

PROCEEDINGS OF COMMON COUNCIL.

REGULAR SESSION—SEPTEMBER 1, 1884.

The Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, met in the Council Chamber, Monday evening, September 1st, A. D. 1884, at half-past seven o'clock, in regular session.

PRESENT—Hon. John L. McMaster, Mayor, and *ex officio* President of the Common Council, in the Chair, and 23 members, viz: Councilmen Benjamin, Cowie, Coy, Curry, Dowling, Downey, Doyle, Edenharter, Gallahue, Haugh, Mack, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Reinecke, Reynolds, Sheppard, Smither, Spahr, Thalman, Trusler, Wharton, and Wolf—23.

ABSENT, 2—viz. Councilmen Moran, and Rees.

The Proceedings of the Common Council for the regular session, held August 18th, 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 having been received for the erection of lamp-posts on John street, between Massachusetts avenue and Hanna street, and on Dorman street, between John and Michigan streets, and new ordinances having been introduced to repeal the above ordinances, the sealed proposals were ordered to be returned to the bidders, unopened.

Sealed proposals were received for the privilege of doing the city bill posting for the City of Indianapolis, as follows: John Edwards bid \$161.50 per year; Harbison & Abrams, \$13.00 per month; T. V. Alsop, \$15.25 per month; John R. Fohl, \$17.75 per month.

Councilman Pearson moved that the contract be awarded to John R. Fohl, he being the highest and best bidder, and that the money be paid in advance.

Councilman Trusler moved that the proposals be referred to the Committee on Contracts.

Which failed of adoption by the following vote :

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AYES, 7—viz. Councilmen Cowie, Gallahue, Newcomb, Pearson, Thalman, Trusler, and Wharton.

NAYS, 11—viz. Councilmen Benjamin, Coy, Curry, Dowling, Downey, Edenharter, Haugh, McClelland, Reinecke, Spahr, and Wolf.

Councilman Pearson's motion was then adopted.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE ON CONTRACTS.

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

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—Your Committee to whom the petition of J. H. Forrest (see page 764, ante) was referred, would recommend that the prayer of the petitioner be granted, on his paying to the City Clerk the expense of re-advertising said work.

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. Newcomb,
P. M. Gallahue,
Committee on Contracts.

COMMUNICATIONS, ETC., FROM THE MAYOR.

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

To the Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

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

Marshal's fees.....	\$343 20
Mayor's fees.....	261 42
Fines due city.....	43 20
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	\$647 82

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

Respectfully,

JOHN L. McMASTER, Mayor.

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 estimates of work done according to contract:

A first and final estimate in behalf of Hanway & Cooper, 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.

2,949 $\frac{3}{12}$ lineal feet bowldering gutters, at 55 cents.....	\$1,624 84
2,926 $\frac{7}{12}$ lineal feet stone curbing, at 40 cents.....	1,171 63
2,966 $\frac{8}{12}$ lineal feet graveling roadway, at 37 cents.....	1,097 67
443 $\frac{10}{100}$ lineal feet double walk-stone, at 66 cents.....	292 45
314 $\frac{81}{100}$ square yards bowldering wings, at 60 cents.....	188 88
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	\$4,375 47

A first and final estimate in behalf of Richter & Twiname, for grading, bowldering and curbing the south gutter of Vermont street, and paving with brick the sidewalk thereof, from Liberty street to Noble street.

411.90 lineal feet bowldering, at 58 cents.....	\$238 85
425.66 lineal feet curb, at 41 cents.....	174 52
386.70 lineal feet paving, at 39 cents.....	150 71
24.16 lineal feet double walk-stone, at 60 cents.....	14 50
20.80 square yards bowldering wings, at 60 cents.....	12 48
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	\$591 06

A first and final estimate in behalf of Charles S. Roney, for grading and paving with brick the south sidewalk of North street, from Noble street to Pine street.

742.90 lineal feet paving, at 34 cents.....	\$252 41
101 50 lineal feet double walk-stone, at 64 cents.....	64 96
62 square yards bowldering wings, at 60 cents.....	37 20
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	\$354 57

A first and final estimate in behalf of J. L. Spaulding, for grading and graveling the roadway of Eighth (or Williams) street, from Tennessee street to Mississippi street.

730 lineal feet, at 34 cents.....	\$248 20
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A first and final estimate in behalf of J. L. Spaulding, for grading and paving with brick the north sidewalk of Bismarck street, from Sullivan street to Virginia avenue.

672.80 lineal feet paving, at 30 cents.....	\$201 83
30.30 lineal feet double walk-stone, at 63 cents.....	19 09
15.20 square yards bowldering wings, at 60 cents.....	9 12
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	\$230 04

A first and final estimate in behalf of J. L. Spaulding, for grading and paving with brick the east sidewalk of Dillon street, from Harrison street to English avenue.

527 70 lineal feet paving, at 40 cents ..	\$211 08
49 lineal feet double walk-stone, at 65 cents.....	31 85
30 square yards bowldering wings, at 62 cents.....	18 60
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	\$261 53

A first and final estimate in behalf of Richter & Twiname, for grading, bowldering and curbing the gutters of Park avenue, from Massachusetts avenue to St. Clair street.

982.60 lineal feet bowldering, at 58 cents.....	\$ 569 92
997.30 lineal feet curb, at 41 cents.....	408 88
199 lineal feet double walk-stone, at 60 cents.....	119 40
121 square yards bowldering, at 60 cents.....	72 60
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	\$1,170 80

A first and partial estimate in behalf of Wm. J. Freaney, for erecting two lamp-posts, lamps and fixtures (complete to burn gas, except the service pipes), on Greer street, between Stephens and Buchanan streets.

2,564 $\frac{5}{12}$ lineal feet, at $1\frac{1}{2}$ cents per lineal foot front on each side, (\$17.00 per lamp-post).....	\$34 00
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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 Hanway & Cooper, 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, 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, Downey, Edenharter, Gallahue, Haugh, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Reinecke, Reynolds, Smither, Spahr, Thalman, Trusler, Wharton, and Wolf.

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 south gutter of Vermont street, and paving with brick the sidewalk thereof, from Liberty street to Noble 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, Downey, Edenharter, Gallahue, Haugh, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Reinecke, Reynolds, Smither, Spahr, Thalman, Trusler, Wharton, and Wolf.

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 North street, from Noble street to Pine 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, Downey, Edenharter, Gallahue, Haugh, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Reinecke, Reynolds, Smither, Spahr, Thalman, Trusler, Wharton and Wolf.

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 J. L. Spaulding, for grading and graveling the roadway of Eighth (or Williams) street, from Tennessee street to Mississippi 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;

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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 J. L. Spaulding, for grading and paving with brick the north sidewalk of Bismark street, from Sullivan street to Virginia 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, Downey, Edenharter, Gallahue, Haugh, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Reinecke, Reynolds, Smither, Spahr, Thalman, Trusler, Wharton, and Wolf.

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 J. L. Spaulding, for grading and paving with brick the east sidewalk of Dillon street, from Harrison street to English 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, Downey, Edenharter, Gallahue, Haugh, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Reinecke, Reynolds, Smither, Spahr, Thalman, Trusler, Wharton, and Wolf.

NAYS—None.

The following estimate resolution was read:

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And it was adopted by the following vote:

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

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 partial estimate in behalf of Wm J. Freaney, for the erection of lamp-posts, lamps and fixtures (complete to burn gas, except the service pipes), on Greer street, between Stevens and Buchanan streets, 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, Downey, Edenharter, Gallahue, Haugh, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Reinecke, Reynolds, Smither, Spahr, Thalman, Trusler, Wharton, and Wolf.

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 contracts and bonds:

Contract and bond of Charles S. Roney, for grading and paving with brick the west sidewalk of Ash street, from Christian avenue to Home avenue.

Bond, \$700.00; surety, J. D. Hoss.

Contract and bond of J. L. Spaulding for grading and paving with brick the sidewalks of Cedar street, from Virginia avenue to Dillon street.

Bond, \$3,000.00; surety, Fred. Gansberg.

Respectfully submitted, S. H. SHEARER, City Civil Engineer.

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

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—In obedience to your instructions, I herewith report estimates of the cost of protecting the south bank of White River, from the present crib to the point where the roadway has been washed away. The length of bank to be protected, as indicated in your instructions, is 2,100 feet.

