

PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
COMMON COUNCIL.

REGULAR SESSION.

CHAMBER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL,  
*Monday, January 21st, 1878—7 o'clock P. M.* }

The Common Council of the City of Indianapolis met in regular session.

Present—His Honor, the Mayor, John Caven, in the chair, and the following members: Councilmen Bagby, Brown, Bugbee, Byram, Case, Cochran, Dill, Izor, Layman, Marsee, Morse, McGinty, Pouder, Reading, Reed, Sindlinger, Steinhauer, Stoner, Thomas, Tucker, Walker, Watts, Wood, A. L. Wright, and W. G. Wright—25.

Absent—None.

The proceedings of the regular session, held January 7th, 1878, having been printed, and placed on the desks of the Councilmen, the reading of the same was dispensed with.

Sealed proposals for taking down and storing the S. Delaware street viaduct were received, opened, read, and referred to the Committee on Contracts and the City Civil Engineer.

## REPORT FROM COMMITTEE ON CONTRACTS.

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

*Indianapolis*, January 21, 1878

To the Mayor and Common Council:

*Gentlemen*:—Your Committee on Contracts, to whom was referred the proposal, presented to Council January 7th, 1878, for erecting lamp posts, lamps, and fixtures, complete to burn gas, except the service-pipes, on Stevens street, from East street to Virginia avenue, find that only one bid was submitted, and that by the Indianapolis Stove Company, for the sum of \$16.90 for each lamp post, lamp, and fixtures, complete to burn gas.

Your committee, believing this to be as low a bid as can be obtained, recommend that they be awarded the contract.

J. W. BUGBEE,  
M. L. BROWN,  
T. C. READING,  
Committee on Contracts.

## REPORTS, ETC., FROM CITY OFFICERS.

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

*Indianapolis*, January 21, 1878.

To the Mayor and Common Council:

*Gentlemen*:—I herewith report the contract and bond of Thomas Niland, for grading and graveling the first alley west of Illinois street, from Morris street to the first alley south of Morris street. Bond, \$150; bondsman, John Rainey.

Also, of Wm. L. Roney, for paving with brick the sidewalks on Fletcher avenue, between Dillon and Linden streets. Bond, \$1000; bondsman, H. C. Roney.

Also, of Richard Carr, for grading and graveling the first alley north of Fletcher avenue, between Cedar and Dillon streets. Bond, \$200; bondsman, Fred. Gansberg.

Also, of James W. Hudson, for grading, graveling, and curbing the west sidewalk of Missouri street, from New York street to Vermont street. Bond, \$250; bondsman, H. C. Roney.

Also, of Richard Carr, for grading and graveling the first alley east of Meridian street, between Phipps and McCarty streets. Bond, \$150; bondsman, Fred. Gansberg.

Also, of McKnight & Co., for grading and graveling the alley between Broadway street and College avenue, from Butler street to Home avenue. Bond, \$300; bondsman, A. J. Sloan.

Respectfully submitted,

BERNARD H. DEITZ, City Civil Engineer.

The same officer presented the following communication; which was received, and the leave of absence, therein asked for, was duly granted:

*Indianapolis*, January 21, 1878.

To the Mayor and Common Council:

*Gentlemen*:—Not having recovered fully from my serious illness of last summer, I am compelled to yield to the advice of my physician, and seek complete rest for a few weeks, by abstaining from business.

To this end I would most respectfully request a leave of absence for the period of two months.

In making this application, I desire to express my intention of covering into the treasury the amount of salary that may become due during the period of my absence—a simple duty (as I regard it) it is presumed I will be permitted to execute.

Very respectfully,

BERNHARD H. DEITZ, City Civil Engineer.

The City Clerk submitted the following report; which was duly concurred in:

*Indianapolis*, January 21, 1878.

To the Mayor and Common Council:

*Gentlemen*:—I would report the following affidavit, now on file in my office, for the collection of street assessment by precept, to-wit:

John Schier vs. Alice Deery, for.....\$9 80

And recommend that you order the precept to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

BENJ. C. WRIGHT, City Clerk.

The precept was ordered to be issued by the following vote:

Affirmative—Councilmen Bagby, Brown, Bugbee, Byram, Case, Cochran, Dill, Izor, Layman, Marsee, Morse, McGinty, Pouder,

Reading, Reed, Sindlinger, Steinhauer, Stoner, Thomas, Tucker, Walker, Watts, Wood, A. L. Wright, and W. G. Wright—25.

Negative—None.

The same officer submitted the following report; which was duly accepted:

*Indianapolis, January 21, 1878.*

To the Mayor and Common Council:

*Gentlemen*:—I would respectfully report that, according to your instructions, I prepared duplicate copies of the preamble and resolutions adopted by your honorable body on the 7th day of January, 1878, in relation to the Citizens' Street Railway Company, and served one of said copies on Charles F. Johnson, president of said company, on the 12th day of January, 1878; which copy, and return of service on the same, is on file in my office.

Respectfully submitted,

BENJ. C. WRIGHT, City Clerk.

The same officer presented the following communication; which was received:

*Indianapolis, January 15, 1878.*

B. C. Wright, Esq., City Clerk:

*Dear Sir*:—Your notice this day received, notifying the Water-Works Company to repair the ditch made for water pipe at the intersection of Seventh street and College avenue. To which I reply that the ditch referred to was made by the plumber, in putting in the public drinking fountain at that point, who is the proper party to repair it.

The plumbers, in putting in service-pipe, do so under authority of permits issued by the City Clerk, and this company is in no way responsible for the condition they are left.

Any repairs in lines of pipe laid by this company will be promptly made, on notice from the Council or any officer of the city.

Very respectfully,

JOHN R. ELDER, Pres't Water-Works Co.

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

*Indianapolis, January 21, 1878.*

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

*Gentlemen*:—I would report that, since your last meeting, the case of John M. Gaston vs. The City has been decided, by the Supreme Court, adversely to the city. In November, 1874, Gaston recovered judgment against the city.

\$8,500, for damages, on account of injuries received by him, occasioned by his falling over a stump in Pennsylvania street sidewalk. The case was appealed by the city, and the Supreme Court affirmed the judgment. The plaintiff would, therefore, be entitled to \$8,500, with six per cent. interest from November 30th, 1874.

Respectfully submitted,

R. O. HAWKINS, City Attorney.

REPORTS, ETC., FROM STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Benevolence and Hospitals, through Councilman Walker, presented the following reports; which were severally received:

*Annual Report of the Treasurer of the Trustees of the Home for Friendless Women, from January 1st, 1877, to December 31st, 1877:*

RECEIVED:

Amount of membership dues .....	\$ 23 00
Amount from Elders of Second Presbyterian Church, from E. Peck's bequest .....	500 00
Amount from City of Indianapolis, on account of Fines .....	1,116 75
From Fire Insurance Companies .....	20 16

EXPENDED:

	\$1,660 11
Balance due the Treasurer 1st January, 1877 .....	26 55
Paid Evening News, legal advertisement .....	1 20
Paid for repairs (damage by fire) .....	20 00
Paid to Treasurer of Board of Managers .....	1,497 35
Paid for Insurance .....	112 50
Balance in Treasury .....	2 51

Respectfully submitted,

\$1,660 11

FOR THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES,

WM. S. HUBBARD, Treasurer.

*Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Managers of the "Indianapolis Home for Friendless Women," from January 19th, 1877, to January 1st, 1878:*

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January 19th, 1877—To balance .....	\$ 27 39
February 7th, " —To Donation from Mrs. G. D. Emory .....	100 00
" " " —To Collections made by Board of Managers of Home .....	184 40

February 20th, 1877—To	Interest on Mr. E. Peck's legacy to "The Home" . . . . .	250 00
May 8th,	" —To Fines from Wm. S. Hubbard, Treasurer of Board of Trustees of the "Indianapolis Home for Friendless Women" . . . . .	325 15
July 20th,	" —To Interest on Mr. Peck's Legacy . . . . .	225 00
September 3d,	" —To Fines, from Wm. S. Hubbard, Treasurer,	297 20
November 23d,	" —To Fines, from Wm. S. Hubbard, Treasurer,	400 00
	" —To Funds received for work done at "The Home" . . . . .	356 38
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		\$2,165 52

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January 19th, 1877—By	unpaid bills, due for 1876 . . . . .	\$ 391 95
" " "	—By Expenditures for January, 1877 . . . . .	171 18
" " "	—By " " February, " . . . . .	98 23
" " "	—By " " March, " . . . . .	111 28
" " "	—By " " April, " . . . . .	98 34
" " "	—By " " May, " . . . . .	92 63
" " "	—By " " June, " . . . . .	116 42
" " "	—By " " July, " . . . . .	105 70
" " "	—By " " August, " . . . . .	149 60
" " "	—By " " September, " . . . . .	114 44
" " "	—By " " October, " . . . . .	196 60
" " "	—By " " November, " . . . . .	140 46
" " "	—By " " December, " . . . . .	86 61
	—By balance, January 1st, 1878 . . . . .	291 08
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		\$2,165 52

## EXPENDITURES ITEMIZED.

Superintendent's salary, for three months . . . . .	\$ 75 00
Matron's salary, for twelve months . . . . .	285 00
Cook's wages, for five months . . . . .	30 00
Repairs for the year 1877 . . . . .	37 35
Unpaid bills, due for 1876 . . . . .	391 95
Monthly expenditures for "The Home" . . . . .	1,055 14
Balance . . . . .	291 08
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	\$2,165 52

## NUMBER ADMITTED TO "THE HOME" DURING THE YEAR 1877.

Adults . . . . .	391
Children (with their mothers) . . . . .	66
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Total . . . . .	457

Of this number, 104 have had homes found for them; 29 returned to their homes; in "The Home," 21. The remainder have, most of them, been transient persons, brought to the Home or coming of themselves for a day or two of rest; some sick, to be sent to the Hospital, others to the County Asylum, or passed on to some other point by the Township Trustee.

We have furnished, at "The Home," at least 34,560 meals, not counting the children fed.

Many of the women have two and three children with them—sick mothers, who stop for a short time in "The Home," until permanent places can be procured for them.

Respectfully submitted,

M. M. TODD, Treasurer.  
 E. E. ROACHE, Auditor.  
 L. F. HYDE, "

Indianapolis, January 1st, 1878.

*Condensed Report of City Dispensary for the year 1877.*

Total number of visits made .....	3,996
Total number prescribed for at office .....	5,005
Total number prescriptions filled .....	10,794
Total number surgical operations .....	322
Total number births.....	54
Total number deaths.....	30
Total number vaccinations .....	96
Total number teeth extracted.....	598
Total number physicians outside.....	573

W. B. FLETCHER, Superintendent.

*Report of City Dispensary for December, 1877.*

Number of visits made to families in North District.....	105
Number of visits made to families in South District.....	118
Number of visits made to Station House.....	40
Number of patients prescribed for at Dispensary.....	318
Number of prescriptions filled for Station House.....	90
Number of prescriptions filled for Colored Orphan Asylum.....	13
Whole number of prescriptions filled at Dispensary .....	635
Whole number of prescriptions filled from cases.....	43
Whole number of vaccinations.....	8
Whole number of surgical cases.....	42
Number of births.....	
Number of deaths.....	

Number of prescriptions filled at Dispensary from physicians not connected with the same, for the month of December, 1877 :

Dr. Elder 22; Dr. Waters 9; Dr. Hadley 8; Dr. Chambers 5; Dr. Schiller 4; Dr. Marsee 4; Dr. Bullard 3; Dr. Wishard 3; Dr. Bryan 3; Dr. Prunk 3; Dr. Cunningham 3; Dr. Youart 2; Dr. Harvey 2; Dr. Daniels 2; Dr. Eastman 2; Dr. Cochran 2; Dr. Funkhouser 1; Dr. Sutcliff 1; Dr. Waterman 1; Dr. Stratford 1. Total, 81.

W. B. FLETCHER, Superintendent.

The Committee on Bridges and City Civil Engineer, through Councilman Morse, submitted the following report; which was concurred in :

*Indianapolis*, January 21, 1878.

To the Mayor and Common Council :

*Gentlemen* :—Your committee and the City Civil Engineer, to whom was referred the matter of locating places of storage for the Delaware street viaduct, would respectfully report that, in order to make the material available when ordered into use, we have selected the following places of storage:

Vermont street, Walnut street, St. Clair street, and Fifth street, where said streets cross the canal.

Wilkins, Ohio, and Hanna streets, where they cross Pogue's Run.

Sufficient portions for bridge purposes to be stored at the points mentioned, and balance stored in Street Commissioner's yard.

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. MORSE,  
MARTIN MCGINTY,  
WM. M. COCHRAN,  
Committee on Bridges.  
BERNHARD H. DIETZ,  
City Civil Engineer.

The Committee on Finance, through Councilman A. L. Wright, submitted the following report; which was considered and duly concurred in by clauses :

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

*Gentlemen* :—Your Committee on Finance, to whom were referred papers, report on the following :

1st. We herewith return the reports of the City Treasurer and City Clerk, for November and December, 1877.

We have examined the same, and find them correct.

2d. We herewith return the report of W. H. Davis, Superintendent of the City Hospital, and recommend that it be referred to the Hospital Board, for examination.



3d. Is the petition of Emily Birchard, asking the city to refund to her \$35, taxes paid by her, through mistake, on lot 23, in square 2, Martindale's South Addition.

The petitioner formerly owned this lot, and it remained in her name upon the tax duplicate. The payment prevented the lot from being returned delinquent at the time the law directs, and would prevent the city from enforcing the collection of the taxes by sale or otherwise. We recommend the prayer of the petitioner be not granted.

4th. We recommend that the petitions of Sallie A. Norris, Hannah Kay, Eliza Cussin, Elizabeth Hennessey, Mary E Johnson, Nancy A. Hawthorn, and Mary M. Slaughter, for the refunding of taxes under the law known as the Widows' Exemption Law, be referred to the Committee on Judiciary and City Attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

A. L. WRIGHT,  
N. S. BYRAM,  
J. THOMAS,  
J. B. DILL,  
MARTIN MCGINTY,  
Committee on Finance.

The Committee on Railroads, through Councilman Case, submitted the following report; and the recommendations, therein contained, were duly concurred in:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

*Gentlemen:*—Your committee, to whom was referred the motion of Councilman Reading, to notify the Union Railway Company to bowlder or plank between their tracks, would recommend the same be planked.

Also (the same as above), that Glazier & Morris plank or bowlder between their tracks.

Your committee recommend the same be bowldered.

Also, if the same is not done in ten days, the Street Commissioner be instructed to do the same, and collect the amount from the above parties.

