

# PROCEEDINGS OF COMMON COUNCIL.

## REGULAR SESSION—JUNE 16, 1884.

The Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, met in the Council Chamber, Monday evening, June 16th, A. D. 1884, at eight o'clock, in regular session.

**PRESENT**—Hon. John L. McMaster, Mayor, and, *ex officio*, President of the Common Council, in the Chair, and 21 members, viz: Councilmen Benjamin, Cowie, Coy, Curry, Doyling, Doyle, Edenharter, Gallahue, Haugh, Mack, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Reinecke, Reynolds, Sheppard, Smither, Spahr, Thalman, Trusler, and Wharton.

**ABSENT**, 4—viz. Councilmen Downey, Moran, Rees, and Wolf.

The Proceedings of the Common Council for the regular session, held June 2d, 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, erecting lamp-posts and for removing dead animals from the streets, etc., were opened, read, and referred to the Committee on Contracts :

(S. O. 1, 1884)—For grading, bowldering and curbing the gutters, and graveling the roadway, with raked river gravel, of Indiana avenue, from West street to St. Clair street.

(S. O. 2, 1884)—For grading, graveling the roadway, and bowldering and curbing the gutters, of Indiana avenue, from St. Clair street to Fall Creek, and repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith.

(S. O. 17, 1884)—For the erection of lamp-posts, lamps and fixtures (complete to burn gas, except the service pipes), on Broadway street, between Ninth and Twelfth streets.

(S. O. 24, 1884)—For grading and paving with brick, the north sidewalk of St. Joseph street, from Alabama street to Ft. Wayne avenue, where not already paved.

(S. O. 28, 1884)—For grading and graveling the roadway, and paving with brick the sidewalks of Williams street, from Arsenal avenue to State avenue.

(S. O. 29, 1884)—For grading and bowldering the gutters, paving with brick and curbing with stone, the sidewalks of Benton street, from Washington street to Bates street, (where not already done.)

(S. O. 30, 1884)—For grading and paving with brick, the sidewalks of Pine street, from Harrison street to the C., I., St. L. & C. Railroad tracks.

(S. O. 31, 1884)—For grading and paving with brick, the north sidewalk of Eighth or Williams street, from Illinois street to Tennessee street.

(S. O. 36, 1884)—For grading, bowldering and curbing the south gutter of Vermont street, and paving with brick the sidewalk thereof, from Liberty street to Noble street.

(S. O. 37, 1884)—For grading, bowldering and curbing the gutters of Michigan street, from Liberty street to Noble street.

(S. O. 40, 1884)—For grading, bowldering and curbing the gutters of Park avenue, from Massachusetts avenue to St. Clair street.

(S. O. 41, 1884)—For grading and graveling Ludlow Lane and sidewalks, from Hill avenue to Valley Drive

(S. O. 43, 1884)—For grading, bowldering and curbing the gutters of Bellefontaine avenue, from Home avenue to Christian avenue.

(S. O. 44, 1884)—For grading and paving with brick, the east sidewalk of Dillon street, between Harrison street and English avenue.

(S. O. 45, 1884)—For grading and graveling Laurel street and sidewalks, from Prospect street to Lexington avenue.

(S. O. 46, 1884)—For grading and paving with brick, the north sidewalk of Tenth street, from Illinois street to Tennessee street.

(S. O. 47, 1884)—For grading and graveling Eighth (or Williams) street and sidewalks, from Tennessee street to Mississippi street.

(S. O. 48, 1884)—For grading and paving the east sidewalk of Mississippi street, from Seventh street to Twelfth street.

(S. O. 49, 1884)—For grading and paving with brick, the south sidewalk of Sixth street, from Illinois street to Mississippi street.

(S. O. 52, 1884)—For grading and graveling the south sidewalk of Washington street, from White River to the L., B. & W. Railroad tracks.

(S. O. 53, 1884)—For grading and paving with brick, the sidewalks of Michigan street, from Noble street to Pine street.

(S. O. 54, 1884)—For grading and paving with brick, the sidewalks of Vermont street, from Noble street to Pine street.

(S. O. 56, 1884)—For grading and paving with brick, the north sidewalk of Ohio street, from Noble street to Pine street.

(S. O. 57, 1884)—For grading and paving with brick, the sidewalks of New York street, from Noble street to Pine street.

(S. O. 63, 1884)—For grading, bowldering the roadway, curbing the gutters and paving with brick, the sidewalks of Sciota street, from Ohio street to New York street.

(S. O. 64, 1884)—For grading, bowldering the roadway, curbing the gutters and paving the sidewalks of California street, between Washington and Maryland streets.

(S. O. 67, 1884)—For grading and paving with brick (where not already done), the south sidewalk of Walnut street, from Pennsylvania street to Alabama street.

(S. O. 69, 1884)—For grading and graveling the first alley south of Dougherty street, from Wright street to Virginia avenue.

(S. O. 70, 1884)—For grading and paving with brick, the north sidewalk of Bismarck street, from Sullivan street to Virginia avenue.

(S. O. 71, 1884)—For grading and graveling Elliott street and sidewalks, from Bloyd street to Greenbrier Lane.

(S. O. 72, 1884)—For grading and graveling Omar street, and paving with brick, the sidewalks, from Brookside avenue to its eastern terminus.

(S. O. 74, 1884)—For grading and paving with brick, the east sidewalk of Linden street, between Prospect and Orange streets.

(S. O. 75, 1884)—For grading and graveling the first alley north of Fourth street, from Mississippi street to Lafayette street.

The following remonstrances were presented to certain of the above improvements, and referred, with the proposals, to the Committee on Contracts:

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

*Gentlemen:*—The undersigned, owners of real estate fronting on Williams (Eighth) street, between Tennessee and Mississippi streets, respectfully remonstrate against the passage of an ordinance providing for grading and graveling the roadway and sidewalks of said street, between the points named, for the reason that there are only two houses fronting on said street and two unimproved properties, and because the entire frontage belongs to only four property owners, equally divided.

Hermann H. Unverzagt, 186 feet; M. E. Briggs, 186 feet.

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

*Gentlemen:*—The undersigned, owners of real estate fronting on Mississippi street, between Seventh and Twelfth streets, respectfully remonstrate against the letting of the contract for the paving with brick the sidewalks of Mississippi street, between the points named. There are but a few houses on the street, and the laying of the pavement would be an unnecessary hardship to property owners.

Hermann H. Unverzagt, 326 feet; Elizabeth Martin, 162 feet; Joseph T. Martin; Minerva Briggs, 70 feet; Mary Engelke, 66 feet; Emily Martin; Helena Langenkamp, 43 feet; Thomas Cottrell, 48 feet; Conrod Lehritter, 70 feet; Matthias Martin, 91 feet; Elizabeth Campbell, 30 feet; C. B. Huston, agent for Jane W. Dixon, 67½ feet; Edward G. Potts, by Griffith & Potts, 70 feet.

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

*Gentlemen:*—The undersigned, owners of real estate fronting on Bellefontaine street, between Home avenue and Christian avenue, respectfully remonstrate against the passage of an ordinance providing for the bowldering and curbing said street.

L. G. Hay, 145 feet; B. A. Richardson, 54 feet; C. S. Manning, 145 feet; S. McCarty, 40 feet; P. A. Salisbury, 80 feet; Wm Kothe, Jr., 40 feet; N. Todd, 40 feet; Mrs. J. W. Sawyer, 54 feet; J. and T. Haneman, 40 feet; Allis L. Osgood, 54 feet.

## REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE ON CONTRACTS.

The Committee on Contracts, through Councilman Newcomb, submitted the following report; which was concurred in, and the contract awarded as recommended:

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

*Gentlemen:*—The Committee to which was referred the proposal of John H. Freaney for erecting lamp-posts on Beatty street, between McCarty and Buchanan streets, for \$21.00 each, would recommend the awarding of the contract for said sum.

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. Newcomb,  
Philip J. Doyle,  
M. M. Reynolds,  
Committee on Contracts.

## COMMUNICATIONS, ETC., FROM THE MAYOR.

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

Indianapolis, June 13, 1884.

To the Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

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

Marshal's fees.....	\$201 70
Mayor's fees.....	156 20
Fines due city.....	13 20
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	\$371 10

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

JOHN L. McMASTER, Mayor.

His Honor, the Mayor, presented the following petition; which was referred to the Committee on Judiciary:

Indianapolis, June 12, 1884.

To His Honor, the Mayor, and Council, Indianapolis, Ind:

*Gentlemen:*—We beg leave to call your attention to the fact that we are erroneously assessed on a valuation of our company, in the sum of eight thousand dollars. By an error, the fourth paragraph of the valuation blank for 1883 was made to read "\$20,000," whereas it was meant that our shares of stock was valued at \$20.00 each, and that our true valuation, including tangible property for 1883, was \$12,000; whereas we have paid taxes for that year on \$20,000—an excess on the erroneous valuation of \$89.60, which we pray may be refunded to our company.

Very respectfully,

INDIANA FARMER Co.

## REPORTS, ETC., FROM CITY OFFICERS.

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

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

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

A first and final estimate in behalf of Geo. W. Buchanan, for grading and gravelling New Jersey street and sidewalks, from Home avenue to Seventh street.

2,679.66 lineal feet, at 54 cents.....\$1,447 00

A first and final estimate in behalf of John C. Schier, Jr., for grading and paving with brick the south sidewalk of St. Clair street, from Delaware street to Fort Wayne avenue.

253.80 lineal feet, at 37 cents..... \$93 91

A first and final estimate in behalf of Hanway & Cooper, for grading and graveling the first alley east of College avenue, from Tenth street to Twelfth street.

1,242.04 lineal feet, at 17 cents..... \$211 18

A first and final estimate in behalf of Hanway & Cooper, for grading and graveling the first alley west of Greenwood street, from Ninth street to Tenth street.

1,192 lineal feet, at 15 cents..... \$178 10

A first and final estimate in behalf of Hanway & Cooper, for grading and graveling Sixth street and sidewalks, from Central avenue to Alabama street.

1,393 lineal feet, at 52 cents..... \$724 36

A first and final estimate in behalf of C. S. Roney, for grading and paving with brick the south sidewalk of Massachusetts avenue, from John street to the Wabash Railroad tracks.

561.33 lineal feet, at 44 cents..... \$246 99

A first and partial estimate in behalf of Thos. Cummings, for building the abutments of the Wilkins street bridge.

160 yards masonry, at \$4.85..... \$776 00  
 1,186 yards dry excavation, at 15 cents..... 167 90  
 354 yards wet excavation, at 50 cents..... 177 00  
 1,560 cubic feet of foundation timber, at 23 cents per cubic foot... 358 80  
 4,680 feet B. M. plank, at \$23 per M..... 107 64

Total.....\$1,587 34  
 Less 10 per cent. reserved..... 158 73

Amount allowed.....\$1,428 61

A first and final estimate in behalf of Richter & Twiname, for grading, bowldering and curbing the gutters Alabama street, from Fort Wayne avenue to Morris street.

2,481.90 lineal feet bowldering, at 45 cents.....\$1,116 80  
 2,662 50 lineal feet curbing, at 41 cents..... 1,091 58  
 319.87 square yards bowldering wings, at 60 cents..... 191 92  
 56.81 square yards brick pavement, at 65 cents..... 36 92  
 258.61 lineal feet of double-walk stone, at 60 cents..... 155 14

\$2,592 36

A first and final estimate in behalf of David A. Haywood, for grading and bowldering Market street, from Delaware street to Pennsylvania street.

837.43 lineal feet, at \$1.73..... \$1,448 75  
 269.80 lineal feet single walk-stone, at 35 cents..... 94 43  
 21.40 lineal feet curbing, at 45 cents..... 9 63  
 17.30 square yards of re-bowldering, at 25 cents..... 4 33

\$1,557 14

A first and final estimate in behalf of Charles S. Roney, for grading and paving with brick (where not already done), the north sidewalk of North street, from New Jersey street to Alabama street.

