

PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

REGULAR SESSION—SEPTEMBER 12, 1881.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, met in the Aldermanic Chamber, on Monday evening, September 12th, A. D. 1881, at half-past seven o'clock, in regular session.

PRESENT—Alderman Hamilton, President *pro tem.*, in the Chair, and Aldermen DeRuiter, Drew, Mussmann, Newman, Rorison, Seibert, Tucker, and Wood—9.

ABSENT—President Layman—1.

The Proceedings of the Board of Aldermen for the regular session, held August 22d, 1881, having been printed and placed on the desks of the Aldermen, said Journal was approved as published.

By consent, Alderman Tucker offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That hereafter this Board will not consider nor act upon any contract and bond unless said contract and bond be accompanied with an affidavit stating that the surety on said bond is the owner in his own name and right of real estate situated in Marion county, Indiana, which real estate is clear and wholly unincumbered, and of the value of at least the amount named in said bond.

Alderman Mussmann moved to lay the above resolution on the table.

Which motion, to lay on the table, failed of adoption by the following vote :

AYES, 3—viz. Aldermen Hamilton, Mussmann, and Tucker.

NAYS, 5—viz. Aldermen DeRuiter, Newman, Rorison Seibert, and Wood.

On motion, the resolution was then referred to the Committee on Contracts and Bridges.

By consent, Alderman Mussmann offered the following motion ; which was adopted :

The City Attorney is directed to prepare and present to His Honor, the Mayor, for introduction at the next meeting of the Common Council, an ordinance that on or before the first day of October, 1883, all telegraph and telephone wires, and

electric conductors, shall be placed under ground; also, an ordinance fixing a per cent. on the gross receipts to be paid the city by any person or persons to whom franchise or the use of the streets, alleys or public grounds of the city may hereafter be granted.

MESSAGES AND PAPERS FROM THE COMMON COUNCIL.

The following special message was read :

To the President and Members of the Board of Aldermen :

Gentlemen:—The Common Council, in regular session, held in the Council Chamber, Monday evening, September 5th, 1881, adhered to their former action in concurring in the following recommendations :

“3d. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, directed to clean the gutters of Tennessee street, between South and Merrill streets.

Recommend the work be done.”

“6th. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, ordered to repair Mississippi street, from Washington street to North street.

Recommend the work be done.”

“15th. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner place a few loads of gravel in a low place in the first alley north of St. Clair street, between Pennsylvania and Delaware streets; the same to be done under the direction of the City Civil Engineer.

Recommend the work be done.”

“16th. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, instructed to re-gravel Huron street, from Dillon street to Virginia avenue.

Recommend the chuck-holes be filled.”

“27th. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner be instructed to clean gutters of Michigan street, between Alabama and Delaware streets.

Recommend the work be done.”

“28th. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, directed to clean gutters on Wabash street, between East and Noble streets.

Recommend the work be done.”

“29th. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, directed to fill the chuck-holes on Christian avenue, between College avenue and Bellefontaine avenue.

Recommend the work be done.”

I submit the same for your consideration.

For the Common Council :

Jos. T. MAGNER, City Clerk.

On motion, the Board of Aldermen adhered to their former action on the matter as set forth in the foregoing message.

The following special message was read :

To the President and Members of the Board of Aldermen :

Gentlemen:—The Common Council, in regular session, held in the Council Chamber, Monday evening, September 5th, 1881, adhered to their former action in adopting the following motion :

"That the Committee on Printing be directed to advertise and receive proposals for doing the city advertising, publishing the delinquent list, and bill posting, for the ensuing year."

I submit the same for your consideration.

For the Common Council:

JOS. T. MAGNER, City Clerk.

Alderman Rorison, being absent at the meeting of August 22d, 1881, asked that his vote on the above motion be recorded in the affirmative.

Which request was granted, and his vote so recorded.

Alderman Seibert moved that a Committee of Conference be appointed on the motion as set forth in the foregoing message; and that the Committee on Printing act as the members of such committee.

Which motion was adopted; and Aldermen Hamilton, Rorison and Newman appointed as members of said Conference Committee.

The following message was read and received:

To the President and Members of the Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—I herewith transmit to your honorable body certain papers, which were favorably passed upon by the Common Council, at its regular session, held on Monday evening, September 5th, 1881, for your action upon the same.

For the Common Council:

JOS. T. MAGNER, City Clerk.

The following report from His Honor, the Mayor, was read and received:

Indianapolis, September 5th, 1881.

To the Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—I report collections for the month of August as follows:

Policemens' witness fees.....	\$250 35
Mayor's fees.....	224 24
Fines due the city.....	24 40
Total.....	\$498 99

Which amount I have this day paid to the City Treasurer, and deposited his receipt with the City Clerk.

Very respectfully,

D. W. GRUBBS, Mayor.

The following report from the City Civil Engineer was read; and the favorable action of the Common Council thereon (see pages 557 and 558, *ante*) was concurred in:

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

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

A first and final estimate in behalf of John L. Hanna, for grading, bowldering and curbing the gutters of Alabama street, from North street to St. Clair street:

1,980 $\frac{3}{4}$ lineal feet bowldering, at 47 cents.....	\$918 29
1,726 lineal feet curbing, at 45 cents.....	776 69
67 lineal feet re set curb, at 7 cents	4 69
Extra hauling sewer pipe.....	4 00
Total.....	\$1,703 67

A first and final estimate in behalf of James Mahoney, for grading and graveling the alley between Linden and Laurel streets, from Orange street to Willow street:

1,584 lineal feet, at 23 cents.....	\$364 32
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Total.....	\$379 86

A first and final estimate in behalf of John Schier, for grading and paving with brick the west sidewalk of West street, from Washington street to Kentucky avenue:

1,417 $\frac{3}{4}$ lineal feet, at 61 cents.....	\$864 60
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A first and final estimate in behalf of John Schier, for grading and paving with brick (where not already paved) the south sidewalk of St. Clair street, from Meridian street to Tennessee street:

788 $\frac{8}{12}$ lineal feet, at 38 cents.....	\$299 70
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A first and final estimate in behalf of Henry C. Raney, for grading and paving with brick, and curbing with stone, the south sidewalk of Maryland street, from Missouri street to West street:

388 $\frac{8}{12}$ lineal feet paving, at 58 cents.....	\$225 42
448 $\frac{10}{12}$ lineal feet curbing, at 41 cents.....	184 02
Total.....	\$409 44

A first and final estimate in behalf of R. P. Dunning and James W. Hudson, for grading and bowldering Chespeake alley, from Meridian street to Pennsylvania street:

868 $\frac{6}{12}$ lineal feet, at 95 cents.....	\$845 50
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A first and final estimate in behalf of William Morrison, for grading and graveling the first alley east of East street, from Walnut street to Massachusetts avenue:

387 $\frac{2}{12}$ lineal feet, at 18 cents.....	\$69 69
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A first and final estimate in behalf of Richard Carr, for grading and bowldering the east sidewalk of Eddy street, from South street to Garden street:

390 lineal feet, at 34 cents	\$132 60
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A first and final estimate in behalf of Richard Carr, for grading and bowldering Eddy street, from South street to Garden street:

792 lineal feet, at 68 cents.....	\$538 50
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A first and final estimate in behalf of Samuel W. Patterson, for grading, bowldering the gutters, and curbing with stone the sidewalks of Market streets, from Missouri street to Blackford street:

2,354 lineal feet, at \$1.05.....	\$2,471 70
393 $\frac{8}{12}$ lineal feet bowldering, city's portion, at 60 cents	236 19
201 $\frac{9}{12}$ lineal feet curbing, city's portion, at 45 cents.....	90 76
46 lineal feet sewer pipe, city's portion, at \$1.00.....	46 00
Total.....	\$2,844 65

Respectfully submitted,

S. H. SHEARER, City Civil Engineer.

The following estimate resolution (adopted by the Common Council—see page 558, *ante*) 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 Samuel W. Patterson, for grading, bowldering the gutters, and curbing with stone the sidewalks, of Market street, from Missouri street to Blackford 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 concurrently adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 9—viz. Aldermen DeRuiter, Drew, Hamilton, Mussmann, Newman, Rorison Seibert, Tucker, and Wood.

