

PROCEEDINGS OF COMMON COUNCIL.

REGULAR SESSION—MARCH 3, 1884.

The Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, met in the Council Chamber, Monday evening, March 3d, A. D. 1884, at half-past seven o'clock, in regular session.

PRESENT—Hon. John L. McMaster, Mayor, and *ex officio* President of the Common Council in the Chair, and Councilmen Benjamin, Cowie, Curry, Dowling, Downey, Doyle, Edenharter, Gallahue, Haugh, Mack, Moran, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Rees, Reinecke, Reynolds, Sheppard, Smither, Spahr, Thalman, Trusler, Wharton, and Wolf—24.

ABSENT, 1—viz. Councilman Coy.

The Proceedings of the Common Council for the adjourned session, held February 25th, 1884, having been printed and placed on the desks of the Councilmen, said Journals were approved as published.

OPENING AND REFERRING SEALED PROPOSALS FOR PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Sealed proposals for making the following street improvements, and for the erection of lamp-posts, were opened, read, and referred to the Committee on Contracts:

(S. O. 21, 1883)—For the erection of lamp-posts, lamps and fixtures (complete to burn gas, except the service pipes), on Mississippi street, between Garden and Merrill streets.

(S. O. 47, 1883)—For grading and paving with brick the east sidewalk of West street, from McCarty street to the first alley north of McCarty street.

(S. O. 65, 1883)—For grading and graveling the first alley east of Central avenue, from Christian avenue to Cherry street.

(S. O. 73, 1883)—For grading and bowldering, and curbing the gutters of Ohio street, from Delaware street to Alabama street.

(S. O. 91, 1883)—For grading and paving with brick the north sidewalk of North street, from the first alley west of Tennessee street to Mississippi street.

(S. O. 105, 1883)—For grading and graveling Eighth street and sidewalks, from Central avenue to the first alley west of Delaware street.

(S. O. 106, 1883)—For grading, bowldering and curbing the gutters of Alabama street; from Fort Wayne avenue to south line of Morrison street.

(S. O. 121, 1883)—For grading and paving with brick the south sidewalk of South street, from Delaware street to Pennsylvania street.

(S. O. 129, 1883)—For grading and graveling the first alley west of College avenue, from Seventh street to Eighth street.

(S. O. 130, 1883)—For grading and graveling the first alley east of College avenue, from Tenth street to Twelfth street.

(S. O. 131, 1883)—For grading and graveling the first alley west of College avenue, from Eighth street to Ninth street.

(S. O. 132, 1883)—For grading and graveling the first alley west of Greenwood street, from Ninth street to Tenth street.

(S. O. 133, 1883)—For grading and graveling Willow street and sidewalks, from Shelby street to Laurel street.

(S. O. 139, 1883)—For grading and graveling the first alley south of South street, from Delaware street to the J., M. & I. R. R. tracks.

(S. O. 141, 1883)—For grading and paving with brick the west sidewalk of Union street, between Hanway and Hill streets.

(S. O. 142, 1883)—For grading and paving with brick the north sidewalk of McCarty street, from the first alley east of Meridian street to the J., M. & I. Railroad tracks.

(S. O. 144, 1883)—For grading and graveling the first alley east of College avenue, from Home avenue to the first alley south of Home avenue.

(S. O. 145, 1883)—For grading and graveling the alley between Michigan and North streets, from Pennsylvania street to Meridian street.

(S. O. 146, 1883)—For grading and graveling the first alley south of Seventh street, from Peru street to the first street east of Peru street.

(S. O. 147, 1883)—For grading and graveling New Jersey street and sidewalks, from Home avenue to Seventh street.

(S. O. 149, 1883)—For grading and graveling Sixth street and sidewalks, from Central avenue to Alabama street.

(S. O. 150, 1883)—For grading and paving with brick the sidewalks of Beaty street, from McCarty street to Buchanan street.

(S. O. 151, 1883)—For grading and graveling the first alley west of Beaty street, from the first alley south of McCarty street to the first alley north of Buchanan street.

COMMUNICATIONS, ETC., FROM THE MAYOR.

His Honor, Mayor McMaster, submitted the following report; which was received:

Indianapolis, March 1st, 1884.

To the Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—I herewith report the fines and fees due the city, collected by me for the month of February, 1884, as follows:

Marshal's fees.....	\$159 20
Mayor's fees.....	113 15
Fines due city.....	9 71
	\$282.06

Which said fees and fines I have this day paid over to I. N. Pattison, City Treasurer, and filed his receipt therefor with the City Clerk.

JOHN L. McMASTER, Mayor.

REPORTS, ETC., FROM CITY OFFICERS.

The City Civil Engineer submitted the following report; which was approved, and the Street Commissioner ordered to do the work:

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—At your meeting held on the 18th of February, 1884, you directed me to report by what manner the northwest corner of Ohio and East streets could be drained. I submit the following as my report:

That in order to properly drain said point, the Street Commissioner be directed to tear out the present culvert on the north side of Ohio street, across East street, and make an open gutter, and that he also replace the foot bridges at the northwest and northeast corners of said streets, by new ones at least eight feet in the clear.

Respectfully submitted,

S. H. SHEARER, City Civil Engineer.

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

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—February 4th and 11th, 1884, you granted me, upon my request, a two months' leave of absence, since which time, by a relaxation of that particular class of work which caused my trouble, the condition of my eyes has improved; and although contrary to the advice of my oculist, I have decided not to avail myself of the opportunity thus afforded me.

While thanking you heartily for your kindness in granting my request, I have the pleasure of informing you that I have not been absent from my office a single day on account thereof, and will continue to be found on duty.

Respectfully submitted,

S. H. SHEARER, City Civil Engineer.

The City Clerk submitted the following report:

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 improvement assessments by precepts, viz:

S. W. & R. H. Patterson vs. Fannie Allen, for.....	\$ 5 76
S. W. & R. H. Patterson vs. Enos B Reid, for	7 90
S. W. & R. H. Patterson vs. Josephine K. Shellman, for.....	7 90
Robert P. Dunning vs. Francis M. Churchman, for.....	78 12

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. T. BREUNIG, City Clerk.

Which was received, and the precepts ordered to issue, by the following vote:

AYES, 16—viz. Councilmen Benjamin, Curry, Downey, Doyle, Gallahue, Haugh, Mack, Moran, McClelland, Newcomb, Rees, Reynolds, Smither, Trusler, Wharton, and Wolf.

NAYS, 2—viz. Councilmen Edenharter, and Reinecke.

The City Clerk submitted the following report; which was referred to the Finance Committee:

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen :

Gentlemen:—I herewith submit an itemized statement, showing the amount of orders drawn on the City Treasurer during the month of February, 1884, viz:

City Assessor's Department.....	\$	74	25	
City Civil Engineer's Department.....		150	25	
City Dispensary.....		208	32	
City Hall.....		281	83	
City Hospital and Branch.....		426	43	
City Treasurer's per centage.....		250	37	
Cemeteries		7	97	
City Hospital addition.....		3,791	15	
Fire Department.....		6,699	60	
Gas.....		5,463	40	
Incidentals		61	25	
Interest on bonds.....		60,865	50	
Markets.....		75	00	
Market Masters' fees.....		148	71	
Police.....		4,503	92	
Printing.....		10	20	
Salary		144	75	
Street improvements.....		37	12	
Street openings and vacations.....		29	00	
Pogue's Run		623	97	
Street repairs.....		846	99	
				\$84,699 98
Sinking fund.....	\$	226	76	
School fund.....		1,662	94	
				1,889 70
Total.....				\$86,589 68

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. T. BREUNIG, City Clerk.