274.60 lineal feet, at 44 cents..... \$120 82  
 39.20 lineal feet double walk stone, at 66 cents..... 25 87  
 28.30 square yards bowldering wings, at 60 cents..... 16 98

\$163 67

Respectfully submitted,

S. H. SHEARER, City Civil Engineer.

The following estimate resolution was read:

*Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis,* That the accompanying first and final estimate in behalf of Geo. W. Buchanan, for grading and graveling New Jersey street and sidewalks, from Home avenue to Seventh street, be, and the same is hereby adopted as the estimate of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of said city; and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

And it was adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 20—viz. Councilmen Benjamin, Cowie, Coy, Curry, Dowling, Doyle, Edenharter, Gallahue, Haugh, Mack, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Reinecke, Reynolds, Sheppard, Smither, Spahr, Trusler, and Wharton.

NAYS—None.

The following estimate resolution was read:

*Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis,* That the accompanying first and final estimate in behalf of John C. Schier, Jr., for grading and paving with brick, the south sidewalk of St. Clair street, from Delaware street to Fort Wayne avenue, be, and the same is hereby adopted as the estimate of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of said city; and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names

And it was adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 20—viz. Councilmen Benjamin, Cowie, Coy, Curry, Dowling, Doyle, Edenharter, Gallahue, Haugh, Mack, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Reinecke, Reynolds, Sheppard, Smither, Spahr, Trusler, and Wharton.

NAYS—None.

The following estimate resolution was read:

*Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis,* That the accompanying first and final estimate in behalf of Hanway & Cooper, for grading and graveling the first alley east of College avenue, from Tenth street to Twelfth street, be, and the same is hereby adopted as the estimate of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of said city; and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

And it was adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 20—viz. Councilmen Benjamin, Cowie, Coy, Curry, Dowling, Doyle, Edenharter, Gallahue, Haugh, Mack, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Reinecke, Reynolds, Sheppard, Smither, Spahr, Trusler, and Wharton.

NAYS—None.

The following estimate resolution was read:

*Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis,* That the accompanying first and final estimate in behalf of Hanway & Cooper, for grading and graveling the first alley west of Greenwood street, from Ninth street to Tenth street, be, and the same is hereby adopted as the estimate of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of said city; and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

And it was adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 20—viz. Councilmen Benjamin, Cowie, Coy, Curry, Dowling, Doyle, Edenharter, Gallahue, Haugh, Mack, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Reinecke, Reynolds, Sheppard, Smither, Spahr, Trusler, and Wharton.

NAYS—None.

The following estimate resolution was read:

*Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis,* That the accompanying first and final estimate in behalf of Hanway & Cooper, for grading and graveling Sixth street and sidewalks, from Central avenue to Alabama street, be, and same is hereby adopted as the estimate of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of said city; and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

And it was adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 20—viz. Councilmen Benjamin, Cowie, Coy, Curry, Dowling, Doyle, Edenharter, Gallahue, Haugh, Mack, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Reinecke, Reynolds, Sheppard, Smither, Spahr, Trusler, and Wharton.

NAYS—None.

The following estimate resolution was read:

*Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis,* That the accompanying first and final estimate in behalf of Charles S. Roney, for grading and paving with brick, the south sidewalk of Massachusetts avenue, from John street to the Wabash Railroad tracks be, and the same is hereby adopted as the estimate of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of said city; and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

And it was adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 20—viz. Councilmen Benjamin, Cowie, Coy, Curry, Dowling, Doyle, Edenharter, Gallahue, Haugh, Mack, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Reinecke, Reynolds, Sheppard, Smither, Spahr, Trusler, and Wharton.

NAYS—None.

The following estimate resolution was read:

*Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis,* That the accompanying first and final estimate in behalf of Richter & Twiname for grading, bowldering and curbing the gutters of Alabama street, from Ft. Wayne avenue to Morrison street, be, and the same is hereby adopted as the estimate of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of said city; and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

And it was adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 20—viz. Councilmen Benjamin, Cowie, Coy, Curry, Dowling, Doyle, Edenharter, Gallahue, Haugh, Mack, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Reinecke, Reynolds, Sheppard, Smither, Spahr, Trusler, and Wharton.

NAYS—None.

The following estimate resolution was read:

*Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis,* That the accompanying first and final estimate in behalf of David A. Haywood, for grading and bowldering Market street, from Delaware street to Pennsylvania street, be, and the same is hereby, adopted as the estimate of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of said city; and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

And it was adopted by the following vote:

**AYES**, 20—viz. Councilmen Benjamin, Cowie, Coy, Curry, Dowling, Doyle, Edenharter, Gallahue, Haugh, Mack, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Reinecke, Reynolds, Sheppard, Smither, Spahr, Trusler, and Wharton.

**NAYS**—None.

The following estimate resolution was read:

*Resolved, by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis,* That the accompanying first and final estimate in behalf of Chas. S. Roney, for grading and paving with brick (where not already done) the north sidewalk of North street, from New Jersey street to Alabama street, be, and the same is hereby adopted as the estimate of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of said city; and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

And it was adopted by the following vote:

**NAYS**, 20—viz. Councilmen Benjamin, Cowie, Coy, Curry, Dowling, Doyle, Edenharter, Gallahue, Haugh, Mack, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Reinecke, Reynolds, Sheppard, Smither, Spahr, and Wharton.

**NAYS**—None.

The City Civil Engineer submitted the following report; which was received, the contracts concurred in, and the bonds approved:

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen :

*Gentlemen:* I herewith report the following bonds of Richter and Twiname, for building three cisterns at the following points:

At or near corner of Meridian and Palmer streets.

At or near corner of First and West streets.

At or near corner of Fourth and Paca streets.

Bonds, \$1,200 each. Surety, Aug. M. Kuhn.

Respectfully submitted,

S. H. SHEARER, City Civil Engineer.

The City Civil Engineer submitted the following report; which was received, referred to the Committee on Bridges, with power to act, and with instructions to advertise for proposals, and that the bridges be painted, under the direction and supervision of the City Civil Engineer:

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen :

*Gentlemen:* Some two years ago the Street Commissioner and myself called the attention of the Council and Board of Aldermen to the necessity of painting the iron bridges of the city. The bridges were not painted, and I would respectfully call your attention to the fact that they need painting very badly.

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 submit herewith the following entitled affidavits now on file in my office, for the collection of street improvement assessments, by precepts, to-wit:

Charles S. Roney vs. Eliza J. Gale, for.....	\$71 75
Robert P. Dunning vs. James L. Mitchel, trustee, for.....	30 69
Robert P. Dunning vs. James L. Mitchel, trustee, for.....	30 60
Robert P. Dunning vs. James L. Mitchel, trustee, for.....	20 40
Richter & Twiname vs. E. S. Pinney (Christian name unknown)...	3 65
Richter & Twiname vs. Morris and Bridget Murphy, for.....	18 00
Richter & Twiname vs. Samuel Thomas, for.....	11 70
Richter & Twiname vs. Fred Baggs.....	49 50
Richter & Twiname vs. Samuel Thomas, for.....	11 70
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Richter & Twiname vs. Samuel Thomas, for.....	11 70
Richter & Twiname vs. John P. Giblin, for.....	11 70

Respectfully submitted, GEO. T. BREUNIG, City Clerk.

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

AYES, 19—viz. Councilmen Benjamin, Cowie, Coy, Curry, Dowling, Doyle, Galahue, Haugh, Mack, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Reinecke, Reynolds, Shepard, Smither, Spahr, Trusler, and Wharton.

NAYS, 1—viz. Councilman Edenharter.

The City Attorney submitted the following reports; which were received :

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen :

*Gentlemen:*—Since the last meeting of the Common Council, the Supreme Court has overruled the petition of Stanton Turner for a rehearing of his appeal, in which case said court gave judgment in favor of the city last November, reversing the original judgment in his favor.

In one of the many suits by Frank McWhinney against the city, asking a refunding of taxes paid by him at delinquent tax sale, where he failed to acquire any lien on the property attempted to be sold, the same court has reversed the judgment of the Superior Court. The Supreme Court holds the complaint good, a demurer having been sustained to it by the lower court, which will now require the joinder of issue by the city, and a trial, unless I should get a rehearing, which I shall attempt to do before the case is remanded.

The Committee on Public Property having failed to get possession of the Garfield Park from Henry English, the present occupant, I brought an action in ejectment against him, under instructions from said committee. After a full hearing, Squire Walpole gave the city judgment for possession. I at once caused a writ of possession to issue, but English filed bond and took an appeal to the Superior Court. The transcript did not reach that court till the 13th inst., but I will use every endeavor to get a trial before the adjournment of the court.

Respectfully submitted, C. S. DENNY, City Attorney.

To the Mayor and Common Council :

*Gentlemen:*—The claim of Peter Routier, for \$1,700.00 on account of building the west wing of the City Hospital, approved by the Supervising Architect and Presi-

dent of the Hospital Board, was referred to me for my opinion as to whether it is thus properly approved, or not.

I answer that I think it is. The Architect is to certify estimates, according to the terms of the contract, and his signature *alone* is sufficient; but of course the Council is not *bound* by his estimate. In other words, if the Architect's certificate should not be correct, the Council would not be justified in appropriating the money claimed thereunder. On the other hand, when the contractor has done work and fulfilled his contract, he is entitled to his pay, regardless of anybody's certificate, and in that case the Council would have to act in making the appropriation without the certificate of those whose duty it is to watch and superintend the work.

The claims of Chas. G. Mueller for \$239 00, being the balance claimed for services as Architect in superintending the erection of the center building of the City Hospital, and the Middlebrook & Post Manufacturing Company for \$450.00, for Elevator, were referred to me for an opinion as to whether or not they are according to the contracts with the parties.

I answer, that the claim of the Middlebrook Company is in strict accordance with the contract. The contract with Mr. Mueller was "3½ per cent on the amount of contract." The original contract price of the building, including the plumbing and the Elevator, was \$14,160.00; but changes were made, as it appears, which increased the cost \$507.65. In the absence of any special contract to the contrary, (and I have no knowledge of any having been made), Mr. Mueller would be entitled to his per cent. on the extra \$507.00. So computing it, his full claim of \$514.00 is correct within a fraction of a dollar. Otherwise it is \$19.40 too much.

Respectfully submitted,

C. S. DENNY, City Attorney.

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

Hon. Mayor, Members of the Council, and Board Aldermen, of the City of Indianapolis:

*Gentlemen:*—I have been officially notified of the putting into service the following hydrants:

- No. 637, south-east corner Illinois & Wilkins streets.
- No. 638, south-west corner Illinois and Morris streets.
- No. 639, south-east corner Tennessee and Morris streets.
- No. 640, on Morris street, between Tennessee and Corliss streets.
- No. 641, on Morris street, between Corliss street and Pogue's Run.
- No. 642, Peru street, between Christian and Home avenues.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. WEBSTER, Chief Fire Engineer.

#### REPORTS, ETC., FROM OFFICIAL BOARDS.

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

To the Mayor and Common Council:

*Gentlemen:* The Board of Public Improvements, to whom sundry papers were referred, report thereon as follows:

1st. Is S. O. 5, 1884, "An ordinance to provide for grading, bowldering and curbing the gutters of St. Joseph street from Delaware street to Alabama street."

Recommend said ordinance be passed.

2nd Is a motion, "That the Street Commissioner be instructed to lay a double stone crossing over south Meridian street, at the third alley south of McCarty street." Recommend a single stone crossing be put down.

3rd. Is a motion, "That the Street Commissioner be authorized to lay a double stone crossing across Pennsylvania street, on the north side of Second street, at its intersection with Pennsylvania street, on the west side of Pennsylvania street." Recommend the work be not done.