Estimated cost of rip-rapping, including dressing bank, 2,625 cubic yards
at \$3 50 \$9,187 50

Estimated cost of piling—
525 twenty-five foot piles, at 25 cents per foot..... 3,281 25
8,575 lineal feet of piling for braces, at 15 cents 1,286 25
75,600 feet B. M. Oak plank, in position, at \$21.00 1,587 60

Total..... \$6,155 10

I deem it proper in submitting these estimates to state that they are based on work of new material throughout, and if only the cost of the two kinds of protection were being considered, it would be well to make allowance for the old rip-rap now in place, but which has been partially destroyed by floods. Aside from the question of first cost, are others of far more importance, such as the location of banks with reference to course of stream, rapidity of currents, and the general adaptation of the kind of work to the material to be protected. There are conditions in the banks of streams where rip-rap will afford sufficient protection, but in the case under consideration, with the bank located so as to receive almost the full force of the stream, and the bank itself being composed of gravel, an improvement of this kind, as I have always maintained, would not meet the requirements.

Therefore I would recommend, if an improvement is made, and of the necessity

for which there can be no doubt, that it be done by driving heavy piles at the present low water line, braced by heavy timbers against the stream, and covered with three inch oak plank. This will afford a permanent protection to the bank, and will reclaim some of the ground that has been washed away.

Respectfully submitted,

S. H. SHEARER, City Civil Engineer.

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

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

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand August 1st, 1884.....	\$190,354 34
From auction licenses.....	35 00
From coal licenses.....	26 00
From dog licenses.....	297 00
From dray licenses.....	16 00
From express licences.....	15 70
From fines and fees.....	543 80
From hack licenses.....	34 00
From huckster licenses.....	44 00
From liquor licenses.....	468 00
From Market-masters' fees.....	407 50
From market rents.....	53 00
From peddiers' licenses.....	23 00
From sale of old material from Fire Department.....	229 71
From show licenses.....	135 00
From tapping sewers.....	3 00
From taxes current.....	218 40
From tax sales delinquent.....	260 13
From taxes delinquent.....	2,405 35
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	\$195,568 93

DISBURSEMENTS.

For bridges.....	\$ 489 00
For cisterns.....	1,296 00
For City Assessor's department.....	393 00
For City Civil Engineer's department.....	245 80
For City Dispensary.....	242 35
For City Hall.....	42 70
For City Hospital and Branch.....	5,556 08
For elections.....	4 00
For Fire Department.....	6,221 79
For gas.....	10,923 80
For incidentals.....	91 65
For judgments and cost.....	4 30
For markets.....	75 00
For Market-masters' fees.....	240 84
For parks.....	135 00
For per centage.....	683 76
For police.....	4,647 17
For printing.....	228 60
For salary.....	263 50
For sewers.....	1,895 93
For sinking fund.....	82 25
For Station House.....	210 30
For street improvements.....	1,623 65

For street repairs.....	\$ 5,342 96
For transferred to Additional City Hall Fund (from liquor licenses, &c)	17,381 14
Balance on hand Sept. 1, 1884 (including interest, \$60,000.00).....	137,248 36
	<u>\$195,568 93</u>

TOMLINSON ESTATE.

Receipts.

Balance on hand August 1, 1884.....	\$ 64,758 89
Rents	82 85
	<u>\$ 64,841 74</u>
Balance on hand Sept. 1, 1884.....	<u>\$ 64,841 74</u>

ADDITIONAL CITY HALL FUND.

Balance on hand August 1st, 1884.....	\$ 28,368 80
Transferred from General Fund, from liquor licenses, &c	17,381 14
	<u>\$ 45,749 94</u>
Balance on hand September 1st, 1884.....	<u>\$ 45,749 94</u>

SINKING FUND.

Balance on hand August 1st, 1884.....	\$ 30,544 78
From July taxes.....	82 25
	<u>\$ 30,627 03</u>
Balance on hand September 1st, 1884	<u>\$ 30,627 03</u>

I. N. PATTISON, City Treasurer.

To GEO. T. BREUNIG, City Clerk.

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

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen :

Gentlemen:—I herewith submit an itemized statement, showing the amount of orders drawn on the city treasury during the month of August, 1884, viz:

Bridges.....	\$ 1,159 00
City Assessor's Department.....	309 00
City Civil Engineer's Department.....	201 80
City Dispensary.....	241 35
City Hall.....	42 70
City Hospital and Branch.....	1,144 31
City Treasurer's per centage.....	197 73
Cisterns.....	1,296 00
City Hospital addition.....	4,898 75
Fire Department.....	6,325 85
Gas.....	5,476 30
Incidentals	78 25
Judgments and costs.....	56 30
Markets.....	75 00
Market Masters' fees.....	240 84
Parks.....	135 00
Police.....	4,572 17
Printing.....	811 46
Salary.....	144 75
Sewers.....	1,895 93

Station House.....	\$ 208 00	
Street improvements.....	1,623 65	
Street repairs.....	5,582 51	
		\$ 36,216 65
Sinking fund.....	\$ 82 25	
School fund.....	603 17	
		685 42
Total.....		<u>\$ 36,902 07</u>

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

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:

John L. Spaulding vs. Samuel A. Emmerson, for.....	\$14 00
John L. Spaulding vs. Jacob Hauck, for.....	14 00
George W. Buchanan vs. Lewis Haynes, for.....	25 20

Respectfully, GEO. T. BREUNIG, City Clerk.

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

AYES, 17—viz. Councilmen Benjamin, Cowie, Coy, Curry, Dowling, Gallahue, Haugh, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Reinecke, Reynolds, Smither, Spahr, Trusler, Wharton, and Wolf.

NAYS, 3—viz. Councilmen Downey, Edenharter, and Thalman.

The City Clerk presented the following contract and bond, accompanied with the specifications; which were read, and the contract and bond approved:

THIS AGREEMENT, Made and entered into this day of September, 1884, by and between John C. Shoemaker, Publisher of the Indianapolis Sentinel, of Indianapolis, Marion County, Indiana, of the first part, and The City of Indianapolis, of said County and State, of the second part; *Witnesseth*, That the said party of the first part do covenant and agree to do the public advertising of The City of Indianapolis, Indiana, in the Indianapolis Daily Sentinel, for fifteen (15) cents per square of 240 ems Nonpareil type, each insertion, as set forth in his bid, marked exhibit "A," which is made a part of this agreement. Such work to be performed to the satisfaction of the Committee on Printing of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of said city, and according to specifications of said committee, herewith made a part of this contract, and marked exhibit "B."

This contract to be and continue in force until the 31st day of December, 1885, and until a new contract shall be made and awarded for doing said work.

JOHN C. SHOEMAKER,
Publisher Indianapolis Sentinel.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That we, The Indianapolis Sentinel Company, by John C. Shoemaker, John W. Minor and W. S. Fish, of Marion County, State of Indiana, are held and firmly bound unto the City of Indianapolis, in the sum of two thousand (\$2,000.00) 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 John C. Shoemaker

shall faithfully comply with the foregoing contract, and fulfill all the conditions and stipulations therein contained, according to the true intent and meaning thereof, then this obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full force and virtue in law.

Witness our hands and seals, this 1st day of September, 1884.

INDIANAPOLIS SENTINEL Co., [Seal.]
By JOHN C. SHOEMAKER, [Seal.]
JOHN W. MINOR, [Seal.]
W. S. FISH, [Seal.]

The City Attorney submitted the following report; which was approved, and appeal ordered:

To the Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—The General Term of the Superior Court has affirmed the judgment of Special Term in the case of Henry Emmelman against the city, in which, it will be remembered, a judgment of \$700.00 was obtained for the drowning of plaintiff's son in an excavation made in erecting the bridge across Pleasant Run, at Spruce street. I had the record prepared for an appeal to the Supreme Court, which I recommend be taken.

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

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

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—I understand that the reference of G. O. No. 57, of 1884, to me, was to get my opinion as to the propriety of amending the same by striking out the word "occupant," leaving the ordinance so that only the *owners* or *agents* of buildings can be required to put correct numbers on the same, when designated by the Engineer. It might be impossible to get service of notice on the owner or agent in many cases. I believe this a case where an occupant simply can be compelled to put the number on. But if I am wrong on this point, it will not vitiate the balance of the ordinance to leave that word in, and I do not believe the ordinance should be amended.

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

The following communication was read, accompanied with lease:

Indianapolis, Ind., Aug. 29th, 1884.

MR. GEORGE T. BREUNIG, City Clerk:

In response to your postal card, we hand you herewith lease for the city to execute, upon the West Market Space. After same has been executed on city's part, we will complete same and deliver you copy, if desired.

Very truly, C. E. COFFIN & Co.

