

PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

REGULAR SESSION—APRIL 28, 1884.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, met in the Aldermanic Chamber, Monday evening, April 28th, 1884, at half-past seven o'clock, in regular session.

PRESENT—Hon. Brainard Rorison, President of the Board of Aldermen, in the Chair, and Aldermen Bernhamer, Cobb, Cox, Endly, King, McHugh, Prier, Pritchard, Tallentire, and President Rorison—10.

ABSENT—None.

The Proceedings of the Board of Aldermen for the regular session, held April 14th, 1884, having been printed and placed on the desks of the Aldermen, said Journals were approved as published.

The following special message was read and received :

To the President and Members of the Board of Aldermen :

Gentlemen.—The Common Council, at its session of April 14, 1884, adhered to their former action by recommending the claim of \$75 in favor of George H. Fleming be paid, thereby non-concurring in your action of March 24, 1884.

I submit the above for your consideration.

For the Common Council:

GEO. T. BREUNIG, City Clerk.

The following message was read and received :

To the President and Members of the Board of Aldermen :

Gentlemen.—I submit herewith the following papers for your consideration, favorably passed upon by the Common Council at its special session, held April 14th 1884.

For the Common Council:

GEO. T. BREUNIG, City Clerk.

The report of the Committee on Contracts (see pages 274 and 275, *ante*), was read, and the action of the Common Council thereon was concurred in.

The report of the City Attorney as to sundry cases (see page 282, *ante*), was read and received.

The reports of the Chief Fire Engineer, Rental Agent, Superintendents City Hospital and Branch, City Dispensary, Mortality Report, Board of Public Improvement, and Street Commissioner (see pages 283, 284, 285, 286, 287 and 288, *ante*), were read and received.

The report of the Board of Public Improvements, containing sundry and various recommendations for improvements, was read (see pages 288 and 289, *ante*), and referred to the Committee on Streets & Alleys and Sewers & Drainage.

The following clause of the report of the Committee on Public Light was read, and the favorable action of Common Council thereon (see page 291, *ante*), was concurred in :

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

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Public Light to whom was referred sundry motions would report in favor of remantling the first post north of Vermont street on Noble street east side.

The following clause of the report of the Committee on Streets and Alleys was read, and the favorable action of the Common Council thereon (see page 292, *ante*), was concurred in :

4th. Is the petition of Wm. H. Bartlett and others to grade the first alley west of McGinnis street, between Kay and McCarty streets. Recommend the prayers of petitioners be granted, provided there will be no expense to the city for said work.

The following report of the Committee on Streets and Alleys was read (see page 293, *ante*), and referred to the Committee on Streets & Alleys and Sewers & Drainage, and City Attorney:

To the Mayor and Common Council :

Gentlemen:—Your Committee, to whom was referred the report of the City Attorney and City Civil Engineer on the proposition of Mr. Minkner, would respectfully report that we have examined the premises together with Mr. Minkner, and would recommend that it be referred back to the City Attorney and Engineer, to close the bargain. They will find the marks on the fence of the west line of proposed ground, which we think will cover the action of the honorable bodies heretofore, and would recommend that the City Engineer prepare an estimate of what it would cost to drive piling and board them up, so as to protect the property where the River has been continually washing the embankment for several years.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. Wharton,
F. E. Benjamin,
Sim. Coy,
Committee.

The following report of a certain special Committee was read, and the favorable action of the Common Council thereon (see page 296, *ante*), was concurred in :

To the Mayor and Common Council :

Gentlemen:—Your Special Committee, to whom was referred the matter of investigating all matters appertaining to the Board of Health, as also all others in

the employ of the city during the late small-pox epidemic would report that as soon as the present contract expires between Dr. Henthorne and the city, viz.: the 17th inst., the same be annulled, and that the services of any assistant be likewise dispensed with.

Jas. T. Dowling,
P. C. Trusler,
Special Committee.

The following report of the Committee on Public Property, and the following motion accompanying the same, were read, and the favorable action of the Common Council thereon (see page 296, *ante*), was concurred in:

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

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Public Property, would respectfully report, that we have decided to put a new man in charge of the Garfield Park property, the present occupant having neglected to keep the property in repair and perform his duties as agreed to at the time he took charge of the same.

