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Common Council and Board of Aldermen.

PROCEEDINGS OF COMMON COUNCIL.

REGULAR SESSION—JANUARY 6, 1890.

The members elect of the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, to serve as such until the first day of January, 1892, convened in the Council Chamber, Monday evening, January 6th, A. D. 1890, at 7:30 o'clock, in regular session.

Hon. Thomas L. Sullivan, Mayor, and *ex officio* President of the Common Council, took the Chair, and directed the City Clerk to call the names of the Councilmen who had been duly elected and qualified as Councilmen of the City of Indianapolis.

The following Councilmen were present:

1st Ward—John A. Weber.	13th Ward—Edward Dunn.
2d “ David A. Myers.	15th “ Michael J. Burns.
3d “ Henry Sweetland.	16th “ Robert C. McGill.
4th “ Edward J. Sherer.	17th “ William M. Hicklin.
5th “ John R. Pearson.	18th “ Simeon Coy.
6th “ Otto Stechhan.	19th “ Edward A. Austin.
7th “ Manford D. Yontz.	20th “ Olaf R. Olsen.
8th “ Emil C. Rassman.	21st “ Preston C. Trusler.
9th “ William Wesley Woollen.	22d “ Martin J. Murphy.
10th “ Joseph L. Gasper.	23d “ Thomas Markey.
11th “ Robert Martindale.	24th “ Charles A. Gauss.
12th “ William H. Cooper.	25th “ Richard J. Nolan.

ABSENT, 1—viz: 14th Ward—William E. Davis.

A quorum being present, the Mayor addressed the Common Council as follows:

Gentlemen of the Common Council:

For the next two years we will be associated together for a common purpose. Representing different portions of the city we will meet to legislate for the whole city. How best to carry out the purpose for which we meet must be our first care. Receiving a salary only nominal, you are expected to devote such portion of your time as is necessary to the city's interest, and with industry, fidelity, and your best ability, discharge the all important duties your position brings with it. With practically no incentive to labor, save the desire to serve acceptably the city that has trusted you, you have been given a task of the very greatest responsibility and importance. When thus viewed, no office is more honorable than that to which you have been chosen. Upon all sides can be observed evidence of the fact that our city is aroused to the importance and advantage of her position, and is anxious to enter with spirit and determination on her progress towards what we all hope will prove a great development. With this spirit prevalent we were elected to fulfill and justify this expectation, as far as possible, is the task that is set before us. Taking as a guide the last Report of the Finance Committee, made December 16, 1889, it appears that the long time bonded indebtedness of the city is one million nine hundred and five thousand and five hundred dollars. The law prohibits an increase of this indebtedness, and there has been no reduction of it. For five hundred thousand dollars of this amount the city holds bonds of the Union Railroad and Stock Yard Company, and they will no doubt pay that much of the city's debt with interest thereon. None of this bonded indebtedness will mature during the life of this Council, and it is not probable that you will be able to refund any portion of it before maturity for the reason that the interest on all but a hundred and fifty-five thousand dollars of this sum is between 6 and 8 per cent., consequently your chief duty in regard to the bonded indebtedness of the city will be to provide for the payment of interest thereon, which amounts to one hundred and twenty-seven thousand five hundred and sixty-eight dollars and fifty cents (\$127,568.50) per annum. In December, of last year, the temporary loan of the city amounted to the sum of \$100,000. During the year 1888, this loan had been increased by the sum of \$30,000, and during the year 1889, it would have been still further increased by at least \$30,000 if money necessary for current expenses was not used in its reduction, had it not been for the sum of \$50,275.70 excess in saloon tax over old tax that was paid into the City Treasury during the last half of 1889.

On the last day of December, 1889, our predecessor saw fit to pay \$75,000 of this temporary loan, thereby reducing that loan to \$25,000, but to do so, they were compelled to use the money necessary to pay the bills incurred by them for the month of December, 1889, and not only that, but they were also obliged to take from the treasury the money necessary to pay the greater part of the expenses of this city until next April, and not only that, but they overdrew the amount in the treasury in the sum of \$16,174.85. Last year it took more than \$40,000 a month to pay the running expenses of this city. You will receive no money of any amount until May, 1890, at which time the taxes for the first half of 1889 will be available. With a treasury worse than empty; with about \$15,000 of unpaid bills for last months running expenses which are now due and pressing for payment, there is but one thing you can do; at once you must raise money to pay this overdraft of \$16,174.85, and also to pay the bills left us for expenditures made last month. You will be compelled to borrow money to pay the necessary running expenses of this month, and for February, March, and April, at which time, also, the loan of \$25,000 comes due, and when you have reached that time of year when revenue in any considerable amount comes into the treasury, you will find that you have been obliged to renew in full the temporary loan, which your predecessors thought it expedient to temporarily pay by overdrawing the treasury \$16,174.85, and by borrowing entirely the current expense fund of the city. In other words, you take charge of the affairs of this city with about \$15,000 of the running expenses of December unpaid. The treasury is worse than empty, being \$16,174.85 overdrawn. Practically nothing in sight but debts for the next four months. The taxes for 1888, together with the large increase in the saloon tax, is all gone. No money in any amount will come into the treasury until the latter part of next April, at which time the first half of the taxes for 1889 will be paid.

Until that time you will be obliged to preserve the city's credit, and pay by far the greater part of her everyday expenses with borrowed money. Last year it cost more than \$40,000 a month to run this city, not including the interest on the public debt. Unless you are able to reduce this expenditure very materially, you will find next May that the temporary loan has been considerably increased, and that increase has come solely because of the impoverished condition in which the treasury is turned over to you. Let it be your task, and I mean the Council as a whole, each member of it, let it be your task to watch each item of expenditure, and to so legislate as not to increase the temporary loans; decrease them if possible, but decrease them out of your savings, and not by overdrawing the treasury, and by putting a mortgage on future incomes. The law does not permit the issuance of warrants unless there is money in the treasury to pay them. Neither does it permit you, gentlemen, to appropriate money unless you have the money actually in the treasury to appropriate, consequently you can not lawfully pass an appropriation ordinance until your Finance Committee shall have actually borrowed the money with which to replenish the treasury. This will, no doubt, cause inconvenience, and perhaps, temporary embarrassment, but it is not an embarrassment of your making, it was made for you, and you have only inherited it. The City Record, from which much of the data above set out is taken, states that it was made in response to a certain resolution of the Council. This resolution required in addition to what was given, a report "As to the amount of the contracts awarded and not yet paid for." The Report, as made, does not furnish any information upon this subject. Of course, without this information it is impossible for us to know the true condition of the city's finances or to fully appreciate the amount of economy necessary to so administer the city's affairs, as not to be obliged to increase the temporary loan beyond what it was in 1889. As soon as possible you should inform yourselves as to the exact financial condition of the city, and keeping this financial condition steadily in mind, you should legislate with reference to it.

It is true the revenue of the city has been increased by reason of the increase in the saloon tax. Just what the income from this source will be during the present year it is not possible to tell. It will depend upon the number of saloons, and, under the law as it now is, we have not sufficient data to estimate with any accuracy, what that number will be.

It is true that each year the revenue of the city increases as the city grows in wealth, but it is also true that as the city adds new territory and increases in size, her expenses, to say the least, correspondingly increase.

The streets of our city are in a very terrible condition, but with our treasury as it is, the improvement of our streets is a matter of not only the highest necessity, but one requiring the most thoughtful consideration.

Vast sums of money have been expended by the city each year in patching the streets. Last year the amount appropriated for such repairs was \$66,000, and this expenditure has resulted in an improvement very temporary in its character. I believe money so expended is largely wasted, and that the true way is to adopt a systematic plan of street improvement, by making substantially new streets, and gradually work out this plan until the desired result is obtained.

The wide streets of our city, bordered by innumerable shade trees, make Indianapolis a vast park, and afford abundance of pure air to our citizens, consequently Indianapolis is not only one of the most beautiful, but is also one of the healthiest cities on earth. Our wide streets are in every way a blessing, but not so the wide roadway. Detracting nothing from the convenience of travel, the beauty of our streets, or the health of our city, we can save a large part of the expense of street improvements by reducing the width of the roadway by at least one-third in most cases. The cost can also be materially reduced, I have no doubt, by competition, and I recommend that the kind of roadway you select in future, be influenced to a considerable extent, by the presence or absence of competition for the proposed improvement.

The last legislature, appreciating the enormous outlay of money necessary to put in condition the streets of our cities, passed what is known as the Barrett Law

by the terms of which our streets may be improved and paid for, so far as the lot owner is concerned, in ten annual payments, the deferred payments to bear interest at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum, thereby enabling the lot owner to pay for his proportion of such streets as require permanent improvement, in a way least likely to cause embarrassment. The practical working of this law no doubt, would be that the property-holder, who does not need the indulgence afforded by the law, pays for his improvement at once, and thereby saves the interest, while the poorer man is enabled with less embarrassment, to improve his street because of the privilege of paying for it in ten annual payments. There is one provision of the Barrett Law I can not approve, and of which I think it my duty to speak to you. That law provides that you, the Council, may improve a street although the majority of the property-owners along the line of the proposed improvement object to the improvement. It is possible to imagine circumstances under which it would be advisable to enforce such a provision as that, but such circumstances must be very rare indeed. It is much safer to say that when a majority of the resident property-holders remonstrate against the improvement of the street, that it ought not to be improved. With a law providing for payment on the installment plan, I apprehend resident owners will not unduly remonstrate against improvements that are really needed. In as much as the city pays about one-fifth of the costs of new streets, and this must be paid in cash, the amount of street improvement that can be made must, of necessity, be limited to the city's ability to pay this one-fifth.