The City Treasurer submitted the following report; which was referred to the Finance Committee:

Report of I. N. PATTISON, City Treasurer, for the month of February, 1884.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand February 1, 1884, as per last report.....	\$	47,771	56
From auction licenses.....		35	00
From benefits.....		467	11
From coal licenses.....		16	00
From dog licenses.....		2	25
From express licences.....		2	50
From fines and fees.....		365	45
From hack licenses.....		5	00
From huckster licenses.....		35	00
From market-masters' fees.....		258	00
From pay patients, City Hospital.....		196	60
From peddlers' licenses.....		31	00
From sale of old material—(Fire Department).....		225	00
From show licenses.....		25	00
From tapping sewers.....		13	00
From taxes current.....		22,321	58

From tax sales current.....	389 93
From tax sales delinquent.....	452 60
From taxes delinquent.....	5,718 00
Cash advanced by City Treasurer, to balance.....	7,355 24

\$ 85,685 82

DISBURSEMENTS.

For cemeteries.....	\$ 7 97
For City Assessor's department.....	74 25
For City Civil Engineer's department.....	150 25
For City Dispensary.....	208 32
For City Hall.....	281 83
For City Hospital and branch.....	4,188 62
For elections.....	31 00
For Fire Department.....	6,616 10
For gas.....	5,463 40
For incidentals.....	110 00
For interest on bonds.....	60,865 50
For judgments and costs.....	13 50
For markets.....	75 00
For market-masters' fees.....	148 71
For percentage.....	250 37
For Pogue's Run.....	638 58
For police.....	4,503 92
For printing.....	10 20
For salary.....	182 25
For school fund.....	484 78
For sinking fund.....	226 76
For Station House.....	24 48
For street improvements.....	89 41
For street openings and vacations.....	74 00
For street repairs.....	961 94
For taxes refunded.....	4 68

\$ 85,685 82

TOMLINSON ESTATE.

Receipts.

Balance on hand February 1, 1884, as per last report.....	\$ 65,838 46
Rents.....	106 15

\$65,944 61

Balance on hand March 1, 1884..... \$65,944 61

ADDITIONAL CITY HALL FUND.

Balance on hand February 1st, 1884, as per last report..... \$28,368 80

Balance on hand March 1st, 1884..... \$28,368 80

SINKING FUND.

Balance on hand February 1st, 1884, as per last report..... \$15,228 52
 From January taxes..... 226 76

\$15,455 28

Balance on hand March 1st, 1884..... \$ 15,455 28

I. N. PATTISON, City Treasurer.

To GEO. T. BREUNIG, City Clerk.

The City Attorney submitted the following report, which was received;

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen.—By a motion passed at your last meeting, I am asked to report whether or not “the street in the rear of the City Hospital has been properly platted.” By this, I understand that my opinion is desired as to whether the fifty foot strip along the bank of Fall Creek, in Out-lot 158, adjoining the Hospital grounds, has ever, by special grant or otherwise, been dedicated to the public for street purposes.

Upon an examination of the records, I find that Samuel J. Patterson purchased said out-lot from the State in 1834. In the same year, he conveyed the same to Isaac Harris, “excepting fifty feet in width along the bank of the Creek, which is excepted and reserved for a public road,” etc. In all the deeds from that time to the present, the same exception has been made. I learn from an old inhabitant of that locality, that a traveled road along the bank from Indiana avenue (then the old Lafayette Road), to a flouring mill on the Creek below, had been laid out before it was so reserved for and excepted from the deed of Mr. Patterson above mentioned, and that the same has ever since that time been open to and used by the public as a roadway. I do not find that Samuel J. Patterson, in his life time, ever conveyed to any one the strip in controversy, nor that his heirs have done so since his death; but on account of the long term of years that they have allowed it to remain open and be traveled by the public, I am of the opinion that their silent acquiescence in such public use, amounts to a dedication, and that the city can hold it as a street.

Respectfully submitted,

C. S. DENNY, City Attorney.

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

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen.—As heretofore directed, I have prepared an ordinance making it unlawful to injure the banks of Pleasant Run, in the city limits, by encroaching upon, digging into, or weakening the same, and hand the same to Councilman Trusler for introduction.

As the taking of bowlders, gravel and sand from said stream (which is particularly complained of by the property owners) is defined as a malicious trespass and severely punished by the State statute, I have omitted that provision from the ordinance.

Respectfully submitted,

C. S. DENNY, City Attorney.

The City Attorney submitted the following report; which was received, and the City Attorney instructed not to appeal the case:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen.—Since the last regular meeting of the Council, the case of The City vs. John F. Wallick, appealed from the Mayor's Court, has been disposed of in Circuit Court. Judge Adams holds that the Western Union Telegraph Co. cannot be required to pay the special tax of \$2.00 on each pole, as provided for by the license ordinance of May 23, 1882, and that therefore Mr. Wallick, as the “principal officer” of said company, can not be required to furnish the statement provided for therein. His finding was therefore in favor of the defendant, thus reversing the judgment of the Mayor, before whom the case was tried several months ago. I have put the record in shape for appeal to the Supreme Court, and if it be desired that I take the case to that court, I will do so. But I give it as my opinion, after a very careful examination of the legal questions involved, that the decision of the Circuit Court can not be reversed. To give the reasons of the court for its ruling, and my own as to the law of the case, would occupy too much space for this communication, but will gladly do so orally, if desired.

Respectfully submitted,

C. S. DENNY, City Attorney.

Councilman Pearson, as to the above, offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That the City Assessor be, and he is hereby, directed to make a special examination into the value of the tangible property of the Western Union Telegraph Co. in the city, including its poles and wires, before the time for the return of property for taxation for 1884, with a view to assessing such property at its full value, if said company shall fail to so return it.

The Chief Fire Engineer submitted the following report; which was referred to the Finance Committee:

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

Gentlemen:—I herewith submit for your consideration, my report of the cash receipts and disbursements of the Fire Department for the months of January and February, 1884:

RECEIPTS.

Jan'y. 3.	Balance on hand, as per last report.....		\$170 15
" 8.	John Pressley, old hose.....	\$ 10 00	
" 8.	John Walters, old hose.....	70	
" 12.	J. C. Burk, old horse.....	50 00	
" 14.	Coburn & Weebury, old hose.....	40	
" 23.	Joseph Smith, old hose.....	1 50	
" 23.	P. Harmon, old hose.....	1 00	
" 26.	P. Sliney, old hose.....	10 00	
" 28.	W. D. Peck, old horse.....	50 00	
" 30.	Woodfield & Fisher, old hose.....	30	
Feb. 2.	E. A. Caylor, old horse.....	60	
" 4.	Smiley & Son, old horse.....	100 00	
" 9.	P. Sindlinger, old horse.....	125 00	
" 27.	C. Barrett, old zinc.....	7 00	
" 28.	Allen Shaw, old collar.....	1 00	
" 29.	J. Wiley, old hose.....	50	
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			\$358 00
	Total.....		<hr/> <hr/>
			\$528 15

DISBURSEMENTS.