NAYS—None.

The following estimate resolution (adopted by the Common Council—see page 559, *ante*) 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 William Morrison, for grading and graveling the first alley east of East street, from Walnut street to Massachusetts 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 concurrently adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 9—viz. Aldermen DeRuiter, Drew, Hamilton, Mussmann, Newman, Rorison, Seibert, Tucker, and Wood.

NAYS—None.

The following estimate resolution (adopted by the Common Council—see page 559, *ante*) 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 Chespeake alley, from Meridian street to Pennsylvania 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 concurrently adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 9—viz. Aldermen DeRuiter, Drew, Hamilton, Mussmann, Newman, Rorison, Seibert, Tucker, and Wood.

NAYS—None.

The following estimate resolution (adopted by the Common Council—see page 559, *ante*) 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 Richard Carr, for grad-

ing and bowldering Eddy street, from South street to Garden 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 concurrently adopted by the following vote :

AYES, 9—viz. Aldermen DeRuiter, Drew, Hamilton, Mussmann, Newman, Rorison, Seibert, Tucker, and Wood.

NAYS—None.

The following estimate resolution (adopted by the Common Council—see page 560, *ante*) 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 Richard Carr, for grading and bowldering the east sidewalk of Eddy street, from South street to Garden 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 concurrently adopted by the following vote :

AYES, 9—viz. Aldermen DeRuiter, Drew, Hamilton, Mussmann, Newman, Rorison, Seibert, Tucker, and Wood.

NAYS—None.

The following estimate resolution (adopted by the Common Council—see page 560, *ante*) 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 John L. Hanna, for grading, bowldering and curbing the gutters of Alabama street, from North street to St. Clair 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 concurrently adopted by the following vote :

AYES, 9—viz. Aldermen DeRuiter, Drew, Hamilton, Mussmann, Newman, Rorison, Seibert, Tucker, and Wood.

NAYS—None.

The following estimate resolution (adopted by the Common Council—see page 560, *ante*) 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 alley between Linden and Laurel streets, from Orange street to Willow 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 concurrently adopted by the following vote :

AYES 9—viz. Aldermen DeRuiter, Drew, Hamilton, Mussmann, Newman, Rorison, Seibert, Tucker, and Wood.

NAYS—None.

The following estimate resolution (adopted by the Common Council—see page 560, *ante*) 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 John Schier, for grading and paving with brick the west sidewalk of West street, from Washington street to Kentucky 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 concurrently adopted by the following vote :

AYES, 9—viz. Aldermen DeRuiter, Drew, Hamilton, Mussmann, Newman, Rorison, Seibert, Tucker, and Wood.

NAYS—None.

The following estimate resolution (adopted by the Common Council—see page 561, *ante*) 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 John Schier, for grading and paving with brick (where not already paved) the south sidewalk of St. Clair street, from Meridian street to Tennessee 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 concurrently adopted by the following vote :

AYES, 9—viz. Aldermen DeRuiter, Drew, Hamilton, Mussmann, Newman, Rorison, Seibert, Tucker, and Wood.

NAYS—None.

The following estimate resolution (adopted by the Common Council—see page 561, *ante*) 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 Henry C. Roney, for grading and paving with brick, and curbing with stone, the south sidewalk of Maryland street, from Missouri street to West 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 concurrently adopted by the following vote :

AYES, 9—viz. Aldermen DeRuiter, Drew, Hamilton, Mussmann, Newman, Rorison, Seibert, Tucker, and Wood.

NAYS—None.

The following report from the City Civil Engineer was read; and the favorable action of the Common Council thereon (see page 561, *ante*) was concurred in:

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

Gentlemen:—I herewith report the following contracts and bonds:

- Contract and bond of James Mahoney, for grading and graveling Pearl street and sidewalks, from Benton street to Pine street. Bond, \$1,500; surety, James Renihan.
- Contract and bond of James Mahoney, for grading and graveling the first alley north of Bates street, from Concordia street to Benton street. Bond, \$400; surety, James Renihan.
- Contract and bond of John Stumph & Son, for building one 2,000-barrel cistern on Eddy street, between Merrill street and Pogues Run. Bond, \$2,200; sureties, Ad. Seidensticker and John Grosch.

Respectfully submitted,

S. H. SHEARER, City Civil Engineer.

The following report from the City Clerk was read:

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

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

Henry Clay vs. Ephram Swallow, for.....	\$10 80
Henry Clay vs. Samuel Warden, for.....	10 80
Henry Clay vs. William Ridgeway, for.....	10 80
Henry Clay vs. Mary A. Clayton, for.....	10 80
Henry Clay vs. Ruth Ann Jessup, for.....	12 08
Henry Clay vs. Parmelia A. Cox, for.....	10 80
Robert P. Dunning and James W. Hudson vs. An Unknown Owner, for.....	1. 57½
Fred. Gansberg vs. Martha Allen, for.....	19 90
Fred. Gansberg vs. Gottlieb Wachstetter, for.....	50 62
Fred. Gansberg vs. John Brennan, for.....	74 74
Fred. Gansberg vs. John Brennan, for.....	45 46
Fred. Gansberg vs. C. C. Glass, for.....	39 60

And recommend that you order the precepts to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

Jos T. MAGNER, City Clerk.

On motion, the action of the Common Council on the above report (see pages 562 and 563, *ante*) was concurred in, and the precepts ordered to issue by the following vote:

AYES, 7—viz. Aldermen DeRuiter, Drew, Mussmann, Newman, Seibert, Tucker, and Wood.

NAYS, 2—viz. Aldermen Hamilton, and Rorison.

The following report from the City Treasurer was read, and the appointment confirmed:

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

Gentlemen:—I have appointed Francis A. Blanchard as my Deputy, and submit the same for your confirmation.

Respectfully submitted,

I. N. PATTISON, City Treasurer.

The report of Wm. Hadley, Rental Agent (see page 567, *ante*), was read and received.

The report of the Board of School Commissioners, fixing the school tax levy (see page 565, *ante*) for the year 1881, was read and received.

The following petition was read, and the favorable action of the Common Council thereon (see page 566, *ante*) was concurred in :

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

Gentlemen:—The undersigned prays to be allowed, at his own expense, to grade, pave and curb the sidewalks in front of lot twenty-one (21) Elizabeth Talbott's Sub., corner of Pennsylvania and Houston streets, being forty feet on former and one hundred and twenty on latter—the name of which latter street is proposed to be changed to Eighth street. The stakes to be set and work to be done under the direction of the City Civil Engineer.

