall consist of five members each," thereby non-concurring in your action of May 9th, making said boards consist of three members each.

I submit the same for your consideration.

For the Board of Aldermen :

GEO. T. BREUNIG, Clerk.

On motion, the former action of the Common Council was adhered to by the following vote :

AYES, 18—viz. Councilmen Bedford, Brundage, Bryce, Caylor, Cole, Cowie, Dean, Egger, Knodel, Morrison, Pearson, Pritchard, Reichwein, Stout, Thalman, Ward, Weaver and Yoke.

NAYS, 6—viz. Councilmen Coy, Dowling, Fultz, Harrold, Hartmann and Koller.

The following message was read :

SIG. 5.

To the Mayor and Common Council :

Gentlemen :—The Board of Aldermen in regular session, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, Wednesday evening, May 11th, 1881, failed to pass the following entitled ordinance:

An Ordinance to amend section three of an ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to provide for the prevention of frauds in the sale of grain, hay and produce in the City of Indianapolis. Ordained and established March 1st, 1880."

I submit the same for your consideration.

For the Board of Aldermen:

GEO. T. BREUNIG, Clerk.

On motion, the Common Council receded from its former action, and the ordinance was then stricken from the files :

INTRODUCTION OF GENERAL AND SPECIAL ORDINANCES.

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

By Councilman Brundage :

S. O. 65, 1881—An Ordinance to provide for the erection of lamp-posts, lamps and fixtures (complete to burn gas, except the service pipes), on Hoyt avenue, from Dillon street to Linden street.

The above entitled ordinance was accompanied by the following petition :

Indianapolis, May 16th, 1881.

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

Gentlemen :—The undersigned, owners of the real estate fronting on Hoyt avenue, between Dillon street and Linden street, respectfully petition for the passage of an ordinance providing for the laying of gas mains and the erection of a sufficient number of lamp posts on said street.

And your petitioners will ever pray, etc.

J. T. Walker, 121 ft.; H. S. Runyon, 30 ft.; T. C. Faries, 40 ft.; C. W. Shrewsbury, 30 ft.; C. Butterworth, 30 ft.; George Willis, 30 ft.; W. F. Browder, 30 ft.; S. S. Rhodes, 30 ft.; Mary E. Shelton, 30 ft.; Jessie F. Bird, 30 ft., G. W. Morton, 35 ft.; F. Fulmer, 30 ft.

By Councilman Cole :

S. O. 66, 1881—An Ordinance to provide for improving New York street, from Delaware street to New Jersey street, by widening the sidewalks, curbing with stone the outer edges thereof, and bowldering the gutters.

By Councilman Dowling :

S. O. 67, 1881—An Ordinance to provide for grading and bowldering the gutters, and curbing with stone the outer edges of the sidewalks (except where already bowldered or curbed), of Maryland street, from Tennessee street to Mississippi street.

By Councilman Egger :

S. O. 68, 1881—An Ordinance to provide for the erection of lamp-posts, lamps and fixtures (complete to burn gas, except the service pipes), on Water street, from Stevens street to McCarty street.

By Councilman Egger :

S. O. 69, 1881—An Ordinance to provide for the erection of lamp-posts, lamps and fixtures (complete to burn gas, except the service pipes), on Greer street, from Stevens street to Buchanan street.

By Councilman Harrold :

S. O. 70, 1881—An Ordinance to provide for grading, paving with brick, and curbing with stone the south sidewalk, and bowldering the south gutter of Kentucky avenue, from Sharp street to Merrill street.

By Councilman Morrison :

Ap. O. 31, 1881—An Ordinance appropriating the sum of two thousand dollars, on account of the Street Repairs Department of the City of Indianapolis.

By Councilman Pearson :

G. O. 19, 1881—An Ordinance providing for the compensation of the officers of the City of Indianapolis, and the officers and members of the Police and Fire Departments of said city, for the year ending May 31st, 1882.