Jan'y. 1.	E. B. Preston & Co., leak stopper.....	\$ 2 50	
" 3.	J. A. Wildman, postage.....	5 00	
" 18.	W. Pfaff, straw.....	8 64	
" 25.	Adams Express Company, expressage.....	45	
" 30.	E. L. DeLong, pillow cases.....	4 70	
" 30.	I. N. Pattison, City Treasurer, cash.....	123 90	
Feb. 5.	I. N. Pattison City Treasurer, cash.....	100 00	
" 7.	C., St. L. & P. Railway, freight.....	1 80	
" 11.	I. N. Pattison, City Treasurer, cash.....	125 00	
" 27.	Adams Express Company, expressage.....	45	
Mar. 1.	I. N. Pattison, City Treasurer, cash.....	9 10	
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			\$381 54
	Balance on hand.....	146 61	
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			\$528 15

Respectfully submitted, J. H. WEBSTER, Chief Fire Engineer.

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

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

Gentlemen:—In compliance with the request of your honorable bodies, that the Chief Engineer report the amount of mains and hydrants put in by the Water Works since March 1882 to date, I respectfully report the following: There has been 9,625 feet, or one (1) mile and 4,345 feet, and nineteen (19) hydrants, from March 20th, 1882, to March 1st, 1884.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. WEBSTER, Chief Fire Engineer.

William Hadley, Rental Agent, submitted the following report; which was referred to the Finance Committee:

Indianapolis, March 3, 1884.

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

Gentlemen:—I herewith submit report of the collection of rents on the Tomlinson Estate for the month of February, 1884:

Mary Dwyer, on No. 113 north Illinois street.....	\$ 25 00
Hannah Overman, on No. 115 north Illinois street.....	25 00
W. H. Mah-n, on No. 117 north Illinois street.....	25 00
L. S. Campbell, rent of ground.....	12 50
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	\$ 87 50
Less 3½ per cent. commission.....	3 06
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	\$ 84 44
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Respectfully submitted,

WM. HADLEY, Agent.

The Superintendent of the City Dispensary submitted the following report; which was received:

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

Gentlemen:—The following reports of the City Dispensary for the month of February, 1884, are respectfully submitted:

Number of Patients treated at Dispensary.....	973
Number of Medical cases at Dispensary.....	189
Number of Surgical cases at Dispensary.....	6
Number of Disease of Nervous System.....	11
Number of Disease of Eye and Ear.....	6
Number of Diseases of the Throat.....	5
Number of Out-door Patients treated.....	161
Number at Station House.....	0
Number of Patients sent to Hospital.....	18
Total number of Patients treated during month.....	1364
Total number of Visits made during month.....	338
Total number of Prescriptions filled during month.....	657
Number of Births during month.....	2
Number of Deaths during month.....	2
Total vaccinations.....	774

EXPENDITURES FOR MONTH.

J. J. Garver, Superintendent.....	\$70 00
F. Swain, Assistant Physician.....	41 66
F. M. Wiles, Assistant Physician.....	41 66
Ed Grahn, druggist.....	30 00
Browning & Sloan, vaccine virus.....	4 00
A. B. Meyer & Co., coal.....	9 20
Ward Brothers, drugs.....	88 92

W. H. Allen & Co., vaccine virus.....	8 50
J. B. & J. E. Hendricks, vaccine virus.....	51 20
F. M. Taibott, brooms and bucket.....	1 30

Total expenditures for month..... \$346 44

J. J. GARVER, M. D., Superintendent.

REPORTS, ETC., FROM OFFICIAL BOARDS.

The Fire Board, through Councilman Benjamin, submitted the following report; which was concurred in:

To the Honorable Mayor and Members of the Common Council:

Gentlemen:—The Fire Board, to whom was referred G. O. No. 26, 1884, regulating the Fire Department of the City of Indianapolis, would respectfully recommend its passage.

Respectfully submitted,

F. F. Benjamin,
J. W. Wharton,
Geo. W. Spahr.
Fire Board.

Councilman Newcomb, on behalf of the Hospital Board, presented the claim of Chas. G. Mueller, \$300.00, for services as Architect.

Councilman Pearson moved that the claim be approved.

Councilman Downey moved to refer the claim to the Finance Committee.

Councilman Cowie moved to lay the above motion on the table.

Which failed of adoption, by the following vote:

AYES, 11—viz. Councilmen Cowie, Gallahue, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Reynolds, Sheppard, Smither, Thalman, Trusler, and Wharton.

NAYS, 13—viz. Councilmen Benjamin, Curry, Dowling, Downey, Doyle, Edenharter, Haugh, Mack, Moran, Rees, Reinecke, Spahr, and Wolf.

Councilman Downey withdrew his motion, and moved that the sum of \$250.00 be allowed.

Councilman Sheppard moved as a substitute, that there be allowed \$275.00; which was adopted, by the following vote:

AYES, 16—viz. Councilmen Cowie, Doyle, Edenharter, Gallahue, Moran, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Rees, Reynolds, Sheppard, Smither, Spahr, Thalman, Trusler, and Wharton.

NAYS, 8—viz. Councilmen Benjamin, Curry, Dowling, Downey, Haugh, Mack, Reinecke, and Wolf.

Councilman Newcomb, on behalf of the Hospital Board, presented the claim of James A. Buchanan, \$239.75, for extras in building the center wing of the City Hospital.

Councilman Dowling moved to refer the claim to the Committee on Finance; which failed of adoption, by the following vote:

AYES, 9—viz. Councilmen Dowling, Downey, Doyle, Edenharter, Haugh, Moran, Reinecke, Trusler, and Wolf.

NAYS, 13—viz. Councilmen Benjamin, Curry, Gallahue, Mack, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Rees, Sheppard, Smither, Spahr, Thalman, and Wharton.

Councilman Pearson moved that the claim be allowed.

Councilman Dowling moved to lay the above motion on the table.

Which failed of adoption, by the following vote:

AYES, 5—viz. Councilmen Dowling, Downey, Edenharter, Reinecke, and Wolf.

NAYS, 16—viz. Councilmen Benjamin, Gallahue, Haugh, Mack, Moran, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Rees, Reynolds, Sheppard, Smither, Spahr, Thalman, Trusler, and Wharton.

On motion by Councilman Dowling, the items in the bill were read and considered separately.

On motion by Councilman Pearson, the claim in full was allowed, by the following vote:

AYES, 15—viz. Councilmen Benjamin, Gallahue, Mack, Moran, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Rees, Reynolds, Sheppard, Smither, Spahr, Thalman, Trusler, and Wharton.

