

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

THIRD JOINT CONVENTION

OF THE

Board of Aldermen and Common Council.

CHAMBER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL, }
Friday, June 1st, 1877—8 o'clock P. M. }

The Joint Convention of the Board of Aldermen and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis met, pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

His Honor, the Mayor, John Caven, in the chair, and the following members :

Aldermen Chandler, Coburn, Foster, Krug, McGill, Snyder, Stratford, Wallace, and Wiles ; and Councilmen Bagby, Brown, Bugbee, Byram, Case, Cochran, Dill, Izor, Layman, Marsee, McGinty, Pouder, Reading, Reed, Steinhauer, Tucker, Walker, Watts, Wood, Wright, A. L., and Wright, W. G. Total, 30.

Absent — Alderman Newcomb (president), and Councilmen Morse, Stoner, and Thomas. Total, 4.

The Chairman announced the special order for the Joint Convention to be the election of Market Master at East Market, Market Master at West Market, and Superintendent of City Hospital and Branch, and that nominations for said offices could now be made.

On motion of Councilman Reed, the election of Superintendent of City Hospital and Branch was first taken up.

The Chairman appointed Councilmen Walker and Reading as tellers.

For Superintendent of City Hospital and Branch—Councilman Reed nominated Dr. William H. Davis.

No further nomination being made, a ballot was then had; which resulted in Dr. Davis receiving 25 votes.

Dr. William H. Davis having received all the votes cast, he was declared duly elected to the office of Superintendent of the City Hospital and Branch for the ensuing year.

For Market Master at East Market—Alderman Chandler nominated Jehiel B. Hampton; Alderman Stratford nominated James W. Gray, and read the following proposition:

Indianapolis, May 31, 1877.

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

Gentlemen :—I desire to make the following proposition:

If elected by your Joint Convention I will accept the office of Market Master at the East Market, will serve the people in that capacity to the best of my ability, and will furnish good and sufficient bonds that I will faithfully comply with all the requirements of the ordinances governing the office of Market Master.

I agree further, that I will cover into the city treasury, out of the fees belonging to the office, one thousand dollars each year, payable quarterly, the same to be used for any purpose the Council may direct.

And I herewith present the following names of gentlemen as bondsmen for the faithful performance of all the specifications in this proposition.

J. W. GRAY.

We, the undersigned, hereby agree to become the bondsmen of Jas. W. Gray, for the faithful carrying out of this proposition.

THAD. M. STEVENS,
JOS. EARNSHAW,
J. C. DENNY,
J. L. FISHER.

Councilman Reed moved to postpone the election of the Market Masters for one week from this date.

Councilman Byram demanded the ayes and noes; which were called, and Councilman Reed's motion to lay over was defeated by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Case, Marsee, McGinty, Reading, Reed, Walker, and Wood—7.

Negative—Aldermen Chandler, Coburn, Krug, McGill, Snyder, Stratford, Wallace, and Wiles; and Councilmen Bagby, Brown, Bugbee, Byram, Cochran, Dill, Izor, Layman, Pouder, Steinhauer, Tucker, Watts, Wright, A. L., and Wright, W. G.—22.

No further nominations being made, a ballot was then had; which resulted in Mr. Hampton receiving 19 votes, Mr. Gray 9 votes, and 1 blank vote was cast.

Jehiel B. Hampton having received a majority of all the votes cast, he was declared duly elected to the office of Market Master at East Market for the ensuing year.

For Market Master at West Market—Councilman Marsee nominated Roger R. Shiel, Alderman Krug nominated Marcellus L. Smock, and Alderman McGill nominated James W. Gray.

Councilman Izor presented the following remonstrance ; which was received :

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

Gentlemen :—We, the undersigned, gardeners, butchers and venders of the West Market, do enter our protest against the appointment of Rhody Shiel as Market Master, for the reason he is not capable; and, further, that he is not, and has already proved himself unfit, for the position.

CHAS. A. WORLAND,
ABEL SCHUSSLER,
N. B. NORRIS,
F. PYBURN,

And 183 other signatures.

No further nominations being made, a ballot was then had; which resulted in Mr. Shiel receiving 19 votes, Mr. Smock 2 votes, Mr. Gray 7 votes, and 2 blank votes were cast.

