

PROCEEDINGS OF COMMON COUNCIL.

REGULAR SESSION—JANUARY 16, 1888.

The Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, met in the Council Chamber, Monday evening, January 16th, A. D. 1888, at 7:30 o'clock, in regular session.

PRESENT—Hon. Caleb S. Denny, Mayor, and *ex officio* President of the Common Council, in the Chair, and 24 members, viz: Councilmen Burns, Cummings, Darnell, Davis, Dunn, Elliott, Finch, Gasper, Gaul, Hicklin, Johnston, Kelley, Long, Markey, McLelland, O'Connor, Parkinson, Pearson, Smith, Stuckmeyer, Swain, Thalman, Trusler, and Willson.

ABSENT, 1—viz: Councilman Coy.

The Proceedings of the Common Council for the regular session held January 2d, 1888, 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 the following street improvements were opened, read, and referred to the Committee on Contracts:

For grading and bowldering the east gutter of Cedar street, from Virginia avenue to Hosbrook street.

For grading and paving with brick, the sidewalks of Agnes street, from New York street to North street.

For grading and bowldering the third alley north of McCarty street, from Alabama street to Harmon street.

For grading and graveling the roadway of Bloyd street, from Greenbrier Lane to Line street.

For grading and paving with brick, the south sidewalk of Hill avenue, from Cabinet street to Orange street.

For grading, bowldering and curbing the gutters of Beaty street, from McCarty street to Buchanan street.

For grading and paving with brick, the north sidewalk of Indiana avenue, from Tennessee street to the first alley northwest, where not already properly done.

For grading and graveling the first alley east of Central avenue, from Tenth street to Eleventh street.

For grading and graveling West street and sidewalks, from Morris street to Kansas street.

For grading and graveling the first alley west of Central avenue, from Seventh street to the State Ditch.

For grading and graveling Clark street and sidewalks, from Hill avenue to Valley Drive.

REPORTS, ETC., FROM THE COMMITTEE ON CONTRACTS.

Councilman Darnell, from the Committee on Contracts, submitted the following report:

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen.—Your Committee on Contracts, to whom was referred the proposals received January 2d, 1888, have examined the same, and find them to be as follows:

For grading and graveling the first alley east of Oriental street, from Williams street to the first alley north of Williams street.

Robert Kennington.....	35 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
Haywood & Co.....	30 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
Geo. W. Buchanan.....	24 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
Fulmer & Seibert.....	23 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
R. P. Dunning.....	21 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

R. P. Dunning being the lowest and best bidder, recommend he be awarded the contract.

For grading and graveling Lincoln Lane (or Texas street), and sidewalks, from East street to the east line of Moore's addition.

Fulmer & Seibert.....	89 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
R. P. Dunning.....	85 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
Geo. W. Buchanan.....	84 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
Robert Kennington.....	80 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
Haywood & Co.....	80 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
W. F. Gansberg.....	69 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
Joseph L. Fisher & Co...	66 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

Joseph L. Fisher & Co. being the lowest and best bidders, recommend they be awarded the contract.

For grading and graveling the first alley north of Bates street, from Leota street to the first alley east of Leota street.

Haywood & Co.....	41 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
R. P. Dunning.....	39 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

R. P. Dunning being the lowest and best bidder, recommend he be awarded the contract.

For grading and graveling the first alley east of Leota street, from Bates street to the C., H. & I. Railroad tracks,

Geo. W. Buchanan.....	31 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
R. P. Dunning.....	28 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
John Green.....	24½ cents per lineal foot front on each side.
Haywood & Co.....	24 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

Haywood & Co. being the lowest and best bidders, recommend they be awarded the contract.

Respectfully submitted,

C. F. Darr ell,
C. H. Stuckmeyer,
R. McClelland,
Committee on Contracts.

Councilman Markey presented the following communication :

Indianapolis, January 16th, 1888.

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

Gentlemen:—It is with a considerable amount of reluctance that I address your honorable body on this subject. I had bid on the first alley east of Leota street, from Bates street to the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Indianapolis Railroad tracks, at the regular meeting of Council, which was on the second day of the present month. My bid was twenty-four and a half (24½) cents per lineal foot front on each side. The next lowest bid for said improvement was twenty-eight cents per lineal foot front. I have learned since that a bid has slipped in at twenty-four cents per foot front. There was no such bid read before the Council. This is truly an outrage.

Yours most respectfully,
JOHN GREENE.

On motion of Councilman Darnell, the communication and the subject-matter pertaining thereto, were referred to a Special Committee composed of Councilmen Cummings, Hicklin and Dunn, to investigate. Then, on motion, the remaining portion of said report was concurred in.

COMMUNICATIONS, ETC., FROM THE MAYOR.

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

To the Common Council and Board of Aldermen :

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 16, 1888.

Gentlemen:—I herewith report the amounts of fines and fees collected in the Mayor's court for the month of December, 1887, which amount I paid over to the County Treasurer, on the 6th inst, depositing his receipt therefor with the City Clerk, to-wit:

Marshal's fees	\$232 95
Mayor's fees	183 65
Fines due the city	55 20
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Total	\$471 80

In addition to the amounts reported during the year 1887, from month to month, and paid into the city treasury, I collected and paid into the county treasury, for the benefit of the School Fund, the sum of \$3,567.65, from fines in State cases.

Respectfully submitted,
C. S. DENNY, Mayor.

REPORTS, ETC., FROM CITY OFFICERS.

The City Civil Engineer submitted the following report :

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen ;

Gentlemen:—I herewith report the contract and bond of A. Richter & Co, for grading, bowldering and curbing the south gutter of Home avenue, from College avenue to Bellefontaine avenue. Bond, \$1,500; surety, L. A. Fulmer.

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

Which was received, and the bond approved.

S. Loftin, Treasurer for the City, submitted the following report; which was referred to the Committee on Finance :

Report of the Receipts and Expenditures of the City of Indianapolis, during the month of December, 1887, by Sample Loftin, Treasurer, to-wit:

Balance Dec. 1st, 1887.....	\$103,418 48
Taxes collected (estimated).....	3,043 80
City miscellaneous receipts.....	9,106 40
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Orders redeemed.....	\$115,568 68
	112,434 14
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Balance December 31st, 1887.....	\$ 3,134 54

Respectfully submitted,
Indianapolis, Jan. 2d, 1888.

S. LOFTIN,
City Treasurer.

S. Loftin, Treasurer for the City, submitted the following report; which was referred to the Finance Committee:

Report of Receipts and Expenditures of the City of Indianapolis, from January 1st, 1887, to January 1st, 1888.

RECEIPTS.

Balance January 1st, 1887.....	\$ 26,780 87
Taxes collected—May settlement.....	289,372 00
Taxes collected—December settlement.....	148,970 33
City miscellaneous receipts.....	156,311 67
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Amount overpaid.....	339 98
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	\$621,774 85

EXPENDITURES.