4th. Is a motion, "That the Street Commissioner be and is hereby instructed to put down a stone crossing at the intersection of Central and Christian avenues, across Central avenue on the south side of Christian avenue."

Recommend the work be not done.

5th. Is a motion, "That the Street Commissioner be, and he is hereby, directed to put down a double stone crossing on the west side of Pennsylvania street across Second street." Recommend the work be not done.

6th. Is a motion, "That the Street Commissioner be ordered to lay a stone crossing on Central avenue, at the corner of Christian avenue."

There is a stone crossing at said point.

7th. Is the following petition, "I respectfully request that the Street Commissioner be instructed to re-bowlder the gutters on North street, between Pennsylvania and Delaware streets, so as to run the water from the intersection of Pennsylvania and North streets into the sewer on Delaware street. ALEX. METZGER."

Recommend that the City Civil Engineer advertise for proposals for said work.

8th. Is a motion, "That a double stone crossing be laid across Delaware street, on the south side of Pearl street." Recommend the work be done.

9th. Is a motion, "That the Street Commissioner be, and he is hereby, directed to clean the gutters of, and fill the chuck-holes in, Liberty street, from Washington street to New York street." Recommend the work be not done.

10th. Is a motion, "That the Street Commissioner be instructed to repair Shelby street, between Prospect street and Pleasant Run."

Recommend the work be done, cost not amount to over fifty dollars.

11th. Is a motion, "That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, directed to fill the mud holes in Court street, from Alabama street to Noble street."

Recommend the work be done.

12th. Is a motion, "That the Street Commissioner be instructed to lay double stone crossing on north West street, running east and west, from North to Third street."

Recommend that one crossing be located at such point as he may deem best.

13th. Is a motion, "That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, directed to lay a double stone crossing across the southeast side of Kentucky avenue, across Mississippi street and across Georgia street." Recommend the work be done.

14th. Is a motion "That the Street Commissioner be instructed to lay double stone crossings on Broadway street, between St. Clair street and Christian avenue."

Recommend that one crossing be placed upon such street, as he may be necessary.

15th. Is a motion, "That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, instructed to fill up the chuck-holes on North Mississippi street, from North street to Second street." The work being done.

16th. Is a motion, "That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, directed to place a double stone crossing across Virginia avenue, at the intersection of the north sidewalk of Cedar street." Recommend the work be not done.

17th. Is a motion, "That the Street Commissioner be instructed to fill up chuck-hole on north West street, from North street to Sixth street."

Recommend the work be done.

Respectfully submitted,

M. M. Reynolds,  
John R. Cowie,  
Wm. Curry,  
Board of Public Improvements.

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

Report of Deaths in the City of Indianapolis, from the 31st day of May, 1884, to the 15th day of June, 1884.

Under 1 year.....	11
1 to 2 years.....	2
2 to 5 ".....	2
5 to 10 ".....	2
10 to 15 ".....	2
15 to 20 ".....	4
20 to 25 ".....	4
25 to 30 ".....	4
30 to 40 ".....	1
40 to 50 ".....	1
50 to 60 ".....	3
60 to 70 ".....	4
70 to 80 ".....	3
80 to 90 ".....	0
90 to 100 ".....	0
100 and upwards.....	0
Unknown.....	0
Total.....	43

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 Judiciary, through Councilman Newcomb, submitted the following report; which was concurred in:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

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

1st. Is the petition of Geo. W. Stubbs, asking that \$18.64 paid by him at a tax sale, be refunded, the sale being void for the reason that the taxes had already been paid by other parties. This statement is true, and we recommend that same be refunded, less the School Board's part, on surrender of certificate.

2nd. Is petition of Wm. Coughlin, asking that the apparent assessment against lots 5 to 10, and lot 13 in Merritt and Coughlin's subdivision of out-lot 148, on account of the opening of Blackford street, be stricken from the assessment records in City Treasurer's office, etc., he never having been notified of said proceeding in any way, and never having consented thereto.

These facts are true, as shown by the records of said case, and the proceedings were therefore a nullity so far as Mr. Coughlin and his lots are concerned. We therefor recommend that the prayer of the petition be granted.

3d. Is a petition of W. H. Lyons asking the refunding of \$28.35 paid by him at tax sale, March 10, 1873, for lot 18 in B. & H's. subdivision of out-lot 100.

After considering the same, the petitioner withdrew the same from further consideration.

4th. Is also a petition of said Lyons asking a similar refunding of \$57.15, introduced at same session. The petitioner withdraws said petition also, and we therefor make no recommendation as to same.

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. Newcomb,  
P. M. Gallahue,  
Geo. F. Edenharter,  
Judiciary Committee.

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

To the Mayor and Common Council:

*Gentlemen:*--Your Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred the petition of Elizabeth R. New, erroneously printed in proceedings as Elizabeth Cook, asking a rebate on taxes assessed against property known as No. 272 N. Pennsylvania street, have considered the same. We do not believe that we have any legal right to refund any taxes already paid, or allow any rebate on any assessment already made; but in view of the fact that it is claimed that past assessments have been too high, we recommend that the present Assessor look carefully into the question of the real value of this property before fixing a value on it for the future.

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. Newcomb,  
P. M. Gallahue,  
Geo. F. Edenharter,  
Judiciary Committee.

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

Indianapolis, June 16, 1884.

To the Mayor and Common Council:

*Gentlemen:* Your Committee on Judiciary, together with the City Assessor, to whom was referred certain petitions, report thereon as follows:

1st. Is the petition of E. B. Hutchinson, asking the city to refund him the sum of \$397.13 and interest on account of money paid at a city tax sale February 11, 1884, the reason given being that the land purchased was assessed at full city rates, whereas it ought to have been assessed at township rates only.

It is not shown that the owner is complaining. Neither is any reason given why it was not proper to assess it at full city rates.

We recommend that the prayer be not granted.

2nd. Is the petition of Willis W. Wright, asking that \$7.64 be refunded to him, being the amount paid at tax sale of parts of lots 27 and 28 in outlot 14, west of White River, for the reason that the whole of said real estate attempted to be sold by the city belonged to the L., D. & S. R'y Co. as a right of way.

We find that the statements in the petition are true, and recommend that the amount, less the School Board's portion, be refunded on surrender of certificate by said Wright.

EUGENE SAULCY, City Assessor.

W. C. Newcomb,  
P. M. Gallahue,  
Geo. F. Edenharter,  
Committee on Judiciary.

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

To the Mayor and Common Council:

*Gentlemen:*--We recommend that the bridge across the canal on Sixth street, be done according to plans and specifications of the City Civil Engineer, and said Engineer advertise for proposals for doing such work.

Respectfully submitted,

John R. Cowie,  
J. W. Wharton,  
Committee on Bridges.

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

Indianapolis, Ind., June 13, 1884.

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

*Gentlemen:*--Your Committee on Printing report that upon June 13, 1884, we met and opened bids for furnishing blank books complete for use, blanks, stationery and book work, were received from Wm. B. Burford, Sentinel C., Levy, Baker & Co. and the Hasselman-Journal Co., and recommend that the contract be awarded to the Hasselman-Journal Co., the lowest bidders, and the contract be awarded to them until December 31, 1885, and until a new contract be made.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Pritchard,  
Thomas E. Endly,  
Aldermanic Committee.

P. M. Gallahue,  
P. C. Trusler,  
C. E. Haugh,  
Council Committee.

The following contract and bond was then read, the contract concurred in, and bond approved:

**THIS AGREEMENT**, Made this 13th day of June, 1884, by and between the Hasselman Journal Co. of the County of Marion and State of Indiana of the first part, and the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis in said County and State of the second part,

Witnesseth that the party of the first part does covenant and agree to do the city printing, such as job work, book work, printed blanks, binding and blank books complete for use, and to furnish all stationery supplies at the prices set forth in their certain bid hereto attached, and which bid is made a part of this contract, all work to be in the style and same sizes, and of equal quality heretofore used.

This contract shall continue in and be in force from the 13th day of June, 1884, until the 31st day of December, 1885, and shall include all the work and supplies of like character above designated, at reasonable rates, for the City of Indianapolis for the time named, and shall continue in force until a new contract shall be awarded for such work and supplies, but not to exceed three years from this date.

HASSELMAN JOURNAL CO.,  
by O. H. Hasselman, Prop'r.

*Schedule of Printing required by the City of Indianapolis during the Year ending May 31st, 1885.*

BOOK WORK.

To include Proceedings of Common Council, Joint Convention of Board of Aldermen and Common Council, Board of Aldermen, Annual Reports, and other work commonly known and designated as Book Work.

Composition, plain matter, per 1000 ems.....	\$ 45
Composition, figure work, per 1000 ems.....	60
Composition, rule and figure work, per 1000 ems.....	1 50
Paper to be used, 45 lb No. 2 Book, per quire.....	15
Press work, per token.....	10
Folding signatures, per 50 copies.....	2
Stitching signatures, per 50 copies.....	2

NOTE.—Type to be used for Proceedings of Common Council, Board of Aldermen and Joint Convention of Board of Aldermen and Common Council: For text, Long Primer solid; for papers introduced, Brevier solid; index to proceedings, Nonpareil leaded.

BLANK BOOKS COMPLETE FOR USE,

Including Faint-Lining. Estimates to be given on single strike headings.

Cap Books, full bound plain Record, per quire.....	25
Cap Books, half bound plain Record, per quire.....	15
Cap Books, full bound ruled and printed headings, per quire.....	10
Cap Books, half bound ruled and printed headings, per quire.....	05

Cap Books, full bound printed page form.....	\$ 70
Cap Books, half bound printed page form.....	05
Demy 28 lb, full bound plain Records, per quire.....	70
Demy 28 lb, full bound ruled and printed heading, per quire.....	2 50
Demy 28 lb, full bound printed page form, per quire.....	1 30
Medium 40 lb, full bound plain Records, per quire.....	1 30
Medium 40 lb, full bound ruled and printed heading, per quire.....	3 20
Medium 40 lb, full bound printed page form, per quire.....	1 20
Super Royal 54 lb, ruled and printed heading, full bound, per quire.....	70
Tax Duplicates, 17x30, 60 lb, full bound, ruled and printed heading, faint-lined in colors and unit-lined, per quire.....	2 75
The above book to be made on Weston ledger paper.	
Canvass cover each for the above books..	1 75
Tax Receipts and all other receipts, half bound, cloth sides, numbered and perforated, in books of 500 and 1000 receipts each, per 1000 receipts.....	20 00
Quarto 24 lb folio stub book, half bound, printed page, per quire.....	1 50
Half 24 lb, 11x17 Permit book, stub book, half bound, per quire.....	1 50
Extra charge for numbering per 1000 single numbers where not specified in above schedule.....	1 25
Extra charge per quire for perforating when not specified in schedule.....	25
Extra charge for each additional strike on headings per quire..	50

BLANKS.

Printed and ruled on printed blanks.