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

That the matter be referred to the Committee on Contracts and City Attorney, with instructions to word the contract to read "at a rental of six hundred dollars per annum," and that no exemption be made for taxes or improvements of any kind.

The Chief Fire Engineer presented the following request; which was granted:

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

Gentlemen:—I hereby respectfully request a leave of absence in order to attend the annual convention of Chief Fire Engineers, which convenes on the 9th day of the present month, in Chicago, Ill.

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

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

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

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

Number of Patients treated at Dispensary.....	301
Number of Medical cases at Dispensary	105
Number of Surgical cases at Dispensary.....	10
Number of Diseases of Nervous System.....	2
Number of Diseases of Eye and Ear.....	5
Number of Diseases of the Throat.....	3
Number of Out-door Patients treated	73
Number at Station House	0
Number of Patients sent to Hospital.....	4
Total number of Patients treated during month	503
Total number of Visits made during month.....	230
Total number of Prescriptions filled during month.....	852
Number of Births during month.....	2
Number of Deaths during month.....	2

EXPENDITURES FOR MONTH.

J. J. Garver, Superintendent.....	\$70 00
Geo. W. Combs, Assistant Physician.....	41 66
A. F. Wright, Assistant Physician.....	41 66
Ralph St. J. Perry, druggist.....	30 00
Ward Brothers, drugs furnished.....	87 01
Vagen & New, one lock.....	75
Wm. B. Burford, Diplomas	30 00
Total expenditures for month.....	<u>\$301 58</u>

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

REPORTS, ETC., FROM OFFICIAL BOARDS.

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

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

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

1st. Is a motion "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."

Recommend the work be done.

2d. Is a motion "That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, directed to fill up Wilkins street, at the old bed of Pogue's Run, and grade and gravel the same to conform with the present grade of Wilkins street."

Recommend the work be done, providing Mr. McCarty, owner of the adjoining property, will furnish the necessary dirt and gravel.

3d. Is a motion "That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, instructed to lay a double stone crossing on the south side of Vermont street, across Alabama street and Massachusetts avenue." Recommend the work be not done.

4th. Is a motion "That the Street Commissioner, under the direction of the City Civil Engineer, fix the grade of the east gutter of Illinois street, from McNabb street to South street, so as to carry off the water." The work has been done.

5th. Is a motion "That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, authorized to place a double stone crossing at the first alley north of New York street, on the west side of Illinois street, and raise the crossing on or near a level with the sidewalk adjoining thereto." Recommend the work be done.

6th. Is a motion "That Michigan street, from the Michigan street bridge to Blake street, the chuck-holes, &c, on said Michigan street, be filled, and otherwise improved." Recommend the work be done.

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

Councilman Newcomb, in behalf of the Hospital Board, presented the following estimates; which were approved, and ordered inserted in the appropriation ordinance:

Indianapolis, Ind., Sept. 1st, 1884.

CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, IND.,

To CHAS. G. MUELLER, Dr.

For professional services rendered in the construction of the West Wing Addition to the City Hospital Buildings, estimate No. 4, made to builder, \$3,740.00, at 3½ per cent, \$130.90.

Approved. W. C. NEWCOMB,
Pres. of Hospital Board.

[Estimate No. 4]

Indianapolis, Sept. 1st, 1884.

CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS,

In account with Peter Routier, contractor for building the West Wing and Additions to the City Hospital Buildings.

Total amount of work done and materials furnished	\$15,400 00	
Less 15 per cent.....	\$2,310 00	
Less Estimates No. 1, 2, 3	9,350 00	11,660 00
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Amount due him on account.....		\$3,740 00
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Total of former estimates.....	\$9,350 00	
Total to date.....		13,090 00

Approved. CHAS. G. MUELLER, Architect,
W. C. NEWCOMB,
Pres't Hospital Board.

The Board of Public Improvements, through Councilman Reynolds, presented the following recommendation; which was received, and the appointment confirmed:

To the President and Members of the Board of Public Improvements:

Gentlemen:—I herewith recommend for your appointment, the name of Thos. S. Tallentire, for the position of Rodman, in my department, vice Wm H. Fink. I desire to state that this recommendation is made in the interest of a more efficient discharge of the duties pertaining to my office.

Respectfully submitted, S. H. SHEARER, City Civil Engineer.

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

We hereby concur in the above recommendation, and recommend that the appointment be confirmed.

Respectfully submitted, M. M. Reynolds,
Isaac Thalman,
Wm. Curry,
Board of Public Improvements.

Later in the session, Councilman Spahr moved that the above action be reconsidered.

Councilman Trusler moved to lay the motion to reconsider on the table.

Which failed of adoption, by the following vote:

AYES, 10—viz. Councilmen Cowie, Curry, Gallahue, Pearson, Reynolds, Sheppard, Smither, Thalman, Trusler, and Wharton.

NAYS, 13—viz. Councilmen Benjamin, Coy, Dowling, Downey, Doyle, Edenharter, Haugh, Mack, McClelland, Newcomb, Reinecke, Spahr, and Wolf.

The motion to reconsider was then adopted, by the following vote:

AYES, 12—viz. Councilmen Benjamin, Coy, Dowling, Downey, Doyle, Edenharter, Haugh, Mack, McClelland, Reinecke, Spahr, and Wolf.

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

Councilman Pearson moved to refer the matter back to the Board of Public Improvements.

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

Which failed of adoption, by the following vote:

AYES, 9—viz. Councilmen Benjamin, Coy, Dowling, Downey, Edenharter, Haugh, Reinecke, Spahr, and Wolf.

NAYS, 14—viz. Councilmen Cowie, Curry, Doyle, Gallahue, Mack, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Reynolds, Sheppard, Smither, Thalman, Trusler, and Wharton.

The motion to refer to the Board of Public Improvements, was then adopted.

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

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

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

1st. Is a motion "That the Street Commissioner be directed to build a dry stone wall along the west bank of Pogue's Run, from Ray street to the north side of McCarty street, to protect the alley and property along said bank, as it is now washing out. The cost of the same not to exceed five hundred dollars."

Recommend the work be done, providing the cost will not exceed four hundred dollars.

2d. Is a motion "That the Board of Health order immediately that the first alley on north West street, above Mayhew street, adjoining Segar's Row, be cleaned up, and steps taken to dispose of said filth, as it has become a nuisance."

Recommend that the Board of Health be so directed.

3d. Is a motion "That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, instructed

to fill with broken stone the chuck-holes in Virginia avenue, between South and Coburn streets." Recommend the work be done.

Respectfully submitted,

M. M. Reynolds,
R. H. Rees,
Wm. Curry,
Board of Public Improvements.

The Board of Public Improvements and Street Commissioner, through Councilman Reynolds, submitted the following reports; which were received:

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:— We herewith report expenditures in Street Repair Department for month of July, 1884, together with the total expenditures to August 1st, 1884:

Pay-rolls.....	\$3,585 84
Blacksmithing.....	72 65
Boulders.....	50 80
Brick.....	75 50
Cement.....	9 00
Freight on stone.....	8 00
Gravel.....	127 00
Hardware.....	75 95
Lumber.....	19 25
Sand.....	51 20
Spawls.....	65 40
	\$ 4,140 59
Expenditures per last report.....	19,734 14
Expenditures to August 1st, 1884.....	\$23,874 73

Respectfully submitted,

M. M. Reynolds,
R. H. Rees,
Wm. Curry,
Board of Public Improvements.

L. A. FULMER, Street Commissioner.

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

Gentlemen:— I herewith report expenditures in the Street Repair Department for the month of August, together with total expenditures to August 31st, 1884:

Pay-rolls.....	\$ 4,310 63
Blacksmithing.....	58 70
Boulders.....	66 00
Freight on stone.....	84 00
Hardware.....	77 33
Lumber.....	689 71
Spawls.....	84 75
Stone crossings.....	207 68
Toll.....	3 20
	\$ 5,582 00
Total expenditures for August.....	23,874 73
Total expenditures per last report.....	\$29,456 73
Total expenditures to August 31st, 1884.....	\$29,456 73

Respectfully submitted,

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

L. A. FULMER, Street Commissioner.

By consent, Councilman Smither presented the following remonstrance to S. O. 104, 1884:

Indianapolis, August 21st, 1884.

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

Gentlemen:—The undersigned, owners of real estate fronting on both sides of Douglass street, between Indiana avenue and North street, respectfully remonstrate against the passage of an ordinance providing for the grading and paving with brick the sidewalks of Douglass street, between Indiana avenue and North street.