Redemption of city orders.....	\$654,899 10
Less.....	95,518 50
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New York draft to pay interest January 1st, 1888.....	\$559,380 60
	62,394 25
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	\$621,774 85

Respectfully submitted,

S. LOFTIN,
City Treasurer.

The City Clerk submitted the following report from the Auditor of Marion County; which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

Statement of Collection of Taxes for the City of Indianapolis from the third Monday in April, 1887, to and including the first Monday in November, 1887.

	City Tax.
Second instalment 1886, unpaid at last May settlement.....	\$136,814 85
First instalment 1886, delinquent at last May settlement.....	30,810 92
Delinquency of 1885 and former years, credited on May sheet.....	16,823 94
Ten per cent. on new May delinquency and interest on old delinquency	4,090 52
Ten per cent. on second instalment, delinquent November 7, 1887.....	497 28
Treasurer's assessments charged since May settlement, 1887.....	1,306 55
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Total charges are.....	\$190,344 06

Second instalment collected since May settlement.....	\$131,841 98
Delinquencies collected since May settlement.....	18,223 51
Treasurer's assessments collected since May settlement.....	1,306 55
Total collections are.....	\$151,372 04
Erroneous taxes collected and refunded.....	\$ 160 53
Certificates of errors.....	2,241 18
Total deductions are.....	\$ 2,401 71
Leaves net amount due the City of Indianapolis.....	\$148,970 33
Deduct total collections from total charges, leaves total delinquencies...	38,972 02

STATE OF INDIANA, Marion County, ss :

I, Sample Loftin, Treasurer of said county, upon his oath says the within statement of taxes collected for the City of Indianapolis, on second instalment of 1886, is true and correct, to the best of his knowledge and belief. S. LOFTIN.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 16th day of January, 1888.

THOS. TAGGART, Auditor Marion Co.

STATE OF INDIANA, Marion County, ss :

I, Thomas Taggart, Auditor of said county, do hereby certify that the within statement is a correct abstract of the Treasurer's settlement on account of City of Indianapolis taxes on second instalment of taxes of 1886.

Witness my hand, and the seal of the Board of County Commissioners, this 16th day of January, 1888.

THOS. TAGGART,

Auditor of Marion Co.

[Seal.]

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

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen :

Gentlemen:—I herewith submit an itemized statement showing the receipts and disbursements by the Treasurer for the City, during the year 1887; also, a tabular statement of the bonded indebtedness of the City of Indianapolis, and an interest coupon statement showing the amount of interest payable each year, together with amount of temporary loans outstanding.

Respectfully,

JOSEPH T. FANNING, Acting City Clerk.

RECEIPTS.

From coal licenses.....	\$ 214 00
From dog licenses.....	2,657 25
From dray licenses.....	199 50
From express licenses.....	618 10
From hack licenses.....	408 00
From huckster licenses.....	2,302 00
From liquor licenses.....	36,435 00
From peddler licenses.....	597 00
From auction licenses.....	435 00
From exhibition licenses.....	840 00
From market leases.....	9,260 99
From Market-masters' collections.....	4,001 83
From tapping sewers.....	53 00
From fines and fees, city court.....	4,078 10
From benefits.....	270 49
From rent of Tomlinson Hall.....	2,044 52
From rent of Tomlinson Estate.....	791 45
From Police Department.....	2,239 70
From sale of old material.....	790 78

From pay patients.....	105 09
From rent of Sellers farm.....	435 00
From publication precepts.....	22 50
From miscellaneous.....	15 20
From interest refunded.....	444 00
From tax on W. U. Telegraph poles.....	144 00

	\$ 69,402 50
From O. H. Hosselman, account of Pattison bondsmen.....	1,909 37

\$ 71,311 87

LOAN.

From temporary loan of February, 1887.....	25,000 00
From interest on Belt Railway bonds.....	30,000 00
From Union Railway Company, for Illinois street tunnel.....	30,000 00
From tax collections (current).....	407,562 27
From tax collections (delinquent).....	30,780 06

Total receipts from all sources..... \$594,654 20

APPORTIONMENT OF FUNDS.

GENERAL FUND.

Receipts.

From balance from 1886.....	\$117,878 33
From temporary loan, February 15, 1887.....	25,000 00
From O. H. Hasselman, on Pattison settlement.....	1,909 37
From miscellaneous sources.....	98,611 05
From taxes current, as per Auditor's report.....	407,562 97
From taxes delinquent, as per Auditor's report.....	30,780 02
From sewer fund balance.....	4,038 33
From Tomlinson Estate, balance.....	648 46
From Additional City Hall, balance.....	382 71

\$686 810 58

Disbursements.

For orders paid during the year.....	\$629,426 51
Balance.....	57,384 07

\$686,810 58

TOMLINSON ESTATE FUND.

Receipts.

From rents collected.....	\$ 791 45
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Disbursements.

For repairs, insurance, &c.....	\$ 142 99
Balance to General Fund.....	648 46

\$ 791 45

SEWER FUND.

Receipts.

From balance 1886.....	\$ 4,038 33
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Disbursements.

For amount to General Fund.....	\$ 4,038 33
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Interest-Coupon Statement.

KIND OF BONDS.	WHERE PAYABLE.	When Payable.	No. of Coupons.	Coupon Value.	Amount Payable.	TOTALS.
I., C. & D. R. R. Co.....	City Treasury, Indianapolis.	January 1st.	90	\$30 00	\$ 2,700 00	
Series "A".....	Winslow, Lanier & Co. N. Y.	January 1st.	300	36 50	10,950 00	
Series "B".....	" " "	January 1st.	300	36 50	10,950 00	
Southern Park Purchase	" " "	January 1st.	219	18 25	3,996 75	
Series "C".....	" " "	January 1st.	300	36 50	10,950 00	
Series "D".....	" " "	January 1st.	200	36 50	7,300 00	
Fire Department.....	" " "	January 1st.	14	18 25	255 00	
Series "E".....	" " "	January 1st.	8	36 50	292 00	
U. R. R. T. & S. Y. Co.*.	" " "	January 1st.	500	30 00	15,000 00	\$ 62,394 25
Ind'polis & Vin. R. R. Co.	City Treasury, Indianapolis.	April 1st.	120	30 00	3,600 00	
Junction R. R. Co.....	" " "	April 1st.	100	30 00	3,000 00	
Sellers' Farm Purchase.	Winslow, Lanier & Co., N. Y.	April 1st.	21	40 00	840 00	7,440 00
Series "A".....	Winslow, Lanier & Co., N. Y.	July 1st.	3 0	36 50	10,950 00	
Series "B".....	" " "	July 1st.	300	36 50	10,950 00	
Southern Park Purchase	" " "	July 1st.	219	18 25	3,996 75	
Series "C".....	" " "	July 1st.	300	36 50	10,950 00	
Series "D".....	" " "	July 1st.	200	36 50	7,300 00	
Fire Department.....	" " "	July 1st.	14	18 25	255 50	
Series "E".....	" " "	July 1st.	8	36 50	292 00	
U. R. R. T. & S. Y. Co.*.	" " "	July 1st.	500	30 00	15,000 00	
Patterson Levee.....	" " "	July 1st.	5	60 00	300 00	59,994 25
Sellers' Farm Purchase.	Winslow, Lanier & Co., N. Y.	October 1st.	21	40 00	840 00	840 00
Grand Total.....						\$180,668 50

*These bonds were issued in aid of the "Union Railroad Transfer and Stock-Yards Company," and were exchanged for an equal amount of the bonds of said company.