J. M. RIDENOUR.

The report of the Superintendent of the City Dispensary for the month of August, 1881, (see page 567, *ante*) was read and received.

The report of the Superintendent of the City Hospital and Branch, for the month of August, 1881, (see page 568, *ante*) was read and received.

The following report of the Fire Board was read; and the favorable action of the Common Council thereon (see page 568, *ante*) was not concurred in :

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

Gentlemen:—Your Fire Board, to whom was referred a motion to build a 1200 barrel cistern on the corner of East street and Lincoln Lane, respectfully report in favor of building said cistern.

Respectfully submitted,

Isaac Thalman,
Phil Reichwein,
N. Yoke,
Fire Board.

The following clauses from the report of the Board of Public Improvements were read (see pages 569, 570 and 571, *ante*), and referred to the Committee on Streets & Alleys and Sewers & Drainage :

1st. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner be directed to lay a coat of gravel on Georgia street, between Illinois and Tennessee streets.

Recommended the work be done.

2d. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner be directed to raise the east gutter on south East street between Buchanan and Morris streets, to proper grade to carry off the water now standing there and producing a bad smell.

Recommend the work be done.

3d. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, instructed to fill the chuck-holes and clean gutters on Noble street, from Louisiana street to Washington street; also, on Meek, from Davidson to Dillon street; Georgia, from Noble to Dillon street; Bates, from Noble to Grant street; Benton, from Bates to Meek street; Concordia, from Bates to Meek street, and on Pine, from Louisiana to Washington street.

Recommend the chuck-holes be filled, only.

4th. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner be directed to clean the gutters of Market street, between Arsenal and State avenues.

Recommend the work be not done.

7th. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner be instructed to clean the gutters on Elizabeth street, from Blake street west.

Recommend the work be done.

8th. Is a motion that Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, authorized to clean gutters and fill up chuck-holes on Liberty street, between Washington and New York streets.

Recommend filling the chuck-holes, only.

10th. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, directed to lay a double stone crossing on the east side of Plum street, at the first alley north of Massachusetts avenue, from the sidewalk at the northwest corner of lot 1, Co-burn's subdivision of out lot 182, to the southwest corner of lot 4, Allen's subdivision of out lot 181.

Recommend the work be done.

11th. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner be directed to lay double stone crossings across Merrill and Grant streets, on the west side of West street.

Recommend the work be done.

13th. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner be directed to clean the gutters and fill the chuck-holes on Illinois street, between Ray and Morris streets.

Recommend the filling of chuck-holes only.

14th. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner be directed to clean the gutters on Missouri street, between Merrill and McCarty streets.

Recommend the work be done.

19th. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, directed to build a culvert across Hill avenue, at the intersection of Valley Drive, and dig the necessary trench to drain the water at said point through Nevada street to Sheldon street.

Recommend that this work be done by the City Civil Engineer, under contract.

20th. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, directed to cut down and remove two shade trees from in front of No. 413 East Washington street.

Recommend that the owner of said property be notified to cut them down.

21st. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, instructed to clean the gutters on Union street, between Hanway and Hill streets.

Recommend the work be done.

22d. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, instructed to clean the gutters on New York street, from Noble street to Pine street.

Recommend the work be done.

24th. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner be directed to repair the crossing at Tenth and Ash streets.

Recommend the work be done.

25th. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner be directed to repair the west approaches to the old White River bridge, by bouldering; also, to repair the same.

Recommend the work be done.

26th. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, ordered to fill chuck-holes on Seventh street, between Meridian street and Central avenue.

Recommend the work be done.

The Mortality report of the Board of Health for the last half of August, 1881 (see pages 571 and 572, *ante*) was read and received.

The following report of the Board of City Commissioners was read (see pages 572 and 573, *ante*), and referred to the Committee on Judiciary, Ordinances and Rules:

Report of the Board of City Commistioners, in the vacation of the first alley west of Peru street, in Out Lot 43.

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

Gentlemen:—The undersigned, James C. Yohn, William Hadley, Michael Steinhauer, Newton Kellogg and George W. Hill, Commissioners, report to your honorable body:

I.

1st. That they were duly appointed by the Circuit Court of Marion county, Indiana, in accordance with the provisions of an act of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, entitled: "An Act to amend section 2 of an act relative to laying out, opening, widening, altering and vacating of streets, and alleys and high-ways, and for straightening or altering of water-courses by the cities of the 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 duty of city officers in relation thereto, and providing remedies in such matters. Approved March 30th, 1879." That under provisions of said law we were duly appointed to act as City Commissioners.

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

II.

1st. We do further report that on the 27th day of June, 1881, James C. Yohn, William Hadley, Michael Steinhauer, Newton Kellogg and Geo. W. Hill, the full Board of Commissioners, met in pursuance of a notice of the City Clerk, hereto annexed, and marked exhibit "A."

2d. That we did, on the said 27th day of June, 1881, in the east room of the City Clerk's office, enter upon the consideration of the vacation of the first alley west of Peru street, in out-lot 43, more fully described in the petition of H. U. Brown et al., to us referred, and hereto annexed, and marked exhibit "B."

3d. That we did, on the afternoon of the same day, view the alley and surrounding property, and make our report to the City Clerk, which is marked exhibit "C," and is made a part of this report.

4th. That we did, on the 29th day of August, 1881, after due notice, meet in pursuance of an adjournment, and did enquire into the matter of servance upon the persons interested in said vacation, and do herewith report said notices with return of service endorsed thereon. See exhibit "D."

5th. That none of the parties interested made any objection, but were all in favor of said vacation. Your Commissioners do therefore recommend that said alley be vacated and attached to the adjoining property, and that we do assess H. U. Brown and D. C. Brown, the owners of the contiguous property, with thirty-six dollars (\$36.00), the cost of said vacation.

Respectfully submitted,

James C. Yohn,
Geo. W. Hill,
N. Kellogg,
Michael Steinhauer,
William Hadley,
City Commissioners.

The following resolution (adopted by the Common Council—see page 585, *ante*) was read, and referred with the above report to the Committee on Judiciary, Ordinances and Rules:

Resolved, That the report of the City Commissioners in the matter of the proposed vacation of the first alley west of Peru street, in out-lot 43, submitted at the present session of the Council, be, and the same is hereby, accepted, adopted and approved; and that the alley therein mentioned be, and the same is hereby, ordered vacated and annulled; provided the parties against whom benefits are assessed by said report of said Commissioners shall, within twenty days, pay into the city treasury the amount of benefits so assessed, being the cost of said vacation, which the parties benefited are required to pay.

The following report from the Committee on Railroads was read (see page 576, *ante*), and referred to the Committee on Railroads and Public Charities:

Indianapolis, September 5th, 1881.

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

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Railroads, to whom was referred a communication of the P., C. & St. L. R. R. in reference to the opening of Dillon street, would report that they have had the same under consideration, and are of the opinion that public convenience would be served equally as well by the opening of Cruse street from Meek street to the Michigan Road as by the extension of Dillon street in a straight line to said Michigan Road. We therefore recommend that the proposition of said railroad be accepted, and that the City Attorney be, and is hereby, directed to prepare the necessary papers, in accordance with the Railroad Company's proposition, and that the proposed opening of Dillon street from Meek street north be abandoned.