NAYS, 9—viz. Councilmen Cowie, Curry, Dowling, Downey, Doyle, Edenharter, Haugh, Reinecke, and Wolf.

The Board of Public Improvements, through Councilman Thalman, submitted the following report; which was referred to the Finance Committee:

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:— We herewith report expenditures in Street Repair Department for month of February, 1884, together with the total expenditure to February 29, 1884:

Pay-rolls.....	\$1,085 95	
Blacksmithing.....	28 10	
Freight on lumber.....	54 00	
Hardware.....	20 59	
Lumber.....	238 76	
Rent of stone yard, 18 months.....	150 00	
Stone for stone yard.....	2 00	
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Expenditures for February.....		\$1,579 40
Expenditures per last report.....		811 25
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Expenditures to February 29, 1884.....		\$2,390 65

POGUE'S RUN.

Ap. O. December 10, 1883.....\$2,000 00

Expenditures.

Pay-rolls.....	\$1,210 61
Blacksmithing.....	30 90
Hardware.....	26 76
Lumber.....	20 43

Total expenditure to February 29, 1884..... \$1,288 70

Respectfully submitted,

Isaac Thalman,
M. M. Reynolds,
R. H. Rees,
Board of Public Improvements.

L. A. FULMER, Street Commissioner.

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

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen.—The Board of Public Improvements, to whom was referred S. O. 16, 1884, "An ordinance to provide for grading and paving the sidewalks of Park avenue, between Eighth and Twelfth streets," together with the petition and remonstrance, have examined the same, and find the remonstrants are largely in the minority, and mostly non-residents on the street.

We recommend the ordinance pass.

Respectfully submitted,

Isaac Thalman,
M. M. Reynolds,
R. H. Reese,
Board of Public Improvements.

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

Report of Deaths in the City of Indianapolis, from the 15th day of Feb., 1884, to the 29th day of February, 1884.

Under 1 year.....	16
1 to 2 years.....	2
2 to 5 ".....	7
5 to 10 ".....	0
10 to 15 ".....	4
15 to 20 ".....	3
20 to 25 ".....	3
25 to 30 ".....	2
30 to 40 ".....	6
40 to 50 ".....	4
50 to 60 ".....	5
60 to 70 ".....	3
70 to 80 ".....	2
80 to 90 ".....	2
90 to 100 ".....	0
100 and upwards.....	0
Unknown.....	0

Total..... 59

J. A. SUTCLIFFE, M. D., Pres't.,
E. S. ELDER, M. D., Sec'y.,
M. S. RUNNELS, M. D.,
Board of Health.

REPORTS, ETC., FROM STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Printing, through Councilman Trusler, submitted the following report; which on motion by Councilman Pearson, was received:

To the Mayor and Common Council :

Gentlemen—Your Committee, to whom was referred the printing of the Chief Fire and City Civil Engineer's annual reports, have to report that in their opinion the printing of these reports in pamphlet form is not a matter of public necessity, and would recommend that the same be not printed.

Respectfully submitted,

P. C. Trusler,
P. M. Gallahue,
Committee on Printing.

The Committee on Public Light, through Councilman Spahr, submitted the following report; which was received, and ordered filed with the ordinance:

To the Mayor and Common Council :

Gentlemen:—Your Committee, to whom was referred the S. S. Badger et al. Electric Light grant, would respectfully recommend the passage of the ordinance.

Respectfully submitted,

Geo. W. Spahr,
P. M. Gallahue,
Committee on Public Light.

The Committee on Railroads, through Councilman Rees, submitted the following report; which was concurred in:

To the Mayor and Common Council :

Gentlemen:—Your Committee, to whom was referred the petition of W. W. Scott and others, asking for the extension of the street car line from the present terminus at the end of Virginia avenue east on Prospect street to Reed street, and a motion to instruct the Citizens Railway Co. to so extend their lines, would respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration and recommend the adoption of the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. Rees,
Geo. W. Spahr,
J. H. Sheppard,
Railroad Committee.

The Committee on Streets and Alleys, through Councilman Wharton, submitted the following report; and on motion, the first clause was concurred in, and the second clause received:

To the Mayor and Common Council :

Gentlemen:—1st. Is the petition of John Coburn and others, for the vacation of all of that part of Vine street east of Ash street. We have examined said locality, and recommend the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and that the accompanying resolution relative thereto, be adopted.

2d. Is G. O. 25, 1884, an ordinance granting the Pan Electric Telephone Company the privilege of using the streets and alleys. Recommend said ordinance be passed.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. Wharton,
F. E. Benjamin,
Committee on Streets and Alleys.

The following resolution, presented with the above report, was read:

Resolved, That the petition of John Coburn, Jos. A. Moore, Henry Coburn and Mary A. Coburn, praying for the vacation of all that portion of Vine street lying east of Ash street and the first alley east of Ash street, together with the plat, be referred to the Commissioners, with instructions to assess benefits and damages, and to make due report to the Common Council and Board of Aldermen. The said Commissioners are instructed to return, as part of their report, all petitions and notices. The City Clerk is hereby directed to issue, and the Superintendent of Police to serve, the proper notices upon the Commissioners, and the petitioners are hereby required to serve the proper notices upon all interested parties as may be designated by the City Commissioners.

And it was adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 19—viz. Councilmen Benjamin, Downey, Edenharter, Haugh, Mack, Moran, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Rees, Reinecke, Reynolds, Sheppard, Smither, Spahr, Thalman, Trusler, Wharton and Wolf.

NAYS—None.

Councilman Newcomb, in behalf of the Hospital Board and Committee on Hospital and Dispensary, submitted the following report, accompanied with an agreement; which was concurred in, and the agreement approved:

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—Your Committee, to whom was referred the matter of the additional Pest House addition, with power to act, would respectfully submit the following report:

We met with Mr. Cochran, the contractor for said Pest House addition, on the evening of February 26th, and after making known to him the action of your respective bodies and requesting from him the best terms on which he would abandon his contract for the erection of said building, he, after free consultation, submitted the following proposition, which your committee saw proper to accept, and herewith submit the same for your action, and recommend that the agreement be concurred in.

Respectfully submitted,	
W. C. Newcomb, Robert McClelland, P. M. Gallahue, Hospital Board.	Will F. A. Bernhamer, Wm. A. Cox, Aldermanic Hospital Committee.

Indianapolis, Ind., Feb 26, 1884.

To the Hospital Board, and Committee on Hospitals of the Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—I hereby propose to relinquish all claims against the City of Indianapolis on account of damages direct and consequential by reason of being prevented from executing my contract for the building of an addition to the City Hospital Branch, commonly called the Pest House, for the sum of three hundred dollars, to be paid on or before March 15th, 1884. J. M. COCHRAN.

We hereby accept the above proposition.

W. C. Newcomb, P. M. Gallahue, Hospital Board.	Wm. A. Cox, H. J. Prier, Will F. A. Bernhamer, Committee on Hospitals Board of Aldermen.
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MESSAGES AND PAPERS FROM THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

The following message was read, and the action of the Board of Aldermen concurred in:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:--The Board of Aldermen at its session of February 25th, 1884, concurred in the recommendation of the Committee on Public Light and Education, that the following motion be adopted:

"That the first lamp east of Cedar street, on the south side of Huron street, be dismantled, and the first lamp east of Dillon street, on the north side of Fletcher avenue, be remantled."