J. L. CASE,  
M. STEINHAUER,  
A. L. WRIGHT,  
Committee on Railroads.

The Committee on Streets and Alleys, through Councilman Watts, submitted the following report; which was considered and duly concurred in by clauses:

*Indianapolis, January 21, 1878*

To the Mayor and Common Council :

*Gentlemen* :—Your Committee on Streets and Alleys, to whom sundry papers were referred, would report on the following :

FIRST. We would recommend that the following work be done by the Street Commissioner :

1. Fill the chuck-holes in North street, from Indiana avenue to Douglass street, at an expense not exceeding twenty-five dollars.
2. Clean the gutters and fill the chuck-holes in Kentucky avenue, from Maryland to Missouri street, at an expense not exceeding twenty-five dollars.
3. Lower the gutters under the foot-bridges on Tennessee street, at the intersection of Vermont street.
4. Construct the following foot-crossings, of rolling-mill cinders : Over Shelby street, from southeast corner of Shelby and Prospect streets to northwest corner of Coburn street and Virginia avenue.
  - Over Home avenue, on line with east sidewalk of Central avenue.
  - Over Central avenue, on line with north sidewalk of Home avenue.
  - Over Seventh street, on line with east sidewalk of Central avenue.
  - Over Central avenue, on line with north sidewalk of Christian avenue.
  - Over College avenue, on line with south sidewalk of Lincoln avenue.
  - Over College avenue, on line with north sidewalk of Butler street.

SECOND. We recommend that the filling of chuck-holes in Mississippi street, from Washington to North street, be postponed until next spring, on account of the length of the line of the proposed repair, and because the permanency of the work would be questionable if attempted this season.

JAS. E. WATTS,  
 JAMES T. LAYMAN,  
 GEO. P. WOOD,

Committee on Streets and Alleys.

The Committee on Opening, etc., Streets and Alleys, through Councilman Steinhauer, submitted the following report and resolution ; which report was duly concurred in :

*Indianapolis, January 21, 1878.*

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

*Gentlemen* :—Your Committee on Opening and Laying Out Streets and Alleys, to whom was referred the petition of certain parties, asking for the vacation of Kingan street, from West street to White River, would report that we have examined and investigated the matter, and, in our opinion, the same should be referred to the City Commissioners. We, therefore, recommend that the following resolution be adopted :

*Resolved*, That the petition praying for the vacation of Kingan street, from West street to White River, and the matter appertaining thereto, be referred to the City Commissioners, with instructions to assess benefits to any persons thereby benefitted. The said Commissioners are instructed to return, as part of their report, all petitions and notices; and if any property owner immediately upon the line of said street, who is directly interested therein, shall object to such vacation, to make such fact a part of their report; and the City Clerk is hereby directed to issue the proper notices to the Commissioners.

M. STEINHAUER,

W. G. WRIGHT,

A. L. STONER,

Committee on Opening, etc, Streets and Alleys.

And the resolution was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Bagby, Brown, Bugbee, Byram, Cochran, Dill, Izor, Layman, Marsee, Morse, McGinty, Reading, Reed, Sindlinger, Steinhauer, Stoner, Thomas, Tucker, Walker, Watts, Wood, and W. G. Wright—22.

Negative—Councilman A. L. Wright—1.

The Committee on Water-Works, through Councilman Marsee, presented the following communication; which was received, and ordered to be printed in the Proceedings of this body, viz.:

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

*Gentlemen* :—I have been officially notified by the Chief Fire Engineer that of the one hundred fire-plugs ordered out of service by direction of the Common Council, on the 6th day of August, 1877, the following twenty have been retained, under the late contract between the city and the Water-Works Company, and directions given to keep the same in order, for fire protection :

- 1 No. 33—Northwest corner of Washington street and the alley between West and Missouri streets.
- 2 " 85—North side of Georgia street, between Mississippi and Tennessee streets.
- 3 " 145—Northeast corner of Illinois and Washington streets.
- 4 " 150—South side of Washington street, opposite alley between Illinois and Tennessee streets.
- 5 " 156—Northeast corner of Illinois and Georgia streets.
- 6 " 182—North side of Louisiana street, between Meridian and Illinois streets.
- 7 " 196—Northeast corner of Meridian and Washington streets.

- 8 No. 198—Northeast corner of Washington street and alley between Meridian and Illinois streets.
- 9 " 231—North side of Wabash alley, between Delaware and Pennsylvania streets (northwest corner).
- 10 " 234—Southwest corner of Pennsylvania and Market streets.
- 11 " 237—Southeast corner of Court street and alley between Meridian and Pennsylvania streets.
- 12 " 238—Southeast corner of Court street and alley between Delaware and Pennsylvania streets.
- 13 " 243—Northwest corner of Washington street and alley between Meridian and Pennsylvania streets.
- 14 " 251—Northwest corner of Georgia street and alley between Meridian and Pennsylvania streets.
- 15 " 278—Northwest corner of Washington street and alley between Pennsylvania and Delaware streets.
- 16 " 281—Northeast corner of Washington and Delaware streets.
- 17 " 329—Southwest corner of Alabama and Washington streets.
- 18 " 351—Southwest corner of New Jersey street, opposite central alley, between Duncan and South streets.
- 19 " 365—Northwest corner of Washington street and alley between Alabama and New Jersey streets.
- 20 " 422—Northwest corner of East and Washington streets.

The following are the eighty plugs that will be thrown out of service under the order and contract above referred to:

- 1 No. 7—North side of National Road, between Geisendorff and Blake streets.
- 2 " 19—East side of West street, between Michigan and North streets.
- 3 " 21—Northeast corner of alley between Vermont and Michigan streets.
- 4 " 23—Northwest corner of alley between Vermont and New York sts.
- 5 " 32—Southwest corner of Washington and West streets.
- 6 " 35—Northeast corner of West and Maryland streets.
- 7 " 51—Northeast corner of Washington and Missouri streets.
- 8 " 53—Northwest corner of Market street and alley between Mississippi and Missouri streets.
- 9 " 57—Southwest corner of Mississippi street and alley between First and Second streets.
- 10 " 59—Southwest corner of Mississippi street and alley between Pratt and First streets.
- 11 " 65—Southeast corner of Mississippi and North streets.
- 12 " 72—Southeast corner of Mississippi and Washington streets.
- 13 " 77—Northwest corner of Mississippi and South streets.
- 14 " 83—Northwest corner of Tennessee street and alley between Georgia and Louisiana streets.

- 15 No. 88—East side of Tennessee, opposite Pearl street.
- 16 " 91—Southeast corner of Washington street and alley between Mississippi and Tennessee streets.
- 17 " 95—Southwest corner of Tennessee and New York streets.
- 18 " 101—West side of Tennessee street, opposite alley between Michigan and North streets.
- 19 " 103—Northeast corner of Tennessee street and alley between North and Walnut streets.
- 20 " 105—Northeast corner of Tennessee street and central alley, between Walnut and St. Clair streets.
- 21 " 107—Northeast corner of Tennessee street and central alley, between St. Clair and Pratt streets.
- 22 " 109—East side of Tennessee street, center of Pratt and First streets.
- 23 " 111—Northeast corner of Tennessee street and alley between First and Second streets.
- 24 " 114—Northeast corner of Tennessee street and alley between Third and Fourth streets.
- 25 " 116—Northeast corner of Tennessee street and alley between Fourth and Fifth streets.
- 26 " 118—Southeast corner of Tennessee street and alley between Fifth and Sixth streets.
- 27 " 133—Northwest corner of Illinois street and alley between Michigan and North streets.
- 28 " 135—Northwest corner of Illinois street and alley between Vermont and Michigan streets.
- 29 " 143—Northeast corner of Illinois and Market streets.
- 30 " 154—Southwest corner of Maryland street and alley between Illinois and Tennessee streets.
- 31 " 158—Northwest corner of Georgia street and alley between Illinois and Tennessee streets.
- 32 " 163—Southeast corner of South and Eddy streets.
- 33 " 165—Northeast corner of Illinois street and Pogue's Run.
- 34 " 181—South side of South street, between Meridian and Illinois streets.
- 35 " 204—Northeast corner Ohio street and alley between Meridian and Illinois streets.
- 36 " 207—Michigan street, east side first alley east of Illinois street, north side of Michigan street.
- 37 " 219—Northwest corner of Pennsylvania and Pratt streets.
- 38 " 228—Northeast corner of Pennsylvania and Ohio streets, northwest side of Massachusetts avenue.
- 39 " 288—Northeast corner of Delaware and Ohio streets.
- 40 " 298—Northwest corner of Delaware and North streets.
- 41 " 301—East side of Delaware street, opposite alley between Walnut and St. Clair streets.