Councilman Pearson moved to suspend the rules, for the purpose of placing the above ordinances, Ap. O. 31, 1881, and G. O. 19, 1881, on their final passage.

Which motion was adopted, and the rules suspended by the following vote :

AYES, 24—viz. Councilmen Bedford, Brundage, Bryce, Caylor, Cole, Cowie, Coy, Dean, Dowling, Egger, Fultz, Harrold, Hartmann, Knodel, Koller, Morrison, Pearson, Pritchard, Reichwein, Stout, Thalman, Ward, Weaver and Yoke.

NAYS—None.

Ap. O. 31, 1881, was then read the second time, ordered engrossed, read the third time, and passed by the following vote :

AYES, 23—viz. Councilmen Bedford, Brundage, Caylor, Cole, Cowie, Cole, Dean, Dowling, Egger, Fultz, Harrold, Hartmann, Knodel, Koller, Morrison, Pearson, Pritchard, Reichwein, Stout, Thalman, Ward, Weaver and Yoke.

NAYS—None.

G. O. 19, 1881, was then read the second time.

Councilman Dowling offered the following amendment to G. O. 19, 1881; which was adopted :

Moved to amend section one by inserting after the paragraph "each Councilman and Alderman, one hundred and fifty dollars, payable quarterly." the words "Provided, that the members who may be chosen from the Board of Equalization, as a committee to sit and determine the assessment list, shall be paid the sum of three (\$3) dollars per day, while engaged in such work the ten days allowed by law."

Councilman Dean moved to amend the above ordinance (G. O. 19, 1881) so as to increase the pay of the Clerk of Committees from \$800 to \$900.

Which amendment was adopted.

The ordinance (G. O. 19, 1881) was then ordered engrossed as amended, read the third time, and passed by the following vote :

NAYS, 24—viz Councilmen Bedford, Brundage, Bryce, Caylor, Cole, Cowie, Coy, Dean, Dowling, Egger, Fultz, Harrold, Hartmann, Knodel, Koller, Morrison, Pearson, Pritchard, Reichwein, Stout, Thalman, Ward, Weaver, and Yoke.

NAYS—None.

By Councilman Pritchard :

S. O. 71, 1881—An Ordinance to provide for grading and graveling the roadway of West street, from First street to McIntyre street, and for widening the sidewalks thereof.

By Councilman Pritchard :

S. O. 72, 1881—An Ordinance to provide for grading, paving with brick and curbing with stone, the west sidewalk of West street, from Third street to McIntyre street.

The above entitled ordinances, S. O. 71 and 72, 1881, were accompanied by the following petition :

Indianapolis, April 29th, 1881.

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

Gentlemen :—The undersigned, owners of the real estate fronting on West street, between First street and canal, respectfully petition for the passage of an ordinance providing for grading and graveling West street, from First street north to the canal, and curbing with stone the west side of street, from Third street north, and paving the sidewalk on west side from Third street to Fifth street; also, widening sidewalk from First street to canal, about eight feet.

And your petitioners will ever pray, etc.

William Gordon, L. P. Culloden, J. W. Ely, Josiah Smith, W. H. Truax, J. O. Swigert, Jacob Mueller, John Wacker, G. H. Cotage, George J. Miller.

By Councilman Pritchard :

S. O. 73, 1881—An Ordinance to provide for grading and graveling the first alley west of Tennessee street, from the first alley north of Third street to Fourth street.

S. O. 59, 1881, was, on motion, stricken from the files.

INTRODUCTION OF MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Councilman Bedford offered the following motions; which were referred to the Board of Public Improvements:

That the Street Commissioner be instructed to clean the gutters on south side of Christian avenue, from Central avenue to L, P. & C. Railroad tracks.

That the Street Commissioner be instructed to place sufficient gravel at intersection of Cherry and Ash streets, as the water stands there a good portion of the year.