28 lb Demy, per 100 copies .....	35; per 100 additional.....	15
28 lb Demy, $\frac{1}{2}$ sheet, per 100 copies.....	15; per 100 additional.....	10
28 lb Demy, $\frac{3}{4}$ sheet, per 100 copies.....	10; per 100 additional.....	15
18 lb Flat Cap, per 100 copies ..	\$3 00; per 100 additional.....	\$5 00
18 lb Half Flat Cap, per 100 copies....	5 00; per 100 additional.....	3 00
18 lb Quarter Flat Cap, per 100 copies.....	2 00; per 100 additional.....	1 75
18 lb Eighth Flat Cap, per 100 copies.....	15; per 100 additional.....	15
22 lb Folio Post, per 100 copies .....	50; per 100 additional.....	25
22 lb Half Folio Post, per 100 copies.....	25; per 100 additional.....	10
22 lb Quarter Folio Post, per 100 copies...	1 90; per 100 additional.....	1 50
Assessor's Blanks, 18 lb Cap, per quire (24 sheets to quire).....		20
Prices given on the above to include filing, if ordered.		
Extra charge for faint-lining, per 100.....	30; per 100 additional.....	20
Extra charge for each strike, per 100.....	40; per 100 additional.....	40
Letter Heads ( $\frac{1}{2}$ sheet), per ream, printed and blocked.....		3 00
Note Heads, (packet) per ream, printed and blocked.....		1 50
Half-sheet Bills. Per 100 copies, \$2.00; per 100 additional.....		50
Quarter-sheet Bills. Per 100 copies, \$4.50; per 50 additional .....		25
Sixteenth-sheet Bills. Per 100 copies 10 cents; per 100 additional.....		50
City Orders, printed on Government Safety paper. Per 100 copies, 2.00; per 100 additional.....		1 50
City Orders, printed on Government Safety paper, extra for blocking; per block.....		10
Half-sheet, 18 pound Flat Cap, faint lined, per ream.....		3 00
Quarter-sheet 18 pound Flat Cap, faint lined per ream.....		1 50
Eighth-sheet 18 pound Flat Cap, faint lined per ream .....		1 00
Charge per block for blocking.		
Printing Postal Cards (printing only). Per 100, \$2.00; Per 100 additional,		1 00

STATIONERY.

Legal Cap, first-class, 12, 14, 16, 18 pound, per pound .....	20
Foolscap, first-class 12, 14, 16, 18 pound, per pound.....	16
Letter Paper, first-class, 10 and 12 pound, per pound.....	16
Commercial, first-class, 6, 7 and 8 pound, per pound.....	16
Envelopes, No. 10, white or buff, XX, per 1,000.....	1 50
Envelopes, No. 10 manilla, XX, per 1,000.....	1 20
Envelopes, No. 6, white or buff, XX, per 1,000.....	1 20

Envelopes, No. 6, manilla, per 1,000.....	\$ 70
Printing envelopes, all sizes, per 500, 75 cents; per 1,000..	1 00
Lithographing envelopes, all sizes, per 500, \$2.25; per 1,000.....	2 75
Blotting-paper, Parker's Treasury, cut to order, white or colored. 120 lbs. to ream, per 25 $\frac{1}{4}$ sheet.....	60
Steel Pens, Gillott's No. 404, per gross .....	40
Steel Pens, Webster & Morton, per gross .....	1 25
Esterbrook & Co's Bank pen, per gross.....	35
Esterbrook & Co's Falcon, per gross .....	45
Esterbrook & Co's No. 122, per gross.....	35
Esterbrook & Co's No. 130, per gross.....	45
Esterbrook & Co's No. 267, per gross.....	35
Esterbrook & Co's No. 161, per gross.....	45
Ink, Arnold's genuine black, per dozen quarts .....	4 00
Ink, Arnold's genuine crimson, per 3 oz.....	30
Ink, Carter's genuine crimson, per 8 oz.....	80
Ink-stands, 3 inch, flat glass, each 40 cents; paragon each .....	90
Penholders, good quality, wood, per gross..	1 50
Penholders, common, wood, per gross .....	80
Lead Pencils, Faber's No. 2, 3, 4, 5, hexagon, per gross.....	50
Lead Pencils, Eagle No. 2 and 3, hexagon, per gross.....	55
Ink and Pencil Eraser, Faber's mammoth, per doz.....	1 00
Ink and Pencil Eraser, Faber's small, per doz.....	75
Rubber Bands, all lengths, $\frac{1}{8}$ inch, per box .....	70
Rubber Bands, all lengths, $\frac{1}{4}$ inch, per box .....	1 70
Rubber Bands, all lengths, $\frac{1}{2}$ inch, per box.....	2 00
Paper Fasteners, McGill's, round head No. 1, per box.....	20
Paper Fasteners, McGill's, round head, No. 2, per box.....	30
Paper Fasteners, McGill's, round head, No. 4, per box.....	20
Paper Fasteners, McGill's, flat head, No. 1, per box.....	20
Paper Fasteners, McGill's, flat head, No. 2, per box.....	20
Paper Fasteners, McGill's, flat head, No. 4, per box.....	20
Wire Staple Fasteners, per box .....	25
Paper Fastener Press, McGill's, each .....	1 00
Bankers' Pins, Elm City, per $\frac{1}{2}$ lb box, pyramid assorted, per doz.....	30
Rulers, hard rubber, 12 inch, each 25; 18 inch, each.....	35
Rulers, boxwood, 12 inch, each 35; 18 inch, each 45; 24 inch, each .....	55
Colored Pencils, Faber's hexagon, per doz.....	75
Colored Pencils, Faber's round, per doz .....	50
Scratch Books, 100 leaves, legal size, per doz .....	1 75
Scratch Books, 100 leaves, letter size, per doz.....	1 50
Scratch Books, 100 leaves, note size, per doz.....	1 25
Binding Proceedings of Common Council or Board of Aldermen, in half sheep and corners, paper sides, per single copy, \$2.75; per 100 copies....	2 10
Binding same per copy, \$3.00 full sheep, per 100 copies.....	90

We agree to furnish the above articles at prices designated until a new contract is awarded.

HASSELMAN-JOURNAL Co.,  
By O. H. HASSELMAN, Propr.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That we The Hasselman Journal Company, O. H. Hasselman, Lewis W. Hasselman, Wm. H. Morrison, William C. Smith and Isaac L. Hedges, of the County of Marion, State of Indiana, are held and firmly bound to the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, in the sum of three thousand dollars, the payment whereof well and truly to be made. We bind ourselves, our heirs, executors and administrators firmly by these presents. The conditions of this obligation are such, that if the above bounden Hasselman Journal Company shall faithfully comply with the foregoing contract and fulfill the conditions and stipulations therein contained according to



the true intent and meaning thereof in all respects, then this obligation is void; otherwise to remain in full force and virtue in law.

Witness our hands and seals this thirteenth day of June A. D. 1884.

HASSELMAN JOURNAL Co.,	[Seal.]
O. H. HASSELMAN,	[Seal.]
L. W. HASSELMAN,	[Seal.]
WM. H. MORRISON,	[Seal.]
W. C. SMITH,	[Seal.]
I. L. HEDGES,	[Seal.]

The Committee on Printing, through Councilman Trusler, submitted the following *majority* report:

Indianapolis, Ind., June 13th, 1884.

To the Mayor and Common Council:

*Gentlemen:*—Your Committee on Printing, who were instructed to advertise for proposals to furnish supplies, printing, &c., met at the office of the City Clerk on Friday, June 13, at 11 A. M., and received proposals for city advertising and printing of the delinquent list from the Indianapolis Journal, Indianapolis Times, Indianapolis Sentinel and Indianapolis Gazette, and recommend that the contract be let to the Indianapolis Gazette, the lowest bidder.

2d. We report proposition from Harbinson & Abrams, proposing to do the city bill posting for the city privileges. This will be without any cost to the city. We recommend the contract be awarded to them until December 31st, 1885.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Councilman Coy presented the following proposition:

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

*Gentlemen:*—Some time since it was understood that notice of the time for receiving bids for the city bill-posting would be given, so that all who desired would have the opportunity of presenting bids for such work; and having received no such notice, nor being aware that such notice had been given, I was somewhat surprised that bids for such work had been made and received. And desiring to enter my proposition and bid for such work, and this being the first meeting of the Council since I learned that such work was open to bidders, I now present to you below my proposition and bid for the city bill posting, to-wit: For the use of the market houses, and the exclusive right to use all the property and bridges of the city, I will do all your city bill posting free of charge, and will in addition pay the City of Indianapolis the sum of fifty dollars cash per year in advance for the right to the use of such property as aforesaid during the continuance of this contract.

JOHN EDWARDS, Bill Poster.

Councilman Spahr moved that the above proposition, and so much of the above report as relates to bill posting, be referred back to the Committee on Printing.

Councilman Dowling moved as a substitute, that the proposition be accepted.

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

Which failed of adoption by the following vote:

sig. 51.

**AYES**, 9—viz. Councilmen Cowie, Gallahue, McClelland, Newcomb, Reynolds' Smither, Thalman, Trusler, and Wharton.

**NAYS**, 12—viz. Councilmen Benjamin, Coy, Curry, Dowling, Doyle, Edenharter, Haugh, Mack, Pearson, Reinecke, Sheppard, and Spahr.

The proposition of John Edwards was then accepted by the following vote:

**AYES**, 13—viz. Councilmen Benjamin, Coy, Curry, Dowling, Doyle, Edenharter, Haugh, Mack, Pearson, Reinecke, Sheppard, Spahr, and Thalman.

**NAYS**, 8—viz. Councilmen Cowie, Gallahue, McClelland, Newcomb, Reynolds, Smither, Trusler, and Wharton.

Councilman Haugh, in behalf of the Committee on Printing, submitted the following *minority* report :

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

*Gentlemen*:—Your Committee on Printing, to whom was referred the matter of public printing, advertised for bids and specified in their advertisement that all bids should be accompanied with good and sufficient bond, and they reserved the right to reject any and all bids, and in pursuance of said advertisement, the following bids were received by your committee, to-wit:

Indianapolis Daily Journal, advertising, 20 cents per square; delinquent list, 15 cents per description.

Indianapolis Daily Sentinel, advertising, 15 cents per square; delinquent list, 13 cents per description.

Indianapolis Daily Times, advertising, 18 cents per square; delinquent list, 12 cents per description.

The Gazette, advertising, 12 cents per square; delinquent list, 10 cents per description.

The Journal, Sentinel and Times, accompanied their bids with good and sufficient bonds; the Gazette did not accompany their bid with any bond, but stated if the contract was awarded them they would furnish bond.

The majority of your committee are in favor of, and have so reported, awarding the contract to the Gazette. In this report the minority part of your committee could not and did not join, for the following reasons:

1st The Journal, Sentinel and Times are permanently established daily and weekly papers, with general circulation.

2d The Gazette is only a weekly paper, of limited circulation, and it is not certain, in the opinion of the minority part of your committee, that it is permanently established.

3d The minority part of your committee believe that it is in the interest of the city to award all contracts to the lowest and best bidder, taking into consideration in this case the permanency of the paper and its general circulation.

In view of the foregoing facts, the minority part of your committee would respectfully recommend that the contract for the public printing be awarded to the Indianapolis Daily Sentinel, it being the lowest and best bidder, or divide it by giving the Sentinel the advertising, and the Times the delinquent list; and would respectfully submit the foregoing as a minority report of said committee.

C. E. HAUGH,  
Minority Printing Committee.

Councilman Haugh presented the following petition, accompanied by the following resolution :

We, the undersigned, mechanics and workingmen of Indianapolis, hereby petition the honorable Board of Council to act in compliance with the request of Indianapolis Typographical Union, in rejecting the bid of Dynes & Co. for the official city advertising, said firm being rated as conducting business in an unfair manner, and to the detriment of all honorable workingmen, and others engaged in business competition with themselves. (Signed by)

J. A. Hugg, L. W. McDaniel, L. P. McCormack, Jno. T. Scott, H. C. Deck, S. L. Leffingwell, Edward Smith, W. W. Davy, G. W. Hoffman, H. S. Jameson, R. H. Wilson—and 358 others.

At a special session of Typographical Union No. 1, held on Saturday, June 14, the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, We have learned with regret of the proposed letting by the City Council of Indianapolis of certain official city advertising to an obscure newspaper, known as the Indianapolis Gazette, and at rates so unreasonably low as to hardly compensate for type composition thereon; and

Whereas, The office of said Indianapolis Gazette is listed as "unfair," in the employment of incompetent hands and children on the cheap labor plan of conducting business, and,

Whereas, The said Indianapolis Gazette is incompetent in all particulars as to the requirements of the law, providing that such advertising shall be done in a paper of general circulation; is obscure and of no value as a medium of publication; therefore,

Resolved, That we, as the advocates of fair and reasonable compensation for fair and honorable labor, hereby protest against the letting of public printing and advertising to the unfair and irresponsible publication known as the Indianapolis Gazette.