To keep in repair such streets as are now, or may be hereafter put into condition, and not expend in so doing, more of our present income that can be reasonably spared for that purpose, is a problem extremely difficult of solution. I do not believe our present charter and plan upon which our city government is conducted is by any means the best for a large and growing city such as Indianapolis, and upon this subject I expect to speak to you more fully at some future time. It seems to me that instead of the city attempting to do this work of street repairing herself, the city should be divided into districts, and under the supervision of the Board of Control of Public Improvements and Street Commissioner, the contract for keeping in repair each district should be let to the lowest bidder, and thus in a business-like and systematic way, repair the streets. I believe such a plan would result in better work at less cost, and would also enable us to keep in hand the expenses of this department.

The revenue of our city may be largely increased by remembering the franchises of this city are of very great value, and whenever or wherever, without impairing or violating vested rights, these franchises can be made to pay an adequate return to the city for their enjoyment, it is your bounden duty to see that such return is made. You may be very certain that the corporations or individuals dealing with the city will be able to take care of themselves, and remember always that the city has no one authorized to guard her interest except you.

Let every proposition that comes before you be considered fully and impartially upon its merits. Nothing can be more pernicious than a vote for some measure you may think of doubtful propriety, in order that you may secure a vote for that which you believe meritorious. Keep constantly in view the fact that the financial condition of our city must in most cases be the controlling factor in determining the advisability of an improvement. But also do not forget that Indianapolis is a great and growing city; that permanent improvements, judiciously made, will return to the city many times their cost in an increase of taxable values. The citizens of Indianapolis have for years been justly proud of their fire department, and without regard to party they deprecate any effort to introduce or perpetuate politics in that department. At the election which resulted in your choice, the voters of Indianapolis indicated a gentleman whom they desired to be placed at the head of that department. Although his politics is not in accordance with that of the majority of this Council, yet it is your bounden duty, and no doubt will be your pleasure, to reinstate Mr. Webster as Chief of the Fire Department as soon as the law permits you to do so. And not only that, but also to reinvest yourselves, and him, with the same power over that department as enabled him to so successfully administer its affairs.

His Honor, Mayor Denny, upon several occasions called the attention of the Councils over which he presided, to the fact that the basement of the Court House was not a fit place in which to locate the city offices. The City Clerk's office, the room in which we are now assembled, and all offices in this basement are by no means suitable for the purposes to which they are put. A visit to the Mayor's Court will most forcibly illustrate what I say. Impossible of proper ventilation, pregnant with disease, its utter unfitness for the use to which it is put, is manifest to any one who has been in it. By purchasing a small amount of additional ground adjoining the Station House, a building could be erected which would answer the purpose until such time as the City of Indianapolis, or the liberality of some citizen, would justify the erection of a City Hall worthy of the chief city of Indiana, for inasmuch as Marion county can not much longer delay the building of a jail, it may be feasible to join with Marion county, and by the sale of the Station House property, pay for the city's portion of a building erected by the county and city that will supply the needs of each. I most earnestly recommend this matter to your consideration, and hope that the proper committee will see to it that steps are taken to bring about this much desired change.

I trust I may be pardoned, gentlemen, if I speak of myself and of our personal conduct towards each other. We come here for purely business purposes. Vast sums of money are controlled by us, and great interests are intrusted to our care. It is not possible to successfully manage affairs of such magnitude except upon purely business principles, and politics is not business. Manuvering for party advantage should have no place here, manuvering for our city's advantage should be our constant care. We meet here as members of the Board of Trustees representing the corporation, the city, and what our individual opinion may be upon matters not connected with our trust are out of place here. The business transacted by this Council is enormous. Its sessions extend far into the night. We have no time for any matter except for such as pertains to the business of the city. You have a rule limiting speeches, and I promise you to enforce that rule whenever my attention is called to its breach. For my part I ask the help of each one of you, gentlemen, to enable me to discharge the duties as your presiding officer. These duties are new to me, and no doubt I will commit errors, but with your help I trust the errors may not be frequent, and when discovered no one will more readily acknowledge and correct them than myself.

Before closing, I desire to publicly express my thanks to Mayor Denny, for his kindness and courtsey in explaining to me many matters of detailed work that would have been very difficult for me to have learned without his help, and in affording me every facility for becoming acquainted with many of the manifold duties that belong to the office of Mayor of this city.

The Mayor announced the appointment of the following Standing Committees:

To the Members of the Common Council:

*Gentlemen:*—I hereby appoint the following Standing Committees, as provided by Rule 46 of this body, the first named member to act as chairman in each case:

*Account and Claims*—Weber, Murphy and Cooper.

*Bridges*—Sherer, Coy and Dunn.

*Contracts*—Austin, Olsen and Stechhan.

*Education*—Sherer, Trusler and Nolan.

*Finance*—Woollen, Rassman, Stechhan, Austin, and Cooper.

*Fire Department*—Hicklin, Olsen and Cooper.

*Judiciary*—McGill, Weber and Myers.

*Markets*—Burns, Yontz and Martindale.

*Natural Gas*—Rassman, Gauss and Gasper.

*Office Fixtures and Supplies*—Coy, Gasper and Yontz.

*Ordinances*—Murphy, Trusler and Burns.

*Printing*—McGill, Sherer and Martindale.  
*Public Charities*—Dunn, Woollen and Sweetland.  
*Public Health*—Nolan, Davis and Burns.  
*Public Light*—Gauss, Hicklin and Stechhan.  
*Public Property*—Markey, Pearson and Weber.  
*Railroads*—Yontz, Woollen and Gasper.  
*Rules*—Markey, Pearson and McGill.  
*Sewers and Drainage*—Murphy, Nolan and Myers.  
*Streets and Alleys*—Rassman, Gauss and Martindale.  
*Water*—Olsen, Dann and Austin.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS L. SULLIVAN, Mayor.

On motion by Councilman Coy, the appointments were approved.

By consent, Councilman Wcollen introduced the following motion ; which was adopted :

That the address of the Mayor be printed in the Proceedings of the Council, and that so much of it as treats of finance, be referred to the Committee on Finance; so much as treats of the Fire Department, to the Committee on Fire Department; so much as treats of streets, to the Committee on Streets and Alleys, and so much as treats of public property, to the Committee on Public Property; and that said Committees have leave to report by ordinance, resolution or otherwise.

#### 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 :

(S. O. 119, 1889)—For grading and paving with brick the north sidewalk of Ninth street, from Bellefontaine avenue to Hillside avenue.

(S. O. 134, 1889)—For grading and graveling Barth avenue, and paving with brick the sidewalks, from Orange street to Roll street.

(S. O. 159, 1889)—For grading and graveling the roadway of Cruse street, and paving with brick and curbing with stone the sidewalks thereof, from Washington street to Market street.

(S. O. 168, 1889)—For grading and graveling the first alley east of Broadway street, from Lincoln avenue to Seventh street.

(S. O. 169, 1889)—For erecting two lamp-posts, lamps and fixtures (complete to burn gas, except the service pipes,) on Ash street, between Lincoln avenue and Irwin street.

(S. O. 180, 1889)—For grading and graveling Yandes street and sidewalks, from the Belt Railroad to Bruce street.

(S. O. 182, 1889)—For grading and paving with brick the west sidewalk of Archer street, from the south side of John street to the north line of Clifford avenue.

(S. O. 193, 1889)—For grading and paving with brick the north sidewalk of Spann avenue, from Linden street to Reid street.

(S. O. 189, 1889)—For constructing a brick sewer, two and one-half (2½) feet internal diameter, in and along Broadway street, from Seventh street to and connecting with the sewer at the north line of Cherry street, with the necessary number of man-holes, catch-basins, etc., according to plans and specifications on file in the office of the City Civil Engineer.

(S. O. 194, 1889)—For constructing a brick sewer, two and one-half (2½) feet internal diameter, in and along Christian avenue, from the west line of Park avenue to and connecting with the sewer in Broadway street, with the necessary number of catch-basins and man-holes, according to plans and specifications on file in the office of the City Civil Engineer.

(S. O. 196, 1889)—For constructing a brick sewer, two (2) feet internal diameter, in and along St. Clair street, from the first alley west of Tennessee street to Illinois street, with the necessary number of man-holes, catch-basins, etc., according to plans and specifications on file in the office of the City Civil Engineer.

The following report from ex-Mayor Denny, was read and received :

Indianapolis, January 1, 1890.

To the Common Council and Board of Aldermen :

*Gentlemen:*—During the month of December, 1889, there was collected in the Mayor's Court the following amounts of fines and fees due to the city, to-wit:

Marshal's fees.....	\$258 90
Mayor's fees .....	211 60
Fines in city cases.....	149 60
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$620 10</b>

I paid said sum to the County Treasurer, for the use of the city, on the 31st ult., and filed his receipt therefor with the City Clerk.

By reference to my monthly reports of funds collected during the year 1889, it will appear that I paid into the city treasury during said year, the sum of \$4,854 65.

I also collected and paid into the county treasury, for the benefit of the school fund during the year 1889, fines in State cases amounting to \$3,478.65, for which I hold the vouchers of the County Auditor.

