

PROCEEDINGS OF COMMON COUNCIL.

REGULAR SESSION—JUNE 21, 1880.

The Common Council of the City of Indianapolis met in the Council Chamber, on Monday evening, June 21st, A. D. 1880, at eight o'clock, in regular session.

PRESENT—Hon. Jehn Caven, Mayor, and, *ex officio*, President of the Common Council, in the Chair, and 23 members, viz: Councilmen Bedford, Bryce, Caylor, Dean, Dowling, Downey, Fultz, Harrold, Kahn, Koller, Lamb, Lang, Mauer, Morrison, McKay, O'Connor, Pearson, Pritchard, Shilling, Thalman, VanVorhis, White, and Yoke.

ABSENT—Councilmen Bernhamer, and Prier—2.

The Proceedings of the Common Council, for the regular session held on June 7th, 1880, having been printed, and placed on the desks of the Councilmen, said Journals were approved as published.

Sealed proposals for making the below described improvements were opened, read, and referred to the Committees on Contracts:

- (S. O. 71, 1879)—For grading and graveling Ohio street and sidewalks, from Arsenal avenue to State avenue.
- (S. O. 2, 1880)—For grading and graveling McKernan street and sidewalks, from Buchanan street to the south line of Out-lot No. 99.
- (S. O. 3, 1880)—For grading and graveling Atwood street and sidewalks, from the south line of Out-lot No. 99 to Sanders street.
- (S. O. 15, 1880)—For re-grading the first alley south of Harrison street, from Harrison street to Cedar street.
- (S. O. 46, 1880)—For grading and bowldering the alley between Pennsylvania and Meridian streets, from Georgia street to the south line of lot 6, square 97.
- (S. O. 51, 1880)—For grading and graveling Spruce street and sidewalks. between Prospect street and Pleasant Run.
- (S. O. 52, 1880)—For grading and paving with brick the sidewalks, and curbing the outer edges with stone, and bowldering the gutters, of Pearl street, between Delaware street and Alabama street, (where not already properly paved, curbed or bowldered.)
- (S. O. 57, 1880)—For grading and graveling the first alley east of Union street, from Morris street to Hanway street.

(S. O. 59, 1880)—For grading, and paving with brick, the east sidewalk of West street, (where not already paved,) from St. Clair street to First street.

(S. O. 60, 1880)—For improving Malott avenue, from Alvord street to Columbia avenue, by grading and bowldering the gutters, and curbing with stone and paving with brick the sidewalks thereof, except where already bowldered, curbed or paved.

For building one 1,800 barrel cistern, under the direction of the City Civil Engineer, at or near the corner of Ash street and Tenth street.

Sealed proposals for making the below described improvements were opened, read, and received:

(S. O. 53, 1880)—For grading and graveling the first alley south of Home avenue, from Ash street to Bellefontaine avenue.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES ON CONTRACTS.

The Committees on Contracts, through Councilman Thalman, submitted the following report; which was concurred in, and the several contracts awarded as recommended:

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

Gentlemen:—Your Committees on Contracts, to whom was referred sundry proposals, presented to Council June 7th, 1880, have examined the same, and find them to be as follows, viz:

1st. For grading and bowldering the gutters, and curbing with stone the outer edges of the sidewalks, (except where already bowldered and curbed) of Alabama street, from Wabash street to New York street.

John Schier, 60 cents per lineal foot front on each side for bowldering, and 36 cents per lineal foot front on each side for curbing.

Richard Carr, 58 cents per lineal foot front on each side for bowldering, and 37 cents per lineal foot front on each side for curbing.

James Mahoney, 60 cents per lineal foot front on each side for bowldering, and 34 cents per lineal foot front on each side for curbing.

R. P. Dunning and Jas. W. Hudson, 57 cents per lineal foot front on each side for bowldering, and 37 cents per lineal foot front on each side for curbing.