The principal of the said company's bonds, and the interest-coupons attached thereto, mature and become payable one month prior to the principal and coupons of the city bonds.

TEMPORARY LOAN.

Issued December 31, 1887, due Dec. 31, 1888, interest six per cent., payable semi-annually. \$70,000 00

The City Clerk submitted the following report :

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen :

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

L. A. Fulmer vs. Ida Volrath, for.....	\$ 35 20
L. A. Fulmer vs. Margaretta Fuchs, for.....	22 40
Haywood & Co. vs I. J. Willis, for.....	16 40
D. A. Haywood & Co. vs. Sarah Sinker, for.....	14 40
D. A. Haywood & Co. vs. Sarah Sinker, for.....	14 40
Richter & Twiname vs. A. N. & E. M. Hadley, for.....	140 00

Respectfully submitted, Jno. W. BOWLUS, City Clerk.

On motion by Councilman Markey, the precept of L. A. Fulmer vs. Ida Volrath, was referred to the City Civil Engineer, and the remaining precepts ordered to issue, by the following vote :

AYES, 23—viz: Councilmen Cummings, Darnell, Davis, Dunn, Elliott, Finch, Gasper, Gaul, Hicklin, Johnston, Kelley, Long, Markey, McClelland, O'Connor, Parkinson, Pearson, Smith, Stuckmeyer, Swain, Thalman, Trusler, and Wilson.

NAYS, 1—viz: Councilman Burns.

The City Clerk presented the following petition ; which was received :

Indianapolis, Jan. 16, 1888.

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

Gentlemen:—The Board of School Commissioners of the City of Indianapolis hereby respectfully petition your honorable bodies to grant to them the use of Tomlinson Hall, in which to hold the Graduating Exercises of the High School, in consideration of the sum of twenty dollars (\$20.00.) The time can be arranged for so as not to conflict with other arrangements for the use of the Hall. It would be convenient to have the exercises take place some evening during the week beginning January 30.

JNO. B. CONNER, Pres't. School Board.

The City Clerk, on behalf of the Rental Committee, submitted the following report ; which was read and approved :

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 16, 1888.

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen :

Gentlemen:—Your Rental Committee report that we have this day received of the Indianapolis Fertilizing Company \$120.00, in full of rent on Sellers Farm to November 1st, 1887, and from Fred. G. Wiselogel \$240.00 in part payment of rent for said Sellers Farm for one year from November 1st, 1887 ; the balance of \$240 to be paid on May 1st 1888 ; and we have prepared and had executed a lease to said Wiselogel for said farm for one year, ending November 1st, 1888, and ask for the approval of our action.

Respectfully submitted,

G. S. WRIGHT, Pres't. B'd. Ald.,
JNO. W. BOWLUS, City Clerk,
WM. L. TAYLOR, City Attorney,
Rental Committee.

The Chief Fire Engineer submitted the following report ; which was received, and the appointments confirmed :

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 16, 1888.

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

Gentlemen:—I hereby present the names of Wm Reisner, Louis Raffert and John Glazier, to fill vacancies in the Fire Department.

J. H. WEBSTER, Chief Fire Engineer.

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

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen :

Gentlemen:—Since the last meeting of the Council the case of *Davidson vs. The I. P. & C. R. R Co., The City of Indianapolis*, and others, cause No. 1967 Marion Circuit Court, has finally been dismissed in the Hendricks Circuit Court, whence it had been taken from this county, on change of venue, some five years ago.

This noted case was begun in the Marion Circuit Court eleven years ago against more than 800 defendants, for the recovery of a large tract of land in the eastern part of the city, practically covering all the territory bounded by Washington street on the south ; State street on the east ; Massachusetts avenue on the north, and Noble street on the west. The plaintiffs are the heirs of the late Gov. Noble, who willed this, with much other property, to his heirs upon certain conditions, and for many years the heirs, in one way and another, have been litigating for the recovery of the said real estate ; but the Superior and Supreme Courts have invariably decided against the claimants. Many people, however, have procured releases from the heirs to quit their titles.

The plaintiffs contend that the will of the Governor was not obeyed ; that the property was squandered by the executors ; that the partition of the land was illegal ; that the Act of the Legislature of 1850, in ordering the sale of part of the home farm, was unconstitutional ; that all the occupying claimants are intruders

and should be ejected; that plaintiffs had suffered damages in the sum of \$100,000, and they asked for the possession of the property. The property is valued at an enormous sum, and the city was the largest in interest of the defendants. The final settlement of the long and bitter litigation ending in the dismissal, on defendants' motion, of said cause, is now thought to be assured.

Respectfully submitted, Wm. L. TAYLOR, City Attorney.

REPORTS, ETC., FROM OFFICIAL BOARDS.

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

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

Gentlemen:—The undersigned, Board of Public Improvements, of the City of Indianapolis, report to your Honorable bodies, that upon the recommendation of the City Civil Engineer, we have appointed William Petty as an assistant in the office of the City Civil Engineer, vice, William H. Fink, and ask for your approval of our action.

Respectfully submitted,
Indianapolis, Jan. 16, 1888.

W. H. Wilson,
Wm. J. Parkinson,
Board of Public Improvements.

The Board of Health submitted the Mortality report for the month of December '1887; which was received.

REPORTS, ETC., FROM STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Bridges, through Councilman Wilson, submitted the following report; which was read, and the City Civil Engineer instructed to report estimate of iron bridge:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Your Committee, to whom was referred the motion instructing the City Civil Engineer to prepare plans and make estimate for the erection of a bridge over Pleasant Run, at Willow street, would recommend that the work be done.

W. H. Wilson,
John O'Connor,
Committee on Bridges.

The Committee of Streets and Alleys, through Councilman Dunn, submitted the following report; which was received, and further time granted:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Streets and Alleys, to whom was referred the petition of A. H. Gladden and others, praying for the opening to a width of twelve (12) feet an alley running between Tennessee and Mississippi street from Seventh to Eighth street, report that we have made progress and ask for further time.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward Dunn,
Elton B. Elliott,
C. H. Stuckmeyer,
Committed on Streets and Alleys.