Elizabeth Mauer, 120 feet; Andrew Baumann, 130 feet; H. Hornberger, 90 feet; F. P. DeBolt & N. R. DeBolt, 32 feet; Kate Dowling, 65 feet; Charles H. Lanier, 125 feet; A. B. Cottingham, 120 feet; E. E. Wood, 40 feet; David Coble, 33 feet; Joshua Webb, 120 feet; Thames Loan & Trust Co., by Cruse, 225 feet; W. H. English, 35 feet; Furman Stout, 33 feet; C. E. Coffin & Co., agents, 66 feet; E. G. Cornelius, 87 feet, more or less; W. E. Miek & Co., agents, 120 feet, more or less; G. W. Wagner, 138 feet.

Councilman Thalman moved that the action of the Common Council on the passage of the ordinance, be reconsidered.

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

Which failed of adoption, by the following vote:

AYES, 9—viz. Councilmen Cowie, Curry, Dowling, Downey, Doyle, Edenharter, Haugh, Reinecke, and Sheppard.

NAYS, 12—Councilmen Benjamin, Gallahue, McClelland Newcomb, Pearson, Reynolds, Smither, Spahr, Thalman, Trusler, Wharton, and Wolf.

The action of the Common Council on the ordinance was then reconsidered, and the ordinance (S. O. 104, 1884), stricken from the files.

The Board of Health submitted the following Mortality reports; which were received:

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

Under 1 year	32
1 to 2 years	4
2 to 5 "	4
5 to 10 "	4
10 to 15 "	0
15 to 20 "	3
20 to 25 "	5
25 to 30 "	2
30 to 40 "	5
40 to 50 "	5
50 to 60 "	5
60 to 70 "	2
70 to 80 "	4
80 to 90 "	3
90 to 100 "	0
100 and upward.....	0
Unknown.....	0
Total.....	78

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

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

Under 1 year.....	23
1 to 2 years.....	8
2 to 5 ".....	0
5 to 10 ".....	2
10 to 15 ".....	2
15 to 20 ".....	3
20 to 25 ".....	1
25 to 30 ".....	3
30 to 40 ".....	7
40 to 50 ".....	6
50 to 60 ".....	6
60 to 70 ".....	5
70 to 80 ".....	2
80 to 90 ".....	0
90 to 100 ".....	0
100 and upwards.....	0
Unknown.....	0
Total.....	68

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

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

Under 1 year.....	20
1 to 2 years.....	7
2 to 5 ".....	3
5 to 10 ".....	4
10 to 15 ".....	2
15 to 20 ".....	3
20 to 25 ".....	5
25 to 30 ".....	3
30 to 40 ".....	9
40 to 50 ".....	1
50 to 60 ".....	2
60 to 70 ".....	5
70 to 80 ".....	1
80 to 90 ".....	1
90 to 100 ".....	0
100 and upward.....	0
Unknown.....	0
Total.....	66

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

The Board of Health submitted the following reports; which were received:

To the Mayor and the Members of Common Council:

Gentlemen:—We have the honor to herewith present you a comparative statement of the mortality of the city for the first six months of the last five years, viz:

Months.	1880	1881	1882	1883	1884	Average.
January.....	144	139	121	141	149	138.8
February.....	132	159	130	131	140	138.4
March.....	147	168	162	155	172	160.8
April.....	177	148	92	121	154	138.4
May.....	151	140	87	148	121	129.4
June.....	167	139	137	140	107	138.0
Total.....	918	893	729	836	843	843.8

Estimating the population of the city at 95,000, this would make the death rate 17.7 per thousand.

The above is a very satisfactory showing, as the deaths for the last six months include those who died from small-pox (28), a very unusual cause, which will probably not again operate for many years. Notwithstanding the increase in the population of the city, which I estimate at least 5 per cent. per annum, the mortality for the last six months, deducting the deaths from small-pox, is less than the average for the same period during the last five years, and only in one six months period during that time was it lower (viz: in 1882), thus conclusively showing that the hygienic condition of the city is excellent; in fact I think it is better than that of any other city of equal size in the United States.

Very respectfully,

E. S. ELDER, M. D.,
Sec'y Board of Health.

To His Honor, the Mayor, and the Members of the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis:

Gentlemen:—In accordance with the order of your honorable body on the 23d inst., the Board of Health have examined the condition of Pogues Run below Washington street. We found that along nearly the entire length of the Run the channel was more or less filled with masses of sand, dirt, willows, weeds, timber, rubbish, and other accumulations of foreign material. The Ray street sewer empties into the Run at Ray street, but as the course of the Run has been straightened from that point to near its mouth, and a channel prepared for the contents of the sewer along the center of the bottom of the Run, the sewerage is carried off much better and more rapidly than ever before. These improvements, we believe, are in the interest of the public health. The present condition of affairs there, do not warrant any uneasiness or interference with the sewer or Run below Ray street. The Union Railway Company are putting new walls and abutments in the Run east of Meridian street, and in order to prevent the water from interfering with their work, they placed a coffer dam across the Run above Washington street, and turned all the water into the sewer at the corner of Washington and Noble streets. This exposed the entire bed of the Run below Washington street to the hot sun, and if continued long, would produce sickness. We have arranged with the company to remove the coffer dam at least two days in the week, and allow the Run to be flushed; also to have Ray street sewer flushed twice a week. These arrangements will, we think, prevent any deleterious effects upon the public health from the withdrawal of the water in the Run while they are putting in this much needed improvement.

We would respectfully recommend that while the Union Railway Company have the water shut off from the channel of the Run below Washington street, that the obstructions be removed from the bottom and sides of it. There are beds of sand and gravel there that are valuable, and contractors could well afford to remove them for use upon streets and alleys. The other obstructions should also be removed from the bottom and sides of the Run. By this clearing out process, the Run would be rendered free from danger to the public health, and would also insure against overflows.

In regard to the State Ditch, we would report that numerous complaints have been made to us in regard to its sanitary condition. We inspected it several days ago from the corporation line to where it passes into the Exposition Grounds, and find that the bottom of the Ditch is so uneven that in many places ponds of water stand, while in other places the bottom is dry. The sides of the Ditch are also

ragged and obstructed by weeds and other material, thus retarding the flow of water. At present there is a stream of water running through the Ditch. In a few days, however, it will again be dry in places, and complaints will again arise. There are accumulations of sand and gravel in some places which would be valuable for street improvements. One large bed of sand in the bottom of the Ditch and culvert south of the Exposition Building, is a very serious obstruction. We therefore recommend the removal of the obstructions from the bottom and sides as soon as practicable.

Respectfully submitted,

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

July 28, 1884.

Gentlemen:—The depressing influences of hot weather always insure an increase of sickness among children, and all persons of feeble vitality, and under the influence of heat a very rapid decomposition of all refuse organic matter takes place, thus evolving noxious miasms, producing malarial, intestinal and other diseases, and inviting more serious ones.

In order to protect the public health, the Board of Health deems it an important duty to place our city in the best possible sanitary condition. Therefore, the Sanitary Officers are hereby directed to take such immediate action as will insure this, by the adoption of the following measures:

1st. By the removal of all accumulations of filth and decaying animal and vegetable matter from the roads, streets, alleys, door yards, vacant and unoccupied lots in their respective districts.

2d. See that the gutters and drains are kept open and clean, and that they are frequently flushed and disinfected.

3d. All privy vaults, sinks, cesspools and foul cisterns should be thoroughly cleansed and disinfected, in accordance with Rules 20, 24, and 28 of the Rules and Regulations adopted by the State Board of Health, and as provided for by the Ordinances of this city.

4th. All cesspools, stagnant ponds, hog pens, foul stables, unwholesome cellars, manure piles, dirty yards or lots, imperfect drains, bad sewers, and all other places suspected of being or becoming injurious to public health, should be promptly and thoroughly cleaned, disinfected and placed in a good sanitary condition.

5th. All rank vegetation along the streets, sidewalks and gutters of cities and towns near inhabited dwellings should be cut and removed, or destroyed, and not be left to rot under the influence of the rains and heat of the summer sun.

6th. The free use of the disinfectants mentioned in the Preventable Disease circulars, together with a liberal application of lime in and about the premises, is of prime importance.

7th. The especial attention of the Health Officers is called to the necessity of instructing the public of the dangers of violating the rules of hygiene, especially during hot weather, and the officers will rigidly enforce Rules 20, 22, 23, 24, 25 and 28 of the Rules and Regulations of the Board.