Henry C. Roney, 83 cents per lineal foot front on each side for bowldering and curbing.

Dunning & Hudson being the lowest and best bidders, we recommend they be awarded the contract—H. C. Roney's bid being irregular, not specifying the cost of bowldering and curbing separately.

2d. For grading and bowldering West street, and grading the sidewalks to make a width of twenty-five feet, and curbing the outer edge thereof with stone, (except where already curbed,) from Washington street to Kentucky avenue.

Henry C. Roney, \$1.35 per lineal foot front on each side for bowldering; 41 cents per lineal foot front on each side for curbing, and 20 cents per lineal foot front on each side for setting curb.

Richard Carr, \$1.38 per lineal foot front on each side for bowldering; 37 cents per lineal foot front on each side for curbing, and 12½ cents per lineal foot front on each side for re-setting curb.

Fred. Gansberg, \$1.29 per lineal foot front on each side for bowldering; 35 cents per lineal foot front on each side for curbing, and 7 cents per lineal foot front on each side for re-setting curb.

R. P. Dunning and Jas. W. Hudson, \$1.19 per lineal foot front on each side for bowldering; 37 cents per lineal foot front on each side for curbing, and 5 cents per lineal foot front on each side for re-setting curb.

R. P. Dunning and Jas. W. Hudson being the lowest and best bidders, we recommend they be awarded the contract.

3d. For grading and paving with brick (except where already paved,) the sidewalks of North street, from Illinois street to the Indianapolis, Cincinnati and Lafayette Railroad tracks,

Henry C. Roney, 48 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

Smith & Sylvester, 47½ cents per lineal foot front on each side.

Geo. Woodfill & Son, 44½ cents per lineal foot front on each side.

John Schier, 37½ cents per lineal foot front on each side.

John Schier being the lowest and best bidder, we recommend he be awarded the contract.

Respectfully submitted,

Isaac Thalman,
E. H. Koller,
James A. Pritchard,
H. E. Drew,
Committees on Contracts.

COMMUNICATIONS, ETC., FROM THE MAYOR.

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

Indianapolis, Ind., June 21, 1880.

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

Gentlemen:—The amount of forfeitures collected by me during May, due the city treasury, was \$38.17, which amount I have paid to the City Treasurer, and filed his receipt therefor with the City Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,

J. CAVEN, Mayor.

His Honor, Mayor Caven, presented the following communication; which was referred to the Board of Public Improvements and the Councilman from the Third Ward, with power to act:

Indianapolis, June 14th, 1880.

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

Gentlemen:—Your communication, appertaining to my complying with an agreement between your honorable bodies and my predecessor, received.

After examining the books, and having a consultation with Mr. King, I am unable to find a contract either verbal or otherwise, that would hold me, in any way, responsible for the repairing of Twelfth street.

Yours, respectfully,

ALONZO D. HARVEY,
Trustee Centre Township, Marion County, Ind.

Also, the following communication; which was received, and the resignation accepted:

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

I hereby tender to you my resignation of the office of Weighmaster and Wood-measurer at the West Market of said city.

June 14th, 1880.

Respectfully,

SIMEON GOINS.

Also, the following communication; which was received:

Indianapolis, June 18, 1880.

To the Honorable Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—Enclosed please find Complimentary Tickets to Gilmore's Zoological Garden. We hope and trust that you will favor us with a visit, and will ascertain for yourselves, by ocular demonstration, that we are endeavoring to establish in this city a first-class, respectable *moral* place of light amusement and instruction, and fill what we think an existing want in the amusement line, and are really deserving the patronage and support of Indianapolis' best citizens.

We remain yours, very respectfully, &c.,

C. T. GILMORE, and
TURNER & FELTON.

REPORTS, ETC., FROM CITY OFFICERS.