We report herewith a motion directing the Street Commissioner to put Fred. Fells in possession thereof as soon as a contract is entered into by him with your committee, which has been partly agreed on.

Respectfully submitted,

Fred J. Mack,
John R. Cowie,
Theo. F. Smither.
Committee on Public Property.

That the Street Commissioner be, and he is hereby directed to cause the present occupant of the Garfield Park property to vacate the same, and that he permit Fred. Fells to take possession thereof as soon as the Committee on Public Property shall agree on terms with said Fells, as to the occupancy thereof.

The following petition (see page 301, *ante*), was read and the prayer granted:

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—The undersigned do hereby petition your honorable body for auctioneer's license to sell at auction at No. 68 East Washington street for the term of one year, or for one or more quarters of a year in conformity with the ordinances now in force on this subject.

CHAS. R. WARDELL & Co.

The following clause of a certain petition (see page 307, *ante*), was read and the request granted:

I also ask permission to lay brick sidewalk on Seventh street, along my property, at my own expense, and under direction of the City Civil Engineer.

Respectfully,

G. C. KRUG.

The following resolution (see page 294, *ante*), was referred to the Committee on Water and Public Health:

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, That the Indianapolis Water Company be and is hereby required to lay water mains in and along West street, from Fourth street to Sixth street, with the requisite number of fire plugs, to be located under the direction of the Chief Fire Engineer.

The following resolution (see page 298, *ante*), was read:

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen, That the Committee on Printing be, and are hereby, authorized and directed immediately after the passage of this resolution, to furnish the Board of Health with five thousand circulars, containing Sections 2069 and 2070 of the Revised Statutes, and Sections 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 and 56, of an ordinance entitled "An ordinance establishing certain Rules and Regulations for the government of the Public Markets of the City of Indianapolis, prescribing restrictions upon the sale of sundry articles of food in other portions of said city, and imposing fines and punishment for violations thereof," ordained July 2d, 1878.

Resolved further, That the Board of Health be, and are hereby, directed to carefully distribute the same to all persons who are in any manner governed by the provisions contained therein, and demand strict compliance with the same.

Resolved further, That the Board of Health will be held strictly accountable for all failures upon their part to immediately file against all violators thereof.

And be it further Resolved, That the City Clerk furnish the members of the Board of Health with a copy of these resolutions.

And be it further Resolved, That all ordinances on the files pertaining to Meat Inspector, be stricken from the files.

And it was concurrently adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 9—viz. Aldermen Cobb, Cox, Endly, King, McHugh, Prier, Pritchard, Tallentire, and President Rorison.

NAYS, 1—viz. Alderman Bernhamer.

The following resolution (see page 301, *ante*), was read:

WHEREAS, In consequence of the removal of Gen. John Coburn from the city, a vacancy exists in the Board of City Hall Commissioners, therefore

Resolved, That Edward H. Dean be and he is hereby appointed a member of said Board to fill the vacancy.

And it was concurrently adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 10—viz. Aldermen Bernhamer, Cobb, Cox, Endly, King, McHugh, Prier, Pritchard, Tallentire, and President Rorison.

NAYS—None.

The following resolution (see page 303, *ante*), was read:

Resolved, That the Indianapolis Water Company be directed to extend their mains between Helen and Geisendorff streets, on Maryland street, and to erect and locate two fire plugs between said streets, under the direction of the Chief Fire Engineer, and the City Clerk is hereby directed to notify said company of the action of this Council.

And it was concurrently adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 9—viz. Aldermen Bernhamer, Cobb, Cox, King, McHugh, Prier, Pritchard, Tallentire, and President Rorison.

NAYS, 1—viz. Alderman Endly.

The following resolution (see page 305, *ante*), was read:

Resolved, That the record clerk in the City Assessor's office be allowed \$2.25 per day.

And it was concurrently adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 10—viz. Aldermen Bernhamer, Cobb, Cox, Endly, King, McHugh, Prier, Pritchard, Tallentire, and President Rorison.