The summary of my reports for the four years I held the office of Mayor, shows the following sums to have been collected and paid into the city and county treasuries:

For the year 1886, city funds.....	\$ 3,935 38
For the year 1887, city funds.....	4,342 00
For the year 1888, city funds.....	4,541 35
For the year 1889, city funds.....	4,854 65
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$17,673 38</b>
For the year 1886, school funds.....	\$ 2,526 65
For the year 1887, school funds.....	3,567 65
For the year 1888, school funds.....	3,149 90
For the year 1889, school funds.....	3,478 65
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$12,722 85</b>
<b>Or a grand total of .....</b>	<b>\$30,396 23</b>

During said four years there were 14,339 arrests made, and about 20,000 cases disposed of in the Police Court.

Respectfully submitted,  
C. S. DENNY.

The following communication from ex Mayor Denny was read, and referred to the Judiciary Committee and City Attorney:

Indianapolis, Dec. 31, 1889.

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

*Gentlemen:*—Sometime ago I requested the President of the Consumers' Gas Trust Company to file a new bond, or a separate one covering the lines of the old Broad Ripple Company, said first named company having become the owner of the former's plant. He declined to do so, on the declared ground that the original bond of the Consumers' Company is sufficient to cover all liabilities arising on account of the lines of both companies, and proposed to refer the question to the City Attorney. I did so in a communication addressed to that official on the 20th inst. He subsequently gave me his opinion, deciding that the existing bond of the Consumer's Company is not sufficient to protect the city and its citizens on account of damages occurring on the lines of the old Broad Ripple Company. I communicated this opinion to the President of the Consumers' Company on the 25th inst., requesting him to let me know when he would file the bond. I afterwards saw him on the street, and he there intimated that the company would not file another bond, but promised to write me about the matter. I have waited for the promised letter till the afternoon of the above date, and failing to hear from the company, I have deemed it to be my duty to communicate the foregoing facts to you, for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted, C. S. DENNY, Mayor.

The following communication from ex Mayor Denny was read, and referred to the Committee on Railroads and City Attorney:

Indianapolis, Dec. 31, 1889.

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

*Gentlemen:*—Having waited till the very end of my term for the Union Railway Company to comply with its promises to advertise for bids to construct the viaduct over its tracks between Meridian and Pennsylvania streets, and it having failed to take any steps in that direction, I yesterday addressed a letter to the City Attorney, directing him to at once comply with the order of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen given some three months ago, in reference to compelling the company to build said viaduct. I herewith submit a copy of the letter referred to.

Respectfully submitted, C. S. DENNY, Mayor.

Indianapolis, Dec. 30, 1889.

HON. W. L. TAYLOR, City Attorney:

DEAR SIR:—On the 16th day of September, 1889, the Common Council adopted a resolution, which was concurred in by the Board of Aldermen on the 23d day of said month, ordering you to take such legal steps as may be necessary to compel the Indianapolis Union Railway Company to comply with its contract with the city in reference to the viaduct, the construction of which is provided for in G. O. No. 36, of 1886. Promises were afterwards made by the officials of the company in reference to said matter, that made it appear reasonable to delay taking decided steps in that direction for a short time. And finally, as you will remember, the Attorneys of the company told us that they were ready to advise the company to begin the work of constructing the viaduct, and promised to instruct the President of the company to immediately advertise for bids, which caused you to further postpone action. This was some six weeks ago. I have no doubt the Attorneys complied with their promise to us; but I have heard of nothing that the officials have done to comply with the advice given. Indeed, I must conclude that they are now trifling with and disregarding the opinion of their Attorneys, as they have done for many months past with the requests of the city officials. It is plainly apparent now that the company does not intend to pay any attention to the requests of the city or the interests of the citizens, without compulsion.

I therefore deem it my duty to direct you to begin the necessary proceedings under the resolution referred to, without longer delay, and to request that they be pushed to a final determination. In this matter, the rights of the citizens whose property has been condemned to make room for the viaduct, should not be overlooked. They have waited long and patiently for their money, which is justly due

them; and in order that the city may be saved from liability on this account, the railway company should be compelled to pay these damages at once.

Yours respectfully,

C. S. DENNY, Mayor.

#### REPORTS, ETC., FROM CITY OFFICERS.

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

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

*Gentlemen:*—I herewith submit a report of the transactions in the legal department of this city for the year 1889:

Within that time forty-one cases against the city have been tried and disposed of. The aggregate damages claimed therein amount to \$96,100.00. In but one of the cases has there been a judgment rendered against the city; that is in the sum of \$1,250, and from this judgment an appeal is now pending. No judgment against the city, during that period, has been affirmed by any court of final jurisdiction; nor has any money been paid by the city on account of any judgment against said city during the last year.

There are now pending against the city twenty-four cases of various kinds, the larger number being damage suits. The aggregate damages claimed therein amount to \$213,000; of this large sum \$178,000 damages are claimed on account of the overflow of Pogue's Run in 1882-3, and of damages resulting to property south of the Union Depot on account of the closing of Illinois street and the vacating of a part of McNabb street. The aggregate damages now claimed in all suits pending against the city, except the Pogue's Run and Union Depot cases, amount to but \$25,000, the smallest amount in many years.

Several cases of general interest to the city have been disposed of within the last year. I will mention a few:

The Murdock case settled the right of the health officers of the city, in proper cases, to shoot down diseased cattle at the Stock Yards, when such stock was to be sold for food to the people of this city.

The case of Catharine Miller against the city, taken on a change of venue to Hendricks county, involved the title of the city to Miami street, which of itself was an opening to a large territory in the eastern part of the city, between Ohio and Michigan streets.

The case brought by the Bruce Brothers against the city and many property holders, involved the city's title to all the streets and alleys in "Bruce Place." The case was finally decided by the Supreme Court in favor of the city and the property holders, and I think will settle forever the rights, both of the city and the property holders, in all that large territory, formerly a part of the "Bruce Farm."

Perhaps the most important matter disposed of during the year, was the Bush and Moore cases, which tested the constitutionality of the liquor license act of 1889. The result of the decision in these two cases alone, has already been a net increase from liquor licenses to the city's revenues over 1888, of \$50,000.

In addition to the duties attendant upon the trial of cases against the city and for the city, which are enough to consume all the time of one man, I have done a large amount of other work for the city, such as preparing ordinances, reports, meeting with committees, etc.

There have been tried and disposed of in the Mayor's Court, under the charge of my deputy, Horace E. Smith, 411 cases.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. L. TAYLOR, City Attorney.

The City Civil Engineer submitted the following report, and the estimates (presented therewith) were 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 G. W. S. McCray, for grading and graveling Pratt street and sidewalks, from Fayette street to West street.

530 lineal feet, at 35 cents ..... \$185 50

A first and final estimate in behalf of Fisher & Roney, for grading and graveling Nevada street and sidewalks, from Hillside avenue to Sheldon street.

966 lineal feet, at 35 cents ..... \$338 07

A first and final estimate in behalf of Freaney Brothers, for erecting three lamp-posts, lamps and fixtures (complete to burn gas, except the service pipes,) on South Arsenal avenue, from Washington street to the C., St. L. & P. R. R. tracks.

1,225 lineal feet of property at 5.13 per foot, \$21.00 per lamp post..\$63 00

A first and partial estimate in behalf of James E. Twiname & Co., for grading, bowldering and curbing the gutters of North street, and laying a 24-inch pipe line in the center of the roadway thereof, from Meridian street to Illinois street.

470.50 lineal feet of 24-inch pipe, at \$1.60.....\$ 752 80

147.00 lineal feet of 18-inch pipe, at \$1.25..... 183 75

2 man holes, at \$33.00 each..... 66 00

2 catch basins, at \$45.00 each..... 90 00

\$1,092 55

Respectfully submitted,  
A. P. SHAWVER, City Civil Engineer.

The following estimate resolution was read :

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, That the accompanying first and final estimate in behalf of Geo. W S McCray, for grading and graveling Pratt street and sidewales, from Fayette street to West 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, 23—viz: Councilmen Burns, Cooper, Coy, Dunn, Gasper, Gauss, Hicklin, Markey, Martindale, Murphy, Myers, McGill, Nolan, Olsen, Pearson, Rassman, Sherer, Stechhan, Sweetland, Trusler, Weber, Woollen, and Yontz.

NAYS, 1—viz: Councilman Austin.

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 Fisher & Roney, for grading and graveling Nevada street and sidewalks, from Hillside avenue to Sheldon 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, 23—viz: Councilmen Burns, Cooper, Coy, Dunn, Gasper, Gauss, Hicklin, Markey, Martindale, Murphy, Myers, McGill, Nolan, Olsen, Pearson, Rassman, Sherer, Stechhan, Sweetland, Trusler, Weber, Woollen, and Yontz.

NAYS, 1—viz: Councilman Austin.

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 Freaney Brothers, for erecting three lamp-posts, lamps and fixtures (complete to burn gas, except the service pipes,) on South Arsenal avenue, between Washington street and the C., St. L. & P. R. R. tracks, be, and the same is hereby, adopted as the estimate of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of said city; and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

And it was adopted by the following vote:

**AYES, 23**—viz: Councilmen Burns, Cooper, Coy, Dunn, Gasper, Gauss, Hicklin, Markey, Martindale, Murphy, Myers, McGill, Nolan, Olsen, Pearson, Rassman, Sherer, Stechhan, Sweetland, Trusler, Weber, Woollen, and Yontz.