Councilman Bedford offered the following motion; which was adopted, and Councilmen Bedford, Bryce, and Fultz, were appointed as the members of said Special Committee:

That a committee of three be appointed to look after the wharf of the city dumping ground, with power to act; as I am informed the same is in a very bad condition.

Councilman Bedford offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That the City Marshal be instructed to notify the property owners on Plum street to number their houses in accordance with the numbers as designated by the City Clerk.

Councilman Bedford offered the following resolution:

Resolved, The Board of Aldermen concurring, that Twiname, Amos & Co. have permission to assign to John L. Hanna their contract for re-graveling Columbia avenue, from Malott avenue to Hill avenue. Also, their contract for re-graveling Hill avenue, from Columbia avenue to Darwin street.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

AYES 24—viz: Councilmen Bedford, Brundage, Bryce, Caylor, Cole, Cowie, Coy, Dean, Dowling, Egger, Fultz, Harrold, Hartmann, Knodel, Koller, Morrison, Pearson, Pritchard, Reichwein, Stout, Thalman, Ward, Weaver, and Yoke.

NAYS—None.

Councilman Bedford presented the following petition; which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys:

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

Gentlemen:—The undersigned petitioners, resident freeholders, respectfully pray your honorable bodies that you will cause to be vacated a certain alley, described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a point opposite the mouth of Bellefontaine street, and extending north and south, being the first alley west of Peru avenue and extending from Peru avenue to Massachusetts avenue, in width fifteen feet. And we assign as reasons for our petition that the said alley is not (nor has been for twenty-five years), required for public use; that all possibility of the necessity for said alley is extinguished by the recent extension of John street to Massachusetts avenue

said John street ending at a point contiguous with the beginning of said alley; that said alley as a matter of fact, never existed (except on paper) within the memory of your petitioners.

A plat of said alley, indicated by red lines, together with the surrounding locality, is hereto attached.

Respectfully,

H. N. Brown, D. C. Brown, Mary A. Staughton, Mary B. Logan.

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

That Mr. W. V. Hawk shall be allowed to erect a platform scale on the west side of Pennsylvania street, opposite the machine shop of Messrs. Over & Co.

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

That the Street Commissioner open the gutters on Pratt street, from Paca street to west end of street.

Councilman Cole offered the following motion; which was referred to the Committee on Public Light:

That the City Civil Engineer be directed to request the Gas Company to re-light the street lamp at the entrance of the alley on the south side of Vermont street, between Delaware and New York Streets.

Councilman Cole offered the following motion; which was referred to the Committee on Judiciary, and City Attorney:

WHEREAS, By the death of John Kistner, a vacancy has occurred upon the bond of A. Naltner, the garbage contractor; Therefore,

Moved, That said Naltner be directed to file an additional bond to secure the performance of said contract, and the estate of said Kistner, deceased, be relieved from liability thereon.

Councilman Dowling presented the following petition; which was referred to the Committee on Judiciary and City Attorney:

THE PETITION OF THE CELTIC LOAN AND SAVINGS ASSOCIATION, NO. 2.

Indianapolis, May 15th, 1881.

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

Gentlemen:—Your petitioners, in compliance with the law, have paid the city and county taxes for the year 1880, amounting to the sum of \$142.02, namely: city taxes, \$88.33; county taxes, \$53.69; and in relation thereto, beg to submit the following to your honorable bodies, and ask your careful consideration of same:

Your honorable bodies are doubtless aware that associations such as ours are principally composed of the poor and laboring elements of the community. That in the past such associations have been of incalculable benefit to those classes, affording a safe place of deposit for the small sums which, by the closest economy, they

were enabled to save from their meagre earnings, and opening a way for many to secure and pay for homes (that highest aim of the poor man), which could not be afforded by any other investment of such small sums.

Most of the members of our association are persons who have by efforts, which might be termed sacrificial, actually wrung from the natural wants and legitimate comforts of their families the pittance they pay weekly into the association to build up a small provision for the future. The funds accumulated from time to time in this way are employed in the redemption of the stock of the association, and the cash thus obtained by stockholders invariably used in the improvement of property and put into permanent taxable shape.