If any resistance should be made to the execution of this order, the officers are directed to take immediate steps for the punishment of the offenders, as provided in the Revised Statutes of 1881 for the punishment of "offenses against public health." See Sections 2,065 to 2,075, inclusive, and also as provided for by the Ordinances of the city.

By order of the Indianapolis Board of Health.

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

July 25, 1884.

REPORTS, ETC., FROM STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Judiciary Committee, through Councilman Newcomb, submitted the following reports; which were severally concurred in:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—In answer to the motion asking us to report what additional steps are necessary to protect the city in regard to changing the grade of Morris street, we beg leave to report that under the statute, no grade, once established, can be changed by order of the city, without first causing the damages occasioned thereby to be assessed and tendered to the persons injured or affected, the said damages to be collected from the persons asking such change. Of course, if the persons affected are the petitioners themselves, as seems to be true in the case under consideration, there would be no damages to assess. If the Council is satisfied that the paper heretofore prepared by the City Attorney has been signed by all the owners of property along the line of the proposed change, the city will be safe in proceeding with the work.

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. Newcomb,
Geo. F. Edenharter,
Judiciary Committee.

C. S. DENNY, City Attorney.

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—Your Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred the petition of Stoughton J. Fletcher and Francis M. Churchman, asking that the sum of \$934.25, paid by them October 17, 1876, for Lot 5 in Butsch & Gæpper's subdivision of St. Clair's addition, on sale for benefit assessment in opening Second street, be refunded, have fully considered the same. The only ground upon which this and the many other petitions in this Second street case are based, is, that there were certain irregularities in the proceedings of the Council in referring the matter to the City Commissioners, etc. The city has already paid out several thousand dollars for the benefit of property owners in this matter. We do not think there is any equity in petitioners' claim, and are satisfied they have no legal demand.

We therefore recommend that the same be not allowed.

Next is the claim of Henry P. Wilcox, asking the refunding of \$38.00, paid as peddler's license. We do not think the petitioner has either equity or law in favor of his claim, and recommend that the same be not allowed.

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. Newcomb,
Geo. F. Edenharter,
Judiciary Committee.

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—Your Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred the petition of George W. Brown, asking that his lot in Crane's subdivision of Out-lot 158 be released from a benefit assessment for the opening of an alley in that vicinity, have considered the same.

No reason is given why the city should cancel this assessment, except that the opening was no benefit to the petitioner's lot. That is not a matter for the Council to determine. If the City Commissioners erred in fixing the assessment, the petitioner had his remedy by appeal. Not having taken it, the presumption is that the assessment was just.

We recommend that the prayer of the petition be not granted.

Respectfully submitted,

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

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—The following claims against the city, to-wit: E. Suart for \$10.08; Christ. Hilgenberg for \$96.42; and The Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Co. for

\$39.20, which were presented to Council on August 18th, and referred to the undersigned, have been carefully examined by us. We find the facts to be as stated in the several petitions, and therefore recommend that said amounts be refunded, less the School Board's portion, to the respective parties.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Public Light, to whom sundry papers were referred, would report thereon as follows, viz:

1st. Is a motion "That the City Civil Engineer be instructed to direct the Gas Co. to dis-mantle the lamp-post on the north side of Third street, between Mississippi street and the Railroad, and re-mantle the one on the east side of Tennessee street, between Ninth and Tenth streets." Recommend the same be concurred in.

2d. Is a motion "That the lamp-post on the south side of Vermont street, between Delaware and Alabama streets, be re-mantled and re-lighted."

Recommend the motion be concurred in, providing the Councilman from the ward will designate some other lamp-post in his ward to be dismantled.

3d. Is a motion "That a gas lamp be erected on the corner of Missouri and Court streets." This will have to be done by ordinance.

4th Is "S. O. 81, 1884, An ordinance to provide for the erection of one bracket lamp on the first alley north of Washington street, between Illinois and Meridian streets." We herewith return said ordinance and recommend its passage.

5th. Is a motion "That the lamp post on the north side of Fourth street, between Mississippi street and the Lafayette Railroad, be dis-mantled, and that the one at the northwest corner of Fourth and Howard streets, be re-mantled."

Recommend the motion be concurred in.

6th. Is a motion "That the City Civil Engineer be, and is hereby, directed to re-mantle and light the lamp-post in front of the Bristol Block, between Bradshaw and Buchanan streets."

Recommend the motion be concurred in, providing the Councilman from the ward designate some other lamp to be dismantled.

Respectfully submitted,

P. M. Gallahue,
Fred. J. Mack,
Theo. F. Smither,
Committee on Public Light.

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

S. O. 81, 1884—An ordinance to provide for the erection of one bracket lamp and fixtures (complete to burn gas, except the service-pipe), on the first alley north of Washington street, between Illinois and Meridian streets.

And it was passed by the following vote:

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

NAYS—None.

The Committee on Finance, through Councilman Thalman, presented the following resolution:

43 Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis That the City Treasurer of said city, the written consent of the Finance Committee having been given, shall be, and he is hereby, authorized to make a temporary loan in the name and on behalf of said city, in anticipation of the current years' revenues, of not exceeding fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000), the same to be borrowed at any time said Treasurer may need funds to meet the current expenses of said city, and to be payable not later than April 1st, 1885; *Provided, however,* that no obligation shall be given on behalf of said city, for money borrowed under the authority of this resolution, without the city receives the full sum of money expressed in said obligation, it being the understanding that any and all discount for the loan of said money shall be borne by Isaac N. Pattison; or, if interest be exacted at any rate, that it shall be paid by said Pattison. Said obligation shall not be discounted to said city, nor draw interest as to her.

And Resolved further, That the Mayor and City Clerk be, and they are hereby, authorized to execute the obligation given for the loan above provided for, in the name and on behalf of said city; and for the payment of any such obligation so given, the faith of the City of Indianapolis is hereby irrevocably pledged.

We, the Finance Committee, recommend that the resolution be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

Isaac Thalman,
Philip J. Doyle,
John R. Pearson,
P. C. Trusler,
Julius F. Reinecke,
Council Committee on Finance.

Thomas E. Endly,
Isaac King,
Aldermanic Committee on Finance.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 18--*viz.*: Councilmen Cowie, Coy, Curry, Dowling, Doyle, Edenharter, Gallahue, Haugh, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Reinecke, Reynolds, Smither, Spahr, Thalman, Trusler, and Wharton.

NAYS--None.

By consent, Councilman Thalman offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That the City Attorney be directed to carefully investigate the resolution passed by the Council, authorizing the City Treasurer to borrow \$50,000, and see that the city is fully protected, and that he be directed to report to the Board of Aldermen at the next meeting.

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

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—The Board of Health has ordered that the vault at the West Market be cleaned. We therefore recommend that bids be received by the Market-Master to clean the same.

J. W. Wharton,
John R. Cowie,
Wm. Curry,
Committee on Markets.

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

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—We, your Committee on Sewers, to whom was referred the resolution requiring the Street Commissioner to repair the sewer on south Illinois street (see page 762, *ante*), would respectfully recommend the resolution do pass.

Respectfully,

Robert McClelland,
P. H. Wolf,
Committee on Sewers.

On motion by Councilman Thalman, the resolution as reported on above, was amended, so that the cost of the same would not exceed \$150.00, and the resolution as amended, was then adopted, by the following vote:

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

NAYS—None.

The Committee on Water, through Councilman Reynolds, submitted the following report:

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

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Water, to whom were referred the following General Ordinance and resolution, would report:

1st. Is G. O. 66, 1884—"An ordinance regulating the supply of water in buildings," &c. We have examined the same, and recommend its passage.

2d. Is a resolution "That the Indianapolis Water Company be allowed credit for all water mains which said company may lay this year, on the mains which said company, under its contract, may be required to lay next year."

Recommend said resolution be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

M. M. Reynolds,
W. C. Newcomb,
Committee on Water.

I concur in the above report, except that the following proviso should be added to said ordinance, viz:

Provided, however, That nothing contained in this ordinance shall be construed to conflict with any of the provisions in General Ordinance number sixty (60), 1884.

JNO. T. DOWNEY.

On motion, the first clause of the report was referred back to the Committee, and the resolution as recommended in the second clause, was adopted, by the following vote:

AYES, 15—viz. Councilmen Cowie, Coy, Downey, Edenharter, Gallahue, Haugh, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Reynolds, Smither, Spahr, Thalman, Wharton, and Wolf.

NAYS, 7—viz. Councilmen Benjamin, Curry, Dowling, Doyle, Mack, Reinecke, and Trusler.

REPORTS FROM SELECT COMMITTEES.