Resolved, That we recognize in the course of Dynes & Co., as publishers of the Indianapolis Gazette, in their efforts to undermine and underbid their competitors in business to a degree far below a reasonable and fair compensation for the work required, as censurable and condemnable in the extreme, and pray the honorable members of the Council to reject the present bid of this firm for the city advertising as irresponsible, and as not in compliance with the requirements of the law made and provided.

Resolved, That the President appoint a committee of ten members of this union to wait upon and present these resolutions to the honorable Board of Council, and ask their compliance therewith.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be furnished the Daily Times and Daily Sentinel, with a request to publish the same.

Councilman Trusler presented the following communication:

Indianapolis, June 16, 1884.

To the Printing Committee of the Indianapolis City Council:

Gentlemen:—Since being apprised of the decision of a majority of your committee, recommending to the Council that the city's advertising for the ensuing year, and the publication of the city delinquent tax-list for 1883, be awarded to the "Gazette," as the lowest bidder in response to your advertisement for sealed proposals therefor, we have learned that our competitors, who were fairly and honestly underbid by us, have joined in the false cry that the "Gazette" is not a paper of general circulation, within the meaning of the law. In bidding for the work named, it was the purpose of the undersigned to fully comply with the requirements of the specifications of your committee, and in our proposition we included a statement of the "Gazette's" city circulation. To be still more explicit, we will now state that the "Gazette" has a bona fide circulation in every ward in the City of Indianapolis, and upon almost every street and avenue, and this statement we are ready to verify by affidavit, if necessary. Attached hereto, we present a state-

ment made by county officers, attorneys and others who have used the columns of the "Gazette" for the publication of legal advertisements, asserting that the "Gazette" is a paper of general circulation, and that their use of its space has been satisfactory to them. Also, attached hereto is the statement of the pressman of the "Gazette," giving its average weekly circulation for the past year. Against these statements of disinterested parties, who have had ample means of informing themselves of the truth of their statements, you will be asked to accept the unsupported statements of the interested employes of the publishers of the papers that competed with the "Gazette" for this work. What do these employes know of the "Gazette" or its business? To our knowledge, not one of them, unless it be Mr. Haugh, of the committee, has ever been inside the "Gazette" office.

Our attention has also been directed to a so-called "protest" of Typographical Union No. 1, which is full of wilful misrepresentations of the "Gazette's" business and its bid on the city printing. We respectfully ask your committee and the Council to consider the source and spirit of this so-called "protest," instigated, as we believe, by the publisher of one of the papers who bid against the "Gazette" and was fairly beaten; and we further ask you to consider the spirit of unfairness by our competitors as manifested by the appointment of a committee of one from their employes to visit the members of Council and misrepresent the "Gazette's" circulation and business.

*Indianapolis, June 14th, 1884.*

We, the undersigned, take pleasure in testifying to the fact that the Indianapolis Gazette is a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Indianapolis and Marion County, and that we have placed legal advertising in the columns of the Gazette, which has always given entire satisfaction.

James A. Hamilton, Dep. Sheriff; J. C. Adams, Aud. Marion Co.; Frederick Ostermeyer, J. N. Guion, W. R. Clinton, Commissioners; J. R. Clinton, Clk Bd. of Com.; M. G. McLain, Clk M. C. C.; David D. Long, W. G. Wasson, W. W. Woollen, Dailey & Winpenny, Wm. D. Tobin, Jno. C. Brush, Att'y, John Kidd, Att'y; Florea & Wishard, Att'ys; T. S. Rollins, Ben. F. Davis, Wm. H. Payne, Harding & Hovey, David Wait, Kealing & Clifford, C. A. Dryer, John Young, S. L. Morrow, R. O. Hawkins.

*Indianapolis, June 14, 1884.*

This is to certify that we do the press work on the Gazette newspaper, published by J. A. Dynes & Co., at Indianapolis. For the last nine months the edition of the Gazette will average 2,200 copies per week.

INDIANAPOLIS NEWSPAPER UNION,  
W. H. Leedy, Manager.

*Indianapolis, June 16th, 1884.*

As a newspaper man, acquainted in a general way with the press of this city, I take pleasure in stating that The Indianapolis Gazette is a newspaper of general circulation, and is so regarded by the legal fraternity, merchants, etc.

CHARLES DENNIS.

*Indianapolis, June 16, 1884.*

To whom it may concern:

I consider the Indianapolis Gazette to be a paper of general circulation.

A. H. DOOLEY.

Having established by positive and creditable evidence that the "Gazette" is a newspaper of general circulation, we pass by the unsupported contrary assertion of the Typographical Union, and consider, in the next place, the false assertion that the "Gazette's" bid contains "rates so unreasonably low as to hardly compensate for type composition thereon." Let us see if this is true: Take, say, 50 squares

of advertisements: At the "Gazette's" bid of 12 cents per square, each insertion, for three weeks (the term for which nearly all the city "ads." are published), the contractor receives \$18.00. In the 50 squares of advertising there is contained 10,400 ems type composition, which, at the "Union" rates of composition—same as paid by the "Gazette"—costs \$3.12, leaving a margin of \$14.88 on each 50 squares of advertising done for the city.

The "Gazette's" bid on the advertising is 12 cents per square each insertion; the "Sentinel" is the next lowest bidder, at 15 cents per square, a difference of 3 cents per square. The "Times'" bid is 18 cents, or 3 cents higher than the "Sentinel."

Let us see how the "Gazette's" bid compares with the bids of the "Sentinel" in the past. In June, 1878—Arthur L. Wright, M. L. Brown, and C. F. Wiese being the Council Committee on Printing—bids were received as follows: "Sentinel" 13 cents per square each insertion. (a difference of only 1 cent per square between that and the "Gazette's" present bid); "Southside" 12½ cents per square, the award being made to the last named paper. In 1879 the "Sentinel" again offered to do the advertising at 13 cts. per square. Now, if the "Sentinel" in the years named—when paper, type, etc., were higher than now—could afford to do the city advertising at 13 cents per square, can not the "Gazette" do the work now, when paper, type, etc., are lower, at 12 cents per square, or 1 cent less on the square? Besides, the Typographical Union itself makes a difference between composition prices on daily morning and weekly papers, a difference so favorable to the weekly press that the latter can and should make lower rates for advertising. And right here, we wish to assert a fact that our competitors can not successfully refute, which is that both the "Times" and "Sentinel" insert in their columns advertisements for home merchants as well as foreign advertisers at a less rate than the "Gazette" proposes to do the city advertising for. Should not the city, which is a good, cash-paying patron, have as low rates as others who do not do nearly so much advertising?

As to the delinquent tax-list, the bid of the "Gazette" is only 2 cents per description less than that of the "Times." In 1879 the "Sentinel" bid 8 cents per description, 2 cents lower than is now proposed by the "Gazette." The "Sentinel," the "People," and other papers run and managed by Union printers, have in former years frequently bid a less figure on the delinquent list than is now offered by us.

The charge that the "Gazette" "employs incompetent hands and children on the cheap labor plan" is a deliberate, willful and malicious falsehood. The "Gazette's" printers are as competent as any employed on either the "Times" or the "Sentinel," and a comparison of the composition on those papers with the "Gazette" is invited. The "Gazette" employs no children in any department (except as carriers of papers, and one apprentice boy, whose time is mainly given to running a job press in the job department). The "Gazette's" printers are paid the same wages for composition as paid by the "Herald," "Review," "People," and other weekly papers, and the same as set by the "Union" for weekly papers. In the employment of all labor required in our business we pay the prevailing prices. We admit that we are not controlled nor governed by the Typographical Union, though until the present "unfair" attitude assumed by that body we have had no unpleasant discussion with its members, and have only felt kindly toward them as toward all other day-laborers, being ourselves daily engaged in manual labor, and knowing how to sympathize with those who toil unceasingly for a livelihood.

But what all these matters which we have discussed have to do with the action of the City Council in making contracts, is something that we do not claim to understand. The city should look out for itself, and make for itself in every department the best bargains it can. We have made our bid to the city for its printing as we would to any good and responsible business man or firm who might invite us to bid on an equal amount of space.

We claim to be abundantly able in every way, to faithfully and satisfactorily comply with the requirements of the specifications of the Printing Committees of Council and the Board of Aldermen, and offer good and sufficient bond to secure

the city such faithful performance of the contract. We have done the same class of work in years past, to the satisfaction of all concerned, as is evidenced by the following statement, the present publishers of the "Gazette" being at the date named the publishers of the "Republican" and contractors for the city advertising and publication of the tax-list:

Indianapolis, June 22, 1880.

We, the undersigned, officers of the City of Indianapolis, do hereby attest that we are perfectly satisfied with the manner and form in which the city advertising has been done in The Indianapolis Republican. To the best of our knowledge the work has been done strictly in accordance with the specifications laid down, and we are fully satisfied with the circulation given to the city advertisements and the delinquent tax-list. The low rate at which the Republican has been doing this official advertising, has been the means of saving a considerable sum to the city, while the work was of as much service as that which had formerly cost several times the price.

John Caven, Mayor; Joseph T. Magner, City Clerk;  
Wm. G. Wasson, City Treasurer; R. S. Colter, City  
Marshal; M. F. Connett, Assessor; W. C. Phipps,  
Clerk B. P. I.; G. S. Wright, City Pros'r; W. E.  
Jeffries, M. D., Sec'y Board of Health.

The assertion in the "protest" referred to, that the efforts of the publishers of the "Gazette" "to undermine and underbid their competitors in business to a degree far below a reasonable and fair compensation for the work required as censurable and condemnable in the extreme," displays such an evident purpose to be "unfair" toward the "Gazette" and its publishers as to call for a "manly and dignified protest" from us against the proposed dictatorial, bull-doing tactics of our competitors, who are so vigorously kicking against the action of the Council Printing Committee. If it was right and proper for the "Times" to "cut rates" on its present contract, and to underbid the "Sentinel" on the delinquent list; and if it was not "censurable and condemnable" in the "Sentinel" to "undermine" and underbid the "Times" on the advertising, why should the "Gazette" be censured and condemned for bidding a little lower than either, thereby saving considerable money to the city.

We ask from the Committee and from the members of Council the fair play that is usually accorded to bidders for city work, and if the usual custom of concurring in the reports of Committees is followed by the Council in this case, and the work awarded us, we shall strive to give the best possible satisfaction to all concerned.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. DYNES,  
L. G. DYNES,  
Publishers Indianapolis Gazette.

Councilman Thalman offered the following motion:

That the whole matter be referred back to the committee, with instructions to ascertain accurately the *bona fide* circulation of each of the daily papers which have made bids, in this city, and report the same back to this Council at the next meeting.

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

Which failed of adoption by the following vote:

AYES, 10—viz. Councilmen Benjamin, Coy, Curry, Dowling, Doyle, Edenharter, Haugh, Mack, Reinecke, and Sheppard.

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

The motion was then adopted, by the following vote:

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

**NAYS, 10**—viz. Councilmen Benjamin, Coy, Curry, Dowling, Doyle, Edenharter, Haugh, Mack, Reinecke, and Sheppard.

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

To His Honor, the Mayor and Common Council:

*Gentlemen:*—Your Committee on Public Property, to whom was referred the ordinance giving Gilmore & Dickson permission to use one of the parks for the purpose asked for in G. O. 41, 1884, do respectfully report in favor of same, providing they pay the salary of the policeman in charge of the park, chosen by them, for the time they use the same.

Fred. J. Mack,  
Wm. Curry,  
T. F. Smither,  
Committee on Public Property.

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

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

*Gentlemen:*—"That the I., B. & W., and C., C., C. & I. Railways be directed to place a Flagman at their crossings on Michigan street, immediately."