The City Civil Engineer submitted the following report; which was received, and the estimates and assessments (presented therewith) approved:

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

Gentlemen:—I herewith report the following estimates:

A first and final estimate in behalf of Fred. Gansberg, for grading and bowldering the alley between Meridian and Illinois streets, from Maryland street to Georgia street.

838 lineal feet, at 34 cents..... \$284 92

A first and final estimate in behalf of Henry C. Roney, for grading, and paving with brick, the south sidewalk, (except where already paved,) of Cherry street, from Broadway street to Plum street.

216, 9-12 lineal feet, at 35 cents \$75 87

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. PATTERSON, City Civil Engineer.

The following estimate resolution was then 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 Fred. Gansberg, for grading and bowldering the alley between Meridian and Illinois streets, from Maryland street to Georgia street be, and the same is hereby, adopted as the estimate of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen, 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, 22—viz. Councilmen Bedford, Bryce, Caylor, Dean, Dowling, Downey, Fultz, Harrold, Kahn, Koller, Lamb, Lang, Morrison, McKay, O'Connor, Pearson, Pritchard, Shilling, Thalman, Van Vorhis, White, and Yoke.

NAYS—None.

The following estimate resolution was also 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 Henry C. Roney, for grading and paving with brick, the south sidewalk (except where already paved,)

of Cherry street, from Broadway street to Plum street be, and the same is hereby, adopted as the estimate of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen, 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, 22—viz. Councilmen Bedford, Bryce, Caylor, Dean, Dowling, Downey, Fultz, Harrold, Kahn, Koller, Lamb, Lang, Morrison, McKay, O'Connor, Pearson, Pritchard, Shilling, Thalman, VanVorhis, White, and Yoke.

NAYS—None.

The City Civil Engineer submitted the following report; which was referred to the Committee on Sewers and Drainage:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen.—At a meeting of your honorable body, held May 31st, 1880, a motion was adopted instructing me to make an examination and report whether the water from the east end of English avenue could be taken down Reid street to Pleasant Run; would beg leave to report the following for your consideration and action thereon. The gutters would have to be cut to the following depths, to run the water off on said proposed line:

At English avenue, 00, or $1\frac{2}{10}$ feet below the surface of the ground.

At Fletcher avenue, $3\frac{6}{10}$ feet below the present grade, or $4\frac{5}{10}$ feet below the surface of the ground.

At Hoyt avenue, $5\frac{6}{10}$ feet below the present grade, or $7\frac{8}{10}$ feet below surface of the ground.

At Lexington avenue, $7\frac{4}{10}$ feet below present grade, or $10\frac{6}{10}$ feet below surface of the ground.

At Pleasant street, $8\frac{2}{10}$ feet below present grade, or $9\frac{6}{10}$ feet below surface of the ground.

At Woodlawn avenue, $8\frac{2}{10}$ feet below present grade, or $11\frac{6}{10}$ feet below surface of the ground.

At Prospect street, 8 feet below present grade, or 11 feet below surface of the ground.

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. PATTERSON, City Civil Engineer.

The City Clerk submitted the following report:

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

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

E. B. Elliott vs. H. Wampner, (christian name unknown,) for..... \$8 80

James Mahoney vs. Chris. Baumfuro, for..... 36 30

Dunning & Hudson vs. Young, Cassady, et al..... 3 90

And recommend that you order the precepts to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

Jos. T. MAGNER, City Clerk.

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

AYES, 21—viz. Councilmen Bedford, Bryce, Caylor, Dowling, Downey, Fultz, Harrold, Kahn, Koller, Lamb, Lang, Mauer, Morrison, McKay, O'Connor, Pearson, Pritchard, Shilling, VanVorhis, White, and Yoke.

NAYS, 1—viz. Councilman Thalman.

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

Indianapolis, June 21, 1880.

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

Gentlemen:—I herewith submit my report of orders drawn on the City Treasurer during the fiscal year ending May 31st, 1880; 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.

Respectfully submitted,

Jos. T. MAGNER, City Clerk.