Respectfully submitted,

N. Yoke,
Allen Caylor,
Committee on Railroads.

The following report from the special committee was read (see page 577, *ante*), and referred to the Committees on Fire Department, Water, and Public Health, to report at the next meeting of this Board:

Indianapolis, September 5th, 1881.

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

Gentlemen:—At an informal meeting of several committees of the Council and Board of Aldermen, with Water Works officials, your board was directed, with the Chief Fire Engineer, to examine and report to Council the number of fire-plugs (and their location) that could be dispensed with without detriment to the efficiency of fire protection. We have examined the matter carefully, and report the following—76 in all: Alley plugs on Tennessee street, 10. Also, Nos. 19, 21, 23, 33, 73, 91, 149, 150, 179, 198, 227, 228, 231, 236, 237, 238, 243, 244, 283, 290, 296, 299, 301, 304, 305, 311, 315, 318, 319, 323, 325, 330, 331, 335, 341, 349, 365, 366, 367, 373, 375, 376, 380, 416, 420, 425, 444, 461, 465, 493, 496, 501, 504. Also, 12 additional plugs on Washington street, on opposite corners. Making 76 in all.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN G. PENDERGAST, Chief Fire Engineer.

Isaac Thalman,
N. Yoke,
Fire Board.
B. Ward,
E. H. Dean,
Committee on Water.

The following report from the Conference Committee was read (see pages 577 and 578, *ante*), and referred to the Committee on Public Light and Education, except clauses "3" and "4," which were concurrently adopted:

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

Gentlemen:—Your Conference Committee of the Council and Board of Aldermen, to whom was referred sundry matters passed by the Council, and by the Board of Aldermen referred to Committee of Conference, would report in favor of concurring in the action of the Council and the passage of the various motions and recommendations of the Council Committee on Public Light, viz:

1st. That the company re-light lamp at entrance of alley south side of Vermont, between Delaware and Alabama streets.

2d. That lamp opposite 565 East Seventh street be re lit. The committee report against this motion, and recommend that lamp southeast corner Peru street and Seventh street, opposite Bellefontaine avenue, be dismantled.

3d. That the lamp south of the first alley on the east side of West street, between Vermont and Michigan streets, be dismantled, and the lamp now dismantled on the west side of West street, between Vermont and Michigan streets, be re-lit, after said lamp is moved south to the corner of the first alley south on west side.

4th. To move the lamp on the east side of Alabama street south of Wabash, between Market and Ohio streets, north to the corner of Wabash street, same side. Also, move lamp on west side of New Jersey street, between Market and Ohio streets, south to the corner of Wabash street.

This fourth motion is for the purpose of lighting Wabash street, and if the two lamps referred to are moved to corner of said street, we believe Wabash street will be sufficiently lighted.

5th. Is to dismantle the following lamps: 1. Lamp on Plum street, between Cherry street and Christian avenue, first alley east side of Plum street. 2. Lamp north side of Vine street, between Plum and Broadway.

All the foregoing passed the Council, and we recommend their passage again, as being in the interest of the city, affording, as their adoption will, better light in the different localities indicated; and where we recommend the dismantling of lamps, the locality can well afford it, being sufficiently well lighted after the lamps proposed are put out.

Respectfully submitted,

Jas. T. Dowling,
John R. Cowie,
N Yoke,
Conference Committee.

The following resolution (adopted by the Common Council—see page 578, *ante*) was read:

Resolved, That the Board of Public Improvements, together with the Street Commissioner, be, and are hereby, authorized to have a driven well sunk at or near the center of the Circle Park, and connect the same by underground pipes with fountains at the intersections of Indiana avenue and Illinois street, and Kentucky avenue and Illinois street; also at the intersections of Meridian and Washington street, and Washington street and Virginia avenue; provided the total cost of the same shall not exceed \$1500.00, and provided, also, that the cost of furnishing power for the same shall not exceed \$200.00 per annum.

And it was concurrently adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 9—viz. Aldermen DeRuiter, Drew, Hamilton, Mussmann, Newman, Rorison, Seibert, Tucker, and Wood.

NAYS—None.

The following motion (adopted by the Common Council—see page 587, *ante*) was read; and, on motion by Aldermen Rorison, was referred to the Committee on Railroads:

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, directed to immediately repair the crossing of Noble street, between the tracks of the P., C. & St. L. and C., H. & D. R. R., and collect costs of same from the railroad companies.

The following motion (adopted by the Common Council—see page 588, *ante*) was read; and, on motion by Alderman Rorison, was referred to the Committee on Railroads, with instructions to notify the railroad companies through the City Attorney:

That the City Marshal be, and he is hereby, instructed to notify the officers or agents of the Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati & Indianapolis Railroad Company, and also the Peru, Chicago & Indianapolis Railroad Company, to repair between and on each side of their tracks at their crossings over Market street and sidewalks, Ohio street and sidewalks, and Davidson street and sidewalks; and on their failure to do the work within ten days, the Street Commissioner is hereby directed to do the work at the expense of said railroad companies.

The following motion (adopted by the Common Council—see page 588, *ante*) was read, and referred to the Committee on Markets and Public Property, with instructions to receive bids:

That the Committee on Markets be directed to take steps looking to the sale of the scales at the West Market Space, and that they be authorized to receive bids and report the same to the Council.

The following motions (adopted by the Common Council—see pages 589 and 590, *ante*) were read and concurrently adopted:

WHEREAS, George W. Scott is now very sick and unable to leave his bed; Therefore,

Moved, That the City Attorney be directed not to bring any suit against George W. Scott until after the next meeting of this Council.

That the City Marshal be, and is hereby, directed to notify the owners of lots 2 and 3, in square 21, Hoss Sub. Johnston Heirs' Ad., on College avenue, between Seventh and Eighth streets, to destroy at once the Canada thistles on said lots.

That the Street Commissioner be directed to arrange some way of carrying off the waste water from driven well in front of Postoffice.

That the Chief Fire Engineer be granted leave of absence to attend the annual meeting of Chief Fire Engineers of the United States, at Richmond, Va., from September 10th to October 1st.

The following petition was read, and the favorable action of the Common Council thereon (see page 591, *ante*) was concurred in, and the Committee on Streets & Alleys and Sewers & Drainage added to act with the Board of Public Improvements:

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

Gentlemen.—The Board of State House Commissioners desire to accumulate a large amount of stone during the summer and fall, to provide work for the sawing and planing machines during the winter. The State House grounds do not furnish sufficient room for this purpose, and the Board would respectfully ask the privilege to extend one of the elevated tracks for the steam carrier as far as the center of Ohio street, for the purpose of depositing stone in reach of same. This would take a section of the south side of Ohio street sixty (60) feet wide, running north to the center of the street. This space will not be needed longer than during next summer, and will then be opened to its present width.

The following diagram will better exhibit the portion of the street desired to be used.

Respectfully submitted, by order of the board,

Indianapolis, August 20th.

JOHN M. GODOWN, Secretary.