NAYS—None.

The following motions (see pages 301, 302, 304, 305, 306, 307 and 308, *ante*), were read and concurrently adopted:

That Mr. Sulgrove be allowed to curb the gutter in front of his lot on Blake street at his own expense, according to stakes set by the City Civil Engineer.

That the City Civil Engineer be instructed to direct the Gas Company, to move the lamp-post near the south-east corner of Wabash alley and New Jersey street, about twenty feet north to the corner of said alley, the proper place for the lamp.

That Mr. Fred. Beck be, and is hereby permitted to grade and bowlder the gutters along the north side of his property, at the southwest corner of Meridian and McCarty streets, at his own expense, under the direction of the City Civil Engineer.

That Sidney Johnson, Rachel Hitchcock, and Jacob Grim be, and are hereby permitted to lay a brick sidewalk in front of their property on St. Joseph street, between Alabama street and Fort Wayne avenue, the work to be done under the direction of the City Engineer, and he is hereby directed to set the stakes for said improvement.

That W. H. Mansfield be, and is hereby granted permission to pave with brick the sidewalk in front of his property, No. 42 Ruckle street, at his own expense, under the direction of the City Civil Engineer.

That Beissenherz' Band be granted permission to give free concerts every Saturday afternoon, either in University or Circle Park, from 4 to 6 o'clock P. M.

That Henry Beerman be and is hereby granted permission to curb with stone the sidewalk along side of his property, corner New Jersey and McCarty streets, at his own expense, and under direction of the City Civil Engineer.

The following motion (see page 305, *ante*), was read and referred to the Committee and Public Light and Education:

That the City Civil Engineer be instructed to direct the Gas Company to dismantle the first lamp post east of Dillon street on the north side of Fletcher avenue, and remantle the first lamp post east of Cedar street on south side of Huren street.

The following message was read and received:

To the President and Members of the Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—I submit herewith the following papers for your consideration, favorably passed upon by the Common Council at its regular session, held April 21st, 1884:

For the Common Council:

GEO. T. BREUNIG, City Clerk.

The report of the Committee on Contracts (see pages 323, 324 and 325, *ante*), was read, and the favorable action of the Common Council was concurred in.

The report of the City Civil Engineer submitting certain estimates (see page 325, *ante*), was read and the estimates approved.

The following estimate resolution (see page 326, *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 first alley west of Delaware street, from North street to Delaware 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, 10—viz. Aldermen Bernhamer, Cobb, Cox, Endly, King, McHugh, Prier, Pritchard, Tallentire, and President Rorison.

NAYS—None.

The following estimate resolution (see page 326, *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 Richter & Twiname, for grading and paving with brick, the sidewalks of Meek street, from Noble street to Dillon 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, 10—viz. Aldermen Bernhamer, Cobb, Cox, Endly, King, McHugh, Prier, Pritchard, Tallentire, and President Rorison.

NAYS—None.

The following estimate resolution (see page 326, *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 Charles S. Roney, for grading and paving with brick, the south sidewalk of Cherry street, from Fort Wayne avenue to Peru street (where not already done), 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, 10—viz. Aldermen Bernhamer, Cobb, Cox, Endly, King, McHugh, Prier, Pritchard, Tallentire, and President Rorison.

NAYS—None.

The following estimate resolution (see page 326, *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 Chas. S. Roney, for grading and paving with brick, the west sidewalk of Liberty street, from New York street to Michigan 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, 10—viz. Aldermen Bernhamer, Cobb, Cox, Endly, King, McHugh, Prier, Pritchard, Tallentire, and Prerident Rorison.

NAYS—None.

The following reports from the Fire Board was read, accompanied with motion (see page 328, *ante*), which were referred to the Committee on Fire Department:

To the Mayor and Members of Council:

Gentlemen.—Your Fire Board, to whom was referred the accompanying motion, would respectfully report that the corner lot fronting on Olive and Orange streets, thirty by one hundred and fifty feet, can be purchased for eight hundred and ten dollars, and we would recommend the purchase.