The Fire Committee and Chief Fire Engineer submitted the following report; which was referred back to said Fire Committee, City Attorney and Chief Fire Engineer, with instructions to report an ordinance:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

We would respectfully recommend the passage of an ordinance prohibiting, within the "fire limits," the erection of any building not provided with fire walls, and prohibiting the use of any ornamental or other cornice composed wholly or partly of wood.

J. H. WEBSTER, Chief Fire Engineer.
P. C. Trusler,
J. C. Finch,
Fred. W. Gaul,
Fire Committee.

The Committee on Judiciary, through Councilman Cummings, submitted the following report, and motion accompanying the same :

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Judiciary, together with the City Attorney, to whom was referred the claim of Sarah Ann Coates for payment of her promissory note, drawn by J. H. Ross, in 1873, for \$250 payable in one year, and subsequently assumed by the city, in part payment of the Sixth street engine house lot, report that on thorough examination we are of the opinion that said note will have to be paid by the city, and therefore recommend that it be now paid, and the amount due, to-wit: \$650 77-100, be placed in the next appropriation ordinance.

Respectfully submitted,

M. M. Cummings,
P. J. Kelly,
John R. Pearson,
Committee on Judiciary.

WM. L. TAYLOR, City Attorney.

That the City Attorney be ordered to place the amount of one note of \$250 drawn by J. H. Ross in 1873, and now claimed by Sarah Ann Coates on the city tax duplicate, and to have the proper tax be assessed against the same for the years 1873 to 1888, inclusive, and all delinquents and the amounts be deducted from said amount.

Which report was approved, and the motion adopted.

Councilman Trusler offered the following petition ; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Gas :

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

Gentlemen:—The Indianapolis Natural Gas Company now has a pipe line extending from its gas field to the corporate limits, which is nearly completed as required by the ordinance. It will, in a short time, be in a situation to proceed to lay mains and supply consumers with gas.

The members of the company feel that the ordinance should be amended as to some of its provisions, but not in a way to effect the prices as fixed, or impairing the rights of the city or citizen in any way. The company therefore ask that the matter be referred to the proper committee to investigate and report thereon.

Very Respectfully,

Indianapolis Natural Gas Co.,

January 16, 1888.

By George F. Branham, President.

Councilman Trusler offered the following petition ; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Gas :

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 16, 1888.

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

Gentlemen:—The Capital City Natural Gas, Oil and Water Company of Indianapolis, respectfully represent that they now have eight (8) good wells, and are drilling others, with a view of laying pipe lines to the city, and supplying as many of its citizens as possible with gas at an early date; and although this company has accepted the ordinance, as it now stands in good faith, yet they believe that some

minor changes should be made in the ordinance, not however in any way affecting the price of gas, as fixed by the ordinance, nor impairing the city's rights, or the interest of its citizens. Therefore, we respectfully ask that the matter of making such minor changes by amending said ordinance, be referred to the proper committee, with power to investigate the necessity for such changes, and to report.

By order of the Board of Directors,

STANTON J. PEELE, Sec'y.

D. H. WILES, Pres't.

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

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Railroads, to whom was referred General Ordinance No 43, 1887, an ordinance requiring the C., I., St. L. & C. R. R. Co. to place a Flagman at the crossings of their tracks and Dillon and Reid streets, would report that we have examined the same and recommend that said ordinance be so amended that it will require said railroad company to place a Flagman at Dillon street only; and after so amended, that the ordinance be passed.

Respectfully submitted,

C. F. Darnell,
Fred. W. Gaul,
D. F. Swain,
Committee on Railroads.

The Committee on Streets and Alleys, through Councilman Dunn, submitted the following report; which was received, and further time granted:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Streets and Alleys, to whom was referred the petition of Jay G. Voss, Charles F. Sayles and others, praying for the opening of an alley twenty-nine and one-half feet wide from King or Fifth street north between Delaware and Pennsylvania streets, report that we have examined the matter, and report progress, and ask for further time.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward Dunn,
Elton B. Elliott,
C. H. Stuckmeyer,
Committee on Streets and Alleys.

The Chief Fire Engineer submitted an annual report for the year 1887; which was received, and referred to the Committee on Printing.

MESSAGES AND PAPERS FROM THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

The following message was received, and the action of the Board *non-concurred* in:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—The Board of Aldermen, in regular session held in the Aldermanic Chamber, Monday evening, January 9, 1888, granted the following petition, and instructed the Rental Committee to let the Hall for the amount stated in the petition:

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

Gentlemen:—The undersigned hereby respectfully petition your honorable bodies to grant to them the use of Tomlinson Hall on the evening of January 17th inst., for the sum of twenty dollars (\$20.00), the Hall to be used for a lecture by the well-known Astronomer, Richard Proctor. The proceeds of the lecture are to be devoted to the purchase of books for the Reference Libraries of the High Schools of this

city. The above reduction in price is asked in view of the use to be made of the proceeds of the lecture.

Respectfully submitted,

L. H. JONES,
Superintendent of Schools.

W. W. GRANT,
Principal of High School No. 1.

T. G. ALFORD,
Principal of High School No. 2."

I submit the same for your consideration.

For the Board of Aldermen

MICHAEL W. TOOMEY, 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 Darnell, which was referred to the Committee on Railroads :

G. O. 1, 1888—An ordinance supplemental to an ordinance entitled "An ordinance authorizing the construction, extension and operation of certain passenger railroads in and upon the streets of the City of Indianapolis;" ordained and established January 18, 1864, and all ordinances amendatory thereof and supplemental thereto.

By Councilman Finch :

G. O. 2, 1888—An ordinance to amend Sections 1 and 2 of General Ordinance No. 1, 1887, entitled "An ordinance providing for certain changes of tracks of Citizens' Street Railway Company, and a transfer of certain rights;" ordained and established April 11th, 1887.

By Councilman Long :

G. O. 3, 1888—An ordinance regulating the building of partition and side fences, and prescribing punishment for violation thereof.

By Councilman Elliott :

S. O. 1, 1888—An ordinance to provide for grading and paving with brick, the south sidewalk of Seventh street, from Bellefontaine avenue to Columbia avenue where not already properly paved.

By Councilman Finch :

S. O. 2, 1888—An ordinance to provide for grading, bowldering and curbing the gutters of Davidson street, from Washington street to North street.

By Councilman Gaul :

S. O. 3, 1888—An ordinance to provide for grading and paving with brick, the sidewalks of West street, from Ray street to Morris street.