Your Committee on Railroads has looked into the above, and recommend the adoption of the motion

Respectfully submitted,

John R. Pearson,  
J. H. Sheppard,  
Isaac Thalman,  
Committee on Railroads.

The Committee on Streets and Alleys, through Councilman Reynolds, submitted the following report; which was concurred in:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

*Gentlemen:*—Your Committee on Streets and Alleys, to whom the following entitled ordinances were referred, viz:

S. O., 74, 1883. An ordinance to provide for grading, bowldering and curbing the gutters of New York street, between Delaware and Pennsylvania streets. Recommend said ordinance be passed.

S. O. 75, 1883. An ordinance to provide for grading and bowldering the first alley east of Pennsylvania street, from Market street to Ohio street. Recommend said ordinance be passed.

Respectfully submitted,

M. M. Reynolds,  
Julius F. Reinecke,  
J. W. Wharton,  
Committee on Streets and Alleys.

The same Committee submitted the following report, accompanied with resolution:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

*Gentlemen:* Your Committee on Streets and Alleys, to whom was referred the petition of Francis Silas Chatard et al. praying for the vacation of the first alley south of North street, between Noble and Cincinnati streets, have examined into said matter, and recommend the matter be referred to the City Commissioners

Respectfully submitted,

M. M. Reynolds,  
J. W. Wharton,  
Julius F. Reinecke,  
Committee on Streets and Alleys.

*Resolved*, That the petition of Francis Silas Chatard, Bishop of Vincennes, et. al. praying for the vacation of the first alley south of North street, from Noble street to Cincinnati street, be referred to the City Commissioners, with instructions to assess benefits, and to make due report. The said Commissioners are instructed to return, as a part of their report, all petitions and notices.

The City Clerk is hereby directed to issue, and the Superintendent of Metropolitan Police to serve the proper notices upon the Commissioners, and the petitioners are hereby required to serve the proper notices upon the interested property owners.

Councilman Haugh presented the following remonstrance :

To the Mayor and Common Council :

*Gentlemen:* The undersigned interested property owners respectfully but firmly remonstrate and object to the vacation of the first alley south of North street, running from North street to Cincinnati street. The alley is a public necessity, and as the State law gives us the right and privilege to object, we hereby avail ourselves of such right.

Respectfully,

Henry Vondergotten, Samuel Rodenberger, Maria Miller,  
Bernhart Koehring, B. F. Gresh, Julius Gruenmann.

Councilman Thalman moved to refer the foregoing matter to the Judiciary Committee and City Attorney.

Which failed of adoption by the following vote :

**AYES**, 9—viz. Councilmen Gallahue, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Reynolds, Smither, Thalman, Trusler, and Wharton.

**NAYS**, 12—viz. Councilmen Benjamin, Cowie, Coy, Curry, Dowling, Doyle, Edenharter, Haugh, Mack, Reinecke, Sheppard, and Spahr.

The report was then concurred in, and the resolution was adopted, by the following vote :

**AYES**, 18—viz. Councilmen Benjamin, Cowie, Coy, Curry, Dowling, Doyle, Edenharter, Gallahue, Haugh, Mack, Newcomb, Pearson, Reinecke, Reynolds, Sheppard, Smither, Spahr, and Wharton.

**NAYS**, 3—viz. Councilmen McClelland, Thalman, and Trusler.

Later in the session Councilman Reynolds, in behalf of the Committee on Streets and Alleys, submitted the following report; which was received :

To the Mayor and Common Council :

*Gentlemen:*—Your Committee on Streets and Alleys, to whom was referred an ordinance to provide for grading and paving with brick the sidewalks of Eighth street, from Central avenue to the Wabash Railroad, have examined into the matter, and have had a remonstrance presented to us against said improvement, viz: South side, 1999 feet, north side, 1448 feet.

There being such a strong remonstrance against said improvement, we are unable to decide, therefore return said ordinance without recommendation, together with said remonstrance.

Respectfully submitted,

M. M. Reynolds,  
Julius F. Reinecke,  
J. W. Wharton,  
Committee on Streets and Alleys.



Councilman Spahr presented the following remonstrance; which was received, and the ordinance, S. O. 42, 1884, stricken from the files:

Indianapolis, June 10, 1884.

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

*Gentlemen:*—The undersigned, owners of real estate fronting on south side of Eighth street, between Central avenue and W., St. L. & P. Railway tracks, respectfully remonstrate against the passage of an ordinance providing for paving said sidewalk with brick, on the south side of Eighth street.

F. A. and M. R. Palmer, 169 feet; T. Howard Maxwell, 169 feet; T. M. Whiting, 150 feet; Wm. Shingler, Jr., 130 feet; P. A. Campbell, 160 feet; Mary K. Russell, 135 feet; C. W. Oakes, 175 feet; Sarah Jane Gerard, 217 feet; Sarah Jane Gerard, guardian, P. E. Johnson, 200 feet; D. Reynolds, 117 feet; Henry L. Witherald, 160 feet; M. M. B. Goodwin, 35 feet; Berkshire Life Insurance Company, 47 feet; W. L. John, 135 feet; Total, 1999 feet;

This is to certify that the above names own 1999 feet of property on the south side of Eighth street, and is all the property that lies on said street except 179 feet; that all names on petition that was handed to Board of Aldermen except two, did not own any property on the street, and some did not live in the ward.

Respectfully,

F. A. PALMER, and 15 others.

Indianapolis, June 14, 1884.

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

*Gentlemen:*—The undersigned, owners of real estate fronting on Eighth street, and on north side of same street, between Central avenue and I. P. & C. Railway, respectfully remonstrate against the passage of an ordinance providing for the laying of a brick sidewalk between the above named points, on the north side of Eighth street.

Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Co., by A. S. Ames, Agent, 135 feet; Elizabeth Nicholson, 135 feet; J. R. Allen, 135 feet; Estella Wilson, 38 feet; Johanna Harrington, 135 feet; Conrad Tramer, 135 feet; Caroline Strickland, 35 feet; Maggie F. Rowan, 35 feet; Arthur G. Fosdyke, 260 feet; C. Bradford, 135 feet; Sarah J. Gill, 135 feet; Samuel Clark, 135 feet; Geo. W. Nevitt, 135 feet; total, 1,448 feet.

There are but two signers on the petition for this sidewalk who are property owners on the street, and they do not live on Eighth street.

Councilman Reynolds, in behalf of the same Committee, submitted the following report; which was received:

Indianapolis, June 16, 1884.

To the Mayor and Common Council:

*Gentlemen:*—The undersigned, to whom was referred the message of the Clerk of the Board of Aldermen, showing that the Board amended S. O. Nos. 42 and 62 of 1884, and asking our opinion as to whether the Board of Aldermen can make such amendments as were attempted in these cases, beg leave to report that they are of the opinion that the Board had the power to make the amendments it did, and that it is now only necessary that the Council should concur in the same, in order to put said ordinance in force.

Respectfully submitted,

M. M. Reynolds,  
J. W. Wharton,

Committee on Streets and Alleys.

C. S. DENNY, City Attorney.

The Committee on Water, through Councilman Reynolds, submitted the following report, accompanied with statement; which were received :

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen :

*Gentlemen:*—The undersigned, your Joint Committee, to whom was referred the matter of ascertaining how many feet of water mains have been laid by the Water Company under the existing contract, beg leave to report that they have attended to said matter, and now submit as their report a communication from said company, giving the information desired.

Respectfully submitted,

M. M. Reynolds,  
Wm. A. Cox,  
H. J. Prier,  
Committee on Water.

Indianapolis, 13th June, 1884.

Hon. Committee on Water of the Common Council,

Hon. Committee on Water of the Board of Aldermen:

*Gentlemen:* In answer to resolution of May 19th passed by the Council instructing you to inquire of this Company what amount of mains have been put down on this year's contract, we answer: 9,989 feet. Credit from last year 635 feet, which makes in excess of requirements of contract for 1884 of 64 feet.

Requirements for 1883.....	6,500 feet.
Requirements for 1884.....	10,560 "
<b>Total requirements per contract.....</b>	<b>17,060 "</b>
Amount laid .....	17,124 "

In answer to question of same resolution whether any other arrangement could be made with the company to put in the mains that have already been ordered by Council, and if so, what we answer. There has been ordered (Map measurement) by resolution as follows:

Resolution dated and passed September 21st and 24th, 1883, directing us to lay mains from the corner of Seventh street along Broadway to Eighth street, distance about 700 feet. This resolution directs the Engineer to locate hydrants not to exceed one for every 1,000 feet. This not being in accordance with terms of contract, we have not laid the same, but have suggested to those interested if changed so as to comply with contract, which provides for hydrants every 500 feet it would be laid in regular order.

Resolution passed February 18th and 25th requires us to lay mains on Mississippi street, from Second street to Twelfth street, distance about 5,000 feet.

Resolution same dates requires us to lay mains on Central avenue, from Christian avenue to Ninth street, distance about 4,000 feet.

Resolution passed February 25th and March 10th requires us to lay mains on north West street, from Indiana to Fourth street, distance about 3,500 feet.

Resolution dated May 5th and June 9th directs us to extend mains on Pennsylvania street to Ninth street, distance about 1,500 feet.

RECAPITULATION.

Broadway line.....	700 feet.
Mississippi street line.....	5,000 "
Central avenue line.....	4,000 "
West street line.....	3,500 "
Pennsylvania street line.....	1,500 "
	<b>14,700 "</b>

We will lay this pipe under the present contract with the city in advance of time designated by the contract, including Broadway line, if ordinance is changed, to comply with contract, provided the pipe can be obtained promptly, and at reasonable price, and that we are furnished ten consumers to every 400 feet who will obligate themselves to take and pay for water at regular rates to the amount of not less than \$10 each per annum, for a period of not less than three years.

*Second*—We will lay 3,000 to 4,000 feet of pipe outside of contract, requirements as to consumers same as above, and the city to take fire hydrants as per terms of the contract with the city during its continuance, *provided*

Resolutions already passed be rescinded and that of the requirements of 1885 that 45 per cent. be given the north side, 30 per cent. south side, and 25 per cent. to the central part of the city, giving lines already ordered their proper proportion. The reason for recommending the reservation of 25 per cent. to the central part of the city is that there are many cross streets without mains, and the water must soon be required for drinking and domestic uses, as it is not possible for 80,000 or 90,000 pounds of human excrement besides other filth to go down into this gravelly soil daily without polluting the wells so as to make them horribly filthy and productive of sickness. In connection with this matter, would recommend that all resolutions requiring the Company to lay mains be referred to the proper committees whose duty it shall be to examine lines ordered and make examination as to their relation to the entire system of water mains.

Looking to the protection of the manufacturers on Madison avenue, we suggest the laying a main from Madison avenue east on Morris street or Coburn street to East street, and connect with East street line; also to lay a main from Meridian street east to Union street on Morris street, and south on Union street 1,000 feet; also to increase effectiveness of Washington street line and to afford greater protection to the Deaf and Dumb Asylum, Arsenal Buildings and Female Reformatory, we would suggest extending mains on Ohio street to Arsenal avenue line. There are also some short lines that should be laid, as they are greatly needed. We would request that you bear in mind that one of the conditions of the petition upon which resolution was passed requiring this company to lay its mains upon Alabama street to the Exposition Building was that the city would not be required at an expense of \$200 to sprinkle Alabama street, and if a petition is presented or resolution introduced that you call the attention of your respective bodies to the promise made that no further requests would be made to sprinkle Alabama street.

Respectfully,

INDIANAPOLIS WATER Co.,

by F. A. W. Davis, Vice Pres't. and Sup't.