Respectfully submitted,

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

To the Mayor and Members of Common Council:

Gentlemen.—Your Fire Board, to whom was referred the motion to locate a hose reel near the south end of Virginia avenue, would report that, from the absence of water in that locality, that a hose reel would be of no benefit whatever, but from the character of the buildings would recommend a chemical.

Respectfully submitted,

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

That the Fire Board, City Attorney, and Chief Fire Engineer be instructed to purchase the ground and erect a suitable building for hose reel or extinguisher, near the south end of Virginia avenue. The total cost not to exceed five thousand dollars.

Later in the session, on motion by Alderman King, the action in referring above *motion* was reconsidered.

The motion was then concurrently adopted.

The report of the Board of Health (see page 329, *ante*), was read and received.

The following motion (see page 329, *ante*), was read and concurrently adopted:

That the Hospital Board be authorized to employ a physician for thirty days, and that the Hospital Board and Dispensary Board be requested to investigate and report at next meeting as to whose duty it is (if any one's) to attend to such cases—whether Superintendent of Hospital or Dispensary physician.

The following report of the Committee on Bridges (see page 329, *ante*), was read and referred to the Committee on Contracts and Bridges:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

We recommend the motion "That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby directed to build a wooden bridge over Pogue's Run on South Liberty street, the old bridge having been washed away by the last flood," be concurred in, and that the Street Commissioner be directed to have the work done at once.

Respectfully submitted,

Isaac Thalman,
Robert McClelland,
Committee on Bridges.

The following report of the Committee on Judiciary (see page 330, *ante*), was read and referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Ordinances:

To the Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council:

Gentlemen:—Your Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred the petition of Jane Cook for refunding of taxes for the years 1880, 1881 and 1882 on over-valuation of \$4,050, amounting to one hundred and thirty-two and two one-hundredth dollars, with interest from date of payment, would respectfully recommend, in view of the clerical error having been made, that the prayer of the petitioner be granted without interest.

Respectfully submitted,

Geo. W. Spahr,
F. E. Benjamin,
Geo. F. Edenharter,
Judiciary Committee.

The following report of the Committee on Streets and Alleys, and the resolution accompanying the same (see page 330 and 331, *ante*), were read and referred to the Committee on Streets & Alleys and Sewers & Drainage:

To the Mayor and Members of Council:

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Streets and Alleys, to whom was referred the petition of Messrs. Haugh, Ostermeyer, Myer and Cooper relative to vacating alley as described in petition, would report and respectfully recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Resolved, That the petition of Jos. R. Haugh, A. F. Ostermeyer, and others, for the vacation of the first alley south of Ohio street, from Highland avenue 169 feet east, together with all accompanying papers referring thereto, be, and the same are hereby, referred to the City Commissioners, with instructions to report thereon, and return as a part of their report, all petitions and notices; and the City Clerk is hereby directed to issue the proper notices to the Commissioners.

The following report from the Committee on Streets and Alleys, and the resolution accompanying the same (see page 331, *ante*), were read and referred to the Committee on Streets & Alleys and Sewers & Drainage:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Streets and Alleys, to whom was referred the petition of Fletchers, Churchman, Sharpe and others, for change of location of certain streets and alleys, vacating the ground now occupied in Bruce Place addi-

tion, would report that we have examined said locality and recommend the prayer of petitioners be granted, and that the accompanying resolution relative thereto be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Resolved, That the petition of Stoughton J. Fletcher, Francis M. Churchman, Thomas H. Sharpe, Ingram Fletcher, Stoughton A. Fletcher, Albert E. Fletcher, and Aaron C. Goodman, praying for the vacation of Greenwood avenue from Reagan street north to Bruce street; also, the first alley west of said Greenwood avenue, running north and south and parallel to the same, between Reagan street and Bruce street, together with the plat, be referred to the City Commissioners with instructions to assess benefits and damages, and to make due report. The said Commissioners are instructed to return, as a part of their report, all petitions, plats and notices. The City Clerk is hereby directed to issue, and 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.

The petition signed by Wm. S. Hubbard et al. in favor of the Herdic Phaeton Company (see page 327, *ante*), was read and received.