By Councilman Pearson :

S. O. 4, 1888—An ordinance to provide for the grading and paving with Trinidad asphalt sheet pavement, the roadway, re-bowldering between the rails of the tracks of the Citizens' Street Railway, and curbing with stone the gutters of Washington street, from the east line of Mississippi street to the west line of Alabama street, and requiring the Citizens' Street Railway Company to pay a portion of the cost thereof, as provided for in General Ordinance No. 4, 1884.

By Councilman Stuckmeyer :

S. O. 5, 1888—An ordinance to provide for grading, bowldering and curbing the gutters of Huron street, and widening the sidewalks thereof, from Noble street to Dillon street.

On motion, the following entitled ordinances were stricken from the files:

S. O. 131 and S. O. 150, 1887—An ordinance to provide for the re-grading and paving with Trinidad asphalt sheet pavement the roadway, and curbing with stone the gutters of Washington street, from the east line of Mississippi street to the west line of Alabama street, and requiring the Citizens' Street Railway Company to pay a portion of the cost thereof, as provided for in General Ordinance No. 4, 1884.

INTRODUCTION OF MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Councilman Trusler presented the following communication; which was referred to the Fire Committee:

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

Gentlemen:—The undersigned propose to sell to the City a fire truck, extention ladder, and stand pipe combined in one, and just completed.

The truck is almost entirely, and as far as possible, of iron and steel, and of the best workmanship. The ladder extends seventy-six feet from the ground and stands upon a turn-table placed upon the forward end of the truck, and can be quickly and easily turned to either side. The two outside lengthwise pieces of the ladder are of the best yellow pine, and in the center is a two and a-half-inch steel pipe forming a third and middle leg, bracing, and very much strengthening, the ladder, and raises and extends with it, forming a stand pipe or section of iron hose extending from near the ground to the top of the ladder. The regular hose is attached to the lower end, and at the top a short piece of hose and a nozzle, easily handled, and from which the water can be thrown almost with the percision of a rifle shot. The rungs are of young hickory. The hoisting apparatus is a patented invention of great efficiency, and with it the ladder can be raised in one minute. The entire apparatus is as strong and as light as consistent with the necessary strength, and can be drawn by two horses.

It is especially constructed for reaching fires in high buildings, and for saving life and property from places high and difficult to reach and which can not be done by ordinary apparatus.

The price is \$3,250, and we will be pleased to exhibit it to you or your committee at any time it may suit your convenience.

Respectfully submitted,
THE COVERT FIRE LADDER & STAND PIPE Co,
By J. CAVEN, President.

Councilman Burns 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 across Washington street, west side of Missouri street.

Councilman Cummings offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the use of Tomlinson Hall be given free of charge to the members of the Early Closing Association, for one night, the time to be hereafter agreed on by said Association and the Rental Committee, for the purpose of giving an entertainment for the benefit of the women and girls recently thrown out of employment by the destruction of the Overall Factory of Cones, Son & Co.

Which was adopted, by the following vote:

AYES, 23—viz: Councilmen Burns, Cummings, Darnell, Davis, Dunn, Elliott, Finch, Gasper, Gaul, Hicklin, Johnston, Kelley, Long, Markey, McClelland, O'Connor, Parkinson, Pearson, Smith, Stuckmeyer, Swain, Thalman, and Wilson.

NAYS, 1—viz: Councilman Trusler.

Councilman Darnell offered the following motion ; which was adopted :

That the Committee on Public Property be, and is hereby, ordered to examine into Garfield Park, and report to this body whether the city is receiving any rent; if so, how much. Also, the condition of the same, and report at our next regular meeting.

Councilman Darnell offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the City Civil Engineer be, and he is hereby, instructed to cause the removal of the chairs, desks and fixtures, now in the Council Chamber, to Room No. 1, formerly occupied by the City Treasurer, and that hereafter the Common Council use and occupy said Room No. 1 as a Council Chamber.

Resolved, further, That said Engineer be, and hereby is instructed to cause the removal of all the chairs, desks and fixtures, now in the Aldermanic Chamber, to Room No 5, formerly occupied by the City Assessor, both of said rooms being in the Court House basement; and that hereafter the Board of Aldermen use and occupy said Room No. 5 as the Aldermanic Chamber.

That Room No 3, between said rooms one and five, shall be used and occupied by both the Common Council and Board of Aldermen as a cloak room and lobby. That the Board of Health be instructed to remove to and occupy Room No. ..., in said basement.

Councilman McClelland moved to refer to the Committee on Office Fixtures and Supplies.

Councilman Darnell moved to lay the motion on the table.

Which failed of adoption, by the following vote :

AYES, 7—viz: Councilmen Cummings, Darnell, Elliott, Gasper, Hicklin, Long, and Smith.

NAYS 17—viz: Councilmen Burns, Davis, Dunn, Finch, Gaul, Johnston, Kelley, Markey, McClelland, O'Connor, Parkinson, Pearson, Stuckmeyer, Swain, Thalman, Trusler, and Wilson.

The motion to refer to the Committee on Office Fixtures and Supplies, was then adopted, with instructions to report cost of changes, at the next meeting.

Councilman Darnell offered the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Judiciary, and City Attorney:

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, That the Citizens' Street Railway Company be, and it is hereby, ordered and directed to at once provide all cars used by it in this city with platforms at both ends of such cars. That said company be further ordered and directed to at once remove from its tracks, and from the streets of this city, all turn tables used or built by said company in any of the streets of this city. That said turn-tables are hereby declared a public nuisance; and if the same are not removed by said company within ninety (90) days from the date of service of notice of the passage of this resolution, the Street Commissioner of this city is hereby empowered, directed and ordered to remove all said turn-tables, and to charge the cost thereof to, and to collect the same from, the said company. The City Clerk is hereby instructed and ordered to prepare duplicate copies of this resolution, and serve one of them on the said company, and endorse his return of service upon the other, showing upon whom the same was served, the date of service thereof, and report the same to the Common Council and Board of Aldermen.

Councilman Dunn offered the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Railroads:

WHEREAS, The Citizens' Street Railway Company, much to the inconvenience of the traveling public, and to the danger of passing citizens, has ordered its servants and agents to change mules to its cars at the north entrance to the tunnel on Illinois street, which orders are now being carried out, so that there is a constant changing of mules at said point; therefore

Resolved, That said Citizens' Street Railway Company be, and it is hereby, ordered to at once cease changing its mules to its cars at the north entrance to the Illinois street tunnel. That a copy of this resolution be transmitted by the City Clerk to said company.

Councilman Dunn offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That the Citizen's Street Railway Company be, and it is hereby ordered to raise its tracks on New York street, between Blackford and Douglass streets, up to the grade of the street, and in case the same is not done on or before March 15, 1888, the Street Commissioner is hereby ordered to at once do said work, and to collect the expense thereof from the said company.