The motion was then adopted.

For the Board of Aldermen:

FRANK W. RIPLEY, Clerk.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCES.

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

The following entitled ordinance was taken up, read the first and second times, ordered engrossed, and read the third time:

Ap. O. 9, 1884—An ordinance appropriating the sum of Fourteen Thousand Dollars, (\$14,000 00), for the payment of the salaries of the Commissioners, Officers and members of the Metropolitan Police of the City of Indianapolis.

And it was passed by the following vote:

AYES, 22—viz. Councilmen Benjamin, Cowie, Dowling, Downey, Doyle, Edenharter, Gallahue, Haugh, Moran, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Rees, Reinecke, Reynolds, Sheppard, Smither, Spahr, Thalman, Trusler, Wharton and Wolf.

NAYS—None.

By the Fire Board, through Councilman Benjamin, the following entitled ordinance was introduced, read the first and second times, ordered engrossed, and read the third time:

Ap. O. 10, 1884—An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of the Fire Department. [Amount appropriated, \$1,291.07.]

And it was passed by the following vote:

AYES, 22—viz. Councilmen Benjamin, Cowie, Dowling, Downey, Doyle, Edenharter, Gallahue, Haugh, Moran, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Rees, Reinecke, Reynolds, Sheppard, Smither, Spahr, Thalman, Trusler, Wharton, and Wolf.

NAYS—None.

By the Hospital Board, through Councilman Newcomb, the following entitled ordinance was introduced, read the first and second times, ordered engrossed, and read the third time:

Ap. O. 11, 1884—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, \$2,728.79.]

And it was passed by the following vote:

AYES, 22—viz. Councilmen Benjamin, Cowie, Dowling, Downey, Doyle, Edenharter, Gallahue, Haugh, Moran, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Rees, Reinecke, Reynolds, Sheppard, Smither, Spahr, Thalman, Trusler, Wharton and Wolf.

NAYS—None.

By the Committee on Accounts and Claims, through Councilman Pearson, the following entitled ordinance was introduced, read the first and second times:

Ap. O. 12, 1884—An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis.

On motion by Councilman Spahr, above ordinance was amended by inserting the judgment and costs in the cause of James L. Mitchell vs. The City of Indianapolis for \$920.42.

The ordinance was then ordered engrossed as amended, read the third time (amount appropriated, \$26,897.47), and passed by the following vote:

AYES, 22—viz. Councilmen Benjamin, Cowie, Dowling, Downey, Doyle, Edenharter, Gallahue, Haugh, Moran, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Rees, Reinecke, Reynolds, Sheppard, Smither, Spahr, Thalman, Trusler, Wharton, and Wolf.

NAYS—None.

The City Clerk, on behalf of the board of Police Commissioners, introduced the following entitled ordinance; which was read the first and second times:

Ap. O. 13, 1884—An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of the Station Houses.

On motion by Councilman Pearson, the claim of "W. B. Burford, \$33.00," was stricken from the above ordinance and referred to the Committees on Printing, Judiciary and City Attorney.

The ordinance was then ordered engrossed, read the third time (amount appropriated, \$661.21), and passed by the following vote:

AYES, 22—viz. Councilmen Benjamin, Cowie, Dowling, Downey, Doyle, Edenharter, Gallahue, Haugh, Moran, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Rees, Reinecke, Reynolds, Sheppard, Smither, Spahr, Thalman, Trusler, Wharton, and Wolf.

NAYS—None.

The Committee on Finance, through Councilman Spahr, introduced the following entitled ordinance; which was read the first and second times, ordered engrossed, and reread the third time:

Ap. O. 14, 1884.—An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of the salaries and compensation of the members of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen, of the City Officers, and officers and members of the Fire Department, of the City of Indianapolis.

And it was passed by the following vote:

AYES, 22—viz. Councilmen Benjamin, Cowie, Dowling, Downey, Doyle, Edenharter, Gallahue, Haugh, Moran, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Rees, Reinecke, Reynolds, Sheppard, Smither, Spahr, Thalman, Trusler, Wharton, and Wolf.

NAYS—None.

INTRODUCTION OF GENERAL AND SPECIAL ORDINANCES.

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

By Councilman Haugh, which was referred to the Committee on Public Light:

S. O. 19, 1884—An ordinance to provide for the erection of one lamp-post, lamp and fixtures (complete to burn gas, except the service pipes), on Michigan street, between New Jersey and East streets.

By Councilman Mack, with petition; which were referred to the Committee on Public Light.

S. O. 20, 1884—An ordinance to provide for the erection of lamp-posts, lamps and fixtures (complete to burn gas, except the service pipes), on Benton street, between Bates and Washington streets.

MR. JOHN MORAN, Councilman of Nineteenth Ward:

Dear Sir:—There should be at least five gas lamps on Benton street, between Washington and Bates streets. Say one on the west side of Benton street, one third of the square south from Washington street; one on the east side of Benton street, on the corner of the street that runs east from Benton street; one on the corner of the Pan Handle shops and Railroad tracks, on the west side of Benton street; one between Meek and Georgia streets, on the west side of Benton street, and one on the east side of Benton street, between Georgia and Bates streets.

Mr. Moran, if you could get this needed improvement passed by the City Council, you would confer a great favor on the residents and property owners, and persons living in the neighborhood, for which we will be ever grateful.

Yours respectfully,

OWEN FOY.

By Councilman McClelland:

S. O. 21, 1884—An ordinance to provide for grading and paving with brick, the north sidewalk of Massachusetts avenue, from Peru street to the Wabash Railway tracks.

S. O. 22, 1884—An ordinance to provide for grading and paving with brick the south sidewalk of Massachusetts avenue, from John street to the Wabash Railway tracks.

S. O. 23, 1884—An ordinance to provide for grading, bowldering and curbing with stone, the south gutter of Christian avenue, from Central avenue to Ash street.

By Councilman Newcomb:

S. O. 24, 1884—An ordinance to provide for grading and paving with brick, the north sidewalk of St. Joseph street, from Alabama street to Fort Wayne avenue, where not already done.

By Councilman Pearson:

G. O. 27, 1884—An ordinance granting the Indiana Overland Telephone and Telegraph Company the privilege of using the streets and alleys of the City of Indianapolis in constructing, operating and maintaining lines of telephone in said city.

By Councilman Spahr, with petitions:

S. O. 25, 1884—An ordinance to provide for grading and paving with brick, the sidewalks of Ruckle street, from Eighth street to Tenth street.

S. O. 26, 1884—An ordinance to provide for grading and bowldering the north gutter of Christian avenue, and curbing with stone and paving with brick the sidewalk thereof, from Central avenue to Ash street.

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

Gentlemen:—The undersigned, owners of real estate fronting on Christian avenue, between College avenue and Central avenue, respectfully petition for the passage of an ordinance providing for the curbing and bowldering of the gutters, and the paving of the sidewalks with brick.