The petition of Henry Clay asking for an extension of time to complete his contract on Peru street (see page 329, *ante*), was read, and the time extended.

The following resolution (see page 339, *ante*), was read :

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen, That the City Street Commissioner be and is hereby directed to open to the public for use and travel all the streets and alleys laid out and dedicated for public use in block two (2) by Anna M. Jack and husband, Francis G. Roll and husband and Carrie L. Leonard and husband, in Barth heirs' subdivision of part of the northeast quarter Section 13, Township 15 north, in Range 3 east, in County of Marion, State of Indiana, into two (2) blocks, streets and alleys as recorded May 1, 1877, in plat book 7, page 173, No. 3,111 in the Recorder's office of Marion County, State of Indiana.

And was concurrently adopted by the following vote :

AYES, 10—viz. Aldermen Bernhamer, Cobb, Cox, Endly, King, McHugh, Prier, Pritchard, Tallentire, and President Rorison.

NAYS—None.

The following resolution (see page 339, *ante*), was read :

Resolved, That the Indianapolis Water Company be instructed to lay water mains on Peru street north from Christian avenue five hundred (500) feet.

And it was concurrently adopted by the following vote :

AYES, 10—viz. Aldermen Bernhamer, Cobb, Cox, Endly, King, McHugh, Prier, Pritchard, Tallentire, and President Rorison.

NAYS—None.

The following motions (adopted by the Common Council—see pages 336, 337 and 340, *ante*), were read and concurrently adopted:

That the J., M. & I. R. R. be and are hereby instructed to replank the crossing on South street immediately.

WHEREAS, The River is cutting away the lot of Wm. Housen, in Indianola, and endangering the safety of the dwelling; therefore, be it

Moved, That Wm. Housen be permitted to move his house up to the south line of his lot.

That C. S. Aldag be, and is hereby, granted permission to bowlder and curb in front of his property on east Market street, at his own expense, and under the direction of the City Civil Engineer.

That John Schier be, and is hereby, granted permission to pave with brick the sidewalk in front of his property on New York street, between Spring and Railroad streets, at his own expense, and under the direction of the City Civil Engineer.

That Alex. Metzger and J. R. Marott be, and are hereby granted permission to bowlder the alley in the rear of their property on Pennsylvania and Meridian streets at their own expense and under the direction of the City Civil Engineer.

That Ferdinand Christman be granted permission to put in a coal vault in front of his place of business, No. 44 West Washington street, under the direction of the Civil Engineer.

The following motion, (see page 339, *ante*), was read, and on motion by Alderman Pritchard, was ordered stricken from the files:

That the Street Commissioner be directed to remove the fences and other obstructions on New York street, between Geisendorff's mill-race to White River and the same be done inside of the next ten days.

The following ordinance was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Ordinances.

G. O. 15, 1884—An ordinance requiring the Central Union Telephone Company, successors to the Indiana District Telephone Company, to pay a special tax of five dollars per annum on each instrument maintained by it in the City of Indianapolis.

The following entitled ordinance was read the first time:

G. O. 29, 1884—An ordinance making it unlawful to deposit or leave any scraps of iron or wire, any paper, rags and rubbish on the streets and alleys of the City of Indianapolis.

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

AYES, 10—viz. Aldermen Bernhamer, Cobb, Cox, Endly, King, McHugh, Prier, Pritchard, Tallentire, and President Rorison.

NAYS—None.

The ordinance was then read the second time, read the third time, and failed of passage by the following vote:

AYES, 3—viz. Aldermen Bernhamer, McHugh, and Prier.

NAYS, 7—viz. Aldermen Cobb, Cox, Endly, King, Pritchard, Tallentire, and President Rorison.

Alderman Rorison gave notice that he would make a motion to reconsider at the next regular meeting.

The following entitled ordinance was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Streets & Alleys and Sewers & Drainage:

G. O. 31, 1884—An ordinance granting the "Herdic Phaeton Company" certain rights and privileges in, along and upon the streets of the City of Indianapolis.

The following entitled ordinance was read the first time:

G. O. 36, 1884—An ordinance authorizing Samuel Brundage to place and maintain boot black chairs upon certain sidewalks in the City of Indianapolis.