It being now nearly eleven o'clock, on motion by Councilman Edenharter, the time was extended, by the following vote:

**AYES**, 21—viz. Councilmen Benjamin, Cowie, Coy, Curry, Dowling, Doyle, Edenharter, Gallahue, Haugh, Mack, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Reinecke, Reynolds, Sheppard, Smither, Spahr, Thalman, Trusler, and Wharton.

**NAYS**—None.

#### MESSAGES AND PAPERS FROM THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

The following message was read and received, and Councilmen Edenharter, McClelland and Reynolds appointed as the members of such Committee:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

*Gentlemen*:—The Board of Aldermen in regular session held June 9th, 1884, adhered to their former action as to the extension of the Street Railway line on Peru street, and appointed a conference committee, to be composed of three members of the Board of Aldermen, and requested that the Common Council appoint a like committee. Aldermen Prier, Pritchard and Endly were appointed by the Chair to act as the Aldermanic members of such committee.

I submit the same for your consideration.

For the Board of Aldermen:

FRANK W. RIPLEY, Clerk.

The following message was read, and the motion concurrently adopted :

To the Mayor and Common Council :

*Gentlemen:*—The Board of Aldermen at its regular session held June 9th, 1884, adopted the following motion:

“That William Langstaff be, and he is hereby, granted an auctioneers' license for the term of one year, upon the payment of the annual fee provided therefor, and the issuing of the usual license by the City Clerk; which license shall authorize said Langstaff to follow said business of an auctioneer at any point in the City of Indianapolis.”

I submit the same for your consideration.

For the Board of Aldermen:

FRANK W. RIPLEY, Clerk.

“The following message was read, and the motion referred to the Board of Public Improvements :

To the Mayor and Common Council

*Gentlemen:*—The Board of Aldermen, in regular session, held June 9th, 1884, adopted the following motion:

“That the Street Commissioner be, and he is hereby, directed to at once level up all uneven places on Meridian street, and hereafter keep the same thoroughly swept.”

I submit the same for your consideration.

For the Board of Aldermen,

FRANK W. RIPLEY, Clerk.

The following message was read, and the Board's action concurred in :

To the Mayor and Common Council :

*Gentlemen:*—The Board of Aldermen, at its regular session, held June 9th, 1884, granted the prayer of the following petition:

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

*Gentlemen:*—The undersigned represent that they are desirous of building a sewer from the property on the northwest corner of Ohio and Tennessee streets, to the intersection of the Illinois street sewer. They pray you grant them this permission, and also the right to tap the public sewer on Illinois street, at their own expense, and under the direction of the City Civil Engineer.

HENRY M. TALBOTT,  
for the Talbott heirs.”

I submit the same for your consideration.

For the Board of Aldermen,

FRANK W. RIPLEY, Clerk.

#### 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 Doyle:

G. O. 52, 1884—An ordinance requiring the C., I., St. L. & C. Railroad Company to station a Flagman at the crossing of its tracks with Maryland street.

By Councilman Gallahue, accompanied with petition:

S. O. 87, 1884—An ordinance to provide for grading and paving with brick, the sidewalks of Cedar street, from Virginia avenue to Dillon street.

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

*Gentlemen:*—The undersigned, owners of real estate fronting on Cedar street, between Dillon street and Virginia avenue, respectfully petition for the passage of an ordinance providing for grading and paving with brick the sidewalks of said street between the points named. And your petitioners will ever pray, &c.

Charles Reese, J. C. Adams, Executor of the estate of S. C. Adams, deceased; James M. Pigg, O. B. Ensey.

By Councilman Cowie :

S. O. 88, 1884—An ordinance to provide for grading and paving with brick, the south sidewalk of Vermont street, from Blackford street to the first alley west of Bright street, where not already done.

S. O. 89, 1884—An ordinance to provide for grading and paving with brick, the south sidewalk of Michigan street, from Blackford street to Blake street, where not already done.

S. O. 90, 1884—An ordinance to provide for grading and paving with brick, the east sidewalk of Douglass street, from New York street to Michigan street, where not already done.

By Councilman Trusler, accompanied with petition:

S. O. 91, 1884—An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling Beecher street and sidewalks, from Shelby street to the first street east of Shelby street.

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

*Gentlemen:*—The undersigned, owners of real estate fronting on Beecher street, between Shelby street and the first street east, respectfully petition for the passage of an ordinance providing for grading and graveling said street and sidewalks.

Anton Richter, 190 feet; Fr. Richter, 266 feet; William Beatley, 246 feet.

#### INTRODUCTION OF MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

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

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

*Gentlemen:*—Your petitioner, Michael Reidy, guardian of Catherine Madden, a person of unsound mind, would respectfully show that his ward is now the owner in fee-simple, and has been for over twenty years last past, of the following real estate, to-wit: 10 feet off south side of lot 7, and 25 feet off north side of lot 8, in McKernan & Pierce's sub. of west part of out-lot 27 in the City of Indianapolis, known as Nos. 273 and 275 South Tennessee street.

Said Reidy also represents that when his said ward purchased said real estate, the natural channel of Pogue's Run was at least a distance of one hundred and fifty (150) feet south of the present channel of said run at the crossing of said Tennessee street; that about twelve (12) or fifteen (15) years ago, the City of Indianapolis caused a new channel to be made for said Pogue's Run, and located the same immediately south of said real estate, the north bank of the same being on the south line of said real estate, and caused the water of said stream to flow through the said new channel; that said new channel was made without the consent of his said ward, or any one representing her; that neither she nor any one representing her, have ever received any money or other consideration as a compensation for damages done to said property arriving from the digging of said new channel. Said

petitioner also states that during the last few years at least two or three feet off of the south side of said property has washed away and is still washing; that the brick building situate upon said property is liable to fall before a great while by reason of the wrongful acts of the City of Indianapolis aforesaid.

Wherefor, your petitioner asks that the City of Indianapolis erect or cause to be erected a stone wall, or make such other improvements along the said property, as will prevent any further damage to the real estate aforesaid.

DAVID A. MYERS,  
Attorney for Michael Reidy.

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

That the Street Commissioner, under the direction of the Civil Engineer, be, and is hereby instructed to change waste pipe on south Delaware street, from the intersection of Chesapeake street to Pogue's Run, so as to prevent the overflow of water, present pipe being too small to carry off the water.

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, instructed to fill chuck-holes on McNabb street, between Meridian and Illinois streets.

Councilman Cowie offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, It is a matter of great emergency that the sewer heretofore ordered to be constructed on Bright street should be done at the earliest day possible; and

Whereas, The contract has been already awarded to A. Bruner, to build said sewer, but not to take effect until January 1st, 1885; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the motion ordering said work not to proceed until after January 1st, 1885, be, and the same is hereby, set aside and annulled.

And Resolved, further, That said contractor be, and he is hereby, authorized and instructed to proceed to construct said sewer as speedily as possible.

Which failed of adoption by the following vote:

AYES, 9—viz. Councilmen Cowie, Coy, Curry, Dowling, Mack, Sheppard, Smither, Trusler, and Wharton.

NAYS, 9—viz. Councilmen Benjamin, Edenharter, Gallahue, Haugh, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Spahr, and Thalman.

There being a tie vote, His Honor, the Mayor, voting, and being cast in the negative, the resolution was declared not adopted.

Councilman Dowling entered the following protest:

I respectfully protest in the action of his Honor, the Mayor, the President of this Council, in the matter of occupying the Chair as President when this Council had in the Chair the Vice-President, and the vote of the Council at that particular moment, and on that particular vote was a tie, and so declared by the Chair, the Vice-President of the Council.

JAS. T. DOWLING.

Councilman Cowie offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That J. R. Cowie be allowed to put down a stone sidewalk and curb in front of 233 Douglass street, at his own expense, according to stakes set by the City Civil Engineer.

Councilman Curry offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That the Indianapolis Rolling Mill Co. (or the parties having control of the same) be, and are hereby directed to tear out the brick arch over Pogue's Run, between Merrill and Catherine streets, and if said work is not done within ten (10) days, the Street Commissioner be, and he is hereby directed to remove the same.

Councilman Edenharter offered the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the Indianapolis Water Company of Indianapolis be, and is hereby directed to lay water mains from Washington street in and along Pine street to North street. The hydrants to be located under the direction of the Chief Fire Engineer, and the City Clerk is hereby directed to notify said Water Works Company to lay said water mains.

And it was adopted by the following vote:

**AYES**, 18—viz. Councilmen Benjamin, Cowie, Curry, Dowling, Edenharter, Gallahue, Haugh, Mack, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Reinecke, Reynolds, Sheppard, Smither, Spahr, Trusler, and Wharton.

**NAYS**, 1 viz. Councilman Thalman.

Councilman Gallahue offered the following motion; which was adopted :

That the City Civil Engineer be directed to designate the proper numbers on Pine street, from Washington street to Virginia avenue.

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 put down a double stone crossing on the north side of Michigan street, at the alley between Alabama and New Jersey streets.

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

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby directed to bowlder or put crossings at alley wings on the west side of Union street, between McCarty and Morris streets, where in his judgment it seems necessary.

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

That the lamp-post on the east side of south Meridian street, between Wilkins and Morris streets, be re-mantled and re-lighted.

Councilman Mack presented the following petition; which was referred to the City Attorney :

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

*Gentlemen*:—The undersigned, your petitioners, would respectfully represent and show that they are the owners of the real estate in several and separate parts hereinafter respectively shown, fronting on and adjoining the west line of south Meridian street, from Wisconsin street south to ..... street. That said ground so owned by us respectively is not within the corporate limits of the City of Indianapolis. That the ground on the east side of said street is in the corporate limits of said city, and said street has been purchased and is now owned by said city.

Your petitioners further represent that they are desirous of having said south Meridian street and sidewalks improved from said Wisconsin street south; and to this end they now hereby agree, each for himself, to pay the pro rata portion of the cost of said improvement, as the same may be assessed against said property

owned by them respectively. Your petitioners further agree to donate to said city for the uses of said street, a strip off of the front of the ground so owned by each of them respectively, so as to make said south Meridian street of the same uniform width south of Wisconsin street, that it is north of said Wisconsin street, and so that the west line of Meridian street shall be one uniform straight line from Morris street south.

Your petitioners therefore ask that an ordinance may be passed providing for the grading and graveling of said Meridian street and sidewalks from Wisconsin street south to ..... street.

Wm. Wundram, 66 feet 8 in., west side; Air Fischer, 50 feet, west side; Richard Essigke, 75 feet, west side; Fred. Reck; Geo. Knarzer, 60 feet, west side; Geo. Rech, 114 feet, west side; Catharine Rech, by Geo. Rech, 114 feet, west side; Addie Grandshoff, 33 feet 4 in., west side; Luther Mehring, 165 feet, west side; M. Clune, 234 feet, west side; P. Sindlinger, 165 feet west side.

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

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

*Gentlemen:*—The undersigned, owners of real estate fronting North and Pine streets, between Noble and Pine streets, and adjacent to corner of North and Pine streets, respectfully remonstrate against the proposed opening of North street between Pine street and first alley east of Pine street, for the following reasons:

1st. There is not a building of any kind east of said alley, except a transfer depot.

2d. That part of North street could not be used, as there is no bridge over Pogue's Run at that point.

3d. There is not one property owner that is interested, with the exception of of those that expect to sell their five (5) houses and two (2) lots to the city, that want the street opened, and as this case has been agitated for years, and always by Councilmen from some other ward, and names solicited to petitions by persons not living or owning real estate near said point.

We therefore pray your honorable body not to pass said ordinance.