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

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

Gentlemen:—Your Special Committee, together with the Street Commissioner and City Civil Engineer, to whom was referred the matter relative to properly draining East street, between Coburn street and Yeiser street, beg leave to report that we have examined said locality, and are of the opinion that too much water is now drained through East street gutters to Yeiser street, and thence through a circuitous route to the Madison avenue sewer, and that the drainage of said section would be greatly facilitated by the construction of a sewer from East street through Coburn street to Madison avenue. We therefore recommend that the City Civil Engineer be, and is hereby, directed to advertise for proposals for constructing a three (3) foot brick sewer in accordance with the above report.

Respectfully submitted,

Julius F. Reinecke,
P. H. Wolf,

Will F. A. Bernhamer,
James McHugh.

L. A. FULMER, Street Commissioner.
S. H. SHEARER, City Civil Engineer.

MESSAGES AND PAPERS FROM THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

The following special message was read, and the amendment of the Board approved:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—The Board of Aldermen in regular session, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, Monday evening, August 11th, 1884, amended the resolution approving the report of the City Commissioners in regard to the vacation of the first alley south of Highland street, as follows:

By striking out the words "one hundred dollars" wherever they occur in the resolution, and inserting the words "forty-two dollars" in lieu thereof.

The resolution, as amended, was adopted.

I submit the same for your consideration.

For the Board of Aldermen:

FRANK W. RIPLEY, Clerk.

The following message was read and received:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—The Board of Aldermen, in regular session, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, Monday evening, August 11th, 1884, non-concurred in your action as to the Minkner matter, as reported by the City Attorney and City Civil Engineer, and failed to adopt the following motion:

"That the Street Commissioner be, and he is hereby, directed to proceed at his earliest convenience, to level and properly gravel the road or street along the west bank of White River, from Ray street north to the north line of the land donated by Christian F. Lentz, according to stakes to be set by the City Civil Engineer, and that he remove and reset the fences of Messrs. Minkner & Lentz on the new line when fixed and designated by the Engineer; all to be done at the expense of the city."

I submit the same for your consideration.

For the Board of Aldermen:

FRANK W. RIPLEY, Clerk.

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

That the Committee on Streets and Alleys be directed to examine as to the most practicable route for opening a street in Indianola, from Washington street north to Lafayette Road, and that they prepare and present to the Council, at its next meeting, the necessary papers for opening and condemning ground for said street.

The following message was read, and the Common Council adhered to their former action:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—The Board of Aldermen in, regular session, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, Monday evening, August 11th, 1884, adhered to their former action in adopting the following motion:

“That the City Civil Engineer be, and is hereby, directed to dismantle the lamp-post at the southeast corner of East and Dougherty streets, and remantle the one on the west side of East street, opposite the center of Dougherty street.”

I submit the same for your consideration.

For the Board of Aldermen:

FRANK W. RIPLEY, Clerk.

The following message was read, the motion amended by inserting the word “designate,” instead of the word “instructed,” and the motion then adopted:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—The Board of Aldermen, in session held August 11th, 1884, adopted the following motion:

“That the City Civil Engineer be, and is hereby, instructed to re-number the houses on Garfield Place.”

For the Board of Aldermen:

FRANK W. RIPLEY, Clerk.

The following message was read, and the amendment of the Board approved:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—The Board of Aldermen, in regular session, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, Monday evening, August 25th, 1884, amended the resolution ordering the vacation of certain streets and alleys in East Bruce Place addition, by adding thereto the following:

“*Provided*, That this action shall be void unless said petitioners file in the Recorder's office of Marion County, a plat of an addition of the land in controversy, as proposed in their original petition, dedicating the streets and alleys therein indicated to the public, within ten days from the final passage of this resolution.”

The resolution, as amended, was then adopted.

I submit the above for your consideration.

For the Board of Aldermen:

FRANK W. RIPLEY, Clerk.

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

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—The Board of Aldermen, at its session of August 25th, 1884, non-concurrred in your action in awarding the contract “For grading, bowldering and curbing the gutters of Bellefontaine avenue, from Home avenue to Christian avenue,” for the reason that the property owners along the proposed improvement

desired that the sidewalks should be widened to a width of fifteen feet, and petitioned the Board to that effect.

I submit the same for your consideration.

For the Board of Aldermen:

FRANK W. RIPLEY, Clerk.

The following message was read, and the matter referred to the Committee on Water, with the ordinance:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—The Board of Aldermen, in regular session held in the Aldermanic Chamber, Monday evening, August 25th, 1884, amended G. O. 58, 1884, "An ordinance regulating the digging of trenches, etc., in the streets and alleys of Indianapolis," as follows:

"Amend Section 2 so as to read as follows:

'No plumber or other person shall tap any water main or service pipe of the Indianapolis Water Company, or extend, alter or change any service pipes of consumers of water, without first giving notice to said company, and special leave so to do first obtained from said company.'

Amend by adding the following:

'SEC. 3. Any person violating any of the provisions of this ordinance, shall be fined in any sum not less than five dollars, nor more than twenty-five dollars, for each offence.'

Amend by adding:

'SEC. 4. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication once each week for two consecutive weeks in the.....''

The ordinance as amended was then passed.

For the Board of Aldermen:

FRANK W. RIPLEY, Clerk.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCES.

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

The Fire Board introduced the following entitled ordinance, which was read the first and second times, ordered engrossed, and read the third time:

Ap. O. 42, 1884—An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of the Fire Department. [Amount appropriated, \$1,194.35.]

And it was passed by the following vote:

AYES, 19—viz. Councilmen Benjamin, Coy, Curry, Dowling, Downey, Doyle, Edenharter, Gallahue, Mack, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Reinecke, Smither, Spahr, Thalman, Trusler, Wharton, and Wolf.

NAYS—None.

The Hospital Board introduced the following entitled ordinance, which was read the first and second times, ordered engrossed, and read the third time:

Ap. O. 43, 1884—An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of the City Hospital and Branch. [Amount appropriated, \$1,104.31.]

And it was passed by the following vote:

AYES, 19—viz. Councilmen Benjamin, Coy, Curry, Dowling, Downey, Doyle, Edenharter, Gallahue, Mack, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Reinecke, Smither, Spahr, Thalman, Trusler, Wharton, and Wolf.

NAYS—None.

By the Committee on Accounts and Claims, through Councilman McClelland, the following entitled ordinance was introduced, read the first and second times, ordered engrossed, and read the third time:

Ap. O. 44, 1884—An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis. [Amount appropriated, \$82,001.16.]

And it was passed by the following vote:

AYES, 19—viz. Councilmen Benjamin, Coy, Curry, Dowling, Downey, Doyle, Edenharter, Gallahue, Mack, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Reinecke, Smither, Spahr, Thalman, Trusler, Wharton, and Wolf.

NAYS—None.

By the City Clerk, on behalf of the Police Commissioners, the following entitled ordinance was introduced, read the first and second times, ordered engrossed, and read the third time:

Ap. O. 45, 1884—An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of the Station House. [Amount appropriated, \$189.98.]

And it was passed by the following vote:

AYES, 19—viz. Councilmen Benjamin, Coy, Curry, Dowling, Downey, Doyle, Edenharter, Gallahue, Mack, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Reinecke, Smither, Spahr, Thalman, Trusler, Wharton, and Wolf.

NAYS—None.

By the City Clerk, on behalf of the Police Commissioners, the following entitled ordinance was introduced, read the first and second times, ordered engrossed, and read the third time:

Ap. O. 46, 1884—An ordinance appropriating the sum of Fourteen Thousand Dollars, (\$14,000 00), for the payment of the salaries of the Commissioners, Officer and members of the Metropolitan Police of the City of Indianapolis.

And it was passed by the following vote:

AYES, 19—viz. Councilmen Benjamin, Coy, Curry, Dowling, Downey, Doyle, Edenharter, Gallahue, Mack, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Reinecke, Smither, Spahr, Thalman, Trusler, Wharton, and Wolf.

NAYS—None.

By the Board of Public Improvements, the following entitled ordinance was introduced, read the first and second times, ordered engrossed, and read the third time:

Ap. O. 47, 1884—An ordinance appropriating the sum of Five Thousand (\$5,000) Dollars, on account of the Street Repair Department of the City of Indianapolis.

And it was passed by the following vote:

AYES, 19—viz. Councilmen Benjamin, Coy, Curry, Dowling, Downey, Doyle, Edenharter, Gallahue, Mack, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Reinecke, Smither, Spahr, Thalman, Trusler, Wharton, and Wolf.