**NAYS, 1**—viz: Councilman Austin.

The City Civil Engineer submitted the following report; which was read, and, together with the contracts and bonds, referred to the Committee on Contracts:

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

*Gentlemen:*—I herewith report the following contracts and bonds:

Contract and bond of Fulmer, Cooper & Co., for grading and paving with brick the north sidewalk of Morris street, from Meridian street to West street.

Bond, \$1,500; surety, Hiram Seibert.

Contract and bond of Fulmer, Cooper & Co., for grading and graveling the first alley west of Randolph street, from Koller street to Sturm avenue.

Bond, \$500.00; surety, Hiram Seibert.

Contract and bond of Fulmer, Cooper & Co., for grading and graveling Walnut street and sidewalks, from Noble street to Railroad street.

Bond, \$500.00; surety, Hiram Seibert.

Contract and bond of Fulmer, Cooper & Co., for constructing one twelve-hundred barrel fire cistern, corner of Ray and Carlos streets.

Bond, \$1,500; surety, Hiram Seibert.

Contract and bond of Roney & Dunning, for grading and graveling Tecumseh street and sidewalks, from Clifford avenue to Orange street.

Bond, \$2,000; surety, C. S. Roney.

Contract and bond of Roney & Dunning, for grading and graveling the roadway of Pratt street, and bowldering and curbing the gutters thereof, from Pennsylvania street to Delaware street. Bond, \$1,500; surety, C. S. Roney.

Contract and bond of Fisher & Roney, for grading and graveling Alvord street and sidewalks, from the State Ditch to Eleventh street.

Bond, \$1,500; surety, R. P. Dunning.

Respectfully submitted,

A. P. SHAWVER, City Civil Engineer.

The City Civil Engineer submitted the following report; which was read and referred to the Committee on Finance and City Attorney:

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

*Gentlemen:*—I beg leave to make the following report:

The Western Paving & Supply Company submitted their bill for \$3,716.28 to the Citizens' Street Railroad Company for the proportion of cost for improving Pennsylvania street, from the north line of Washington street to the south line of Ohio street, as per estimate approved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen, October 21st and 28th, 1889. Such bill was certified to by me as per estimate referred to, and was returned to my office, with the following letter:

Indianapolis, Dec. 26th, 1889.

A. P. SHAWVER, Esq:

DEAR SIR:—Your bill for \$3,716.28, date November 9th, came duly to hand, and was presented to the Directors at their meeting in Chicago last Saturday. Acting on the advice of our Attorney, the bill was not approved. I return bill herewith.

A. A. ANDERSON, Sec'y. &amp; Treas'r.

Respectfully submitted,

A. P. SHAWVER, City Civil Engineer.

The City Clerk submitted the following reports; which were read and 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 upon the city treasury during the month of December, 1889, viz:

Board of Health.....	\$ 239 05
Bridges.....	371 70
Cisterns.....	656 15
City Assessor.....	8,129 66
City Civil Engineer's Department.....	373 13
City Commissioners.....	147 00
City Dispensary.....	332 37
City Hall.....	18 75
City Hospital and Branch.....	1,507 59
City Hospital and Branch—(special).....	1,023 35
Elections ..	5 00
Electric Light.....	520 25
Fire Department—accounts.....	694 01
Fire Department—pay-rolls.....	5,530 00
Gas.....	3,702 69
Illinois street tunnel.....	60 00
Incidentals.....	59 35
Markets.....	408 20
Parks.....	177 45
Police.....	5,290 27
Printing.....	394 54
Public charity.....	50 00
Salary.....	363 33
Sewers.....	2,673 97
Station House.....	652 03
Street Improvements.....	1,199 21
Street repair—accounts.....	972 29
Street repairs—pay-rolls.....	979 65
Tomlinson Estate.....	29 00
Tomlinson Hall—accounts.....	106 90
Tomlinson Hall—Janitors.....	150 00
Water rent.....	9,709 41
Total.....	\$ 46,526 30

Respectfully submitted

JNO. W. BOWLUS, City Clerk.

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 year ending December 31st, 1889, viz:

Board of Health.....	\$ 3,337 28
Bridges.....	4,128 78
City Assessor.....	16,302 65
City Civil Engineer's Department.....	3,596 46

City Dispensary.....	\$ 4,059 43
City Hall.....	3,880 37
City Hospital and Branch.....	20,579 32
Cisterns.....	881 64
Elections.....	1,689 00
Electric light.....	5,038 49
Fire Department—accounts.....	13,950 29
Fire Department—pay-rolls.....	64,860 85
Fountains and pumps.....	301 09
Gas.....	44,197 01
Insurance.....	468 50
Incidentals.....	1,483 04
Interest.....	139,287 16
Judgments and costs.....	2,926 55
Markets.....	2,564 91
Parks.....	3,669 67
Police.....	61,261 37
Printing.....	7,296 79
Sewers.....	4,438 79
Salary.....	27,413 54
Station House.....	3,301 76
Street improvements.....	27,970 48
Street openings and vacations.....	852 00
Street repairs—accounts.....	15,755 20
Street repairs—pay-rolls.....	45,837 50
Street repairs—charged to natural gas companies.....	2,036 09
Illinois street tunnel.....	687 00
Taxes refunded.....	129 32
Tomlinson Hall—accounts.....	1,615 68
Tomlinson Hall—Janitors.....	1,414 00
Tomlinson Estate.....	90 16
Water rent.....	36,649 54
Public charity.....	600 00
Garfield Park.....	9,219 88
Redemption of bonds—temporary loans.....	150,500 00
Interest (paid January 1889, due July 1888).....	59,801 25
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$793,872 84</b>

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. W. BOWLUS, City Clerk.

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—I herewith submit an itemized statement showing the receipts and disbursements by the Treasurer of the city during the year 1889; 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 the amount of temporary loans yet unpaid.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. W. BOWLUS, City Clerk.

## RECEIPTS.

From market leases.....	\$ 10,052 50
From dog licenses.....	3,013 50
From express licenses.....	648 05
From hack licenses.....	560 00
From hackster licenses.....	3,040 00
From liquor licenses.....	87,250 76
From peddler licenses.....	462 00
From coal licenses.....	124 00
From auction licenses.....	320 00
From exhibition licenses.....	375 00

From dray licenses,.....	\$ 174 30
From Market Masters' fees.....	1,836 85
From tapping sewers.....	53 00
From fines and fees in city court.....	5,281 30
From benefits.....	650 00
From rent of Tomlinson Hall.....	2,676 65
From Tomlinson Estate.....	2,564 66
From Police Department.....	2,095 07
From rent of Sellers Farm.....	706 00
From Hasselman, on account of Pattison bond.....	1,249 18
From miscellaneous.....	3,417 24

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\$126,300 46

*Loans.*

Temporary loan of February, 1889.....	40,000 00
Temporary loan of December, 1889.....	25,000 00
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	\$191,300 46
Interest on Belt Railroad bonds.....	30,000 00
Loan to refund bonds due January 1st, 1890.....	45,000 00
Tax collections.....	471,207 43
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Total receipts from all sources.....	\$737,507 89

APPORTIONMENT OF FUNDS.

GENERAL FUND.

*Receipts.*

From balance from 1888.....	\$260,486 03
From temporary loan of February.....	40,000 00
From temporary loan of December.....	25,000 00
From interest on Belt Railroad bonds.....	30,000 00
From loan to refund bonds due January 1st, 1890.....	45,000 00
From tax collected, per Auditor's reports.....	471,207 43
From miscellaneous.....	126,300 46
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	\$997,993 92

*Disbursements.*

For orders paid during the year.....	\$805,342 69
Balance.....	192,651 23
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	\$997,993 92

SPECIAL FUND.

GARFIELD PARK.

Appropriated for improvement of, 1888.....	\$ 10,000 00
Amount expended in 1883.....	1,018 33
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Balance 1889.....	\$ 8,981 67
Amount appropriated 1889.....	238 21
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	\$ 9,219 88
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Amount expended in the year 1889.....	\$ 9,219 88

Tabular Statement of Bonded Indebtedness of the City of Indianapolis, on Jan. 1st, 1890.

KIND OF BONDS.	Date of Issue.	Date of Maturity.	Face of Bonds.	No. of Bonds.	Rate of Interest.	When Payable.	AGGREGATE AMOUNTS.
I., C. & D. R. R. Co.....	Jan. 1st, 1870	Jan. 1, 1890.	\$500	90	6	Jan. 1st.	\$ 45,000 00
Sellers' Farm Purchase.....	April 1, 1873.	April 1, 1893.	1600	21	8	Oct. & April 1st.	21,000 00
Series "A".....	July 1, 1873.	July 1, 1893.	1000	300	7	3 Jan. & July 1st.	300,000 00
Series "B".....	July 1, 1873.	July 1, 1893.	1000	300	7	3 Jan. & July 1st.	300,000 00
Southern Park Purchase.....	Jan. 26, 1874.	Jan. 26, 1894.	500	219	7	3 July & Jan. 1st.	109,500 00
Series "C".....	July 1, 1874.	July 1, 1894.	1000	300	7	3 Jan. & July 1st.	300,000 00
Series "D".....	July 1, 1875.	July 1, 1895.	1000	200	7	3 Jan. & July 1st.	200,000 00
Fire Department.....	July 1, 1875.	July 1, 1895.	5 0	14	7	3 Jan. & July 1st.	7,000 00
Series "E".....	Jan. 1, 1876.	Jan. 1, 1896.	1000	8	7	3 July & Jan. 1st.	8,000 00
Patterson Levee.....	July 1, 1876.	July 1, 1896.	1600	5	6	July 1st.	5,000 00
U. R. R. T. and S. Y. Co.....	Jan. 1, 1877.	Jan. 1, 1897.	1000	500	6	July & Jan. 1st.	500,000 00
Funding.....	Jan. 1, 1889.....	Jan. 1, 1909.....	1000	110	4	After Jan. 1, '99	110,000 00
Grand Total.....							\$1,905,500 00

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
Funding Bonds.....	Winslow, Lanier & Co., N. Y.	Jan 1 & July 1	110	20 00	4,400 00	
Sellers' Farm Purchase.	" " " "	April 1st.	21	40 00	840 00	
						5,240 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.....						\$128,468 50

TEMPORARY LOANS.