Councilman Gasper offered the following motion; which was referred to the Chief Fire Engineer and Fire Committee, with power to act:

That the Chief Fire Engineer be, and is hereby, instructed to purchase the amount of hose, (recommended by him in his annual report), necessary to place the various hose companies in perfect condition.

Councilman Gasper offered the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Water:

Resolved, That the Indianapolis Water Company be, and is hereby, directed to extend its water mains on New York street from East to Liberty street.

Councilman Gasper offered the following motion; which was referred to the Fire Committee:

That the Committee on Contracts be instructed to renew the present contract with E. H. Pritchard as veterinary surgeon of the fire department, for the present year 1888, at the same terms contracted for, for the past year 1887.

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

That the Street Commissioner be instructed to put down double stone crossing on the west side of West street across Merrill street.

Councilman Gaul presented the following petition ; which was referred to the Committee on Public Health :

To the Hon. Members of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis :

Gentlemen:—We, the undersigned, tax payers and citizens of the City of Indianapolis, respectfully present for your consideration, as guardians of the health and well-being of the people, that there exists and is maintained a "Hair Cleaning" establishment, and other obnoxious works, within the corporate limits of this city, being located west of Meridian street, in the vicinity of the west end of Palmer street, on the property owned by one George Knarzer, described on the city and county tax duplicates as "Fifty-hundredths of an acre, north of the southeast corner of the northeast quarter of Section 14, Township 15, Range 3" (east.) Said establishment being operated under the supervision of one Schuyler C. Haughey. The stench arising from the prosecution of the above described business, is unbearable, numerous cases of sickness having been caused among the women and children, and its maintainance is a constant source of depreciation of values in real estate and rentals, thus working a hardship to the community in its vicinity.

We simply ask at your hands an act of equity in this matter ; and as the subscribers represent almost the entire tax-paying population of this infected district of the city, our prayer is : That for the preservation of the health and general well-being of the citizens who reside and pursue their avocations of life near this locality, that your honors may take such action as to declare said institution a nuisance, and cause its suppression, or removal beyond the city limits, without unnecessary delay. And we will ever pray.

C. Richard Essigke, 155 feet front ; Sarah Griffin, 36 feet front ; Herman J. Roy, 34 feet front ; Christian Quask, 34 feet front ; John Hoefgen, 216 feet front ; Leopold Spitznagel, 68 feet front ; Chas. Danner, 30 feet front ; S. R. Danner ; James Casekudon, 32 feet front ; J. A. Rubush, 64 feet ; Wm. Meyer, 66 feet ; Casper Bach ; Wm. Kurcher, 36½ feet ; Sisters of St. Joseph, per Sister Superior, at the Sacred Heart School ; Sacred Heart Church, per Francis Haase, pastor ; M. Clune, 448 feet on south Meridian street ; Fred. Beck, 130 feet on south Meridian street ; Wm. Jaus, 68 feet south Meridian street ; Louisa McKernan, 62 feet front, 854 and 856 south Meridian street ; Joseph Karcher, 60 feet ; John Karcher, 100 feet ; Bernhard Brush, 265 feet ; George H. Voight, 83 feet ; John Brauen, 35 feet ; Margaret Flynn, 35 feet front, No. 413 on Union street, and 30 feet No. 227 on Meridian st. ; John Knurr, 30 feet ; Charles Schneider, 52½ feet ; Jos Schneider, 35 feet ; George Rech, Nos. 708 and 710 south Meridian street, 56 feet, and No. 702 south Meridian st., 57 feet ; Katharina Rech, 704 south Meridian street, 115 feet ; Wm. H. Albert, 63 feet ; Patrick Kelly, 200 feet ; Jesse C. Thomas, 32 feet ; George Sourwine, 31 feet, No. 487 Union street ; Michael Hofmann, 22 feet south Meridian street. I think the establishment should be removed to a more remote place—Jacob W. Loeper ; John J. Cooper, for Cooper's South Meridian Street Addition ; Peter Sindlinger, 162 feet south Meridian street.

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

That the City Civil Engineer be and is hereby instructed to notify the Gas Company to remantle and light the gas post at the mouth of the first alley north of Bicking street, on the east side of south East Street.

Councilman Markey offered the following resolution :

WHEREAS, by the provisions of General Ordinance No. 36, 1886, entitled, " An Ordinance to vacate a portion of Meridian street for Union Railway purposes; also to provide for the building of a foot bridge over the portion of the street so vacated and the building of a viaduct over the Union Railway tracks between Meridian and Pennsylvania streets," passed by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen, respectively, on June 14 and 15, 1886, that portion of the surface of Meridian street, beginning at a point 50 feet south of the intersection of the west line of Meridian and the north line of Louisiana streets; thence, south along the west line of Meridian street 210 feet; thence, east to the east line of Meridian street; thence, north along the east line of Meridian street 210 feet; thence, west to place of beginning, was vacated for Union Railway purposes, and

Whereas, Section 2 of said ordinance provides, in consideration of the aforesaid vacation of said Meridian street, the said Indianapolis Union Railway Co. is hereby required to build a foot bridge over said portion of Meridian street so vacated.

Also to build a viaduct over the Union Railway tracks, 50 feet in width, between Meridian and Pennsylvania streets, on the line of the alley running north and south, between Georgia and South streets, and

Whereas, Section 4 of said ordinance provides that said Indianapolis Union Railway Company shall not enter into the exclusive possession of that portion of Meridian street so vacated, nor exclude the public from the use of the same until it shall have built said viaduct, unless the city shall have failed to cause, before the new Union Passenger Station shall have been completed for the use of the public, the opening of, and right-of-way in, the alley for the erection of said viaduct, as herein provided; but, in case the city shall so fail before the expiration of the time above limited to have procured said opening of, and right-of-way in, said alley, for said viaduct, then, upon the completion and putting in use of said new Union Passenger Depot, as a railway station, the exclusive use of said vacated portion of Meridian street, shall immediately vest in said Indianapolis Union Railway Company for railway purposes; and

Whereas, It is expected that the said new Union Passenger Station and train sheds will be completed and ready for the use of the public by June 1st, 1888, and in that event said Indianapolis Union Railway Company, by the terms of said ordinance, would come into possession of that portion of Meridian street so vacated, and thereby closing one of the oldest and most important thoroughfares of the city; and

Whereas, Said Indianapolis Union Railway Company, by its Vice President and Manager, V. T. Malott, did, on the 19th day of September, 1887, submit to the Common Council a proposition agreeing to pay into the city treasury the amounts assessed in favor of the abutting property holders, by the City Commissioners, and to proceed with the construction of said viaduct at once, provided, the city will assume the suits now brought by parties contesting the Commissioners' award, and pay any excess over and above the amount thus paid into the city treasury; which proposition was renewed by said V. T. Malott in a communication to the Common Council December 5th, 1887; and

Whereas, It is believed that in no event would the city be incurring any risk of having to pay any additional sum, by assuming said suits, but on the contrary, should they ever come to issue, could reduce the amount of damages already awarded, and that the advantages of a speedy construction of said viaduct and foot bridge would more than warrant the city in assuming the responsibility therefor.