The following motion (adopted by the Common Council—see page 591, *ante*) was read, and concurrently adopted; and the Committee on Streets & Alleys and Sewers & Drainage added to act jointly:

That the Street Commissioner and City Civil Engineer be, and are hereby, directed to have the curbing at the northwest corner of Dillon and Fletcher avenue put in so that the roadway will be left to the best possible advantage; and that the Board of Public Improvements be, and are hereby, directed, if necessary, to purchase the right from the property at said corner—the right to widen or straighten the street as much as possible—if such right can be bought for an amount not to exceed \$35 or \$40.

The following motion (adopted by the Common Council—see page 591, *ante*) was read, and referred to the Committee on Contracts:

That the contract of Wm. Kown, for grading and bowldering the gutters on Morrison street be, and is hereby, rescinded, as the time for the completion of the work has expired, and none of the work done; and that the City Civil Engineer readvertise the work.

The following entitled ordinances (passed by the Common Council), were severally read the first time:

S. O. 81, 1880—An Ordinance to provide for grading and graveling New Jersey street, bowldering the gutters, and curbing with stone the outer edges of the sidewalks thereof, from the south line of lot No. 5, in Yandes & Wilkins' subdivision of square No. 62, to the C., C., & I. R. R. Co.'s tracks.

S. O. 115, 1881—An Ordinance to provide for paving with brick the north sidewalk of the National Road or Washington street, between Blackford street and the first alley west.

S. O. 116, 1881—An Ordinance to provide for grading and paving with brick (where not already paved), the east sidewalk of Meridian street, from McCarty street to Morris street.

S. O. 118, 1881—An Ordinance to provide for grading and paving with brick, (except where already properly paved), the north sidewalk of North street, from Tennessee street to Pennsylvania street.

S. O. 121, 1881—An Ordinance to provide for curbing with stone, the sidewalks of Massachusetts avenue (where not already curbed), from Pennsylvania street to New Jersey street.

- S. O. 122, 1881—An Ordinance to provide for grading, bowldering and curbing, the gutters of New York street, from Missouri street to Bright street (where not already properly bowldered or curbed.)
- S. O. 125, 1881—An Ordinance to provide for grading, and paving with brick, the sidewalks of Bates street, from Noble street to Grant street.
- S. O. 126, 1881—An Ordinance to provide for grading and graveling the first alley north of Market street, from the first alley east of Arsenal avenue to the first alley west of State avenue.
- S. O. 129, 1881—An Ordinance to provide for grading, bowldering and curbing the north gutter of Ohio street, from Meridian street to Illinois street.
- S. O. 130, 1881—An Ordinance to provide for grading and paving with brick, the north sidewalk of Walnut street (where not already paved), from Delaware street to Pennsylvania street.
- S. O. 136, 1881—An Ordinance to provide for grading and paving with brick, and curbing with stone, the east sidewalk of Pine street, from St. Clair street to the first alley south.
- S. O. 141, 1881—An Ordinance to provide for building a brick sewer in, and along, the first alley east of Meridian street, to, and connecting with, the Georgia street sewer, and providing for the assessment and collection of the cost thereof.
- S. O. 142, 1881—An Ordinance to provide for grading and paving with brick (where not already properly paved), the north sidewalk of St. Marys street, from Delaware street to Alabama street.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCES.

This being the regular appropriation night, the following entitled Appropriation Ordinances were placed on their final passage without suspension of the rules.

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

Ap. O. 53, 1881—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of the Fire Department. [Amount appropriated, \$664.97.]

And it was passed by the following vote :

AYES, 9—viz. Aldermen DeRuiter, Drew, Hamilton, Mussmann, Newman, Rorison, Seibert, Tucker, and Wood.

NAYS—None.

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

Ap. O. 54, 1881—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, \$957.10.]

And it was passed by the following vote :

AYES, 9—viz. Aldermen DeRuiter, Drew, Hamilton, Mussmann, Newman, Rorison, Seibert, Tucker, and Wood.

NAYS—None.

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

Ap. O. 55, 1881—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of Station Houses. [Amount appropriated, \$293.35.]

And it was passed by the following vote :

AYES, 9—viz. Aldermen DeRuiter, Drew, Hamilton, Mussmann, Newman, Rorison, Seibert, Tucker, and Wood.

NAYS—None.

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

Ap. O. 56, 1881—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis. [Amount appropriated, \$88,535.51.]

And it was passed by the following vote :

AYES, 9—viz. Aldermen DeRuiter, Drew, Hamilton, Mussmann, Newman, Rorison, Seibert, Tucker, and Wood.

NAYS—None.

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

Ap. O. 57, 1881—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of Printing, Stationery and Advertising. [Amount appropriated, \$730.98.]

And it was passed by the following vote :

AYES, 9—viz. Aldermen DeRuiter, Drew, Hamilton, Mussmann, Newman, Rorison, Seibert, Tucker, and Wood.

NAYS—None.

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

Ap. O. 58, 1881—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of the salaries and compensations of the members of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen, of the City Officers, and officers and members of Fire and Police Departments, of the City of Indianapolis. [Amount appropriated, \$32,958.75.]

And it was passed by the following vote :

AYES, 9—viz. Aldermen DeRuiter, Drew, Hamilton, Mussmann, Newman, Rorison, Seibert, Tucker, and Wood.

NAYS—None.

The following message was read and received:

To the President and Members of the Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen.—I herewith transmit to your honorable body certain papers, favorably passed upon by the Common Council, at its adjourned session, held on Monday day evening, September 9th, 1881, for your action upon the same.

For the Common Council:

JOS. T. MAGNER, City Clerk.

The following report from the Committee on Contracts was read (see pages 597, 598, 599 and 600, *ante*), and, on motion by Alderman Drew, was referred to the Committee on Contracts and Bridges:

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen.—The Committee on Contracts, to whom was referred certain proposals, presented to Council, Monday evening, September 5th, 1881, have examined the same and find them to be as follows, viz:

1st. For grading and graveling the first alley east of Laurel street, from the first alley south of Prospect street to Orange street.

Michael Doherty, 37 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

H. C. Roney, 32 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

Henry Clay, 28 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

James Mahoney, 22½ cents per lineal foot front on each side.

John Keenan, 20 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

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

2d. For grading and graveling the roadway of West street, from First street to McIntyre street, and for widening the sidewalks thereof.

J. L. Spaulding, 78 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

R. H. Patterson, 74 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

R. P. Dunning, 69 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

Richard Carr, 67 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

Henry Clay, 66 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

H. C. Roney, 59 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

H. C. Roney being the lowest and best bidder, we recommend that he be awarded the contract.

3d. For grading, paving with brick and curbing with stone the west sidewalk of West street, from Third street to McIntyre street.

R. H. Patterson, 59 cents per lineal foot front on each side for paving, and 45 cents per lineal foot front on each side for curbing.

J. L. Spaulding, 56 cents per lineal foot front on each side for paving, and 47 cents per lineal foot front on each side for curbing.

John Schier, 56 cents per lineal foot front on each side for paving, and 46 cents per lineal foot front on each side for curbing.

R. P. Dunning, 55 cents per lineal foot front on each side for paving, and 41 cents per lineal foot front on each side for curbing.

H. C. Roney, 51 cents per lineal foot front on each side for paving, and 44 cents per lineal foot front on each side for curbing.