That the taxing of the unredeemed stock of those associations, before any practical benefit to the owner has sprung from it, looks like imposing penalties on poverty for its self-sacrifices—fining men for their charity to their families; and we believe that if it will not have the effect of completely discouraging and preventing the organization of such industrial associations in the future, it will at all events considerably lessen their utility.

Your petitioners therefore, for the reasons herein set forth, most respectfully ask your honorable bodies to be pleased to order that the tax assessment of the year 1880 (namely, \$88.33), already paid by this association into the City Treasury, be refunded; and also that this association be exempt from taxation in future.

Cornelius Kelley, President.
John Galvin, Secretary.
Patrick Walsh, Treasurer.

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

That the Street Commissioner be instructed to clean gutters on East McCarty, Coburn and Dougherty streets; also, to repair east end of Coburn street.

Councilman Fultz offered the following motions; which were referred to the Board of Public Improvements:

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, instructed to clean the gutters and fill the chuck-holes on Wilkins street, from Illinois street to Tennessee street.

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, instructed to clean the gutters and fill the chuck holes on West street, from Merrill street to Morris street.

Councilman Fultz presented the following petition; which was referred to the Judiciary Committee and City Attorney:

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

Gentlemen:—Your petitioner, Francis Bergmann, a citizen of said city, represents that in his city statement of his personal property for taxation (a copy of which is attached to this petition) for city purposes, for the year 1880, he is erroneously and by mistake charged with "a total value of credits above indebtedness" of \$5,500; when the statement should have shown that his indebtedness was \$5,500 over and above his credits, to-wit: Credits, \$300; indebtedness, \$5,800; his indebtedness thus greatly exceeding his credits. [Taxes of 1880 are not paid.]

He therefore prays that said statement may be corrected by striking therefrom said sum of \$5,500, and the tax duplicate of 1880 correspondingly amended; or grant your petitioner proper relief in any other manner that to you shall seem proper.

And he will ever pray, etc.,

FRANCIS BERGMANN.

State of Indiana, Marion County, ss:

On this 27th day of April, 1881, personally came before me, J. S. Harvey, a Notary Public of said county, Francis Bergmann, and being by me duly sworn, says on his oath that the matters and things set forth and stated in the above petition are true.

Witness my hand and notarial seal this 27th day of April, 1881.

[SEAL]

J. S. HARVEY, Notary Public.

Councilman Harrold offered the following motions ; which were referred to the Board of Public Improvements :

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, directed to repair Georgia street, from Missouri street to West street, by filling the mud holes and other bad places ; also, clean the gutter on north side of said Georgia street.

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, directed to clean the gutters on West street, from Washington street to Merrill street.

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, instructed to clean the gutters on South street, from Missouri street to Kentucky avenue.

Councilman Hartmann offered the following motions ; which were referred to the Board of Public Improvements :

That the Board of Public Improvements be directed to confer with the officers of the Indianapolis and Bean Creek Gravel Road (Michigan road, east) with a view of purchasing said road as far as Oriental street, and report whatever proposition they may receive.

That the Street Commissioner be directed to fill the low places in first alley west of Oriental street, between Washington street and Michigan road.

Councilman Knodel offered the following motion ; which was referred to the Finance Committee :

That the City Clerk be, and is hereby, instructed to include in the appropriation ordinance the sum of \$1,200, for the purchase of the Three-Notch road, as per report of the committee.

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

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, directed to fill the chuck-holes and clean the gutters of Vermont street, between Noble and Pine streets.

Councilman Morrison offered the following motions ; which were adopted :

That the Fire Board be, and are hereby, requested to report on the motion referred to them looking to a re-location of the City Hospital, and converting said hospital into a work house.