Issued December 31, 1889, due April 16, 1890, interest 5% per cent.....\$25,000 00

FUNDING BONDS.

Issued December 31, 1889, due January 1, 1910, interest 4 per cent.....\$45,000 00

TEMPORARY LOANS UNPAID.

Issued January 1, 1889, due January 1, 1890, interest 6 per cent.....\$70,000 00

Issued January 1, 1889, due January 1, 1890, interest 6 per cent..... 28,400 00

Issued January 1, 1889, due January 1, 1890, interest 4 1/2 per cent..... 600 00

Issued January 1, 1889, due January 1, 1890, interest 4 1/2 per cent..... 1,000 00

The City Clerk submitted the following report; which was approved, and the appointments confirmed:

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

*Gentlemen:*—I have appointed Samuel V. Perrott my principal Deputy Clerk and Clerk of the Board of Aldermen. I have also appointed Charles D. Bushong a Deputy in my office. I respectfully request your honorable bodies to confirm my appointments.

E. B. SWIFT, City Clerk.

The following report from the City Clerk was read:

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

*Gentlemen:*—I herewith report the following entitled affidavit, now on file in the office of the City Clerk for the collection of street improvement assessment by precept, to-wit:

R. P. Dunning vs. J. V. McKernan, for... \$46 08

Respectfully submitted, E. B. SWIFT, City Clerk.

And the precept ordered to issue, by the following vote:

**AYES, 22**—viz: Councilmen Austin, Cooper, Coy, Dunn, Gasper, Gauss, Hicklin, Markey, Martindale, Murphy, Myers, McGill, Olsen, Pearson, Rassman, Sherer, Stechhan, Sweetlard, Trusler, Weber, Woollen, and Yontz.

**NAYS, 2**—viz: Councilmen Burns, and Nolan.

The City Clerk submitted the following report; which was read and received:

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

*Gentlemen:*—The Citizens' Street Railroad Company has filed in my office the following acceptance of G. O. No. 60, 1889.

E. B. SWIFT, City Clerk.

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 4th, 1890.

The undersigned, Citizens' Street Railroad Company of Indianapolis, Ind., by the authority, order and direction of its Board of Directors, hereby accept the ordinance heretofore passed by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, known as General Ordinance No. 60, 1889, and each and all of the terms and provisions thereof, which said ordinance was ordained and established on the 18th day of December, A. D. 1889, and was entitled "An ordinance amendatory and supplemental to the ordinance entitled 'An ordinance authorizing the construction, extension and operation of certain passenger railways in and upon the streets of the City of Indianapolis;' ordained and established January 18th, 1864."

THE CITIZENS' STREET RAILROAD COMPANY,  
of Indianapolis, Ind.

A. A. ANDERSON, Sec'y.

J. C. SHAFFER, President.

The City Clerk submitted the following report; which was read, and referred to the Committee on Office Fixtures and Supplies, with power to act:

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

*Gentlemen:*—I desire to inform you that my office room is entirely inadequate for the proper storage of the records and files, and would therefore ask that some arrangements be made by which I may secure Room No. 6, adjoining the City Clerk's office, which formerly belonged to said office.

Respectfully submitted,

E. B. SWIFT, City Clerk.

The City Clerk reported the appointment by the Judge of the Marion County Circuit Court, of the following City Commissioners, to serve for the term of one year from the 5th day of January, 1890, viz: Francis W. Hamilton, Horace W. Hadley, Ivan W. Walker, John R. Elder and James Renihan.

The Board of City Commissioners submitted a report in the matter of the vacation of a twenty-foot alley east of Meridian street; which was referred back to them for correction.

The City Treasurer submitted the following report; which was read and received:

*Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 6, 1890.*

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

*Gentlemen:*—I respectfully report that the city revenue, at this date, shows an overdraft of \$16,174.85. Very respectfully,

JOHN OSTERMAN, Treasurer.

The annual report of the Chief Fire Engineer was received, and ordered filed in the City Clerk's office.

The Superintendents of the City Hospital and City Dispensary submitted their reports for the month of December, 1889; which were read and received.

By consent, Councilman Coy introduced the following resolution:

*Be it Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis,* That a special election is hereby called, at the same voting places as were designated and used at the late city election, in Wards Seventeen, Eighteen, Nineteen, Twenty and Twenty-one, composing the Fourth Aldermanic District, on the eleventh day of February, 1890, for the purpose of electing an Alderman in and for said Fourth Aldermanic District, to fill the unexpired term of the late Timothy J. Clark for the term beginning January 1st, 1890, and ending December 31st, 1892; and the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby instructed to issue the proper notice for such special election, according to law and the terms of this resolution.

Councilman Trusler moved to refer to a Special Committee; which, on motion by Councilman Coy, was laid on the table, and the resolution adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 19—viz: Councilmen Austin, Burns, Coy, Gauss, Hicklin, Markey, Martindale, Murphy, Myers, McGill, Nolan, Olsen, Rassman, Sherer, Stechhan, Sweetland, Weber, Woollen, and Yontz.

NAYS, 5—viz: Councilmen Cooper, Dunn, Gasper, Pearson, and Trusler.

#### REPORTS, ETC., FROM STANDING COMMITTEES.

Councilman Woollen, in behalf of the Finance Committee, submitted the following report; which was concurred in:

To the Council of the City of Indianapolis :

*Gentlemen:*—Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred so much of the Mayor's address as speaks of finance, beg leave to report that they have considered the subject as well as the limited time at their disposal would permit, and have agreed upon two resolutions which they submit herewith, and recommend their adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

William Wesley Woollen,  
Emil C. Rassmann,  
William H. Cooper,  
Otto Stechhan,  
Edward A. Austin.

Indianapolis, Jan. 6, 1890.

By consent, Councilman Woollen introduced the following resolution :

*Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana,* That the Mayor and Finance Committee of the Common Council of said city be, and they are hereby, authorized and directed to negotiate a temporary loan in the name and on behalf of said city, in anticipation of the revenue of 1889, for any sum or sums not exceeding in the aggregate seventy-five thousand dollars, for any term of time not exceeding ninety days from the date of the obligation of the city given for said loan, and at a rate of interest not exceeding six per cent. per annum. Said loan to be made, and the obligations of the city therefor given from time to time, as the needs of the city may require. That the Mayor and City Clerk be, and they are hereby, authorized and directed to execute the proper bonds or obligations of the city for the amounts so borrowed ; and for the payment of such bonds or obligations, the faith of the City of Indianapolis is hereby irrevocably pledged.

And it was adopted by the following vote :

AYES, 24—viz: Councilmen Austin, Burns, Cooper, Coy, Dunn, Gasper, Gauss, Hicklin, Markey, Martindale, Murphy, Myers, McGill, Nolan, Oisen, Pearson, Rassman, Sherer, Stechhan, Sweetland, Trusler, Weber, Woollen, and Yontz,

NAYS—None.

By consent, Councilman Woollen introduced the following resolution :

*Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis,* That there shall be employed by the city, two expert accountants—one to be named by the Mayor, and the other by the President of the Board of Aldermen, and their compensation to be fixed by the Mayor and President of the Board of Aldermen, (which compensation shall not exceed five dollars per day,)—who, with the City Clerk, who shall be a member of said commission, shall make an examination of the books of the City Clerk and the City Treasurer for the year 1889, and report so soon as practicable, the exact condition of the finances of the city at the close of December 31st, 1889. Such accountants and City Clerk shall also embody in their report a list of the contracts made by the city but not completed, together with a list of the outstanding claims of whatever character, against the city on said 31st day of December, 1889.

Councilman Trusler offered the following as a substitute :

WHEREAS, The City Treasurer is required by law to furnish to the City Clerk, on the last day of each month, "a statement of all the receipts and disbursements made by him during the month, and the balance then in the treasury belonging to each fund, general and special, and also deliver to him all the orders redeemed and cancelled by him during the same period," etc.; and whereas, said Treasurer is also required by the ordinances of the city to "report to the regular monthly meetings of the Common Council the money transactions of the preceding month, accompanying the same with proper vouchers," etc.; and whereas, it is understood that John Osterman has filed but one report since his term of office commenced, several

months ago, and also declined to open and exhibit his books and accounts to certain members of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen who recently asked for information as to the city's financial condition; now therefore, be it

*Resolved.* That a committee be appointed for the purpose of investigating said matters, who shall have power to send for persons and papers, and who are hereby directed to make full report to this body at the earliest practicable time; and if warranted so to do, to prefer such charges against said Osterman as the Statutes of the State and ordinances of the city contemplate and justify.

Councilman Coy moved to lay the substitute offered by Councilman Trusler, on the table.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 19—viz: Councilmen Austin, Burns, Cooper, Coy, Gauss, Hicklin, Markey, Martindale, Murphy, Myers, McGill, Nolan, Olsen, Rassman, Sherer, Stechhan, Weber, Woollen, and Yontz.