H. C. Roney being the lowest and best bidder, we recommend that he be awarded the contract.

4th. For grading and paving with brick (where not already paved) the sidewalks of Spann avenue, between Dillon and Linden streets.

R. H. Patterson, 59 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
 John Schier, 48 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
 H. C. Roney, 55 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
 F. J. Blume, 40 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

F. J. Blume being the lowest and best bidder, we recommend that he be awarded the contract.

5th. For erecting lamp-posts, lamps and fixtures (complete to burn gas, except the service pipes,) on Water street, from Stevens street to McCarty street.

W. J. Freaney, \$21.75 for each lamp-post complete.
 Indianapolis Stove Co., \$19.69 for each lamp-post complete.

Indianapolis Stove Co. being the lowest and best bidder, we recommend that they be awarded the contract.

6th. For erecting lamp-posts, lamps and fixtures (complete to burn gas, except the service pipes,) on West street, between Kentucky avenue and Georgia street, two lamp-posts to be erected on said line.

W. J. Freaney, \$21.75 for each lamp-post complete.
 Indianapolis Stove Co., \$19.69 for each lamp-post complete.

Indianapolis Stove Co. being the lowest and best bidder, we recommend that they be awarded the contract.

7th. For erecting lamp-posts, lamps and fixtures (complete to burn gas, except the service pipes,) on Woodlawn avenue, from Dillon street to Linden street.

Indianapolis Stove Co., \$19.69 for each lamp-post complete.

Indianapolis Stove Co. being the only bidder, we recommend that they be awarded the contract, believing the same to be low.

8th. For erecting lamp-posts, lamps and fixtures (complete to burn gas, except the service pipes,) on Hoyt avenue, from Dillon street to Linden street.

Indianapolis Stove Co., \$19.69 for each lamp-post complete.

Indianapolis Stove Co. being the only bidder, and believing the same to be low, we recommend that they be awarded the contract.

9th. For grading and graveling Ohio street, and curbing and bowldering the gutters thereof, from 222 feet east of Harvey street to the alley on the east line of lot eleven (11), in Douglass' addition.

There being an incorrect description of the above improvement, no specifications were made by the City Civil Engineer, and no bids were received.

10th. For grading and graveling the first alley west of Tennessee street, from the first alley north of Third street to Fourth street.

R. H. Patterson, 29 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
 James Mahoney, 20 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
 Michael Doherty, 20 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
 H. C. Roney, 17 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
 I. N. Smith, 17 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
 J. L. Spaulding, 15 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

J. L. Spaulding being the lowest and best bidder, we recommend that he be awarded the contract.

11th. For grading and paving with brick, the south sidewalk of Third street, from Tennessee street to Illinois street.

H. C. Roney, 50 cents per lineal foot front.
 R. H. Patterson, 48 cents per lineal foot front.

J. L. Spaulding, 48 cents per lineal foot front.
 John Schier, 46 cents per lineal foot front.
 F. J. Blume, 42 cents per lineal foot front.

F. J. Blume being the lowest and best bidder, we recommend that he be awarded the contract.

12th. For grading and graveling the north sidewalk of Twelfth street, from Meridian street to Illinois street.

F. J. Blume, 58 cents per lineal foot front.
 J. L. Spaulding, 55 cents per lineal foot front.
 Michael Doherty, 55 cents per lineal foot front.
 James Mahoney, 45 cents per lineal foot front.
 R. H. Patterson, 45 cents per lineal foot front.
 R. P. Dunning, 45 cents per lineal foot front.
 Henry Clay, 42 cents per lineal foot front.

Henry Clay being the lowest and best bidder, we recommend that he be awarded the contract.

13th. For grading and graveling the first alley north of Fifth street, from Tennessee street to the first alley west of Tennessee street.

I. N. Smith, 27 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
 James Mahoney, 25 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
 Michael Doherty, 22 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
 J. L. Spaulding, 22 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
 H. C. Roney, 20 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

H. C. Roney being the lowest and best bidder, we recommend that he be awarded the contract.

14th. For building a small wooden bridge on Baltimore avenue, according to plans and specifications on file in the office of the City Civil Engineer.

Henry Clay, \$175.00.
 J. D. Hoss & Co., \$90.00.

J. D. Hoss & Co. being the lowest and best bidder, we recommend that they be awarded the contract.

15th. For lowering the crown of the fire cistern at the corner of North and Pine streets, according to plans and specifications on file in the office of the City Civil Engineer.

A. Bruner, \$175.00.
 Jno. A. Whitsit, \$150.00.
 H. C. Roney, \$110.00.

H. C. Roney being the lowest and best bidder, we recommend that he be awarded the contract.

16th. For removing dead animals from the streets, alleys and commons of the City of Indianapolis, for the year ending June 30th, 1882.

Indianapolis Packing and Rendering Co., \$300.00 for the exclusive privilege.

Indianapolis Packing and Rendering Co. being the only and highest bidders, we recommend that they be awarded the contract.

Respectfully submitted,

Isaac Thalman,
 E. H. Koller,
 Committee on Contracts.

The following report from the City Civil Engineer was read; and the favorable action of the Common Council thereon (see page 600, *ante*) was concurred in :

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

Gentlemen:—I herewith report the following estimate in behalf of Richard Carr, for grading and bowldering Garden street and sidewalks, from Illinois street to Eddy street :

453 $\frac{22}{100}$ lineal feet, at \$1.35..... \$611 84

Respectfully submitted,

S. H. SHEARER, City Civil Engineer.

The following estimate resolution (adopted by the Common Council—see page 600, *ante*) 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 Richard Carr, for grading and bowldering Garden street and sidewalks, from Illinois street to Eddy 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 concurrently adopted by the following vote :

AYES, 9—viz. Aldermen DeRuitter, Drew, Hamilton, Mussmann, Newman, Rorison, Seibert, Tucker, and Wood.

NAYS—None.

The following report from the City Civil Engineer was read; and the favorable action of the Common Council thereon (see page 602, *ante*) was concurred in :

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

Gentlemen:—I herewith report the following contracts and bonds :

Contract and bond of Samuel W. Patterson, for paving with wood blocks the roadway of Meridian street, and bowldering the wings of street and alley crossings thereof, from New York street to St. Clair street. Bond, \$30,000; surety, W. A. Pattison, John J. Cooper and Chas. John.

Contract and bond of Samuel W. Patterson, for paving with wood blocks the roadway of Meridian street, and bowldering the wings of street and alley crossings thereof, from St. Clair street to Seventh street. Bond, \$40,000; surety, W. A. Pattison, John J. Cooper and Chas. John.

Respectfully submitted,

S. H. SHEARER, City Civil Engineer.

Alderman Hamilton requested the privilege to have his vote recorded against approving the above contracts and bonds.

Which request was granted, and his vote so recorded.

REPORTS, ETC., FROM STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Contracts and Bridges, through Alderman Wood, submitted the following report; which was concurred in:

To the President and Members of the Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—The Committee on Contracts, to whom was referred the report of the Council Committee on Contracts, August 15th, 1881, have examined the same, and recommend that the action of the Common Council in the awarding of said contracts be concurred in; and further recommend, that hereafter the City Civil Engineer be instructed to meet with the Committee on Contracts.