- 42 No. 304—Northeast corner of Pratt street and first alley west of Delaware street.
- 43 “ 311—Southwest corner of Walnut street and alley between Alabama and Delaware streets.
- 44 “ 315—Southwest corner of Michigan street and alley between Alabama and Delaware streets.
- 45 “ 319—South side of Vermont street, opposite alley between Alabama and Delaware streets.
- 46 “ 323—Southeast corner of Ohio street and alley between Alabama and Delaware streets.
- 47 “ 325—Northwest corner of Alabama and Court streets.
- 48 “ 331—Southeast corner of Washington street and alley between Delaware and Alabama streets.
- 49 “ 335—Northwest corner of Alabama and Georgia streets, southwest side Virginia avenue.
- 50 “ 341—Northwest corner of Alabama and McCarty streets.
- 51 “ 346—East side of New Jersey street, between Sinker and Merrill streets.
- 52 “ 349—East side of New Jersey street, opposite central alley, between Merrill and Duncan streets.
- 53 “ 362—Southwest corner of New Jersey and Washington streets.
- 54 “ 369—Southwest corner of Market street and alley between Alabama and New Jersey streets.
- 55 “ 372—Northwest corner of Ohio street and alley between Alabama and New Jersey streets.
- 56 “ 375—Northeast corner of New York street and alley between Alabama and New Jersey streets.
- 57 “ 380—South side of Michigan street, opposite alley between Alabama and New Jersey streets.
- 58 “ 383—Northeast corner of North street and alley between Alabama and New Jersey streets.
- 59 “ 385—Northeast corner of New Jersey and Walnut streets.
- 60 “ 388—Northwest corner of St. Clair street and alley between New Jersey and Alabama streets.
- 61 “ 401—West side of East street, between Gregg and Cherry streets.
- 62 “ 403—West side of East street, between St. Clair and Gregg streets.
- 63 “ 405—East side of East street, between Walnut and St. Clair streets.
- 64 “ 407—Northwest corner of East and North streets.
- 65 “ 416—Northwest corner of Ohio street and alley between New Jersey and East streets.
- 66 “ 419—Southwest corner of East and Market streets.
- 67 “ 424—Southeast corner of East and Washington streets.
- 68 “ 437—West side of East street, between McCarty and Bicking streets.
- 69 “ 443—North side of McCarty street, opposite Beatty street.

- 70 No. 461—South side of Huron street, between Virginia avenue and Noble street.
- 71 “ 464—Southwest corner of South and School streets.
- 72 “ 475—Northwest corner of Bates street and alley between Noble and Benton streets.
- 73 “ 479—Southwest corner of Georgia and Liberty streets.
- 74 “ 488—Southeast corner of Market and Liberty streets.
- 75 “ 493—South side of Ohio street, between Liberty and Noble streets.
- 76 “ 499—East side of Noble street, between Ohio and New York streets.
- 77 “ 508—Southeast corner of North and Noble streets.
- 78 “ 511—Northwest side of Massachusetts avenue, between East and Chatham streets.
- 79 “ 516—Southwest corner of St. Clair and Plum streets.
- 80 “ 521—Northwest corner of Broadway and Christian avenue.

These lists are furnished in full, for the information of the Council and Board of Aldermen, and that the Chief Fire Engineer and City Civil Engineer may correct the list of fire-plugs heretofore published in their annual reports.

Trusting this will meet the approval of your honors, as it does of this company, I respectfully submit it.

JOHN R. ELDER, Pres't Water Works Co.

January 12, 1878.

#### REPORTS FROM SELECT COMMITTEES.

The select committee on the N. Illinois street sewer matter, submitted the following report:

*Indianapolis, January 21, 1878.*

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

*Gentlemen:*—Your special committee, together with the City Attorney, to whom was referred the petition of property owners on N. Illinois street, asking to be relieved from the sewer assessment upon their property, would report that we have had the matter under advisement, and have heard arguments in behalf of the petitioners by their attorneys.

We find the following to be the facts: The Council, in March, 1872, passed an ordinance providing for the construction of the N. Illinois street sewer, from Kentucky avenue to Second street, and provided for an assessment of \$1.50 per foot upon the lots on each side of the street, as the amount of benefits that should be paid towards the construction of the sewer by the property owners. That the matter was before the Council some length of time before the ordinance was passed. That no petition asking for the sewer was ever presented by the property owners, and no remonstrance against the

building of it was ever presented. That the ordinance was passed by a vote of 15 in the affirmative and 3 in the negative. That both of the Councilmen representing the ward in which the sewer was to be built voted for the passage of the ordinance. That the total cost of the sewer was about \$43,629.68. That the amount assessed against the property owners was about \$13,000; of which there has been paid about \$3,162.15. The whole cost of the sewer was paid to the contractor by the city, and the ordinance provided that the assessment against the property should be placed upon the tax duplicate, and be collected as other taxes.

After the sewer had been constructed, the property owners, or a large majority of them, commenced suit against the city, and procured an injunction against the city, restraining the collection of the assessment until the final hearing and determination of the case. This suit was instituted in the spring of 1873, and was finally decided in favor of the city, in the Circuit Court, in November, 1877. The assessments that had not been paid then became collectable, with six per cent. interest from March, 1873.

Your committee are of the opinion that the city is legally entitled to collect the amounts due; that the City Council had the power to make the assessment; and that, under the decisions of the Supreme Court, their action could not be reviewed or changed by any court; and that, after the improvement or work has been done, the property owner can not relieve himself of the assessment by suit, after having stood by and seen the city expending money and constructing the sewer upon the faith of the assessment.

It is claimed by the petitioners that the assessment was grossly inequitable and unjust, and that, as a matter of equity, they should be relieved. The assessment was made by a former Council; and while there might be a great difference between their views and judgment and those of your committee as to what the benefits to property owners were, we do not think it advisable for the present Council to undertake to review their action and change the assessment, for the reason that many other sewers have been built since then, and assessments of benefits made by former bodies and collected by the city from the property owners; and, if the precedent were established, this body might be called upon to review the action of the City Council in every case.

The following sewers have been built by the city and partially at the expense of the property owners (that is, by an assessment of \$1.50 per foot front on each side), to-wit: Second street, from Meridian to Pennsylvania street; Missouri street, from Market street to Kentucky avenue; Pennsylvania street, from Ohio to Washington street; E. Court street, between Delaware and Pennsylvania streets; W. Court street, from Pennsylvania to Illinois street, and from first alley east of California street to Missouri street; Market street, from Circle to Pennsylvania street; Virginia avenue, from Washington to Maryland street; Maryland street, from Illinois street to Kentucky avenue; Madison avenue, from Yeiser street to Ray street (the property owners on the line of this sewer were subsequently relieved by the Common Council); Georgia street, from first alley east of Meridian street to Illinois street; Washington



street, from Pennsylvania to Illinois street; Pennsylvania street, from Washington to Maryland street; Massachusetts avenue, from Alabama to Pennsylvania street; Illinois street, from Washington to Second street; S. Illinois street, from Washington to South street.