On motion by Alderman King, the rules were suspended for the purpose of placing the foregoing ordinance on its final passage by the following vote:

AYES, 9—viz. Aldermen Bernhamer, Cobb, Cox, Endly, King, McHugh, Prier, Tallentire, and President Rorison.

NAYS, 1—viz. Alderman Pritchard.

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

AYES, 9—viz. Aldermen Bernhamer, Cobb, Cox, Endly, King, McHugh, Prier, Tallentire, and President Rorison.

NAYS, 1—viz. Alderman Pritchard.

REPORTS, ETC., FROM STANDING COMMITTEES.

Alderman Pritchard, in behalf of the Committee on Judiciary and Ordinances, submitted the following report, with an amendment:

To President and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—Your Judiciary and Finance Committee, to whom was referred G. O. 17, 1884, (State Ditch Ordinance) we recommend the amendment herewith submitted be made to the ordinance, and after amendment the ordinance be passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Jas. A. Pritchard,
S. H. Cobb,
Judiciary Committee.

Thomas E. Endly,
W. A. Cox,
Isaac King,
Finance Committee.

Amend G. O. No. 17, of 1884, by striking out the whole of section two (2) thereof, and by inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"Section 2. Said improvement shall be made at the expense of said city, and

⁸ shall be paid for out of the funds to be raised by the levy of ten cents on the one hundred dollars in value of taxable property for sewer and drain purposes recently made for the year 1884; *Provided, however*, that no contract shall be let to do said work until after January 1, 1885, and the contract price for the whole work shall not exceed twenty-five thousand dollars."

The following entitled ordinance was taken up and 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.

Alderman Rorison moved to refer the ordinance to the Judiciary Committee, with instructions to report at the next meeting, whether the improvement of the State Ditch will relieve Pogue's Run; and if so, to what extent; and that the City Civil Engineer make such a report to the committee.

Which failed of adoption, by the following vote :

AYES, 5—viz. Aldermen Bernhamer, Cobb, McHugh, Pritchard, and President Rorison.

NAYS, 5—viz. Aldermen Cox, Endly, King, Prier, and Tallentire.

On motion by Alderman Prier, the foregoing amendment was adopted.

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

AYES, 9—viz. Aldermen Bernhamer, Cobb, Cox, Endly, King, Prier, Pritchard, Tallentire, and President Rorison..

NAYS, 1—viz. Alderman McHugh.

The Committee on Judiciary and Ordinances, through Alderman Pritchard, submitted the following reports; which were severally concurred in :

To the President and Members of the Board of Aldermen :

Gentlemen:—Your Judiciary Committee, and City Attorney, to whom all papers and records concerning the proposed improvement of Indiana avenue, under the bid of Samuel W. Patterson, have carefully considered the same. We find the record badly "mixed" and complicated. We do not believe it would be safe for Mr. Patterson to do the work, especially in view of the fact that a large majority of the property owners remonstrated against the passage of the ordinance in the first place. There have been so many irregularities and delays in the proceedings that we do not believe the contractor could enforce a lien for his work, and therefore feel that the Board of Aldermen ought not, in justice to Mr. Patterson (or the property owners either) further attempt to have the work done under Mr. Patterson's bid.

We therefore recommend that the contract and bond of Mr. Patterson be not approved, and that no further steps be taken by this Board looking to the improvements of said avenue under any ordinance heretofore passed. And we further

recommend that the Council be requested to take prompt action in passing the ordinances now pending before it for the improvement thereof.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Pritchard,
S. H. Cobb,
Will F. A. Bernhamer,
Judiciary Committee.

C. S. DENNY, City Attorney.

To the President and Members of the Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—Your Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred sundry papers, report thereon as follows, to-wit:

1st. Is G. O. 63, 1883. Recommend it pass.

2nd. Is G. O. 22, 1884. Recommend it pass. Also, G. O. 2, 1884.

3d. Also pass G. O. 74, 1883.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Pritchard,
S. H. Cobb,
W. F. A. Bernhamer.
Judiciary Committee.