NAYS, 5—viz: Councilmen Dunn, Gasper, Pearson, Sweetland, and Trusler.

The resolution presented by Councilman Woollen was then adopted, by the following vote:

AYES, 24—viz: Councilmen Austin, Burns, Cooper, Coy, Dunn, Gasper, Gauss, Hicklin, Markey, Martindale, Murphy, Myers, McGill, Nolan, Olsen, Pearson, Rassman, Sherer, Stechhan, Sweetland, Trusler, Weber, Woollen, and Yontz.

NAYS—None.

The City Clerk presented the following report from the Committee on Streets and Alleys of the preceding Common Council; which was concurred in:

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

*Gentlemen:*—The Committee on Streets and Alleys of the Common Council, to whom you referred the final estimate made by the City Civil Engineer in favor of Robert Kennington, contractor, for the total cost of grading and graveling Morton street and sidewalks, from East street to Gray street, for fifty cents per lineal foot front on each side, pursuant to Special Ordinance No. 71, 1889, respectfully report that said Committee met in Room 2, of the City Clerk's office, on the ..... day of December, 1889, at 10 o'clock, A. M., in pursuance to a notice duly given therefor, and having carefully examined and considered said final estimate, and no one appearing to object to the same, we recommend that said final estimate, so made by said Engineer, be in all things adopted, approved and confirmed.

Respectfully submitted,

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

The following estimate resolution was read:

ESTIMATE RESOLUTION.

*Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana,* That the report of the Committee on Streets and Alleys of the Common Council, recommending that the final estimate made by the City Civil Engineer in favor of Robert Kennington, contractor, for the grading and graveling of Morton street and sidewalks, from East street to Gray street, pursuant to Special Ordinance No. 71, 1889, be, and the same is hereby, approved.

That the assessments set forth in said final estimate, are hereby approved and confirmed; and there is hereby assessed against the several lots and parcels of ground, as described in said final estimate, the several amounts set opposite and

assessed against said several lots and parcels of ground respectively, for and on account of said improvement.

The County Auditor is hereby directed to place said assessments upon the city tax duplicate, and to charge the same respectively against the several lots and parcels of ground against which they have been so assessed, as follows, to-wit: Ten per cent. for each successive year for ten years, together with interest on the several amounts so assessed, at six per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually, calculated from the date of the approval of this estimate until the several amounts fall due. The first ten per cent. of said assessments, with interest on the whole from the date of the approval of this estimate shall be due and payable on the third Monday in April, 1890; the semi-annual interest on the unpaid balance shall be due and payable thereafter at the dates of the semi-annual payment of city taxes in each year; and on the first Monday in November in each year thereafter, one-tenth of the principal of said assessment, together with the semi-annual interest on the unpaid balance, shall be due and payable, until all is paid.

*Provided, however,* That the above provision for placing said assessments upon the city tax duplicate, and collecting the same successively in annual and semi-annual installments of principal and interest respectively, shall apply only to the owner or owners of said lots or parcels of ground who, prior to the final adoption and approval of this estimate, shall have promised and agreed, in writing, filed with the City Clerk of this city, that, in consideration of having the right to pay his or their assessment or respective assessments in installments, they will not make any objection to the illegality or irregularity as to their respective assessments, and will pay the same, with interest thereon, not exceeding six per cent., as shall by ordinance or resolution of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen be prescribed and required.

That said assessments, together with interest thereon, shall, from the date of the approval of this estimate, be a lien upon the several lots and parcels of ground against which they are assessed respectively, to the same extent that taxes are a lien upon such property; and the said assessments, when placed upon the city tax duplicate, shall be collected in the same way that city taxes are collected; all said assessments not so placed upon the city tax duplicate, to be collected in annual and semi-annual installments, pursuant to the above proviso, shall be at once due and payable, and shall be collected by precept and sale, as now provided by law.

The proceeds from such assessments as are placed on the city tax duplicate, shall constitute a special fund for the payment of the costs of said improvement and of the bonds and certificates to be issued therefor, and for no other purpose.

And it was adopted by the following vote:

**AYES, 24**—viz: Councilmen Austin, Burns, Cooper, Coy, Dunn, Gasper, Gauss, Hicklin, Markey, Martindale, Murphy, Myers, McGill, Nolan, Olsen, Pearson, Rassman, Sherer, Stechhan, Sweetland, Trusler, Weber, Woollen, and Yontz.

**NAYS**—None.

The City Clerk presented the following report on behalf of the Rental Committee, which was referred to the Finance Committee:

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

*Gentlemen:*—The Rental Committee beg leave to make the following report of rents collected for the month of December, 1889, to-wit:

TOMLINSON HALL.

Indianapolis Flower Mission.....	\$210 00
W. L. Heiskel, concert.....	30 00
Brotherhood of Brakemen, ball.....	50 00
Zion Church, entertainment.....	30 00
Switchmans' Mutual Aid Association, ball.....	50 00

## TOMLINSON ESTATE.

Mrs. Alice Robinson, 113 north Illinois street.....	25 00
Mrs. Hannah C. Overman, 115 north Illinois street.....	25 00
B. S. Atkinson, 117 north Illinois street.....	25 00

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 \$445 00

Respectfully submitted,

 G. S. WRIGHT,  
 JNO. W. BOWLUS,  
 Rental Committee.

## MESSAGES AND PAPERS FROM THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

The following message was read :

To the Mayor and Members of the Common Council:

*Gentlemen:*—The Board of Aldermen in regular session held in the Aldermanic Chamber, Monday evening, January 6th, 1890, adopted the following as a substitute for a resolution passed by your honorable body this date:

WHEREAS, Timothy J. Clark, who died on the 6th day of November, 1889, was a member of the Board of Aldermen whose term expired on January 1st, 1890, and also an Alderman elect and qualified of the Board of Aldermen the terms of whose members began on January 1st, 1890, and will expire on January 1st, 1892; and *whereas* the present division of the city into Wards was fixed by ordinance duly passed by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of said city after said Clark's death; therefore

*Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen,* That a special election is hereby called at the same voting places as were designated at the late City Election in the Fourth Aldermanic District, as then constituted, on the eleventh day of February, 1890, for the purpose of electing an Alderman to fill out the unexpired term of the said Clark (deceased) to-wit, ending January 1st, 1892; and the City Clerk is hereby instructed to issue, and the Superintendent of the Metropolitan Police Force to serve and publish said notices as provided by law: *Provided,* that this resolution shall not be held to in any way to waive or invalidate any of the provisions of said ordinance of 1889, providing for the division of the city into Wards, and fixing the boundaries thereof.

I submit the same for your consideration.

For the Board of Aldermen:

S. V. PERROTT, Clerk.

On motion, the message was received and the resolution concurrently adopted, by the following vote:

AYES, 23—viz: Councilmen Austin, Burns, Cooper, Coy, Dunn, Gasper, Gauss, Hicklin, Markey, Martindale, Murphy, Myers, McGill, Nolan, Olsen, Pearson, Rassman, Sherer, Stechhan, Sweetland, Weber, Woollen, and Yontz.

NAYS, 1—viz: Councilman Trusler.

## APPROPRIATION ORDINANCES.

This being the regular appropriation night, the City Clerk reported ordinances on file, but as the City Treasurer reported no money on hand, and the treasury overdrawn, on motion the ordinances were laid over until the next meeting of the Common Council.

## INTRODUCTION OF GENERAL AND SPECIAL ORDINANCES.

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

By Councilman Trusler, which was referred to the Committee on Railroads:

G. O. 1, 1890—An ordinance requiring the C., C., C. & St. L. R'y. Co. to station and maintain a flagman at the crossing of their tracks and Reid street.

By Councilman Trusler, which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys:

G. O. 2, 1890—An ordinance prohibiting peddling on Washington street, between Alabama and Mississippi streets, and Pennsylvania street, between Washington and Ohio streets.

Councilman Markey offered the following resolution:

## DECLARATORY RESOLUTION.

*Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, Ind., That it is deemed necessary to improve the roadway of Madison avenue, from Delaware street to the J., M. & I. Railway tracks, by widening the sidewalks, curbing the gutters thereof, and paving the roadway with Filbert Vulcanite Asphaltic Pavement, in accordance with profile and specifications on file in the office of the City Civil Engineer. The total cost of said improvements shall be assessed per lineal foot upon the real estate abutting on said Madison avenue, except the proportion thereof occupied by street and alley crossings, which shall be assessed against the City of Indianapolis, and except such proportion thereof as eighteen (18) feet bears to the whole width of the roadway, which proportion is to be charged to the Citizens' Street Railroad Company.) Said assessments, if deferred, to be paid in ten annual installments. A bond or bonds shall be issued in anticipation of the collection of said assessments, unless the property owners pay said assessments before said bond or bonds are issued, all as provided for in an Act of the General Assembly of Indiana, approved March 8, 1889.*

And the City Clerk be, and he is hereby, ordered to give the required legal notice to property owners along the line of said proposed improvement, of the time and place when and where objections can be made to the necessity of such improvement.

And it was adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 23—viz: Councilmen Austin, Burns, Cooper, Dunn, Gasper, Gauss, Hicklin, Markey, Martindale, Murphy, Myers, McGill, Nolan, Olsen, Pearson, Rassman, Sherer, Stechhan, Sweetland, Trusler, Weber, Woollen, and Yontz.