R. E. Birch, 169 feet; E. S. Elder, 50 feet; V. K. Morris, 45 feet.

S. O. 27, 1884—An ordinance to provide for grading and bowldering the gutters, curbing with stone and paving with brick, the sidewalks of Butler street, from Central avenue to College avenue, (where not already done).

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

Gentlemen:—The undersigned, owners of real estate fronting on Butler street, between College avenue and Central avenue, respectfully petition for the passage of an ordinance providing for the curbing and bowldering of the gutters, and the paving of the sidewalks with brick.

Thos. H. Spann, 167 feet 9 inches; Geo. W. Moore, 167 feet 9 inches; Francis A. Coffin, 167 feet 9 inches.

By Councilman Trusler:

G. O. 28, 1884—An ordinance making it unlawful to encroach upon or injure the banks of Pleasant Run, in the City of Indianapolis.

On motion by Councilman Trusler, the rules were suspended for the purpose of placing the above ordinance on its final passage, by the following vote:

AYES, 25—viz. Councilmen Benjamin, Cowie, Dowling, Downey, Doyle, Edenharter, Gallahue, Haugh, Mack, Moran, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Rees, Reinecke, Reynolds, Sheppard, Smither, Spahr, Thalman, Trusler, Wharton, and Wolf.

NAYS—None.

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G. O. 28, 1884, was then read the second time, ordered engrossed, read the third time and passed, by the following vote:

AYES, 23—viz. Councilmen Benjamin, Cowie, Dowling, Downey, Doyle, Edenharter, Gallahue, Haugh, Mack, Moran, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Rees, Reinecke, Reynolds, Sheppard, Smither, Spahr, Thalman, Trusler, Wharton, and Wolf.

NAYS—None.

By Councilman Dowling, with petition; which was referred to the Committee on Public Light:

S. O. 28, 1884—An ordinance to provide for the erection of lamp-posts, lamps and fixtures (complete to burn gas, except the service pipes), on Pearl street, between Tennessee and Mississippi streets.

To the Honorable Common Council of the City of Indianapolis:

Gentlemen.—The undersigned, property holders, and representing the owners of property on Pearl street, between Tennessee and Mississippi streets, petition your honorable body to have street gas lights on that portion of Pearl street.

Respectfully,

Jas. H. Rice, Auditor of State; J. J. Bingham, Robt.
F. Catterson, per Hilt.

INTRODUCTION OF MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

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

That the lamp be re-mantled on Vermont street, between California and West streets, on the north side of the alley.

Councilman Downey presented the following petition, accompanied with resolution:

Indianapolis, Feb. 28th, 1884.

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

Gentlemen.—The undersigned, owners of real estate fronting on the first alley east of Alabama street, between Court and Washington streets, respectfully petition for the passage of a resolution providing for the change of the grade of the first alley east of Alabama street, between Court and Washington streets, so as to drain said alley into Washington street.

Daniel Monninger, 195 feet; John Woehner, Jr., 195 feet.

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, directed to change the grade of the first alley east of Alabama street, from Court street to Washington street, so as to drain said alley to Washington street, and the City Civil Engineer be, and is hereby, directed to set the necessary grade stakes.

J. T. DOWNEY.

I have examined said alley, and recommend that the above change be made.

S. H. SHEARER, City Civil Engineer.

And the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 21—viz. Councilmen Benjamin, Curry, Downey, Doyle, Edenharter, Gallahue, Haugh, Mack, Moran, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Rees, Reinecke, Reynolds, Sheppard, Spahr, Thalman, Trusler, Wharton, and Wolf.

NAYS—None.

Councilman Edenharter offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That the Street Commissioner be directed to re-build the bridge on Randolph street, near Michigan street, over Crooked Run.

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

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, directed to lay double stone crossings on the north and south sides of Lockerbie street, at the crossing of Liberty street.

Councilman Mack offered the following motion; which was referred to the Fire Board and Chief Fire Engineer:

That the city build a fire cistern at the corner of south Meridian and Palmer streets.

Councilmen Newcomb, in behalf of the Hospital Board, submitted the following report:

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—We would respectfully call your attention to the following facts regarding the Indianapolis City Hospital, and the importance of the action relative thereto, which we have taken, and herewith submit for your consideration:

There have recently been two new additions erected, one on the east and one on the north of the old brick building. The first, erected on the east, is a three-story brick building, and contains exclusively ward space, and a few employes rooms. The addition on the north is, for proper sanitary reasons, detached from the east wing, except the connection afforded by a nine foot corridor. This addition contains no ward space, dining room, kitchen or employes rooms, but is devoted entirely to bath rooms, water closets, drug room, operating room and linen room, a large central stairway and an elevator. In erecting this latter building, it was necessary to tear down the greater part of the old frame hospital building erected by the Government during the war, as a soldiers' hospital. This building was a cheap frame structure, and useless for hospital purposes, although long used from necessity. The north end of this building is still standing, and the lower floor, with the adjacent one-story building, although almost uninhabitable, has been the only accommodation obtainable for dining room, kitchen, wash house, ironing room, grocery and store rooms during the past severe winter. The floors are warped, rotten, and full of openings; the walls are in equally bad condition; unplastered, requiring blankets to be hung over the doors and windows, for protection from wet and cold weather. It will be impossible to use this building during another winter. In addition to this, there is not enough room for patients in the present buildings. The wards are overcrowded, and there is no opportunity to vacate room temporarily for cleaning or disinfecting purposes, so necessary for the proper hygienic management of the institution.

The new buildings already erected are but part of a general plan which contemplates, when finished, one of the most substantial and best arranged hospitals of its size in the United States. In the west wing, which will complete the hospital provision is made for the additional ward space that is immediately demanded, on the second and third floors, and in the garret two comfortable, well ventilated and well lighted wards are provided for the isolation of cases of erysipelas, child-b d fever, etc. The ground floor is occupied for a dining room, kitchen, scullery, store room, grocery room and employes rooms. The basement contains the laundry, a large storage cellar, a coal room, and an engine room.

Recognizing the urgent necessity for its immediate completion, we have advertised

for bids for its erection, and for making some necessary repairs and improvements (including a new tin roof), on the old brick building. The bids which were received and opened in the architect's office on February 28, 1884, are as follows:

Peter Routier.....	\$25,000 00
Lewis F Burton.....	29,000 00
J. A. Buchanan.....	28,495 00
M. K. Fatout.....	29,921 00
Jungelaus & Schumacher.....	26,700 00
J. M. Cochran.....	30,680 00

Mr. Peter Routier's being the lowest and best bid, we submit the same, trusting it will be accepted and approved by your honorable bodies, in order that this important work may be commenced at once.

Very respectfully,

W. C. Newcomb,
P. M. Gallahue,
Robert McClelland,
Hospital Board.

Wm. A. Cox,
H. J. Prier,
Will F. A. Bernhamer,
Aldermanic Hospital Committee.

Councilman Dowling moved to refer above report to the Finance Committee, with instructions to report at the next meeting.