Roger R. Shiel having received a majority of all the votes cast, he was declared to be duly elected to the office of Market Master at West Market for the ensuing year.

The Chairman presented the following invitation, which had inadvertently been overlooked at the late session of the Board of Aldermen, asking said Board to act upon same as a separate component part of the Joint Convention; and, on motion by Alderman Stratford, the invitation was accepted:

Indianapolis, May 28, 1877.

To the Honorable, the Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis:

On Sunday, the 3d proximo, the Catholic citizens of Indianapolis and vicinity will assemble in this city for the purpose of honoring an anniversary to be observed by Catholics throughout the world; and the undersigned, a committee appointed on behalf of the several Catholic congregations of this city, take pleasure in respectfully inviting your Honorable Body to be present on that occasion, and participate in the observances of the day.

Your obedient servants,

HENRY GIMBER,
PATRICK BARRY,
JAMES McCARTY,

Committee.

Councilman Marsee presented the following petition from the unemployed workingmen of the city :

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

We, the undersigned, as representatives of the unemployed workingmen of this city, who have exhausted all the means in our power to obtain employment, and have failed, do now most respectfully ask and pray that you give us work, or devise some means by which we can relieve our suffering families. Furthermore, we have been promised work on the Belt Road and new Gas Works, and as yet but few have been given employment, while we have good reason to believe that these corporations intend to give out their work to parties outside of the city.

And we respectfully ask that our wants should be supplied first, as something will have to be done to relieve the suffering in our midst.

Hoping that you can give us relief, we remain,

Yours respectfully,

Joseph Maudlin, Wm. Maudlin, D. Worman, Jno.
James, Hugh Britter, S. B. Wyckoff, William
Haley, James Smith, and 853 others.

A delegation of the signers of the petition being in waiting in the lobby, on motion of Councilman Marsee, their spokesman, Mr. T. L. Chilton, was granted the privilege of addressing the Joint Convention.

Councilman Marsee then moved to refer the petition to the Finance Committee and His Honor, the Mayor.

Councilman Reed offered the following motion, as an amendment to that offered by Councilman Marsee; and the same was accepted and adopted :

Moved, That the petition of the unemployed workingmen be received, and that a committee of three from the Council and Board of Aldermen be appointed by His Honor, the Mayor, to select twenty of our influential and well-known citizens, to constitute a committee to devise ways and means of affording relief in the present emergency in which a large number of our workingmen find themselves placed—without money and without work.

The Chairman appointed Councilman Reed, Alderman Coburn, and Councilman McGinty as the special committee called for by said motion.

A recess of the Joint Convention was had until the special committee could frame their report.

The Joint Convention being called to order again, Councilman Reed submitted the following report; which was adopted :

To the Joint Convention of the Board of Aldermen and Common Council :

Gentlemen :—Your committee, to whom was assigned the duty of selecting a committee of our fellow-citizens to devise ways and means to afford relief to the unemployed workingmen of the city, beg leave to report that they have selected the following gentlemen :

W. H. English, Thos. H. Sharpe, S. A. Fletcher, Sr., F. M. Churchman, W. T. Gibson, Dr. W. C. Thompson, Dr. J. H. Woodburn, Jacob S. Woods, Andrew Wallace, William Sullivan, Dr. P. H. Jameson, Wm. H. Morrison, David Macy, Theodore P. Haughey, Wm. Henderson, John R. Elder, Jas. B. Ryan, L. W. Hasselman, E. B. Martindale, John C. Shoemaker.

Respectfully submitted,

ENOS B. REED,
H. COBURN,
MARTIN MCGINTY.
Committee.

On motion of Councilman Reed, their Honors, Mayor Caven and President *pro tem*. Foster of the Board of Aldermen, were appointed as a committee to notify the Citizens' Advisory Committee of their selection.

On motion of Councilman Byram, the Joint Convention then adjourned, to meet again at the call of the Mayor or President of the Board of Aldermen.

JOHN CAVEN, Mayor,
Chairman of the Joint Convention.

Attest :

BENJ. C. WRIGHT, City Clerk.