Respectfully submitted,

Geo. P. Wood,
John Newman,
Brainard Rorison,
Committee.

The Committee on Finance and Accounts & Claims, through Alderman Hamilton, submitted the following report; which was concurred in:

To the President and Members of the Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—Your Finance Committee, to whom sundry papers were referred, would report thereon as follows:

1st. Is S. O. 75, 1879; an ordinance to provide for improving Highland street, from Washington street to Ohio street.

Recommend that the passage of said ordinance be postponed, and that the following action be reported back to the Common Council for their consideration and action thereon, viz: That the matter of improving Highland street, from Washington street to Ohio street, under S. O. 75, 1879, be referred to the City Commissioners, with instructions to report back the amount of benefits and damages, if any, to property holders on said street, that will accrue by said improvement, under the plan submitted by the City Civil Engineer, and adopted by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen, December 6th, 1880.

2d. Is S. O. 27, 1881; for paving with brick the north sidewalk of Maryland street, from West street to Helen street.

Recommend that the action of the Common Council in the passage of said ordinance be concurred in.

3d. Is S. O. 134, 1881; for grading and graveling the alley between Pleasant and Lexington avenues, from Linden street to Spruce street.

Recommend this be concurred in.

4th. Is S. O. 135, 1881; for grading and graveling Pleasant street and sidewalks, from Linden street to Reid street.

Recommend that the action of the Common Council in the passage of this ordinance be not concurred in.

5th. Is the report of the Judiciary Committee of the Common Council on sundry petitions for the refunding of taxes (see page 500).

Recommend that the action of the Common Council in adopting said report be concurred in, except so much of each clause as provides for the refunding of stated amounts together with interest on the same. We recommend that no interest or cost be refunded; only the amount paid in each case.

Respectfully submitted,

F. W. Hamilton,
H. Seibert,
D. Mussmann,
Committee.

Alderman Hamilton presented the following estimates; which were received, and action thereon postponed for two weeks:

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

Gentlemen.—We submit the following as the estimated expenses of each department of the City Government for the fiscal year ending with the 31st day of May, 1882, to-wit:

Board of Health.....	\$2,500 00
Bridges.....	2,500 00
City Assessor's Department.....	3,000 00
City Engineer's Department.....	2,500 00
City Dispensary.....	3,000 00
City Hall.....	2,500 00
City Hospital and Branch.....	10,500 00
City Treasurer's percentage.....	5,000 00
Cisterns.....	3,000 00
Elections.....	700 00
Fire Department.....	70,000 00
Fountains.....	300 00
Garbage.....	5,400 00
Gas.....	62,500 00
Incidentals.....	2,000 00
Interest on bonds.....	139,670 00
Judgments and costs.....	12,000 00
Markets.....	300 00
Market Master's fees.....	2,000 00
Parks.....	1,300 00
Police.....	50,000 00
Printing.....	5,800 00
Salary.....	21,805 00
Sewers.....	15,000 00
Southern Park.....	1,500 00
Station Houses.....	3,000 00
Street Improvements.....	15,000 00
Street openings and vacations.....	200 00
Street repairs.....	30,000 00
Street signs.....	300 00
Taxes refunded.....	500 00
Tomlinson annuity.....	7,900 00
Tunnels.....	00 00
Water rents (100 fire plugs off).....	27,000 00
Insurance.....	00 00
Total.....	\$507,775 00

Estimated revenue for the year.....	\$499,000 00
Estimated expenses for the year.....	507,775 00

Respectfully submitted,

F. W. Hamilton,
Hiram Seibert,
D. Mussman,
Aldermanic Finance Committee.

The Committee on Finance and Accounts & Claims, through Alderman Hamilton, submitted the following report; which was concurred in:

To the President and Members of the Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen.—Your Finance Committee, to whom was referred the report of the Common Council committee on the petition of W. G. Wasson, City Treasurer,

relative to General Coburn's taxes (see page 499), recommend that, provided said Coburn did tender the said tax within thirty days after the same became delinquent under the circumstances set forth in said petition, that he be relieved of the ten per cent. penalty only.

Respectfully submitted,

F. W. Hamilton,
Hiram Seibert,
D. Mussman,
Committee.

The Committee on Public Light and Education, through Alderman Tucker, submitted the following report; which was concurred in:

To the President and Members of the Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—The undersigned, Committee on Public Light, to whom was referred general ordinance No. 42 of 1881, granting certain rights and privileges to the Brush Electric Light Company, respectfully report that we have had the same under consideration, and find that the ordinance grants to the company the free right to enter upon any or all of the streets and alleys of the city, to erect masts or towers, and to connect the same with wire; while it gives the city the right to sue the company for any damages that may be caused by such excavations, etc., and to retain the amount of such judgment out of any money due from the city to the company. We do not think that such a provision would be any protection to the city, unless the city was in debt to the company for light, and your committee does not think that the city at this time is ready to contract for electric light for the streets and alleys.

Your committee is also of the opinion that the streets and alleys of the city are overburdened with the posts and wires of the telegraph and telephone companies, and the city fire alarm lines, and the further erection of posts and a new system of wires would be a great detriment and injury to the city, and think that when any general system of electric light is adopted the wires should be placed under ground, as is now being required in other cities.

As electric light for practical purposes may be yet considered almost an experiment, we feel that the city should not be subject to further obstructions of its streets and alleys with posts and wires until the several electric light companies shall have made such experiments in their cities, or in a limited way in this city, as will clearly and fully demonstrate to the Common Council and this Board of Aldermen that such light is not only practicable for street lighting, but very considerably cheaper than gas; and when that is done, and not until then, should the city grant to any person or company such broad privileges as are granted by this proposed ordinance. The city should not subject its citizens to inconvenience for the purpose of allowing a company to obstruct the streets with posts and towers that may be only an experiment, and that the city may not want under any circumstances whatever.

Your committee would further desire to call your attention to the fact that our city should require pay for any further franchises granted for the use of the streets and alleys. We think there has been too much liberality shown in the past, and find that the rights granted to use streets and alleys are held to be of great value, and for which the public should receive direct benefit. We earnestly recommend that when any further rights shall be granted to any person or company, that the city demand and receive a sufficient remuneration for the same.