Councilman Sheppard moved to lay above motion on the table, which failed of adoption by the following vote:

AYES, 11—viz. Councilmen Cowie, Gallahue, Mack, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Sheppard, Smither, Spahr, Thalman and Wharton.

NAYS, 13—viz. Councilmen Benjamin, Curry, Dowling, Downey, Doyle, Edenharter, Haugh, Moran, Rees, Reinecke, Reynolds, Trusler and Wolf.

Councilman Dowling's motion to refer was then adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 13—viz. Councilmen Benjamin, Curry, Dowling, Downey, Doyle, Edenharter, Haugh, Moran, Rees, Reinecke, Reynolds, Trusler and Wolf.

NAYS, 11—viz. Councilmen Cowie, Gallahue, Mack, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Sheppard, Smither, Spahr, Thalman and Wharton.

Councilman Reynolds presented the plans of Samuel Love for draining Pogues Run; which were referred to the Board of Public Improvements and City Civil Engineer.

Councilman Pearson offered the following motion, which was adopted:

That the City Clerk instruct the Indianapolis Water Company to lay water mains from Fourth street to Sixth on West street, according to ordinance governing said company.

Councilman Spahr offered the following resolution; which was referred to the Fire Board, with instructions to make arrangements with the Police Commissioners if possible:

Be it Resolved by the Common Council, the Board of Aldermen concurring, That the Board of Police Commissioners be, and they are hereby, requested to procure from the Fire Department all feed (hay and grain) and bedding necessary for the horses used by the Police Department, and the amount so furnished by the Fire Department shall be added to the estimate of said Fire Department.

Councilman Spahr presented sixteen petitions, signed by the following persons, with the amount of each petition, asking for the refunding of such amount, assessed against their property for the opening of Second street, between Meridian and Pennsylvania streets:

Kate H. Root, \$120; Graham A. Wells, \$105; Nathan M. Neeld, \$100; Benjamin F. Haugh, \$125; John J. Cooper, \$150; Geo. H. Johnson, \$20; Lucy F. Hines, \$200; Mason J. Osgood, \$50; Geo. F. McGinnis, \$40; Mary Hubbard, \$75; Hervey Bates, \$100; Estate of Fred. F. Russell, Chas. P. Russell administrator, \$75; Estate of Robert McOuat, Mrs. McOuat administrator, \$80; Barbara Morrison, \$25; Frank M. Churchman, \$900; Lewis Shively, \$45.

On motion, the petitions as signed by the above persons, were received and the prayer of the petitioners not granted.

Councilman Spahr presented the following petitions; which were referred to the Judiciary Committee:

To the Mayor, Board of Aldermen, Common Council, etc.:

Gentlemen:—The city, by its Mayor and Treasurer, sold to one O. F. Moore, on the 20th day of March, 1875, for street improvement, property known and described and sold as "20 feet off of the north side of lot 34 in McKernan & Pierce's subdivision of out-lot 27, in said city;" the purchaser received his certificate and paid the city the purchase money; afterwards the certificate was assigned to the undersigned, etc. At the time of said sale, and for two years theretofore, said real estate, with others adjoining, was the property of the City of Indianapolis, and could not and should not have been sold at all. See deed, at page 322, of Book 65, conveying this and other property to the city by deed of date March 29, 1873, recorded by the city officials April 30, 1873, in the Recorder's office.

Wherefore your petitioner prays refunding to him in the sum of \$30.79, justly due him. And he will ever pray, etc.

W. H. KILVERT.

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

Gentlemen:—The City of Indianapolis, by its Mayor and Treasurer, sold for taxes the property named in the annexed paper of the Treasurer, and your petitioner holds the title of such sale. The city received the same money twice in the same month, and as the annexed paper shows, said sale was illegal.

Wherefore your petitioner prays refunding, and says the amount due him is \$28.29.

HENRY STANTON,

By Charles E. Coffin, his agent.

Indianapolis, March 3d, 1884.

This certifies, that Sale Book of Sales for City Taxes shows that lot seven (7) in Dougherty's subdivision of out-lot 99, sold for taxes of 1870 and 1871, on the 26th day of February, 1872, in the name of "Michael J. Casey"; that said sale was never redeemed; the purchase money was paid to the City Treasurer. That said sale was invalid and void, for the city had already, 10 days before said sale, i. e., on the 16th of February, 1872, received the taxes for which said sale was made, as appears at the name of said "Michael J. Casey," on the Duplicate of 1871, at 92 at Duplicate No. 1672, and Receipt No. 1166.

The city therefore received the same money twice in the same month, and the sale was void. The above facts are correct.

I. N. PATTISON, City Treasurer.

Councilman Thalman offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That the City Civil Engineer's report be ordered printed in pamphlet form, under the direction of the Committee on Printing.

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

45 That the City Civil Engineer be directed to replace the missing and broken street signs.

Councilman Trusler presented the following petition; which was referred to the Committee on Bridges:

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—The undersigned, residents and property owners on and in the vicinity of south Linden street, respectfully petition your honorable bodies to take immediate steps to have a bridge erected over Pleasant Run, at the crossing of Linden street; and also to cause Linden street, from Pleasant Run to Cypress street, to be improved.

G. B. Morgan, 175 Linden street; I. T. McMillin, 132 Linden street; M. Leary, 227 Linden street; George Wm. Seibert, 140 Linden street; Ed. K. Lamm, 162 Linden street; O. Lamm, 164 Linden street; Henry Wessel, 171 Linden street; Wm. S. Hubbard, property owner, 162 feet on Linden street; Andy Schakel 123 Linden street; H. Denker, 131 Linden street; D. Tucker, 143 Linden street; C. F. Kleinschmidt, 163 Linden street; H. Ostermeyer, 183 Linden street; Geo. W. Sills, 209 Linden street; Henry Wulf 225 south Linden street; Joseph Muster, 235 Linden street; Wm. Fletcher, 236 Linden street; Jno. B. Fletcher, Wm. Moriarty, 224 Linden street; Daniel Gatts, 173 Linden street; Evret Gatts, 173 Linden street; Wm. J. Morgan, 175 Linden street; Virginia Belman, 134 Linden street; Albert W. Pugh, 124 south Linden street; Wm. Robertson, 104 Linden street; Henry Moowe, 13 feet; A. Simmons, 106 Linden street; Mrs. J. A. Dynes, 102 Linden street; N. H. Long, 77 Linden street; L. Brandenburger, 65 Linden st.; John Quimby, 54 Linden street; H. O. Albro, 50 Linden street; Mrs. L. G. Dynes, 45 Linden street; Wm. H. Hamlin, 35 Linden street; R. R. Walden, 36 Linden street; W. C. West, 32 Linden street; R. Lytle, 28 Linden street; W. H. Blair, 20 Linden street; J. H. Brown, 66 feet front south Linden st.; Wm. Mohs, 31 feet front south Linden street; T. F. Hosbrook, property on Prospect, opposite Linden street; Albert A. Bowers; F. W. Rosebrook; Kate Keenan, 105 Cypress street; Miss E. Lyons, Linden street; B. F. Adams, 93 Cypress street; Charles E. Clarke, Naomi street; M. L. Brown, property on extension Linden street, south of Cypress; John Gunn, 103 Linden street; Wm. Gunn, 103 Linden street; Wm. Middleworth, 54 Linden street; Mrs. M. S. Eoff, 51 Linden street; Frank L. Glass, 42 Linden street; Richard Lewellyn, 10 Linden street; Matthias Montieth, n. w. corner Laurel and Orange

streets; D. B. Hosbrook, 91 Laurel street; G. W. Hedrick, 18 south Linden street; John McD-nald, 80 Cypress street; Elisa A. Cobb, 7 Hill street; B. Young, H. J. Parks, 110 south Linden street; T. R. Forbes, 3 and 5 Hill street; John Young, Naomi street. very desirous to be done; J. B. Julian, owner of two lots on St. Charles street.