The Central Canal is now empty, and has been for some time, and the citizens in the immediate vicinity of said canal are complaining, and justly so, that if the canal is allowed to remain as it now is it will prove injurious to public health; Therefore,

Moved, That the Board of Health and City Attorney be, and are hereby, requested to examine the law and ascertain whether, if said canal is allowed to remain empty for a given length of time, it is not then within the power of this Council to fill up said canal, or that said Canal Company forfeits their charter; also, report if said canal is allowed to remain empty whether it is not injurious to public health.

That the three (3) ordinances now pending for the improvement of North Meridian street, be made the special order for the next meeting of this Council, and that it shall be the duty of the City Clerk to read for information from the proceedings of the past Council all petitions, remonstrances and reports of committees on said improvement; that some ordinance may be passed for the welfare of the citizens on said street and the general public.

That the Committee on Contracts, together with the City Civil Engineer, be, and are hereby, ordered to have some plan prepared whereby the city may not be the losing party for the cost of printing, etc., of any contract awarded to bidders and by them not accepted, either by failure to furnish bond or otherwise.

By consent, Councilman Pearson presented the following report of the Committees on Public Property; which was concurred in:

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—Your Joint Committees on Public Property, to whom was referred the motion asking an appropriation of the sum of \$400, for the fixing up of suitable quarters for the keeping of the stone yard force at Southern Park grounds, have carefully considered it, and your committees make the following report:

1st. Against the fixing up of quarters at the grounds for the keeping of the stone yard force.

2d We recommend that the Board of Public Improvements and Street Commissioner, be, and are hereby, directed to procure a suitable conveyance to haul the force to and from the grounds, and to commence improving the property at once, according to plans furnished by the City Civil Engineer, and to discontinue the stone yard.

Further, that the Street Commissioner and Board of Public Improvements, be, and are hereby, authorized to purchase such necessary tools and supplies as may be needed for improving the grounds, and that the amount so expended to be included in the next general appropriation ordinance, and that the amount be taken from the \$2,000 allowed for such improvement for first year.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. Tucker,

John Newman,

D. W. Grubbs,

Aldermanic Committee.

John W. Fultz,

W. E. Shilling,

John R. Pearson,

Council Committee.

Councilman Pearson offered the following motions; which were adopted:

That the City Attorney, with the aid and advice of the Mayor and Committee on Judiciary, be authorized and directed to prepare a revision and codification of the Charter and Ordinances of this city.

That the Committee on Office Fixtures and Supplies be instructed to place the office to be occupied by His Honor, the Mayor, in good condition at once.

Councilman Pritchard offered the following resolution ; which was referred to the Committee on Water :

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, That the Water Works Company of Indianapolis be, and is hereby, required to lay water mains in and along Illinois street from Seventh street north to Twelfth street ; thence east in and along Twelfth street to Meridian street ; thence south in and along Meridian street to Second street ; said mains commencing and connecting with the mains at the corner of Seventh street and Illinois, and ending and connecting with the mains at the corner of Second street and Meridian street. The hydrants to be located under the direction of the Chief Fire Engineer, and not to exceed one for every one thousand feet.

Councilman Pritchard presented the following petitions ; which were referred to the Judiciary Committee and City Attorney :

To the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis :

*Gentlemen :—*On a petition for refunding for void sale on lot 9 Hanway & Hanna's Oak Hill addition, tax certificate No. 7,995, on the 4th and 6th days of April, 1881, you ordered refunded as follows :

From City Treasury, principal.....	\$54 22
Part to be refunded by the School Board.....	\$12 60
Part to be refunded by City Treasurer's certificate.....	50
	———— 13 10
Total.....	\$67 32

But refused to refund interest.

Please examine sections 217 and 218 of Tax Law of March 29, 1881 ; also, section 259 of same, which makes sections 217 and 218 above applicable to cities ; which clearly makes it your duty to allow 6 per cent. interest. Also see sections 227 and 228 of Acts of Tax Law, 1872, which order refunding with 6 per cent. interest ; and the Acts of General Assembly of 1875, at page 149, section 2, makes the acts of 1872 govern cities, etc.