NAYS—None.

By Councilman Markey—ordered filed:

S. O. 1, 1890—An ordinance to provide for the grading, paving with Filbert Vulcanite Asphaltic Pavement, the roadway of Madison avenue, widening the sidewalks thereof, re-setting the curbing where necessary, and curbing where not already properly done, bowldering between the rails of the Citizens' Street Railroad Company's tracks, from Delaware street to the J., M. & I. R. R. tracks, and the costs thereof.

Councilman Markey offered the following resolution :

DECLARATORY RESOLUTION.

*Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, Ind.,* That it is deemed necessary to improve the roadway of Coburn street, from the east line of Madison avenue to the west line of East street, by widening the sidewalks and curbing the outer edges thereof, and paving the roadway thereof with Filbert Vulcanite Asphaltic Pavement, in accordance with profile and specifications on file in the office of the City Civil Engineer. The total cost of said improvement shall be assessed per lineal foot upon the real estate abutting on said Coburn street, (except the proportion thereof occupied by street and alley crossings, which shall be assessed against the City of Indianapolis.) Said assessments, if deferred, to be paid in ten annual installments. A bond or bonds shall be issued in anticipation of the collection of said assessments, unless the property owners pay said assessments before said bond or bonds are issued, all as provided for in an Act of the General Assembly of Indiana, approved March 8, 1889.

And the City Clerk be, and he is hereby, ordered to give the required legal notice to property owners along the line of said proposed improvement, of the time and place, when and where objections can be made to the necessity for such improvement.

And it was adopted by the following vote :

AYES, 23—viz: Councilmen Austin, Burns, Cooper, Dunn, Gasper, Gauss, Hicklin, Markey, Martindale, Murphy, Myers, McGill, Nolan, Olsen Pearson, Rassman, Sherer, Stechhan, Sweetland, Trusler, Weber, Woollen, and Yontz.

NAYS—None.

By Councilman Markey—ordered filed :

S. O. 2, 1890—An ordinance to provide for grading, paving with Filbert Vulcanite Asphaltic Pavement, the roadway of Coburn street, widening the sidewalks, resetting the curbing where necessary, and curbing where not already properly done, from the east line of Madison avenue to the west line of East street, and the costs thereof.

Councilman Markey offered the following resolution :

DECLARATORY RESOLUTION.

*Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, Ind.,* That it is deemed necessary to improve the roadway of Delaware street, from the south line of Merrill street to the north line of Madison avenue, by widening the sidewalks, curbing the gutters thereof, and paving the roadway with Filbert Vulcanite Asphaltic Pavement, in accordance with profile and specifications on file in the office of the City Civil Engineer. The total cost of said improvements shall be assessed per lineal foot upon the real estate abutting upon said Delaware street, (except the proportion thereof occupied by street and alley crossings, which shall be assessed against the City of Indianapolis; and except such proportion thereof as eighteen (18) feet bears to the whole width of the roadway, which proportion is to be charged to the Citizens' Street Railroad Company.) Said assessments, if deferred, to be paid in ten annual installments. A bond or bonds shall be issued in anticipation of the collection of said assessments, unless the property owners pay said assessments before the said bond or bonds are issued; all as provided for in an Act of the General Assembly of Indiana, approved March 8, 1889.

And the City Clerk be, and he is hereby, ordered to give the required legal notice to property owners along the line of said proposed improvement, of the time and place when and where objections can be made to the necessity of such improvement.

And it was adopted by the following vote :

**AYES, 23—viz:** Councilmen Austin, Burns, Cooper, Dunn, Gasper, Gauss, Hicklin, Markey, Martindale, Murphy, Myers, McGill, Nolan, Olsen, Pearson, Rassman, Sherer, Stechhan, Sweetland, Trusler, Weber, Woollen, and Yontz.

**NAYS—None.**

By Councilman Markey—ordered filed :

S. O. 3, 1890—An ordinance to provide for the grading, paving with Filbert Vulcanite Asphaltic Pavement, the roadway of Delaware street, widening the sidewalks, re-setting the curb where necessary, bowldering between the rails of the Citizens' Street Railroad Company's tracks, from the south line of Merrill street to the north line of Madison avenue, and the costs thereof.

#### INTRODUCTION OF MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Councilman Burns offered the following motion ; which was adopted :

That W. W. Woollen act as President of the Common Council in the absence of His Honor, the Mayor.

Councilman Gauss offered the following motion ; which was adopted :

That the State Poultry Association be allowed to put electric lights in Tomlinson Hall, to be used during their show, the same to be done at their own expense.

Councilman Olsen presented the following petition ; which was referred to the City Civil Engineer, with instructions to prepare ordinance :

*Indianapolis, December 5th, 1889.*

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

*Gentlemen:*—The undersigned, owner of real estate fronting on the first alley east of East street, between South street and Rockwood street, respectfully petition for the passage of an ordinance providing for grading and bowldering the first alley east of East street, from South street to Rockwood street, City of Indianapolis, Ind.

CHAS. W. GORSUCH,  
owner of one side from South to Rockwood.

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

*Indianapolis, Jan. 6th, 1890.*

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

*Gentlemen:*—We, the undersigned, property holders on north Pine street, most respectfully petition your honorable body to reconsider the acceptance of the improvement on Pine street, as the same is wholly deficient in its construction, and does not conform to the specifications under which said contract was let.

We gave notice in time, and while said improvement was progressing, to have the work done as specified, and filed our written protest with the Engineer, setting forth therein in what respect said contractors failed, but have had no relief. The street is not properly graded; the material is not what it should be, nor is it rolled sufficiently to make it solid. After two weeks of use, it is already cut up in ruts and holes, so much so that the contractors themselves found it necessary to repair the same. Although none of us were consulted as to the kind of improvement we were to have, we are willing to pay for the same if properly constructed. The price we are to pay is such as entitles us to good work.

We trust that you will grant us the relief sought for, and save us the annoyance of being compelled to go to the courts. And your petitioners will ever pray, etc.

Indianapolis Cabinet Makers Union, about 300 feet;  
 Morris Heims, 70 feet; John H. Poggemeyer, 35 feet;  
 H. C. Zimmerman, 17½ feet; Geo. A. Remstetter, 35  
 feet; Mrs. M. Cantwell, 70 feet—and 42 others.

Councilman Rassman offered the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the vote by which the following resolution was adopted at the last meeting of the Common Council, be reconsidered :

*Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis*, That the accompanying first and final estimate in behalf of Fulmer, Cooper & Co., for grading and improving the roadway with broken stone, of Pine street, re-setting the curb, and placing a gutter-stone in the gutters thereof, from Market street to North 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, 23—viz: Councilmen Austin, Burns, Cooper, Coy, Dunn, Gasper, Gauss, Markey, Martindale, Murphy, Myers, McGill, Nolan, Olsen, Pearson, Rassman, Sherer, Stechhan, Sweetland, Trusler, Weber, Woollen, and Yontz.

NAYS, 1—viz: Councilman Hicklin.

Councilman Stechhan offered the following motions; which were adopted :

That the Board of Health be instructed to investigate the sanitary condition of the present Council Chamber, and make report thereon at the next regular Council meeting.

That the City Clerk be instructed to provide each new member of this body with a copy charter and ordinances of the City of Indianapolis.

Councilman Stechhan offered the following resolutions; which were referred to the Committee on Water :

*Resolved*, That the Indianapolis Water Company be, and is hereby, directed to lay a main on Alabama street, from Pratt street to St. Mary street, and to locate fire hydrants in accordance with contract, under the direction of the Chief Fire Engineer.

*Resolved*, That the Indianapolis Water Company be, and is hereby, directed to lay a main on St. Joseph street, from Delaware street to Ft. Wayne avenue, and to locate fire hydrants in accordance with the contract, under the direction of the Chief Fire Engineer.

Councilman Weber presented the following petition; which was referred to the Committees on Railroads, Judiciary, and City Attorney :

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

*Gentlemen*:—The undersigned citizens, residents of Oak Hill, in the corporate limits of the City of Indianapolis, would respectfully ask your honorable body to investigate the right of the Citizens' Street Car Company to charge a fare of ten cents (10 cts.) within the limits of said City of Indianapolis, on its line of street railway to Brightwood, whereas the said Street Car Company do charge but five

cents on all other lines and connecting lines in said city; wherefore we would ask to grant us all proper relief from said overcharge on said street car line.

Wm. Tolin, C. A. Greenleaf, Isaac Snyder, P. E.  
Phillips, Chas. Haverstick, C. E. Hall—Com-  
mittee of citizens of Oak Hill.

Councilman Yontz offered the following motions; which were adopted:

That the Committee on Office Fixtures and Supplies be, and are hereby, instructed to have the Mayor's office repaired and arranged as per direction of the Mayor,

That Street Commissioner Derk DeRuiter be, and is hereby, ordered to submit to the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, on or before January 20th, 1890, an itemized statement of all moneys received and disbursed by him as such Street Commissioner, from January 1st, 1889, to January 1st, 1890.

Councilman Yontz offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, A petition having been presented to the Common Council and Board of Aldermen November 18, 1889, asking for a water plug and attachments for sprinkling purposes on Massachusetts avenue, north of the Bee-Line Depot, and near the corner of Peru street and Massachusetts avenue; and whereas, the said petition was referred to the Committee on Water, and said Committee failing to report on the same in time for action by the Common Council; therefore

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, That the Indianapolis Water Company be, and are hereby, ordered to place a water plug with attachments and connections sufficient for supplying sprinkling carts with water—at the expense of the parties deriving the benefit therefrom—on Massachusetts avenue, north of the Bee-Line Depot, and near the corner of Peru street and Massachusetts avenue, under directions of the City Civil Engineer.