Councilman Trusler presented the following petition; which was referred to the Judiciary Committee:

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

Gentlemen:—Your petitioner respectfully shows that he has owned since the year 1874, the following real estate in Marion County, Indiana, to-wit: Lots 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87 and 88, in Lewis & Company's subdivision of Bryan's Arsenal Heights addition to the City of Indianapolis; that said city caused said lots to be assessed for taxes for the years 1875 to 1881, both inclusive, which assessments for the several years were as follows; all of which your petitioner paid, as will appear from the tax duplicates of said city, to-wit:

1875 assessment.....	\$ 30 00
1876 assessment.....	23 10
1877 assessment.....	17 90
1878 assessment.....	12 96
1879 assessment.....	5 58
1880 assessment.....	8 56
1881 assessment.....	8 56
Total.....	\$106 66

That said taxes were illegally and wrongfully assessed and collected, for the reason that said real estate was not situated within the corporate limits of said city, the proceedings for the annexation thereof being void, for the reason that said real estate was not contiguous property. See Proceedings of the Board and Council, 1882-83, pages 80 and 123. Wherefore your petitioner prays that said sum of one hundred and six dollars and sixty-six cents be refunded to him.

JOHN H. LINDLEY,
per Stanton & Scott, his Att'ys.

Councilman Trusler offered the following motion; which was referred to the Board of Public Improvements.

That the Street Commissioner be instructed to place a double stone crossing on Dillon street, at the end of Woodlawn avenue.

Councilman Trusler offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Citizens' Street Railway Company be instructed to extend their lines from the end of Virginia avenue, on Prospect street, to Reid street.

And it was adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 23--viz. Councilmen Benjamin, Cowie, Curry, Dowling, Downey, Doyle, Edenharter, Gallahue, Haugh, Mack, Moran, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Rees, Reinecke, Reynolds, Smither, Spahr, Thalman, Trusler, Wharton, and Wolf.

NAYS—None.

PENDING ORDINANCES.

The following entitled ordinance was read the second time :

G. O. 19, 1884—An ordinance granting to S. S. Badger and his associates, the privilege of erecting and maintaining towers, masts and posts, in the streets and alleys of Indianapolis, for the purpose of supplying said city and its inhabitants with electric light and power.

Councilman Thalman moved to amend that part of section one requiring the provisions of the ordinance to be carried out in one year, by striking out the words "one year" and inserting in lieu thereof, the words "six months."

It being now nearly eleven o'clock, Councilman Downey moved an extension of the time, which was adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 16—viz. Councilmen Benjamin, Cowie, Curry, Downey, Edenharter, Gallahue, Mack, Newcomb, Pearson, Rees, Reynolds, Smither, Spahr, Thalman, Trusler and Wharton.

NAYS, 7—viz. Councilmen Dowling, Doyle, Haugh, Moran, McClelland, Reincke and Wolf.

The foregoing amendment, as offered by Councilman Thalman, was then adopted.

Councilman Dowling submitted the following report; which was received:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—As a member of the Committee on Public Light I am opposed to the passage of this ordinance. I desire to make a minority report, believing as I do it is wise and advisable for the city to investigate thoroughly whether it is possible to run wires under ground instead of on poles for the transmission of electricity.

JAS. T. DOWLING.

The ordinance (G. O. 19, 1884) was then ordered engrossed as amended, read the third time, and passed by the following vote:

AYES, 21—viz. Councilmen Benjamin, Cowie, Curry, Downey, Doyle, Edenharter, Gallahue, Haugh, Mack, Moran, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Rees, Reincke, Reynolds, Spahr, Thalman, Trusler, Wharton and Wolf.

NAYS, 1—viz. Councilman Dowling.

Councilman Curry presented the following invitation; which was accepted, and thanks tendered the societies:

Indianapolis, March 3d, 1884.

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

Gentlemen:—We, the undersigned committee, have been instructed by the Joint Committee representing the various Irish Societies of the city, to invite you to participate in the exercises at Lyra Hall on March 17th, at 3 o'clock P. M.

Signed for the Committee:

PETER CARSON, Chairman.
J. W. McFARLAND, Secretary.
JAS. H. DEERY, Grand Marshal.

The following entitled ordinance was read the second time :

S. O. 16, 1884—An ordinance to provide for grading and paving with brick, the sidewalks of Park avenue, from Eighth street to Twelfth street.

Councilman Haugh offered the following amendment to the ordinance; which was laid on the table.

I move to amend S. O. 16, of 1884, by adding to the title the following words: "Except the west side of said avenue between Ninth and Tenth streets." Also, by adding the following words after the words "Twelfth street" and before the words "be graded," in section one, to-wit: "Except the west side of said avenue between Ninth and Tenth streets"

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

AYES, 23—viz. Councilmen Benjamin, Cowie, Curry, Dowling, Downey, Doyle, Edenharter, Gallahue, Mack, Moran, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Rees, Reinecke, Reynolds, Sheppard, Smither, Spahr, Thalman, Trusler, Wharton and Wolf.

NAYS, 1—viz. Councilman Haugh.

The following entitled ordinance was read the second time:

G. O. 17, 1884—An ordinance providing for the drainage of the northeastern portion of the City of Indianapolis, by widening, deepening and straightening the State Ditch.

Councilman Thalman moved to amend the ordinance by striking out the proviso, *the last four lines of section two.*

Councilman Spahr offered the following as a substitute for the above amendment:

I move to amend G. O. No. 17, of 1884, by adding to the end of section two (2) the following: "But no money shall be taken from the general funds of the city to pay for said improvement in anticipation of said funds."

Which was laid on the table, on motion by Councilman Thalman, by the following vote:

AYES, 13—viz. Councilman Cowie, Curry, Downey, Gallahue, Haugh, Moran, Pearson, Rees, Smither, Thalman, Trusler, Wharton and Wolf.

NAYS, 11—viz. Councilmen Benjamin, Dowling, Doyle, Edenharter, Mack, McClelland, Newcomb, Reinecke, Reynolds, Sheppard and Spahr.

Councilman Spahr moved to lay the amendment, as offered by Councilman Thalman, on the table.

Councilman Spahr withdrew above motion, and moved that the Common Council do now adjourn; which was adopted.

JOHN L. McMASTER, Mayor,
President of the Common Council.

Attest: GEO. T. BREUNIG, City Clerk.