I take the pains to cite briefly the law, believing you desire rather to observe the law than to involve the city in unnecessary litigation, as there is now pending before you for refunding a number of claims. We ask your careful consideration of this, and hope you will allow a claim thus clearly warranted by the law.

Truly, etc.,

F. McWHINNEY,

By J. T. LECKLIDER, Attorney in fact.

Indianapolis, May 12th, 1881.

To the Mayor and Common Council :

*Gentlemen :—*Your petitioners show that lots 4, 5 and 6 in square 10, Topps & Henderson's addition to city, is owned by the organization known as the Home for Friendless Women, organized solely for benevolent and Christian work. We further show that said lots are located on the line of Tennessee street, having a frontage of 207 feet. The street assessment amounts to \$186.30. Your petitioners further show that they have paid this assessment, and in doing so have left their Treasury without money. Your petitioners pray that this sum of money be paid back to them by the city.

Mrs. Eliza J. Newman, Mrs. S. E. Newcomer, Mrs. M. M. Todd, Wm. S. Hubbard, L. G. Hay, Special Committee in behalf of Trustees and Managers of the Home for Friendless Women.

Councilman Pritchard offered the following motions; which were referred to the Board of Public Improvements:

That the Street Commissioner be directed to build the approaches to the Fifth street bridge across the canal.

That the Street Commissioner be directed to raise the gutter on west side of Illinois street at Tenth street, so as to remove the mud hole in gutter at that point.

Councilman Reichwein offered the following motions; which were referred to the Board of Public Improvements:

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, directed to clean gutters and fill up chuck-holes on Court street, between Alabama and New Jersey streets.

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, directed to build a culvert over gutter on first alley south of Market street on east side of Noble street.

Councilman Reichwein offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That, whereas, the Water Works Company have notified the Fire Department that their works are out of fix, and no fire pressure can be furnished in case of a fire, that the Committee on Water Works be directed to confer with the company and ascertain how long this state of affairs will continue, and whether such condition is liable to occur often, and if so, whether no remedy can be suggested to protect the city in case of fire.

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

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, directed to remove the loose-boulders off of College avenue, from Seventh street to Twelfth street, and spread a coat of sand thereon and roll the same until well packed.

Councilman Stout offered the following motion; which was referred to the Fire Board:

That the Fire Board be, and are hereby, instructed to place a fire bell and striker at Engine House No. 9.

Councilman Stout offered the following motion; which was referred to the Judiciary Committee and City Attorney:

Indianapolis, May 16th, 1881.

Hon. H. D. Stout:

In paying my city tax on the 13th day of April, I overpaid \$24.07, or about that sum, the excess being on lot 8 in Davidson's 3d Add. I did not discover the mistake, which was made by the City Treasurer, until after the 1st May inst.

The City Treasurer acknowledges the mistake, but says he must have an order of the Council before he will repay the money.

Please attend to this this evening, and oblige,

F. M. FINCH.

Councilman Stout presented the following petition; which was referred to the Board of Health:

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

Gentlemen:—The undersigned, residents of the northern portion of the city, respectfully ask the attention of your honorable body to certain existing evils, by which wrongs are inflicted and intolerable burdens are imposed upon the residents and tax-payers of this otherwise beautiful and healthy portion of our city.

Large quantities of garbage and all kinds of filth (in violation, as we believe, of a recent ordinance), are deposited within the city limits, near the Exposition Grounds, and in such proximity to many of the best residences, that it has become a most offensive and disgusting nuisance, contaminating and polluting the atmosphere, filling our homes with discomfort, and if not soon abated sowing the seeds of disease and death.

Having failed of obtaining redress hitherto, we hereby respectfully but earnestly petition your honorable body to do us simple justice without further delay, by adopting and enforcing efficient measures for our relief and future protection, which can only be done by causing the immediate removal of all these offensive deposits, dead animals included, to some suitable place outside of the city boundaries, and providing against future repetitions of the acts complained of.