NAYS—None.

By consent, Councilman Newcomb presented the following remonstrance; which was received:

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—The undersigned, owners of real estate fronting on St. Joseph street, between Delaware and Alabama streets, respectfully remonstrate against awarding the contract under an ordinance providing for bowwidening the gutters and curbing the sidewalks of said St. Joseph street, between the points above named.

John Woher, 110 feet; Henry Hilker, 110 feet; P. L. Chambers, 37 feet; Mary E. Moore, 18 feet; A. Goss, No. 132, 55 feet; J. J. Traub, 110 feet; Martha F. Hammond, 18 feet; John A. Black, by Cruse, 52 feet; Connecticut Mut. Life Ins. Co., by Pattison, 55 feet; W. E. Mick & Co., agents, 40 feet, more or less; R. R. Hammond, 54 feet; D. R. Brown, 55 feet.

INTRODUCTION OF GENERAL AND SPECIAL ORDINANCES.

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

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

S. O. 109, 1884—An ordinance to provide for the erection of lamp posts, lamps and fixtures (complete to burn gas, except the service-pipes), on Michigan street, between New Jersey and Noble streets.

By Councilman McClelland:

S. O. 110, 1884—An ordinance to provide for the erection of lamp-posts, lamps and fixtures (complete to burn gas, except the service pipes), on John street, between Massachusetts avenue and Dorman street, and repealing Special Ordinance No. 38, 1884.

S. O. 111, 1884—An ordinance to provide for the erection of lamp-posts, lamps and fixtures (complete to burn gas, except the service pipes), on Dorman street, between John and Campbell streets, and repealing Special Ordinance No. 39, 1884.

By Councilman Reinecke, accompanied with petition:

S. O. 112, 1884—An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling Munson street and sidewalks, from Sanders street to the south line of Lot 34, in Munson's subdivision of Block 6, in Birkemeyer addition.

Indianapolis, March 31st, 1884.

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

Gentlemen:—The undersigned, owners of real estate fronting on Munson street, between Sanders street, including Lots 18 to 34 inclusive, Munson's subdivision of Block 6, Birkemeyer's addition, respectfully petition for the passage of an ordinance providing for grading and graveling Munson street with the best screened gravel.

Beirkshire Life Insurance Co., by W. Munson, 442 feet.

By Councilman Reinecke :

G. O. 68, 1884—An ordinance authorizing Frederick Gansberg to lay and maintain a Railroad switch track, from the Belt Railroad tracks crossing Gatling street to the coal yard on the north side of said Belt Railroad tracks.

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

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

NAYS—None.

G. O. 68, 1884, was then read the second time, ordered engrossed, read the third time, and passed by the following vote :

AYES, 18—viz. Councilmen Benjamin, Coy, Curry, Dowling, Downey, Edenharter, Gallahue, Haugh, Mack, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Reinecke, Reynolds, Smither, Thalman, Wharton, and Wolf.

NAYS—None.

Councilman Cowie was excused for the remainder of this session.

By Councilman Reynolds, with petition:

S. O. 113, 1884—An ordinance to provide for grading, bowldering and curbing the gutters, and widening the sidewalks of Bellefontaine avenue, from Christian avenue to Home avenue.

Indianapolis, Aug. 25th, 1884.

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

Gentlemen:—The undersigned, owners of real estate fronting on Bellefontaine avenue, between Christian and Home avenues, respectfully petition for the passage of an ordinance providing for grading, bowldering, and curbing the gutters, and widening the sidewalks to a width of fifteen (15) feet of said avenue between the points named.

Joseph H. Dennis, 40 feet; J. W. Sawyer, 54 feet; A. L. Wright, 27 feet; C. A. Manning, 145 feet; John Stowell, 94 feet; Wm. O. DeVay, 40 feet; Purceval Saulsberry, 80 feet; William Kothe, Jr., 40 feet; S. A. Blackledge, per Kothe, 40 feet; F. Randelph, H. C. Martin, B. F. Medker, H. Schmidlap, 40 feet; J. R. Fohl, 40 feet.

INTRODUCTION OF MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Councilman Benjamin offered the following motion, which was adopted, and Councilmen Benjamin, Thalman, Spahr, Mack and Downey appointed as the members of such committee:

That a Special Committee of five be appointed to investigate the manner of letting contracts for building bridges.

Councilman Benjamin offered the following motions; which were severally adopted:

That the Board of Health notify the residents along Merrill street to stop throwing refuse matter in the street.

Instructing the City Clerk to request the Superintendent of Police to notify owners of vehicles that they must not leave them standing on the streets and in the alleys after night.

That the owners of bill boards on all bridges and other public property, be, and are hereby, ordered to remove them at once.

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

That the Street Commissioner be instructed to cut the poisonous weeds along the banks of Pogue's Run, between Garden and Illinois streets, and wherever found in streets and alleys.

Councilman Benjamin offered the following motion; which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys:

That the Street Commissioner, under the direction of the Civil Engineer, be, and is hereby, instructed to fix the grade of the gutter on west side of Meridian street, from the pump to the corner of South street, so as to carry off the water.

Councilman Curry offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That James Maloy be, and he is hereby, authorized to lay a stone sidewalk in front of his Lot, No. 100, in McKernan & Pierce's subdivision of Out-lot 121, on west McCarty street, according to stakes to be set by the City Civil Engineer, and at his own expense.

Councilman Curry offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That Heathey Taylor, owner of the following real estate, to-wit: Lot number four (4), Klingensmith's subdivision of Out-lot 128, of the City of Indianapolis, be, and is hereby, required to fill or drain the same, as, in the opinion of this Council and Board of Aldermen, there is a hole or excavation thereon, in which water has or may become so stagnant or noxious as to be a nuisance and injurious to the health and comfort of said city and of the inhabitants thereof, and that the Street Commissioner be, and he is hereby, required to notify the owner thereof, as provided by an ordinance passed April 28, 1866, entitled: "An ordinance providing for the drainage and filling up of ponds, excavations and holes, and prescribing penalties for the failure to fill up or drain the same," and that in case of the failure

of said owner thereof to fill or drain the same, the Street Commissioner proceed to fill or drain the said hole or excavation as provided in said ordinance; *Provided*, that the cost thereof shall not exceed ten per cent. of the value of the aforesaid real estate, as assessed upon the tax duplicate for city purposes.

And it was adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 21—viz. Councilman Benjamin, Coy, Curry, Dowling, Downey, Doyle, Edenharter, Gallahue, Haugh, Mack, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Reinecke, Reynolds, Smither, Spahr, Thalman, Trusler, Wharton, and Wolf.

NAYS—None.

Councilman Dowling offered the following motions; which were severally adopted:

That the City Clerk and Mayor McMaster be, and are hereby, granted right to distribute 10 and 12 copies of new Charter and Ordinances, respectively.

That the Street Commissioner notify the Vandalia Railroad Co. to immediately repair the plank in middle of their track running across Mississippi street, just west of freight depot.

That the I. B. & W. R. R. Co., the C. C. C. & I. R. R. Co., the C. I. St. L. & C. R. R. Co., the Vandalia R. R. Co., the Vincennes R. R. Co., be directed to build a stone culvert, four feet in the clear, along the gutters on both sides of Mississippi street, under the tracks of said railroads that cross said south Mississippi street; and the Street Commissioner be directed to serve this notice on the aforesaid railroad companies, and if said railroads fail to commence the work inside of twenty days, the Street Commissioner shall proceed to do the work at the expense of the aforesaid railroad companies.

Councilman Dowling offered the following motion; which was referred to the Committee on Water:

That a public fountain be placed at the southeast corner of Tennessee and South streets, under the direction of the City Civil Engineer.

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

That there be placed at the corner of Henry and Mississippi streets, a fire-alarm box, to be erected under the direction of the Chief Fire Engineer.

Councilman Dowling offered the following motions; which were referred to the Committee on Markets:

That the Market Master be directed to remove all wagons and the curb-stone stands on Washington street, onto the square known as the West Market square.

That the Market Master be directed to peremptorily order all persons lodging or residing on the square known as the West Market, to immediately remove therefrom, except Mr. Glick; and it shall be the meaning of this action of the Common Council, that in the future no parties shall be allowed to reside on the West Market.

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

That the Street Commissioner be, and he is hereby, directed to clean the gutters of New Jersey street, from Washington street to New York street.

That the Street Commissioner be, and he is hereby, instructed to lay a double stone crossing from the east side of Clinton street across Washington street.