And it was adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 24—viz: Councilmen Austin, Burns, Cooper, Coy, Dunn, Gasper, Gauss, Hicklin, Markey, Martindale, Murphy, Myers, McGill, Nolan, Olsen, Pearson, Rassman, Sherer, Stechhan, Sweet and, Trusler, Weber, Woollen, and Yontz.

NAYS—None.

On motion by Councilman Woollen, the Rules and Regulations governing the preceding Common Council, were adopted.

On motion, the Common Council then adjourned.

*J. L. Sullivan*, Mayor,

President of the Common Council.

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*O. B. Sewell* City Clerk.

# PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

REGULAR SESSION—JANUARY 6, 1890.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, met in the Aldermanic Chamber, Monday evening, January 6th, A. D. 1890, at 7:30 o'clock, in regular session.

Elias B. Swift, City Clerk, called the Board to order, and stated that the following members held certificates of election, issued upon the authority of the report of the Canvassing Board of Inspectors at the last City Election, held on the 8th day of October, 1889; the said report of Inspectors being on file in the office of the City Clerk, and said members having filed their certificates of election with the City Clerk, and have duly qualified as Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, according to law.

*First Aldermanic District.*

Miles M. Reynolds and George T. Breunig.

*Second Aldermanic District.*

Michael H. Farrell and Theodore F. Smithers.

*Third Aldermanic District.*

Isaac Thalman and Harry B. Smith.

*Fourth Aldermanic District.*

Henry W. Laut and Timothy J. Clark.

*Fifth Aldermanic District.*

John J. Blackwell and Julius F. Reinecke.

The roll was called by the City Clerk, with the following result :

PRESENT, 9—viz: Aldermen Blackwell, Breunig, Farrell, Laut, Reinecke, Reynolds, Smith, Smithers, and Thalman.

ABSENT, 1—viz: Alderman Clark.

Whereupon the Clerk announced a quorum present, and that the first business in order was the election of a temporary President.

Alderman Reynolds moved that Alderman Reinecke be elected temporary President.

Which motion was unanimously adopted.

Alderman Reinecke then took the Chair, and announced that the election of a permanent President was now in order.

Alderman Blackwell moved that the President and Vice President be elected by the same ballot.

Which was adopted.

Alderman Smith placed in nomination for President, Alderman Thalman.

Alderman Blackwell placed in nomination for Vice President, Alderman Laut.

On motion, the Clerk was instructed to cast the vote of the Board for the nominees.

The City Clerk then cast the unanimous vote of the Board for Alderman Thalman for President, and Alderman Laut for Vice President; and they were declared duly elected for the ensuing term.

Alderman Thalman then took the Chair, and briefly addressed the Board.

The following report from the City Clerk was read, and the appointments confirmed:

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen;

Gentlemen:—I have appointed Samuel V. Perrott my principal Deputy Clerk and Clerk of the Board of Aldermen. I have also appointed Charles D. Bushong a Deputy in my office. I respectfully request your honorable bodies to confirm my appointments.  
E. B. SWIFT, City Clerk.

President Thalman reported the following Standing Committees, the vacancies to be filled by the successor of Timothy J. Clark, deceased:

#### STANDING COMMITTEES.

*Contracts and Bridges*—Smithers, Breunig and Laut.

*Finance and Accounts and Claims*—Laut, Reinecke and Breunig.

*Fire Department*—Smithers, Reynolds and Reinecke.

*Hospital and Dispensary*—....., Reinecke and Breunig.

*Judiciary and Ordinances*—Breunig, Smith and Reinecke.

*Markets and Public Property*—Blackwell, Farrell and Smithers.

*Police Department*—Breunig, Reynolds and .....

*Printing, and Office Fixtures and Supplies*—....., Blackwell and Smithers.

*Public Light and Education*—Smith, Smither and Blackwell.

*Railroads and Public Charities*—Reinecke, Farrell and Reynolds.

*Rules*—President, Vice President and Breunig.

*Streets & Alleys and Sewers & Drainage*—Farrell, Blackwell and Smith.

*Water, and Public Health*—Reynolds, Smith and Farrell.

On motion, the report was concurred in.

#### MESSAGES AND PAPERS FROM THE COMMON COUNCIL.

The following message was read:

To the President and Members of the Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—I submit herewith the following papers for your consideration, favorably passed upon by the Common Council at its regular session held this evening, January 6th, 1890.  
For the Common Council:

E. B. SWIFT, City Clerk.

The following resolution (see page 18, *ante*), was read:

*Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana,* That the Mayor and Finance Committee of the Common Council of said city be, and they are hereby, authorized and directed to negotiate a temporary loan in the name and on behalf of said city, in anticipation of the revenue of 1889, for any term of time not exceeding ninety days from the date of the obligation of the city given for said loan, and at a rate of interest not exceeding six per cent. per annum. Said loan to be made, and the obligations of the city therefor given from time to time, as the needs of the city may require. That the Mayor and City Clerk be, and they are hereby, authorized and directed to execute the proper bonds or obligations of the city for the amounts so borrowed; and for the payment of such bonds or obligations, the faith of the City of Indianapolis is hereby irrevocably pledged.

And it was concurrently adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 9—viz: Aldermen Blackwell, Breunig, Farrell, Laut, Reinecke, Reynolds, Smith, Smithers, and President Thalman.

NAYS—None.

The following resolution (see page 18, *ante*), was read:

*Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis,* That there shall be employed by the city, two expert accountants—one to be named by the Mayor, and the other by the President of the Board of Aldermen, and their compensation to be fixed by the Mayor and President of the Board of Aldermen, (which compensation shall not exceed five dollars per day,)—who, with the City Clerk, who shall be a member of said commission, shall make an examination of the books of the City Clerk and City Treasurer for the year 1889, and report so soon as practicable, the exact condition of the finances of the city at the close of December 31st, 1889. Such accountants and City Clerk shall also embody in their report a list of the contracts made by the city but not completed, together with a list of the outstanding claims of whatever character, against the city on said 31st day of December, 1889.

And it was concurrently adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 9—viz: Aldermen Blackwell, Breunig, Farrell, Laut, Reinecke, Reynolds, Smith, Smithers, and President Thalman.

NAYS—None.

The following resolution (see page 17, *ante*), was read:

*Be it Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis,* That a special election is hereby called, at the same voting places as were designated and used at the late city election, in Wards Seventeen, Eighteen, Nineteenth, Twenty and Twenty-one, composing the Fourth Aldermanic District, on the eleventh day of February, 1890, for the purpose of electing an Alderman in and for said Fourth Aldermanic District, to fill the unexpired term of the late Timothy J. Clark, for the term beginning January 1st, 1890, and ending December 31st, 1892; and the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby instructed to issue the proper notice for such special election, according to law and the terms of this resolution.

Alderman Breunig offered the following resolution as a substitute:

WHEREAS, Timothy J. Clark, who died on the 6th day of November, 1889, was a member of the Board of Aldermen whose term expired on January 1st, 1890, and also an Alderman elect and qualified of the Board of Aldermen the terms of whose members began on January 1st, 1890, and will expire on January 1st, 1892; and whereas, the present division of the city into Wards was fixed by ordinance duly

passed by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of said city after said Clark's death; therefore

*Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen,* That a special election is hereby called at the same voting places as were designated at the late City Election in the Fourth Aldermanic District, as then constituted, on the eleventh day of February, 1890, for the purpose of electing an Alderman to fill the unexpired term of the said Clark (deceased) to-wit, ending January 1st, 1892; and the City Clerk is hereby instructed to issue, and the Superintendent of the Metropolitan Police Force to serve and publish said notices as provided by law: *Provided,* that this resolution shall not be held in any way to waive or invalidate any of the provisions of said ordinance of 1889, providing for the division of the city into Wards, and fixing the boundaries thereof.

And it was adopted by the following vote :

AYES, 9—viz: Aldermen Blackwell, Breunig, Farrell, Laut, Reinecke, Reynolds, Smith, Smithers, and President Thalman.

NAYS—None.

The following motion was read (see page 24, *ante*), and the favorable action of the Common Council concurred in :

That the State Poultry Association be allowed to put electric lights in Tomlinson Hall, to be used during their show, the same to be done at their own expense.

The following resolution, adopted by the Common Council, (see page 25, *ante*), was read, and referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys and Sewers and Drainage :

*Resolved,* That the vote by which the following resolution was adopted at the last meeting of the Common Council, be reconsidered :

*"Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis,* That the accompanying first and final estimate in behalf of Fulmer, Cooper & Co., for grading and improving the roadway with broken stone, of Pine street, re-setting the curb, and placing a gutter-stone in the gutters thereof, from Market street to North 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."

Alderman Breunig offered the following motion; which was adopted :

That the City Attorney be, and is hereby, instructed to furnish this body with his opinion whether or not this body has the right to cause the expenditure of money for the use and convenience of this Board, without concurrent action of the Common Council.

Alderman Thalman offered the following motion; which was adopted :

That the Committee on Office Fixtures and Supplies be requested to confer with the County Commissioners as to having the Board of Alderman chamber repainted

On motion, the Board of Aldermen then adjourned.

*Isaac Thalman* President.

Attest :

*S. V. Ferratt* , Clerk.