For the above stated reasons, your committee recommends that the ordinance in its present shape be not passed, but that it be amended as follows, and when so amended that it do pass, to-wit:

Strike out sections 2, 3 and 4, and that part of section 1 providing that the location of posts and towers shall be designated by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen, etc., and insert after the enacting clause the following, to-wit:

"Be it ordained by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, That the Indianapolis Brush Electric Light and Power Company be, and are hereby, invested with the right and privilege, for the term of five years from the date of the passage of this ordinance, of using the streets, alleys, lanes and public grounds of said city, as it is now or may be hereafter laid out, for the purpose of erecting masts, towers or posts, and stretching wires necessary for the purpose of furnishing the City of Indianapolis and its inhabitants with electric light and power; such masts, posts or towers to be so erected as to cause the least inconvenience to other public uses; and said wires to be placed under ground, in such a manner as not to interfere with the rights of the Indianapolis Water Works Company and of the Indianapolis Gas Light and Coke Company, and also the public and private sewers of the city; and *provided further*, that no tower, mast or post shall be erected in front or rear of any public or private property until the consent of the owners thereof shall have been first obtained. Such company shall be liable for all damages that may be occasioned by reason of the erection of said posts, towers or masts, or the stretching or laying of wires in the streets, alleys or public grounds of the city; and in the event that the city shall be sued for any such damages, said company shall be notified, and it shall be the duty of such company to appear and defend the same; and should a judgment be recovered against the city, the city shall recover the amount, together with all costs, from said company, and the record of such judgment shall be final and conclusive evidence in the cause, and if not paid within ten days, all rights under this ordinance cease. And whenever any street, alley or public place shall be opened, or any hole or trench dug therein, for the purpose of said company, said company shall, within ten days, repair the street, alley or place so opened, and replace and maintain the same in as good condition as the same was before such opening was made; and upon failure so to do, the city shall have the right to cause the same to be done, and the said company shall be liable to pay to the city the amount expended in making such repairs; *provided*, that the said company shall forfeit all rights and privileges under this ordinance unless it shall, within one year from the passage hereof, have placed the necessary machinery, erected towers, masts or posts, and connected the same with wires, so as to furnish electric light, and in such a manner as to demonstrate to the Common Council and the Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis that such company is able to furnish satisfactory light for the streets and alleys of said city, and at as low rates and of as good quality as furnished in any other city in the United States. And nothing in this ordinance shall be construed in any manner as an agreement or contract upon the part of the city to take the light, or to pay said company for lighting any of the streets and alleys of the city; nor shall this ordinance be construed or considered to, in any manner, grant said company any exclusive privilege, or as preventing the city from granting other companies or persons similar privileges; and that the city may, at any time hereafter, require said Indianapolis Brush Electric Light and Power Company to pay to the city such compensation, at such stated times as may be required, such proportion of its gross earnings as to the Board of Aldermen and Common Council may seem a reasonable compensation for the rights and privileges hereby granted, and to that end it shall be lawful for the city, through its Mayor, or other proper officers, to demand and have a statement from said company, showing in detail; and, whenever desired by the city, it shall have the right to inspect the books and accounts of said company, in order to verify such statement. And whenever the light shall not be deemed satisfactory and is imperfect that all posts, towers, masts and wires above ground shall be taken down and removed. And the Board of Aldermen and Common Council reserve the right to repeal this ordinance at any time.

SEC. 2. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage."

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. Tucker,
F. W. Hamilton,
D. Mussmann,
Committee on Public Light.

The following entitled ordinance was read the second time :

G. O. 42, 1881—An Ordinance investing the Indianapolis Brush Electric Light and Power Company with the privilege of erecting and maintaining towers and masts, or posts, necessary for the purpose of supplying Indianapolis and its inhabitants with electric light and power.

Alderman Tucker moved that the above ordinance be amended, as recommended by the foregoing report of the Committee on Public Light and Education.

Alderman Seibert moved that the word "under-ground" be stricken out of the amendment as recommended by the Committee on Public Light and Education.

Which motion was adopted, and the word "under-ground" stricken out.

The amendments, as recommended by the committee, were then adopted.

Alderman Drew moved that the ordinance be amended by inserting the words, "Subject to any and all ordinances heretofore passed regulating the running or placing of wires and posts."

Which amendment was adopted.

The ordinance, as amended, was then ordered engrossed by the following vote :

AYES, 8—viz. Aldermen DeRuiter, Drew, Hamilton, Mussmann, Newman, Rorison, Tucker, and Wood.

NAYS, 1—viz. Alderman Seibert.

The ordinance was then read the third time, and passed by the following vote :

AYES, 8—viz. Aldermen DeRuiter, Drew, Hamilton, Mussmann, Newman, Rorison, Tucker, and Wood.

NAYS, 1—viz. Alderman Seibert.

Alderman Tucker, in behalf of the Committee on Public Light and Education, made a verbal report recommending the passage of S. O. 110, 1881, and reporting against the passage of S. O. 109, 1881.

The report as presented was approved.

INTRODUCTION OF MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Alderman Hamilton offered the following motion; which was referred to the Committee on Contracts and City Attorney:

That all official bonds and bonds for street improvements shall be, accompanied with affidavits as to surety, etc., referred to the Finance Committee of this Board before approval, and no officer shall proceed with his duties, nor any contractor with his work, until such approval.

Alderman Hamilton offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That the City Attorney report to this Board the powers and duties of the Board of Public Improvements of this city, under the statutes of Indiana; also, of the Street Commissioner and City Engineer.

Alderman Hamilton presented the following invitation; which was accepted:

Indianapolis, August 29th, 1881.

To the Honorable Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—I am directed by the German Protestant Orphan Association, to invite your honorable Board to our Fourteenth Anniversary, which will take place at the Orphans Home grounds, on Sunday, September 11th, 1881.

Hoping that you will make it possible to attend,

I am very truly yours,

HERMANN SEIBOLDT, Sec'y.

Alderman Rorison moved that the action of the Board of Aldermen in non-concurring in the action of the Common Council in adopting a certain motion requiring the Committee on Printing to receive proposals for doing the city advertising, etc., be reconsidered.

Alderman Seibert moved that the above motion be laid on the table.

Which motion, to lay on the table, failed of adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 4—viz. Aldermen Hamilton, Mussmann, Newman, and Seibert.

NAYS, 5—viz. Aldermen DeRuiter, Drew, Rorison, Tucker, and Wood.

Alderman Rorison's motion to reconsider was then adopted.

Alderman Rorison offered the following motion:

That this Board recede from its former action, and concur in the motion of the Common Council, that the Committee on Printing be directed to advertise and receive proposals for doing the city advertising, publishing the delinquent list, and bill posting, for the ensuing year.

And it was adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 5—viz. Aldermen DeRuiter, Drew, Rorison, Tucker, and Wood.

NAYS, 4—viz. Aldermen Hamilton, Mussmann, Newman, and Seibert.

Alderman Seibert offered the following motion; which was referred to the City Attorney and City Civil Engineer, to report what rights the city has in the premises:

That the City Marshal be directed to notify the Street Railroad Company to boulder between the tracks along Virginia avenue, between Louisiana and Coburn streets.

Alderman Seibert moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of placing S. O. 125, 1881, on its final passage:

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

AYES, 8—viz. Aldermen DeRuiter, Hamilton, Mussmann, Newman, Borison, Seibert, Tucker, and Wood.

NAYS—None.

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

S. O. 85, 1881—An Ordinance to provide for grading and paving with brick, the sidewalks of Georgia street, from Noble street to Dillon street, (where not already properly paved.)

And it was passed by the following vote:

AYES, 8—viz. Aldermen DeRuiter, Hamilton, Mussmann, Newman, Borison, Seibert, Tucker, and Wood.

NAYS—None.

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

S. O. 125, 1881—An Ordinance to provide for grading and paving with brick the sidewalks of Bates street, from Noble street to Grant street.

And it was passed by the following vote:

AYES, 8—viz. Aldermen DeRuiter, Hamilton, Mussmann, Newman, Borison, Seibert, Tucker, and Wood.

NAYS—None.

On motion, the Board of Aldermen then adjourned.

FRANK W. HAMILTON, President *pro tem.*

Attest: GEO. T. BREUNIG, Clerk.