The following sewers have been built entirely at the expense of the city, most of them being cement pipe and only used for surface drainage, and not built in such a manner as to allow house connections to be made with them, and many of them emptying into Pogue's Run: The Kentucky avenue sewer, from Washington street to White River, and the South Street sewer, from Noble street to the intersection of Kentucky avenue, were built entirely by the city, and at her expense, for main sewers, and were large enough to carry off all of the drainage of the city. The other sewers built entirely at the expense of the city, are as follows: Fletcher avenue, from Dillon to Noble street; E. Ohio street; E. Market street; Pine street, from Virginia avenue to Fletcher avenue; State street; Shelby street, from Prospect street to Pleasant Run; Ray street, from Delaware street to Pogue's Run; Seventh street; St. Clair street, from Railroad to Peru street; Archer street; and Sanders street.

If the prayer of the petition is granted, the city will not only lose the amount now due on these assessments, but she would be in duty bound to refund, out of the treasury, all money that has been paid by the property owners, being about \$3,162 15.

Your committee are therefore of the opinion that the prayer of the petition should not be granted. But would recommend that, in all cases where the parties pay their assessments before the 11th day of February, 1878 (that being the date of the commencement of tax-sales), that the City Treasurer be instructed to accept the amount of the original assessment of \$1.50 per foot front, without any interest, in full of the assessment; and that in all cases where parties have paid their assessment with interest, that he refund the interest, when called upon to do so by the parties; and, in all cases where such payment is not made by said date, that he proceed to collect the same by sale of the property. This arrangement will relieve the parties who desire to pay their assessments of about five years interest, at six per cent. per annum, or, in all, about thirty per cent.

Respectfully submitted,

N. S. BYRAM,

J. W. BUGBEE,

G. SINDLINGER, Committee.

R. O. HAWKINS, City Attorney.

Councilman Walker offered the following motion; upon which no action was taken:

*Moved*, That the City Treasurer be instructed to postpone the collection of the sewer taxes on N. Illinois street for the period of one year.

It was moved that the report of the committee be concurred in; upon which, Councilman Reed demanded a call of the "ayes and nays;" which, being taken, resulted in such concurrence, by the following vote:

Affirmative—Councilmen Bagby, Brown, Bugbee, Byram, Case, Cochran, Izor, Layman, Marsee, Sindlinger, Steinhauer, Stoner, Thomas, Wood, and W. G. Wright—15.

Negative—Councilmen Dill, Morse, McGinty, Poulder, Reading, Reed, Tucker, Walker, Watts, and A. L. Wright—10.

The select committee which had been charged with that duty, submitted the following report:

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

*Gentlemen*:—Your Special Committee, to whom was assigned the duty of listing all the articles of value left at the offices formerly occupied by the Council and city officers, most respectfully beg leave to make the following report of property on hand, and would like to be instructed as to what disposition to make of the same:

The entire lot of gas fixtures, numbering, in all, some 45 or 50 pieces.

5 stoves.

4 coal boxes.

4 wash-stands.

3 old tables.

4 (Tunnel) reflectors.

2 counters.

1 lot, or a portion of the walnut rail in Council Chamber.

2 or 3 old cases, or cupboard desks.

1 old meter tester (out of repair).

3 galvanized iron screens.

12 street-lamp tops.

A number of curtains for windows.

Also, several old stools, and other articles of little or no value.

ALBERT IZOR,

A. L. WRIGHT,

A. L. STONER,

Special Committee.

On Councilman Byram's motion, it was ordered that the before-mentioned property be removed, and stored in the Central Station House.

## MESSAGE FROM BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

The following message from the Board of Aldermen was received, and the amendment, therein set forth, was unanimously concurred in :

To the Mayor and Common Council :

*Gentlemen* :—At a regular session of the Board of Aldermen, held Tuesday evening, January 8th, 1878, the resolution adopted by your honorable body January 7th, 1878, instructing the City Civil Engineer to prepare and report a corrected estimate in favor of John Greene, for grading and graveling Wisconsin street and sidewalks, from Mississippi street to Meridian street, etc., was amended by striking out, in second preamble, the words "for the reason that the same should have been made against the Indianapolis, Cincinnati & Lafayette Railroad Company." The resolution, as amended, was then approved.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. T. BREUNIG,  
Clerk of Board of Aldermen.

## INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES.

Councilman Dill introduced the following ordinance; which was read the first time :

G. O. 2, 1878—An ordinance to repeal an ordinance entitled "An ordinance creating a Board of Public Improvements, prescribing their powers and duties, and the manner of their election."

Councilman Thomas presented the following petition, which was received; also, introduced the accompanying ordinance, which was read the first time; and then, on his motion, both petition and ordinance were referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys :

*Indianapolis*, January 21, 1878.

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

*Gentlemen* :—The undersigned, owner of the real estate fronting on McCarty street, between Meridian street and Illinois street, respectfully petitions for the passage of an ordinance providing for grading and graveling the alley running north from McCarty street to the second alley north of McCarty street, between Illinois street and Russell avenue, as all of the water is now

running into my lot and cellar, and creating a nuisance and damaging our health.

And your petitioner will ever pray, etc.

FRED. KISSEL.

S. O. 3, 1878—An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling the north and south alley (located between Russell avenue and Illinois street), from McCarty street to the second alley north of McCarty street.

INTRODUCTION OF MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Councilman Bugbee presented the following petition ; which was received, and the license prayed for was duly granted :

*Indianapolis, January 21, 1878.*

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

*Gentlemen.*—Your petitioner would respectfully ask your honorable body to grant him license to auctioneer at his place of business, No. 50 E. Washington street, for the period of six months; said license to be issued under the provisions of an ordinance regulating such matters.

And your petitioner will ever pray.

W. H. CRAFT.

Councilman Cochran offered the following motion, and moved that it be referred to the Board of Public Improvements :

*Moved,* That the Street Commissioner be ordered to construct stone foot-crossings on College avenue, at the intersection of Christian avenue; and on Christian avenue, at the intersection of Central avenue.

Councilman Thomas moved that preceding motion be referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys; which motion was lost, and the reference to the Board of Public Improvements, as proposed by the mover, was duly ordered.

Councilman Dill offered the following motion :

*Moved,* That this Council be hereafter called to order at 7 o'clock P. M. until May 1st, 1878.

Councilman Marsee moved to amend, by making the hour of meeting "7:15 o'clock P. M."

Councilman Bagby moved to amend the amendment, by making such hour "7:30 P. M."; which amendment Councilman Mar-see accepted, and the last amendment was declared to have been adopted.

A vote was then taken on the motion as amended, and failed of adoption.

Councilman Izor offered the following motion; which was referred to the City Civil Engineer and the committee mentioned in the motion, with instructions to report as to the condition of the bridge, at the next regular session:

*Moved*, That the Committee on Bridges be instructed to inspect the bridge on Winston street, crossing Pogue's Run, and have the same put in a safe condition, as it is dangerous in its present condition.

The same gentleman offered the following motion; which was adopted:

*Moved*, That the City Civil Engineer be instructed to have the gas lamps on the Delaware street viaduct discontinued, as the approaches are closed and the bridge not in use.

The same gentleman presented the following petition; which was referred to the Committee on Judiciary and City Attorney:

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

Eliza J. Childers, widow of John P. Childers, deceased, and guardian of Margaret A. Childers, minor heir and daughter of John P. Childers, deceased, to the Honorable Board of Council of the City of Indianapolis.

Your petitioner, Eliza J. Childers, guardian of Margaret A. Childers, says that she is the widow of John P. Childers, deceased.