Your Judiciary and Finance Committees, to whom was referred G. O. 18, 1884, recommend it be passed.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Pritchard,
S. H. Cobb,
Will F. A. Bernhamer,
Judiciary Committee.

Thomas E. Endly,
W. A. Cox,
Isaac King,
Finance Committee.

PENDING ORDINANCES.

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

G. O. 63, 1883—An ordinance regulating the granting of Theatre Licenses.

And it was passed by the following vote:

AYES, 10—viz. Aldermen Bernhamer, Cobb, Cox, Endly, King, McHugh, Prier, Pritchard, Tallentire, and President Rorison.

NAYS—None.

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

G. O. 22, 1884—An ordinance repealing an ordinance entitled "An ordinance granting the Mutual Union Telegraph Company, of New York, the privilege of using the streets and alleys of the City of Indianapolis in constructing lines of telegraph in said city," ordained January 16, 1882, and ordering all poles and wires heretofore erected under authority thereof, removed.

And it was passed by the following vote:

AYES, 8—viz. Aldermen Cobb, Cox, Endly, King, Prier, Pritchard, Tallentire, and President Rorison.

NAYS, 2—viz. Aldermen Bernhamer, and McHugh.

Alderman Prier was excused for the remainder of this session.

The following entitled ordinance was read the second time and then read the third time :

G. O. 2, 1884—An ordinance requiring the railroad companies crossing Virginia avenue, at the intersection of Alabama street, to maintain signals at point to warn drivers of vehicles and pedestrians crossing the tracks of said companies at night of the approach of trains.

And it was passed by the following vote:

AYES, 9—viz. Aldermen Bernhamer, Cobb, Cox, Endly, King, McHugh, Pritchard, Tallentire, and President Rorison.

NAYS—None.

The following entitled ordinance was read the second time and then read the third time :

G. O. 18, 1884—An ordinance licensing Rifle and Pistol practice in the City of Indianapolis.

And it was passed by the following vote:

AYES, 9—viz. Aldermen Bernhamer, Cobb, Cox, Endly, King, McHugh, Pritchard, Tallentire, and President Rorison.

NAYS -None

Action on the following entitled ordinance was postponed :

G. O. 74, 1883—An ordinance regulating sales by Weight and Measure, and requiring Hucksters to wear badges, and have their names painted on their wagons.

INTRODUCTION OF MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Alderman Pritchard offered the following motions; which were severally adopted:

That the Street Commissioner at once place a pipe sewer in and along Seventh street (north side), from Meridian street west to present sewer pipe, a distance of one-half square, and the ditch (when pipe is so placed) be filled up level with street.

That the Committee on Water inquire of the Water Company as to the number of feet of mains laid since the making of the last water contract, and report the same to this Board at next meeting.

Alderman Cox offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That J. N. Sinks be and is hereby granted permission to pave with brick the sidewalk in front of his property on Vermont street, at the northwest corner of Bright street, at his own expense, and under the direction of the City Civil Engineer.

The Clerk presented the following Invitation; which was accepted :

Hon. J. L. McMASTER, Mayor of the City of Indianapolis:

DEAR SIR:—The committee appointed by the George H. Thomas Post No. 17, G. A. R., to make the necessary arrangements for the observance of Decoration Day, beg to extend an invitation to yourself and the other city officers, the City Council and Board of Aldermen, to join in parade and the decoration of the soldiers' graves at Crown Hill Cemetery, afternoon, May 30.

Will you please extend this invitation to the Council, Board of Aldermen, and other city officers, and signify your acceptance previous to May 5.

Yours very truly,

J. A. CLOSSER, Chairman
Committee on Arrangements.

April 26, 1884.

The Clerk presented the following petition; which was referred to the City Attorney, with power to act:

Cincinnati, Ohio, June 1st, 1883.

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

Gentlemen:—We hereby petition you to grant us a license for general auctioneers for the term of one year, at 116 South Meridian street, or any other location we may use.

Yours very respectfully,

JAMES H. LAWS & Co., Cincinnati, Ohio.

On motion, the Board of Aldermen then adjourned.

BRAINARD RORISON, President.

Attest: FRANK W. RIPLEY, Clerk.