Resolved, That the matters herein contained, together with the letters above referred to, be, and the same are hereby, referred to a committee consisting of His Honor, the Mayor, City Attorney, City Civil Engineer, and the Committee on Railroads of this body, and that the President of the Board of Aldermen, and the Committee on Railroads of said Board be, and are hereby, requested to meet with

said committee, for the purpose of investigating the matters above referred to; and that said committee be, and is hereby, instructed to confer with V. T. Malott, Vice President of said railway company, for the purpose of obtaining from him an agreement to pay into the city treasury any sum over and above the amount of damages that may be determined by trial of said suits, and the amount already assessed by said City Commissioners, and further, that said committee report what action should be taken in said premises, at the next regular meeting of this body.

And it was adopted, by the following vote :

AYES, 23—viz: Councilmen Burns, Cummings, Darnell, Davis, Dunn, Elliott, Finch, Gasper, Gaul, Hicklin, Johnston, Kelley, Long, Markey, McClelland, O'Connor, Parkinson, Pearson, Smith, Stuckmeyer, Swain, Thalman and Wilson.

NAYS, 1—viz: Councilman Trusler.

Councilman Markey presented the following petition ; which was referred to His Honor, the Mayor, City Attorney, City Civil Engineer, and Committee on Railroads of the Common Council, together with the President of the Board of Aldermen and Committee on Railroads of said Board:

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

Gentlemen:—The undersigned, owners of real estate in the City of Indianapolis, and interested in the general development and improvement of the city, believing that the city's liability, if any, in assuming the responsibility of the suits now pending in the courts would be merely nominal, and that the building of the Union Railway Viaduct at this time would be of far more benefit than the saving of any sum that the city would be called upon to pay, respectfully recommend that you accept the proposition of the Union Railway Company, to the end that said viaduct can be commenced at once.

John S. Spann, Wm. H. English, J. B. Mansur, P. H. Fitzgerald, Jas. Stephenson, Anehansel & Strong, Tucker & Dorsey Manfg. Co., M. J. Osgood, L. D. Waterman, A. L. Roache, Newton Claypool, (if built upon the alley east of Meridian); Edward H. Dean.

The former petition to the same effect, had on it the names of:

John W. Murphy, Charles Mayer & Co., E. F. Claypool, and others not remembered. Almost every one says "go ahead. The risk is small, and the importance of the work great. J. S. SPANN.

Councilman Markey presented the following petition :

To His Honor, the Mayor, and the Common Council and

Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis :

Gentlemen:—Your petitioner, Robert Kennington, would respectfully show to your honorable bodies that under a contract advertised and let by the City of Indianapolis for the grading and graveling of Sanders street and sidewalks, in the said city, he began work on and completed the grading and graveling of the said street and sidewalks, according to the plans, specifications and stakes, as made and set out by the Civil Engineer of the said city. After the completion of the work in accordance with said plans, stakes, &c., it was discovered that a mistake had been made in setting out said stakes, by the said Engineer, and that the line of the said street was so changed that on one side not touching the property holders' real estate; on the other side it encroached upon it. Beginning at the Brothers' ground, and chasing in the form of a triangle, until at Wright street the line of said street was fifteen feet removed from the property line on one side, and took up fifteen feet of ground of those owning property on the opposite side of the street. On which account the following property owners have refused to pay your petitioner for the said work, as follows:

Mr. Woodford, 20 Lots, at \$21.96.....	\$ 439 20
A. Sidensticker, 440 feet.....	316 80
Wm. F. & Maria Stilz, 481 feet.....	346 32
Wm. F. Stilz, 174 feet 4 inches.....	125 51
Total.....	\$1,227 83

Therefore, as your petitioner was forced to follow the directions, orders and stakes of the City Engineer, and was no way responsible or to blame for the mistake made by said Engineer, and is so placed by said mistake that he can not force the said property owners to pay him for the work done on said street, he respectfully asks your honorable bodies for an allowance of the above total to reimburse and pay him for his said work,

ROBERT KENNINGTON, Contractor.

That this paper be referred to the Committee on Council Claims, City Civil Engineer and City Attorney.

On motion by Councilman Markey, the above petition was referred to the Committee on Accounts and Claims, City Civil Engineer and City Attorney.

Councilman O'Connor offered the following motion; which was referred to the Committee on Railroads:

That the C. H. & D. Railway Company be requested to build a stone wall about five feet high, where not already walled, on the south side of their track on Maryland street, from Pine street to Noble street.

Councilman O'Connor offered the following motions; which were referred to the Board of Public Improvements:

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, directed to lay two stone crossings on the north side of Bates street; one on each of the two alleys between Pine street and Benton street.

That the Street Commissioners be, and is hereby, directed to lay two double stone crossings on Noble street; one at the crossing of Georgia street and one at the crossing of Bates street.

Councilman Parkinson offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That John Colier be permitted to lay a bowlder crossing across the sidewalk in front of his stable on west Maryland street, at his own expense, under instruction of City Engineer.

It being now near eleven o'clock, on motion by Councilman Stuckmeyer, the Rules were suspended for the purpose of extending the time of the session, by the following vote:

AYES, 23—viz: Councilmen Burns, Cummings, Darnell, Davis, Dunn, Finch, Gasper, Gaul, Hicklin, Johnston, Kelley, Long, Markey, McClelland, O'Connor, Parkinson, Pearson, Smith, Stuckmeyer, Swain, Thalman, Trusler, and Wilson:
NAYS, 1—viz: Councilman Elliott.

Councilman Pearson offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That Thomas Markey be, and he is hereby appointed commissioner for Garfield Park for one year, and until his successor shall have been appointed, to serve without compensation.

[And it was adopted by the following vote :

AYES, 18—viz: Councilmen Burns, Cummings, Dunn, Elliott, Gasper, Gaul, Hicklin, Johnston, Kelley, Long, McClelland, O'Connor, Parkinson, Pearson, Smith, Stuckmeyer, Swain, and Thalman.

NAYS, 4—viz: Councilmen Darnell, Davis, Trusler, and Wilson.

Councilman Stuckmeyer presented the following petition; which was received:

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

Gentlemen:—The undersigned, owners of real estate fronting on Huron street between Dillon and Noble streets, respectfully petition for the passage of an ordinance providing for grading, bowldering and curbing the gutters, and widening the sidewalks to a width of thirteen (13) feet, of Huron street from Dillon street to Noble street.