That on the 18th day of June, 1872, the court affirmed the report of the commissioners, appointed by the court to appraise and set off, by "metes and bounds," to the heirs of the said John P. Childers, deceased, their respective shares of said decedent's estate; and that said Eliza J. Childers was assigned and set off to her the following described real estate, in the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, to-wit: Beginning at the northwest corner of lot No. 141; thence, southeastwardly, one hundred and two feet and three inches, to the northeast corner of lot No. 142; thence, southwestwardly, with the line of said lot, forty feet and five inches; thence, northwardly, at right angles

with said line, twenty-nine feet; thence, west, at right angles with Noble street, thirty-seven feet, to Noble street; thence, north, seventy-six feet, to the place of beginning.

And that Margaret A. Childers, minor heir and daughter of John P. Childers, deceased, was assigned and set off to her the following real estate in the City of Indianapolis, to wit: Beginning on the west line of lot No. 141, on Noble street, at a point fifty-one and one-half ( $51\frac{1}{2}$ ) feet north of the intersection of Noble and Huron streets; thence, east, thirty feet and eight inches; thence southeastwardly, twenty-eight feet and five inches, more or less, to the southeast line of lot No. 142, at a point fifty-eight feet and seven inches from Huron street; thence northeastwardly with said line, twenty-one feet; thence northwestwardly, at right angles with said line, twenty nine feet; thence, west, at right angles with Noble street, thirty-seven feet, to Noble street; thence, south, twenty-one feet, to the place of beginning

And that said decree is recorded in deed record "UU," page 469.

And that said property, above described as set off and assigned to said Eliza J. Childers and said Margaret A. Childers, has been listed for city taxes as being the property of "John P. Childers et al.,"; and that said Eliza J. Childers has paid the taxes on said property for the years 1873, 1874, and 1875.

And your petitioner further says that she is entitled to, and should have refunded to her, the amount of taxes she has been required to pay on the above described property assigned and set off to Margaret A. Childers, with ten per cent. interest thereon, on the several amounts of taxes paid on said land from the time of payment to the present time.

Said Margaret A. Childers is a female minor, whose father is deceased and whose property is valued at less than one thousand dollars, and, by law, she is exempted from taxation, each year, to the amount of five hundred dollars (1 Revised Statutes 1876, page 72, under section 7th of "An Act to provide for a uniform assessment of property, and for the collection and return of taxes thereon," approved December 21st, 1872; said Act containing an emergency clause, to take effect from and after its passage.)

Your petitioner further says that the rate of taxation for the years 1873 and 1874 was \$1.10 per hundred dollars, and for the year 1875 was \$1.50 per hundred dollars of taxable property. That the assessed value of the said property set off and assigned to the said Margaret A. Childers was \$550 for the year 1873, and \$600 for the years 1874 and 1875, respectively.

Your petitioner further says that she is entitled to, and should have refunded to her, the following amount of taxes, paid by her on the said property of Margaret A. Childers, together with ten per cent. interest thereon from the date of payment to the present time, as follows, to-wit:

For city taxes 1873, paid March 10th, 1874 .....	\$ 5 50
Interest, at 10 per cent., from March 10th, 1874, to January 10th, 1878, (3 years and 10 months) .....	2 10
City taxes for 1874, paid June 5th, 1875....	5 50

Interest, at ten per cent., from June 5th, 1875, to January 5th, 1878, (2 years and 7 months).....	1 43
City taxes for 1875; paid March 14th, 1876.....	7 50
Interest, at 10 per cent., from March 14th, 1876, to January 14th, 1878, (1 year and ten months).....	1 37
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Amount due Eliza J. Childers, guardian as aforesaid, Jan. 21st, 1878, \$	23 40

Your petitioner prays that your honorable body would consider the facts as above set forth, and that you would give her such relief as her petition merits.

R. B. DUNCAN & W. W. SPENCER,  
Solicitors for petitioner.

Councilman Layman presented the following petition; which was referred to the Committee on Benevolence and Hospitals:

*Indianapolis, January 19, 1878.*

To the Mayor, His Honor, and the City Council:

We, the undersigned women, and Board of Managers of the Young Women's Boarding House, do petition your honorable body to hear and favor our plea for an appropriation in our behalf.

Provision has been made for the spiritual and temporal welfare of the young men of the city, by means of libraries, reading rooms, etc.—thousands of dollars are expended each year for these purposes, and are counted as good investments; while there are hundreds of young women in the city, the majority of whom are struggling for a livelihood, on meagre salaries, amid discouragements, temptations, and physical sufferings, the very thought of which makes one's heart ache. The average wages of such are only one-third as great as those of men in the same relative positions. Their *necessary* expenses are one third more than those of the other sex; while ill health and inclement weather decreases their working days. Their boarding places are poorer, and the prices charged them one-third higher.

We have endeavored for a year and a half past to supply some of these deficiencies, by providing a house where industrious young women, bringing testimonials as to good character, can have the comforts and something of the protective influences of a real home, for a sum within their means to pay.

The mission poor is reached by our "charities," but no systematic effort has been previously made to extend christian kindness, in its broadest sense, to the multitude of self supporting young women. Homes of this kind have been established in nearly every other city in the Union, and are the means of accomplishing a great amount of good, saving hundreds of young girls from entering into lives of sin and shame.

Our means, however, are very limited, and we feel that we are being burdened more than we are able to bear, unless aid is extended to us. We have calls upon us, nearly every day, for assistance which we are unable to give,

and we feel that we shall be obliged to discontinue the work, unless we can receive assistance ourselves. We would, therefore, present to your notice this petition, praying you to grant us such an appropriation as you may deem fit and proper.

For any further information you may desire, we would refer you to Mrs. E. S. DuBois, matron, or Mrs. Dr. Harvey, president of the board.

Respectfully,

Mrs. Delitha B. Harvey, Mrs. R. R. Parker, Mrs.  
Lewis Jordan, Mrs. Rachel Johnson, Mrs. H.  
Parrott, Mrs. M. N. Walker, Mrs. C. A. Heath,  
Pamelia A. Guild, Mrs. Martha N. McKay,  
Mrs. E. S. DuBois.

Councilman McGinty offered the following motion; which was referred to the Board of Health:

*Moved*, That the City Marshal be instructed to notify Jacob Smith to remove his rendering establishment from its present location, north of the Belt Railroad bridge, to the Sellers' Farm, or discontinue said business at the present location.

The same gentleman offered the following motion; which was adopted:

*Moved*, That the Board of Public Improvements be directed to visit the west side of the Twenty Fifth Ward, and see if there is any improvement needed on sidewalks or street crossings. I would like to have the gentlemen take the trip on foot, so that they could judge what is needed.

Councilman Reed offered the following motion; which was adopted:

*Moved*, That, until the first meeting in May, the Common Council shall be called to order at the hour of seven o'clock P. M.

The same gentleman offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, It is of general rumor, and almost universally believed, that the Citizens' Gas Company has violated its contract with the city, in disposing of its stock to the old company, known as the Indianapolis Gas-Light & Coke Company, so that the latter company is virtually the controller of the Citizens' Gas Company, contrary to the ordinance under which said company was organized; It is hereby



*Resolved.* That a committee of three be appointed by the chair, to investigate into the alleged sale of stock of the Citizens' Gas Company to the old gas company aforesaid, and to discover, if possible, whether or not the old company has virtually control of the new company.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Bagby, Brown, Bugbee, Byram, Case, Cochran, Dill, Izor, Layman, Marsee, Morse, McGinty, Reading, Reed, Sindlinger, Steinhauer, Stoner, Tucker, Walker, Watts, Wood, A. L. Wright, and W. G. Wright—23.

Negative—Councilman Thomas—1.

The Chair appointed Councilmen Reed, Bagby, and Sindlinger, as the select committee required by preceding resolution.