Another source of great annoyance, from which we ask to be relieved by your honorable body, is the daily encroachments upon our premises, walks, and in front of our homes, by wandering herds of cattle, not infrequently seventy-five or a hundred together, driven into, or permitted to come within the city limits for pasturage; and other animals of every description, young and old cows, calves, horses, mules, halt and maimed, crippled and deformed, blind and broken down, which daily hang about our yards, gates and barns, filling our houses with flies and insects, and ready to break in at every opportunity, defiling and otherwise obstructing our sidewalks, breaking down and destroying our shade trees and other shrubbery, and causing constant annoyance by night and by day.

We suppose there is a city ordinance prohibiting animals from running at large (if not one should be passed immediately), and we respectfully ask that it be strictly and rigidly enforced. And if it is deemed expedient for any reason to feed down the commons, let the privilege be limited to actual residents of the city, under the restriction that persons enjoying the privilege employ a herdsman to stay with the cattle and prevent them from causing the annoyances complained of.

In behalf of all which we respectfully but most earnestly ask to be relieved.

And your petitioners will ever pray, etc.

M. B. Williams, Chas. B. Coe, M. R. Williams, J. G. Kingsbury, W. J. Richards, James R. Carnahan, James B. Bullock, I. N. Clark, Mrs. M. A. Dumont, Thomas W. Moorhead, W. H. Seiders, W. T. Fenton, A. D. Lynch, A. B. Gates, George K. Trask, N. B. Taylor, Edwin Taylor, Joseph H. Clark, M. Burton, Mrs. C. A. Patterson, F. L. Ritzinger, Sam'l Adsit, J. C. Fox.

Councilman Stout offered the following motion; which was referred to the Board of Health:

That the Street Commissioner be directed to erect three notices on boards on North Meridian street, between Seventh and Twelfth streets, and two such boards at convenient places just west of Exposition Grounds, notifying parties that they must not dump garbage of any kind within city limits.

Councilman Stout offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That the City Marshal be directed to notify the owners of dairies north of city to keep their cows outside of city limits; and on their failure to do so, after notice, that the ordinance be strictly enforced against them.

Councilman Thalman offered the following motions; which were adopted:

That the Committee on Ordinances and City Attorney be directed to report an ordinance creating sewer districts in accordance with the law recently passed by the Legislature.

That the Judiciary Committee and City Attorney be directed to confer with Mr. Naltner, garbage contractor, and ascertain whether or not he intends, or can, fulfill his contract with the city—great complaint being made of the inefficiency of his work.

That the Committee on Accounts and Claims be requested to report at next meeting of this Council in regard to the petition J. H. Vajen and others, in regard to payment of street assessment made by the Trustees of the Home of Friendless Women.

That the Finance Committee be, and is hereby, directed to convert the money, now in the custody of the City Treasurer, belonging to the "Tomlinson Estate" funds, into county bonds, and that the said bonds be deposited with the City Treasurer.

That the Street Commissioner be directed to repair such fire cisterns as are out of order.

Councilman Weaver offered the following motion; which was referred to the Finance Committee:

That the report of the Board of Public Improvements, made January 17th, 1881, recommending the purchase of that part of the Pendleton gravel road which remains within the city limits, be adopted.

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

That the Street Commissioner clean the gutters on Seventh street, between Belleontaine street and Columbia avenue.

Councilman Dowling offered the following motions; which were adopted:

That the City Civil Engineer and City Attorney be directed to examine and report, at next meeting, who is liable for the unpaid assessment in favor of John Green for the improvement of Wisconsin street.

That the City Attorney and Judiciary Committee be directed to immediately cancel the lease of the lessee of the Southern Park, and, if his bond is worth it, to proceed against his bondsmen for unpaid rent due the city.

On motion, the Common Council then adjourned.

DANIEL W. GRUBBS, Mayor,

President of Common Council.

Attest: JOS. T. MAGNER, City Clerk.