J. M. Bruner, 145 feet on North street; C. F. Wishmeyer, 160 feet on North street; Charles F. Wishmeyer, 140 feet on North street; Charles F. Miller, 145 feet on North street; John A. Deery, 107 feet on North street; W. C. Spiegel, 35 feet on north Pine street; Peter Boller, 35 feet on north Pine st.; Wm. M. Blythe and A. E. Blythe, 35 feet on north Pine street; Ashford Lingenfelter, 75 feet on Pine street; A. M. Kern, 140 feet on Pine street; C. E. Izor, 60 feet on Pine street; Wm. H. Fuehring, 35 feet on Pine street; John Helm, 45 feet on Pine street; C. H. Kinæger, 25 feet on Pine street; Henry F. Bucksot, 35 feet on Pine street; Jacob Herman, 30 feet on Pine street; Geo. Dærr, 30 feet on north Pine street; Martha J. Moore, 35 feet on north Pine street.

Councilman McClelland presented the following remonstrance:

To the Honorable Board of Aldermen and Common Council:

*Gentlemen:*—We, the property owners on Vine street, remonstrate against the city vacating the east end of Vine street, holding that it will depreciate our property in value.

John W. Dittimore, 120 feet on Vine street, 80 feet on



Ash street, M. S. Huey, 80 feet on Vine street, Fred. W. Brandt, A. W. Bates, Nancy Wiles, Sarah A. Martin, Mary J. Griffith, Mrs. M. L. Beerbower, Mrs. H. C. Harper, Helen Van Laningham, 140 feet, Lucy C. Brouse, H. D. Porterfield, Catherine and Nancy Shea, 57 feet on Vine, T. W. Brouse, 140 feet on Vine, S. J. Stiarwatt.

On motion by Councilman Thalman, the action of the Common Council at the last session (see pages 504 and 505, *ante*), as to the vacation of Vine street, east of Ash street, was reconsidered.

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

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, directed to take up and relay the west gutter of Pennsylvania street, from St Clair street to First street, so that the water will run off; and the City Civil Engineer be, and is hereby, directed to set the proper grade stakes.

Councilman Newcomb presented the following claim; which was referred to the Committee on Accounts and Claims:

Indianapolis, Ind., June 16, 1884.

CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

To L. S. Henthorn, M. D., Dr.

To services as small-pox physician, for the two months ending June 22d, 1884.....	\$ 200 00
To burying Patrick Condon, who died in Small Pox Hospital, May 28th, 1884.....	40 00

By agreement, the following entitled ordinance was taken up, read the second time, ordered engrossed, and read the third time:

G. O. 39, 1884—An ordinance authorizing William H. Hildebrand to lay and maintain a railroad switch track from the main track of the C. I., St. L. & C. R. R. Co. across the west side of Lafayette Railroad street, between Third and Fourth streets.

And it was passed by the following vote:

AYES, 19—viz. Councilmen Benjamin, Cowie, Coy, Curry, Dowling, Edenharter, Gallahue, Haugh, Mack, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Reynolds, Sheppard, Smither, Spahr, Thalman, Trusler, and Wharton.

NAYS—None.

Councilman Reinecke presented the following remonstrance; which was ordered filed with the ordinance:

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

*Gentlemen:*—The undersigned, owners of real estate fronting on Coburn street, between Virginia avenue and East street, respectfully remonstrate against the passage of an ordinance providing for the grading and paving with brick the sidewalks of Coburn street, from East street to Virginia avenue.

C. Wagener, 40 feet; C. Niehaus, 40 feet; Chas. Kerkhoff, 40 feet; C. P. Pope, 40 feet; Frederick Nimz, 40 feet; Frederick Duriel, 20 feet; Henry Miller, 40 feet; Joseph Schrotz, 40 feet; Henry Fischer, 40 feet; Fred. Drager, 30 feet; John Weileman, 30 feet; Geo. Meyer,

40 feet; Mrs. J. Cargett, 40 feet; Pat. Doyle, 40 feet; John Ryan, 40 feet; Christian F. Miller, 40 feet; A. G. Blanrelt, 40 feet; E. Hilt, 30 feet; August Klanke, 40 feet; A. H. Mueller, 40 feet; Mr. B. Boyle, 40 feet; Mrs. Sweeney, 40 feet; Kate Raftery, 40 feet; Thomas Raftery, 40 feet; Conrad Lehr, 40 feet; Chas. Hartman, 30 feet; Thomas Ryan, 40 feet; S. Gray, 40 feet; Brothers of St. Joseph's Institute, 40 feet; Christ. Geisking, 40 feet; Isaac Foster, 40 feet; Edward Foster, 40 feet; Ernst E. Wirkenhoefer, 40 feet, Louis Schneider, 20 feet; Leo Rieger, 20 feet; Maria Farrell, 40 feet; L. H. Mueller, 187 feet; C. O. Browning, 40 feet; C. Jolly, 40 feet; George J. Schickstranz, Administrator, 190 feet; Henry Davis, 80 feet; L. Folkening, 60 feet; John Logan, 40 feet; Caroline Piftzer, 40 feet; Christ. W. Schwomeyer, 40 feet; Isaac Lemmon, 40 feet; Conrad Schneider, 80 feet; Corn. Kelley, 40 feet; Dan. Haley, 30 feet; Jeremiah Haley, 30 feet; Permelia A. Slate, 40 feet; Julius Pritshe, 30 feet; Charles Cummings, 40 feet.

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

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby instructed to lay a double stone crossing on both sides of the corner of Michigan and Blake streets.

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

That the first lamp-post on Maryland street, east of Tennessee street, on north side, be re-mantled.

Councilman Smither presented the following claim; which was referred to the Committee on Accounts and Claims, and City Attorney:

CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, IND., *Dr.*

*To Dr. W. F. Martin.*

For medical services to family of Dan Walker, 57 Smith street, with smallpox, April 20 to 25 inclusive, twenty-five dollars. W. F. MARTIN, M. D.

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

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby directed to put down a stone crossing across Central avenue on line of north sidewalk of Christian avenue.

Councilman Spahr presented the following petitions; which were read, and severally accepted:

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

*Gentlemen:*—I hereby petition your honorable bodies to allow me to pay the sum of \$25.00 in full settlement of the claim on my lot for benefits in the matter of opening, widening and laying out the first alley east of East street, running from McCarty street to the first alley north of Buchanan street. The sum assessed is \$50 00.

Yours respectfully,

FRANK HAUSER, Petitioner.

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

*Gentlemen:*—The undersigned, Wm. P. Gallup, receiver of the late firm of Gibson & Co., would respectfully represent and show to your honorable bodies that

there has been presented to him as a claim against the estate of said Gibson & Co. for the assessment of benefit to part of out-lot one hundred and forty eight (148) in the City of Indianapolis, in the opening of Blackford street, being the balance of benefits over, damages in the sum of two hundred and five dollars (\$205.00.) He would further show that he has consulted counsel, and has been advised that said claim can not be enforced against said estate for reason of various and gross irregularities in the opening of said street, and that no valid assessment of benefits over damages was ever made. He would further show that he has been advised that it would cost him the sum of fifty dollars (\$50.00) to bring his action to quiet title to the real estate owned by Gibson and Co. as against such pretended claim; he would however, prefer to pay to the City of Indianapolis the amount it would cost him to litigate said claim, and have the matter adjusted at once, if it can be done.

He would therefore make this proposition to your honorable bodies, viz: That he will pay the City of Indianapolis said sum of fifty dollars (\$50.00) in full payment and satisfaction of any supposed claim in the part of the city against the estate of said Gibson & Co. by reason of said assessment: *Provided*, the proper authorities shall make the proper order showing that such claim is finally adjusted and no lien is claimed against said land.

And said William P. Gallup, being duly sworn upon his oath says, that the matters and facts alleged in the foregoing statement are true as he verily believes.

WM. P. GALLUP.

STATE OF INDIANA, *County of Marion, ss:*

Before me, Charles W. Smith, a notary public in and for said county and state, personally came Wm. P. Gallup, and subscribed and made oath to the foregoing statement. Witness my hand and notarial seal this 16th day of June, 1884.

CHARLES W. SMITH, Notary Public.

Councilman Spahr presented the following petition, accompanied with an agreement; and the prayer of the petition was granted;

*Indianapolis, June 16, 1884.*

STATE OF INDIANA, *County of Marion, ss:*

Before the City Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis.

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

*Gentlemen:*—Your petitioners, the Merchant's National Bank of the City of Indianapolis, Ind., and Stanton J. Peelle and Wm. L. Taylor, would respectfully represent that Herbert street in said city commences on the east line of Illinois street, and runs thence east a uniform width of sixty (60) feet across Meridian street, and intersects with an alley eighteen feet wide, running north and south about mid-way between said Meridian street and Pennsylvania street in said city; that there is no other or different outlet to said Herbert street than said alley, all of which will more fully appear by a plat thereof herewith filed, and made a part hereof, and marked Exhibit "A;" that that part of said Herbert street running east of said Meridian street is of no public use or benefit, and its improvement would be an expense to your petitioners alone, as they own the real estate adjoining said street on the north and south sides thereof, that is to say, the said Merchants' National Bank owns lots 79, 80, 81 and 82 on the south side thereof, and the Peelle and Taylor own lots 154 and 155 in the north side thereof. Your petitioners further represent that they have filed with the Clerk of said city, as provided by Section 3190 R. S. 1881, their agreement to vacate and reduce the width of that part of Herbert street running east of Meridian street as aforesaid.

Therefore your petitioners respectfully ask your honors to vacate that part of said Herbert street running east of Meridian street, except as to twenty feet in the center thereof. That is, to vacate twenty (20) feet on either side of that part of Herbert street lying east of Meridian street above described; and that when so vacated, twenty feet on the south side thereof, shall inure to the benefit of your petitioner, the Merchants' National Bank aforesaid, and twenty feet on the north side thereof shall inure to the benefit of your petitioners, Peelle & Taylor. Your peti-

ioners further represent that they are the owners of all the real estate abutting that part of Herbert street running east of Meridian street above described, and that all of said real estate, including said part of Herbert street, is unimproved and vacant, and that no steps have so far been taken to improve that part of Herbert street above described; and your petitioners ask that your honors will grant their prayer.

THE MERCHANTS' NATIONAL BANK OF INDIANAPOLIS,  
By John P. Frenzel, President.  
STANTON J. PEELLE,  
WILLIAM L. TAYLOR.

June 16, 1884.

*Agreement to Vacate part of Herbert street, in the City of Indianapolis, Ind.*

WHEREAS, Herbert street, in the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, commences on the east line of Illinois street, and runs thence east a uniform width of sixty (60) feet across Meridian street, and intersects with an alley eighteen feet wide running north and south immediately in the rear of the lots fronting on Pennsylvania and Meridian streets, the said alley being the only out let to said Herbert street at the east end thereof; and *whereas*, The undersigned own all the real estate abutting against said Herbert street east of Meridian street, and the improvement of said part of said street would fall entirely upon the undersigned, and the said part of said street being of no possible use or benefit; and *whereas*, An alley twenty feet in width, in the center of said street, is sufficient to accommodate the public and correspond with said alley running north and south;

Therefore, the undersigned agree that said part of said Herbert street may be vacated, except as to twenty feet in the center thereof; and we have filed our petition with plat therefor, with the Common Council and Board of Aldermen.

THE MERCHANTS' NATIONAL BANK OF INDIANAPOLIS,  
By John P. Frenzel, President.  
STANTON J. PEELE,  
WILLIAM L. TAYLOR.

June 16, 1884.

Councilman Trusler offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That the City Civil Engineer be, and is hereby, directed to re-advertise for bids for erecting lamp-posts on Shelby street, from Prospect street to Pleasant Run.

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

That Section two of form for Special Ordinances, be amended by striking out the words "and by posting up printed notices in not less than five of the most public places in the City of Indianapolis," and that the City Clerk be instructed to strike out said words from all improvement ordinances now on file.

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

That the City Civil Engineer be instructed to direct the Gas Company to dismantle the first lamp-post west of Mississippi street, north side of Sixth street, and re-mantle and re-light the lamp on the southwest corner of Mississippi and Sixth streets.

On motion, the Common Council then adjourned.

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

Attest: GEO. T. BREUNIG, City Clerk,