The same gentleman presented the following communication ; which, on Councilman Marsee's motion, was laid on the table :

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

*Gentlemen* :—In view of the various charges against Street Commissioner Fulmer and his foreman, I feel it my duty to inform you that I heard the orders of Geo. E. Lowry, foreman of the carpenter gangs on the north side, to break iron foot-bridges. I saw many of them broken by his direction, he remarking, at the time, that it would make work making wooden ones.

Yours respectfully,

CAL. F. CHILDERS.

The same gentleman presented the following petition ; which was referred to the Committee on Revision of Ordinances :

*Indianapolis, January 10, 1878.*

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

*Gentlemen* :—We, the undersigned citizens of Indianapolis, Indiana, who are engaged in business on Washington and Illinois streets, in front of and in the vicinity of the Occidental, Bates, and Grand Hotels in this city, hereby give our consent for hacks to stand in front of our respective places of business, at the space of not less than forty feet apart and forty feet from the crossings, from the hours of 6 o'clock A. M. to 7 P. M., to solicit and wait for customers.

And we respectfully request your honorable body to repeal the ordinance

now in force against said hacks, and grant them the privileges above mentioned.

We remain, gentlemen, yours respectfully,

B W & C W Miller Bates House, W D Sapp, Bates House, A S Stewart and Chapin & Gore, W S DeWolf No. 40 N Illinois street, W W Irish St Cloud Hotel 45 N Illinois street, John S Campbell No 41 N Illinois street, W W Weaver 33 N Illinois street, Frank W Weaver 33 N Illinois street, James P Weaver 33 N Illinois street, John R McCracken 39 N Illinois street, M W Groves 35 N Illinois street, Albert Isensee 37 N Illinois street, Wm I Ripley 47 and 49 N Illinois street, W P Ripley 47 and 49 N Illinois street, J W Muir 44 N Illinois street, Elmer Cady 42 N Illinois street, John A Hunt J M Hunter Hunt's Hotel 26 and 28 N Illinois street, F Christman 44 W Washington street, Iliff Bros 42 W Washington street, Henry Daumont 40 W Washington street, Thomas Cottre 1, 38 W Washington street, I Hodgson 36 Washington street, Capt Ohaver, W H Reed 46 W Washington street, H Walls No 17 N Illinois street, Frank A Edwards 23 N Illinois street, A. M. Mortland 23 N Illinois street, John G Evans 23 N Illinois street, James J Trow 25 and 27 N Illinois street, John A McGaw 16 N Illinois street, J Q Adams 14 N Illinois street, Thomas Morrison 12 N Illinois street, Harry J Deane No 3 Bates House, Gotleib Wachstatter No 19 S Illinois street, Joseph Solomon 25 S Illinois street, Felix Keenan 15 S Illinois street, H Reinheimer 41 W Washington street, Philip Epstein 13 S Illinois street, C H O'Brien 29 S Illinois street, M H Winslow 27 S Illinois street, A Cohen & Son 31 S Illinois street, Frank M Ryan 23 S Illinois street, John Lyon 37 S Illinois street, Barry Prins 37 S Illinois street, Jacob Fox & Co 93 S Illinois street, Sam C Astley 49 S Illinois street, Fred Weber 50 S Illinois street, James

McHugh 46 S Illinois street, Michael O Neil 26 S Illinois street, Hugh Burns 52 S Illinois street, Tnos Burns 52 S Illinois street, John Murray 54 S Illinois street, Cornelius Kelly 59 S Illinois street, S T Marcy No 1 Bates House Corner, Joseph J Smith 13 N Illinois street, J T Woodward 15 N Illinois street, A Joseph 7 S Illinois street, J P Page 20 S Illinois street, Harms & Boniker 22 S Illinois street, R W Shilling 40 S Illinois street, R L Shilling 55 W Washington street, Conrad Neab, J Mitchel No 2 Bates House Block, Charles F Hunt receiver Grand Hotel, T J Cullem, Theo H Huerve 56 S Illinois street, Harry G Leighton 77 S Illinois street, H G Reinhart No 81 S Illinois street, W T Hayes 81 S Illinois street, John G Kistner 83 S Illinois street, W W Miller Occidental Shoe Store, E F Claypool, J D Steep & Co Bates House Shoe Store, J W Adams corner Kentucky avenue.

Councilman Steinhauer offered the following motion ; which was adopted :

*Moved*, That special ordinance No. 2, for grading and graveling Morris street, between Madison avenue and Chestnut street, be referred to the Board of Public Improvements, and that it report on the same at the next meeting of this Council.

Councilman Thomas offered the following motion ; which failed of adoption :

*Moved*, That the City Marshal is hereby authorized to shoot the pigeons and sparrows which congregate about the Court House, using only fine shot.

Councilman Tucker offered the following resolution :

WHEREAS, There is a strong public sentiment favoring the construction of a work-house ; and, inasmuch as the city is unable to build one, but possesses, in the Southern Park, an admirable and advantageous location for such an enterprise ; Therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Council and Aldermanic Committees on Parks be instructed to confer with the County Commissioners, and ascertain what, if any,

assistance will be given by the county toward the erection and maintenance of a County and City Work-House.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Bagby, Brown, Bugbee, Byram, Case, Cochran, Dill, Izor, Layman, Marsee, Morse, McGinty, Reading, Reed, Sindlinger, Steinhauer, Stoner, Thomas, Tucker, Walker, Watts, Wood, A. L. Wright, and W. G. Wright—24.

Negative—None.

The same gentleman offered the following motion ; which was referred to the Fire Board and Chief Fire Engineer :

*Moved,* That the Chief Fire Engineer be instructed to remove the fire-alarm box on the corner of East and Georgia streets, to some place where it will not be so much in the way of people passing.

The same gentleman offered the following motion ; which was referred to the Board of Public Improvements and City Civil Engineer, with instructions to report the probable cost of erecting such structure :

*Moved,* That the City Civil Engineer be instructed to advertise for proposals to erect a foot-bridge over the Union Railway tracks on Virginia avenue ; said bridge to be constructed of material taken from the Delaware street viaduct.

Councilman Walker presented the following petition, and offered the appended motion ; and such petition was received and the motion was duly adopted :

*Indianapolis,* January 21, 1878.

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

The Marion County Medical Society respectfully requests permission to use the Council Chamber, on Tuesday evening of each week, for its meetings. The County Commissioners have given their consent to such an arrangement. The Society will pay for lighting the Chamber on the evenings named.

Very respectfully,

JOHN M. KITCHEN, President.

*Moved,* That the Marion County Medical Society have permission to use the Council Chamber on Tuesday evening of each week, for its meetings.

The same gentleman offered the following motion; which was referred to the Board of Public Improvements :

*Moved,* That the Street Commissioner be instructed to make a double-stone crossing from the northeast corner of Pennsylvania and Market streets to the southeast corner of the above mentioned streets.

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

*Moved,* That the Street Commissioner be instructed to fill the chuck hole in West street, between the tracks of the Vandalia and Kingan's Railroads.

The same gentleman offered the following motions; which were severally adopted :

*Moved,* That John Nutzel be granted permission to bowlder the gutter in front of his property on Washington street, the work to be done at his own expense and under the direction of the City Civil Engineer.

*Moved,* That the Street Commissioner be directed to notify the Citizens' Gas Company to fill all low places, caused by laying their mains and service-pipes, within thirty days; failing to do so, the work to be done by the Street Commissioner, and cost of the same to be collected from said company.

Councilman A. L. Wright offered the following motion; which was adopted :

*Moved,* That the City Marshal and the Police Department be instructed to enforce the ordinance preventing unnecessary blowing of steam whistles inside of the city limits, as the same is being grossly violated.

Councilman Reed was excused for the balance of this session.

#### ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING.

On Councilman Marsee's motion, the rules were suspended, for the purpose of allowing the calling up of ordinances out of order, by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilman Brown, Bugbee, Byram, Case, Cochran, Dill, Izor, Layman, Marsee, Morse, McGinty, Pouder, Reading,

Sindlinger, Steinhauer, Stoner, Thomas, Tucker, Walker, Watts, Wood, A. L. Wright, and W. G. Wright—23.

Negative—Councilman Bagby—1.

Councilman Thomas called up the following ordinance, and it was read the second time :

G. O. 44, 1877—An ordinance regulating the Weighing and Sale of Coal and Coke in the City of Indianapolis.

Councilman Thomas moved to strike out the words "twenty-five dollars," and insert the phrase "fifty dollars for each yard," in fourth line of second section, as printed on page 613, *ante*.

Councilman Bagby moved to amend above proposed amendment, by substituting "ten dollars," in lieu of "twenty-five dollars"; which was lost.

Councilman Dill moved to lay original proposed amendment on the table; which was done.

Councilman A. L. Wright moved that the designated portion of said second section be amended so as to read "twenty-five dollars for each yard, including one office, and the sum of twenty-five dollars for each additional office"; which amendment was duly adopted.

Councilman Thomas moved to amend the fifth section of said ordinance, by changing the same so that "Coke shall be sold by measure, and the standard shall be forty pounds to the bushel for good, dry Connellsville or Pittsburg coke, and thirty-five pounds to the bushel for clean, dry gas-house coke"; which proposed amendment failed of adoption.

Councilman A. L. Wright moved that the standard weight of a bushel of any kind of coke be established at "forty pounds"; which proposed amendment was not adopted.

Councilman Bagby moved to strike out the words "City Marshal" wherever they occur in the tenth section, and insert, in lieu thereof, the words "Chief of Police."

Councilman Tucker moved to lay the above proposed amendment on the table; upon which a call of the "ayes and nays" was demanded, and the motion to "lay on the table" was defeated by the following vote:

Affirmative—Councilmen Byram, Cochran, Dill, Izor, Layman, Pouder, Sindlinger, Tucker, Watts, A. L. Wright, and W. G. Wright—11.

Negative—Councilmen Bagby, Brown, Bugbee, Case, Morse, McGinty, Reading, Steinhauer, Stoner, Thomas, Walker, and Wood—12.

Councilman Steinhauer moved to amend the amendment proposed by Councilman Bagby, by striking out the words "his deputy" wherever they appear in said tenth section, and inserting, in lieu thereof, the words "officers and members of the Police Force"; which proposed amendment was accepted by Councilman Bagby.

A vote was then had on the foregoing offered amendment, and the tenth section of the ordinance was changed in accordance therewith.

On Councilman Steinhauer's motion, the eleventh section of the ordinance was stricken out.

The ordinance was then ordered to be engrossed as amended.

Councilman Watts moved that the Common Council do now adjourn. Lost.

Councilman Case called up special ordinance No. 33, 1877; which was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed.

Councilman Brown called up the following ordinance:

S. O. 41, 1877—An ordinance to provide for the construction of a brick sewer, from the east line of the Central Station House, in and along Pearl street, to the first alley east of Delaware street; thence, south, in and along said alley, to Maryland street; thence, west, in and along Maryland street, to and connecting with the Virginia avenue sewer;

Which was read the second time; and then, on motion, referred to the Committee on Sewers and the City Attorney, with instructions to properly engross same, reporting it back at next regular session, for further consideration as a "special order" at such meeting.

Councilman Byram called up special ordinance No. 42, 1877; which was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed.

#### ORDINANCES ON THIRD READING.

On Councilman Steinhauer's motion, it was ordered that general ordinance No. 44, 1877, and special ordinances Nos. 33 and 42, 1877 (engrossed this evening), be taken up for third reading at the present session.

The following entitled ordinance was then read the third time:  
G. O. 44, 1877—An ordinance regulating the Weighing and Sale of Coal and Coke in the City of Indianapolis;

And was passed by the following vote:

Affirmative—Councilmen Brown, Bugbee, Byram, Case, Cochran, Dill, Izor, Layman, Morse, McGinty, Reading, Poudier, Sindlinger, Steinhauer, Stoner, Tucker, Walker, Watts, Wood, A. L. Wright, and W. G. Wright—21.

Negative—Councilmen Bagby and Thomas—2.

The following entitled ordinance was also read the third time:  
S. O. 121, 1876—An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling the first alley east of the lower arm of the canal, from Washington street to its southern terminus;

And was passed by the following vote:

Affirmative—Councilmen Bagby, Brown, Bugbee, Byram, Case, Cochran, Dill, Izor, Layman, Morse, McGinty, Poudier, Reading, Sindlinger, Steinhauer, Stoner, Thomas, Tucker, Walker, Watts, Wood, A. L. Wright, and W. G. Wright—23.

Negative—None.



The following entitled ordinance was then read the third time :

S. O. 135, 1876—An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling the alley between Olive and Linden streets, running from Orange to Willow street ;

And was passed by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Bagby, Brown, Bugbee, Byram, Case, Cochran, Dill, Izor, Layman, Morse, McGinty, Pouder, Reading, Sindlinger, Steinhauer, Stoner, Thomas, Tucker, Walker, Watts, Wood, A. L. Wright, and W. G. Wright—23.

Negative—None.

The following entitled ordinance was then read the third time :

S. O. 33, 1877—An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling the first alley east of Cook street, from Georgia to Louisiana street ;

And was passed by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Bagby, Brown, Bugbee, Byram, Case, Cochran, Dill, Izor, Layman, Morse, McGinty, Pouder, Reading, Sindlinger, Steinhauer, Stoner, Thomas, Tucker, Walker, Watts, Wood, A. L. Wright, and W. G. Wright—23.

Negative—None.

The following entitled ordinance was then read the third time :

S. O. 38, 1877—An ordinance to provide for the erection of lamp-posts, lamps, and fixtures, complete to burn gas, except the service-pipes, on Fletcher avenue, from Dillon street to Linden street ;

And was passed by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Bagby, Brown, Bugbee, Case, Cochran, Morse, McGinty, Reading, Steinhauer, Thomas, Tucker, Walker, Watts, Wood, and W. G. Wright—15.

Negative—Councilmen Byram, Dill, Izor, Layman, Pouder, Sindlinger, Stoner, and A. L. Wright—8.

The following entitled ordinance was then read the third time :

S. O. 39, 1877—An ordinance to provide for the erection of lamp-posts, lamps, and fixtures, complete to burn gas, except the service pipes, on Olive street, from Prospect street to Pleasant Run;

And was passed by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Bagby, Brown, Bugbee, Case, Cochran, Morse, McGinty, Reading, Steinhauer, Thomas, Tucker, Walker, Watts, Wood, and W. G. Wright—15.

Negative—Councilmen Byram, Dill, Izor, Layman, Pouder, Sindlinger, Stoner, and A. L. Wright—8.

The following entitled ordinance was then read the third time :

S. O. 42, 1877—An ordinance to provide for grading, and paving with brick, the sidewalks of First street, from Illinois street to Meridian street;

And was passed by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Bagby, Brown, Bugbee, Byram, Case, Cochran, Dill, Izor, Layman, Morse, McGinty, Pouder, Reading, Sindlinger, Steinhauer, Stoner, Thomas, Tucker, Walker, Watts, Wood, A. L. Wright, and W. G. Wright—23.

Negative—None.

On motion, the Common Council then adjourned.

JOHN CAVEN, Mayor.

Attest :

BENJ. C. WRIGHT, City Clerk.