E. E. Jackson, 40 feet; Joseph Morris, 32½ feet; Wm. H. Wishard, 40 feet; Silas Bratton, 40 feet S. T. Blizard, 40 feet; George Nessler, 40 feet; William Muecke, 40 feet; George Vondersaar, 40 feet; Wm. F. Taylor, 40 feet; J. D. Rook, 40 feet; W. G. Wright, 40 feet; E. L. Atkinson, 47 feet; W. L. Williams, 80 feet.

Councilman Stuckmeyer presented the following petition; which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys, and City Attorney, to prepare papers to re-open the streets:

WHEREAS, In the year 1882, it was represented to the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, by the Cincinnati, Indianapolis, St. Louis & Chicago R. R. Co., through M. E. Ingalls, its President, and others, that said railroad company desired to erect their shops upon a certain site in said city of Indianapolis, viz: North of English avenue, east of Dillon street, west of Reid street, and south of their railroad tracks, upon condition that Grant street should be vacated.

And Whereas, Upon this promise and condition, Grant street and other public highways within the limits above indicated was and were vacated.

And Whereas, The time set for beginning and completing such shops has long since expired without compliance with such promise.

Now Therefore, The undersigned, owners of real estate in the vicinity, petition your honorable bodies to rescind the action vacating said highways and re-establish the same as before such vacation. We refer to the proceedings of Council, the report of the Committee on Streets and Alleys, and to the letter of Mr. Ingalls in the printed proceedings. Mr. Ingall's dispatch is as follows:

"Cincinnati, Ohio, Feb. 6, 1882.

To J. W. SHERWOOD:—If Grant street is vacated by the city, we will commence building our shops inside of six months, and finish them within two years. Shops to be for all the roads.

M. E. INGALLS."

We respectfully recommend your honorable bodies to act upon this matter without delay for important reasons.

Respectfully submitted.

John S. Spann & Co.
Tucker & Dorsey M't'g Co.
Wm. H. English.

Councilman Stuckmeyer presented the following petition; which was referred to the Committee on Water:

Indianapolis, Nov. 15th, 1887.

To the Mayor, Councilmen and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis;

Gentlemen:—The undersigned are not only desirous for water mains on Huron street, between Noble and Dillon streets, for fire protection, but that we may use it

for house purposes and street sprinkling, and we will agree to use it for these purposes.

S. T. Blizard, 110 Huron street; Joseph Morris, 120 Huron street; Geo. Nessler, 102 Huron street; E. E. Jackson, 94 Huron street; George Vondersaar, 106 Huron street; Wm. H. Wishard, 89 Huron street; Silas H. Brattain; W. B. Morris, 236 Huron street; J. C. Ludlow, 253 Huron street; Jas. M. Huntington; W. L. Williams; Mrs. Sipp, 114; Albert Grummann, 58 Huron street; William Muecke, 129 Huron street.

Indianapolis, Nov. 15th, 1887.

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

Gentlemen:—The undersigned, owners of real estate fronting on Huron street, between Noble and Dillon streets, respectfully petition for the passage of an ordinance providing for water mains to be laid on Huron street, between Noble and Dillon streets, for fire protection.

S. T. Blizard, 110; Joseph Morris, 120; Margaret Sipp, 114 and 116; George Nessler, 102; William Priegnitz, 85; E. E. Jackson, 94; P. Stephenson, 186; George Vonderaar, 106; Jas. L. Blizard, 219; Jacob Schmitt, 244; E. L. Atkinson, 264; William H. Wishard, 89; W. M. Adams; J. C. Meyers, 74; Silas H. Brattain, 66; W. B. Morris; J. C. Ludlow, 253 Huron street; F. Boswell, 147 Huron street; C. B. Noble; Jas. N. Huntington; Charles Reese; Charles E. Rafer; W. L. Williams; Wm. J. Scheidt, 119; Frank L. Glass, 250; W. G. Wright; Albert Grummann, 58; Andrew Goul; Wm. Muecke, 29 Huron; J. T. Shepard, 213 Huron, D. W. Greene, 215 Huron street; Mary A. Reeves, No, 105 Huron.

Councilman Swain 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, freeholder of the City of Indianapolis, owning real estate at and near the corner of Pennsylvania street and Exposition avenue, in said city, respectfully petition your honorable bodies and the Board of City Commissioners to vacate the following part and portion of said Exposition avenue, which is described as follows, to-wit: Thirty seven (37) feet off of the south side thereof between the west side of Pennsylvania street, and the east side of the first alley west of said Pennsylvania street. It being the intention to leave a thirteen (13) foot alley between the north line of the part of said avenue asked to be vacated, and the south line of Lot thirty-six (36) of Elizabeth Talbot's Revised Addition to the City of Indianapolis, all as indicated on the plat herewith filed, which is made a part hereof.

Said avenue between Pennsylvania street and the first alley west of said street, as now laid down on said revised plat, is of no practical value or utility to the citizens of said locality, ending, as it does, at a narrow alley. It is not traveled as a street and never will be. The thirteen (13) feet left for an alley is all that will ever be needed for a passage-way into the alley, running north and south, or to get through to Meridian street through the alley of the same width into which it runs. It would be a hardship to require the owners of Lots 35 and 36 to improve the whole width of said avenue, as now platted.

For the foregoing, as well as other good and sufficient reasons, your petitioners pray that said vacation may be made, and as in duty bound, they will ever pray.

Elizabeth Talbot, F. C. Kesinger, W. H. Talbot,
B. K. Elliott.

Councilman Thalman offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That the Auditor be directed not to certify off any taxes due the city unless approved by the City Attorney.

Councilman Trusler offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That the Police Board be requested to place their police stations at such points that they will not annoy and inconvenience citizens.

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

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, instructed to place a double stone crossing at the intersection of West and Mayhew streets.

PENDING ORDINANCES.

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

G. O. 43, 1887—An ordinance requiring the C., I., St. L. & C. R. R. Co. to station and maintain a Flagman at the crossing of their tracks on Reid street and Dillon street.

And on motion, it was amended by striking out Reid street.

And it was passed by the following vote:

AYES, 24—viz: Councilmen Burns, Cummings, Darnell, Davis, Dunn, Elliott, Finch, Gasper, Gaul, Hicklin, Johnston, Kelley, Long, Markey, McClelland, O'Connor, Parkinson, Pearson, Smith, Stuedmeyer, Swain, Thalman, Trusler, and Wilson.

NAYS—None.

On motion of Councilman Thalman, the resolution relative to the Central Union Telephone Company (see page 20, ante), was recalled from the Committee on Finance, and referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys, City Attorney and City Civil Engineer.

On motion, the Common Council then adjourned.

C. S. Murray, Mayor,

President of the Common Council.

Attest: *Geo. W. Bowler*, City Clerk.