That the Street Commissioner be instructed to fill the chuck-holes in Ohio street, from Delaware street to Noble street, with broken stone or gravel.

Councilman Haugh offered the following motion; which was adopted :

That the City Attorney be, and he is hereby, directed to appear and oppose the granting of an injunction asked for in the suit recently brought by Thomas E. Johnson against The City and various City Officers, the same being an attempt to enjoin the payment of the outstanding Sellers Farm bonds.

Councilmen Benjamin and Dowling were excused for the remainder of this session.

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

To build a catch-basin at the southeast corner of Illinois and Ray streets.

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

That the Street Commissioner be, and he is hereby, instructed to repair the gutter on the south side of Massachusetts avenue, between Liberty and East streets.

Councilman McClelland offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That the petition of G. W. Vansickle, Henry Munsell, Ezra Munsell and A. H. Barnes, to cause Massachusetts avenue to be straightened, widened and extended, at and near the junction thereof with the Pendleton Pike, presented and referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys August 4th, 1884, be, and the same is hereby, recalled from said Committee.

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 of the City of Indianapolis:

Gentlemen:—The undersigned, residents and property owners in the northeastern portion of the city, would respectfully petition your honorable bodies to cause Massachusetts avenue to be straightened, widened and extended at and near the junction thereof with the Pendleton Pike, by condemning and appropriating for said purpose the following triangular strip of ground, belonging to John W. Ray, situate in said City of Indianapolis, in the County of Marion, and State of Indiana, to-wit: Commencing at the intersection of the north line of Massachusetts avenue and the old Donation Line, and running thence east along the south line of Lots 73 and 75 of Ovid Butler's second addition to the City of Indianapolis, fifty-nine and seven tenths ($59\frac{7}{10}$) feet, to the southeast corner of said Lot No. 75; thence north along the east line of said Lot No. 75, fifty-one and eight-tenths ($51\frac{8}{10}$) feet, to a point; and thence southwesterly in a direct line to the place of beginning—the same being a part of each of said Lots 73 and 75, as shown by the plat herewith filed, which is made a part hereof.

Your petitioners show to your honorable bodies that it is necessary to make such appropriation and improve and maintain such piece of ground as a part of said avenue, in order to afford a convenient and safe crossing over the many railroad tracks on to the Pendleton Pike and Clifford avenue, which are the only convenient means of getting out of the city in an easterly and northeasterly direction, and of getting in o said city from said directions; and your petitioners will ever pray.

G. W. Vansickle, Henry Munsell, Ezra Munsell, A. H. Barnes.

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

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

Gentlemen:—Your petitioner, Henry Hahn, represents to your honors, that on the 15th of June, 1864, he received of one John Little and wife, a warranty deed for Lot 19, Little's subdivision, in Out-lot 85. That afterwards, to-wit, on the 28th day of April, 1868, your petitioner conveyed to the Junction Railway Company all of said lot 19 except 50 by 18 feet in the northwest corner thereof; and that your petitioner has paid taxes on said fraction of said lot from 1865 to 1882, inclusive. That a short time since your petitioner procured an abstract of title to said lot 19, and for the first time discovered that on the 27th day of March, 1852, said John Little conveyed to the Indiana Central Railway Co., the right of way across the northwest corner of lot No. 19, aforesaid, to-wit: Across said 50 by 18 feet of said northwest corner of lot 19; and that your petitioner has further, lately discovered that the Indianapolis Union Railway Co., in the year 1851, years prior to the conveyance of John Little to your petitioner, procured the right of way across said northwest corner of lot 19, by condemning her right of way before one Esquire Sullivan, under the then laws of the State of Indiana; so that in truth and in fact, said John Little had no title to said 50 by 18 feet of the northwest corner of lot 19; and the truth is that your petitioner, and the Central, Pan-Handle, and Union Railway Co.'s have been paying taxes on said fraction of said lot for the whole period of time for which your petitioner has been paying taxes thereon; and that therefore there has been a double assessment, and double payment of taxes on said fraction by said railways and your petitioner; and your petitioner submits herewith a statement drawn up by the City Treasurer, marked Exhibit "A," showing the amount of taxes which your petitioner has paid on said fraction of said lot, and your petitioner prays that the amount of taxes paid by him as shown by said statement, may be refunded to him by the order of your honors, and your petitioner prays for all other proper relief.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY HAHN,

By Rooker & Hatch, his Att'ys.

EXHIBIT "A."

SOUTHEAST CORNER LOT 19, OUT-LOT 85.

Year.	Value of Lot.	Rate.	Date of Payment.	Tax.
1865.	\$200 00	\$1 50	Mch. 7, 1866	\$3 00
1866.	200 00	1 50	Feb'y 5, 1867	3 00
1867.	200 00	1 15	Feb'y 12, 1868	2 30
1868.	200 00	1 25	Feb'y 19, 1869	2 50
1873.	300 00	1 10	Feb'y 6, 1874	3 30
1874.	350 00	1 10	Feb'y 3, 1875	3 85
1875.	300 00	1 50	Feb'y 16, 1876	4 50
1876.	300 00	1 40	Mch. 12, 1877	4 20
1877.	250 00	1 12	Feb'y 7, 1878	2 80
1878.	200 00	1 08	Mch. 7, 1879	2 16
1879.	Not taxed, used by R. R. Co.		Mch. 3.	
1880.	200 00	1 07	Mch. 30, 1881	2 14
1881.	200 00	1 07	Mch. 31, 1882	2 14
1882.	200 00	1 12	Mch. 23, 1883	2 24

Total.....\$38 18

I hereby certify that the above statement of the city taxes assessed and paid on the southeast corner of Lot 19, Out-lot 85, for the years above written, is true and correct, as shown by the City Tax Duplicates for those years, and assessed in the name of Henry Hahn, with the value of the lot, rate of taxes, and time of payment, and showing a total of \$38 13 paid by Henry Hahn.

I do not find the above described property taxed to Henry Hahn for the years 1863, 1864, 1869, 1870, 1871, and 1872.

F. A. BLANCHARD,
Deputy City Treasurer.

Councilman Pearson offered the following motion; which was adopted :

That the City Civil Engineer be instructed to prepare an ordinance, motion or resolution, according to his best judgment, to carry off the water on First street, from Mississippi street to the Canal.

Councilman Reynolds offered the following motion; which was adopted :

That the Street Commissioner be instructed to notify the Belt Railway Co. to place culverts under their track at the crossing of Elliott street.

Councilman Smither offered the following motions; which were severally adopted :

That the Committee on Streets and Alleys report upon the advisability of opening an alley to connect the first alley west of California street, running south from Indiana avenue, with the first alley west of California street, running north from North street, all in Out-lot 160, and of the expediency of referring the matter to the Board of City Commissioners. Also, that the City Civil Engineer examine the premises, and report to said committee before the next meeting of the Council, a plan (showing exact measurements), for connecting said alleys, which map may also serve the purposes of the City Commissioners.

That the Committee on Streets and Alleys report upon the advisability of opening Paca street to connect First street and Torbet street, and of the expediency of referring the matter to the Board of City Commissioners. Also, that the City Civil Engineer examine the premises, and report to said committee before the next meeting of the Common Council.

Councilman Spahr offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Indianapolis Water Company be, and are hereby, notified to lay water mains on Broadway street, between Christian and Home avenues; hydrants to be located by the Chief Fire Engineer, according to contract.

Which was referred to the Committee on Water, on motion by Councilman Trusler, by the following vote:

AYES, 14—viz. Councilmen Coy, Curry, Doyle, Gallahue, Mack, McClelland, Newcomb, Pearson, Reinecke, Reynolds, Smither, Thalman, Trusler, and Wolf.

NAYS, 6—viz. Councilmen Downey, Edenharter, Haugh, Sheppard, Spahr, and Wharton.

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

That the Street Commissioner be instructed to repair the sidewalk crossings at the intersection of Seventh and Alabama streets

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

That stone crossings be placed at the crossing of Pennsylvania and Vermont streets.

Councilman Thalman offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That George Merritt be appointed Commissioner of Military Park, to serve without pay.

Councilman Wharton offered the following motion; which was laid on the table, on motion by Councilman Trusler:

To reconsider the action of the Council at its last meeting, regarding the vacation of ground at the corner of Fifth and Illinois streets.

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

That the Street Commissioner be authorized to place stone crossings on Pine street, between Noble Street and Virginia avenue.

On motion, the Common Council then adjourned.

JOHN L. McMASTER, Mayor,

President of the Common Council.

Attest: GEO. T. BREUNIG, City Clerk.