Orders issued on the City Treasurer during the Fiscal Year commencing with June 1st, 1879, and ending with May 31st, 1880.

Board of Health.....	\$	935	05
Bridges.....		3,652	93
City Assessor's Department.....		3,694	25
City Civil Engineer's Department.....		1,969	13
City Commissioners.....		267	00
City Dispensary.....		2,385	60
City Hall.....		3,904	68
City Hospital and Branch.....		10,286	07
City Treasurer's percentage.....		10,165	63
Cisterns.....	
Coal oil light.....		223	92
Damages and Costs.....		13,249	60
Elections.....		711	10
Fountains.....		18	65
Fire Department.....		64,974	42
Gas.....		60,120	53
Incidentals.....		1,666	90
Insurance.....		346	63
Interest on Bonds.....		122,447	50
Markets.....		636	38
Market-Masters' Fees.....		1,758	81
Parks.....		969	25
Police.....		43,385	71
Printing.....		4,650	05
Salary.....		16,764	53
Sewers.....		100	00
Station Houses.....		2,359	37
Street Improvements.....		3,682	88
Street Repairs.....		37,128	14
Taxes Refunded.....		259	38
Tomlinson Annuity.....		7,000	00
Tunnels.....		22	40
Water Rent.....		26,169	57
			\$ 445,906 07
Gregg Bequest.....		7,124	41
Home for Friendless Women.....		523	70
School Fund.....		122,309	06
Tomlinson Estate (repairs, etc.).....		55	90
			\$ 130,013 07
Grand Total.....			\$ 575,919 13

Of the above orders, there remained in the custody of the City Clerk,
 uncalled for, on May 31st, 1880, the aggregate sum of..... \$ 1,003 62
 And of orders drawn in previous years, the aggregate sum of..... 2,296 46

Total..... \$ 3,300 08

*Tabular Statement of the Bonded Indebtedness of the City of Indianapolis, on
 May 31st, 1880.*

KIND OF BONDS.	Date of Issue.	Date of Maturity.	Face of Bonds.	No. of Bonds.	Rate of Interest.	When Payable.	AGGREGATE AMOUNTS.
Indpl's & Vincen's R. R. Co.	Jan. 1, 1869.	Jan. 1, 1889.	\$ 500	120	6	April 1st.	\$ 60,000 00
Junction R. R. Co.	Jan. 1, 1869.	Jan. 1, 1889.	500	100	6	April 1st.	50,000 00
L., C. & D. R. R. Co.	Jan. 1, 1870.	Jan. 1, 1890.	590	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.	360,000 00
Southern Park Purchase.	Jan. 26, 1874.	Jan. 26, 1894.	500	217	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	147	3	Jan. & July 1st.	7,000 00
Fire Department.	Jan. 1, 1876.	Jan. 1, 1886.	1000	97	3	July & Jan. 1st.	9,000 00
Series "E"	Jan. 1, 1876.	Jan. 1, 1896.	1000	87	3	July & Jan. 1st.	8,000 00
Patterson Levee.	July 1, 1876	July 1, 1896.	1000	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
Grand Total.							\$1,914,500 0 0

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 50	
Fire Department	" " " "	January 1st.	9	36 50	328 50	
Series "E"	" " " "	January 1st.	8	36 50	292 00	
U. R. R. T. & S. Y. Co.*	" " " "	January 1st.	500	30 00	15,000 00	\$ 62,722 75
Ind'polis & Vin. R. R. Co.	City Treasury, Indianapolis.	April 1st.	120	30 00	3,600 00	
Junction R. R. Co.	" " " "	April 1st.	100	30 00	3,000 00	
Sellers' Farm Purchase.	Winslow, Lanier & Co., N. Y.	April 1st.	21	40 00	840 00	7,440 00
Series "A"	Winslow, Lanier & Co., N. Y.	July 1st.	300	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	
Fire Department	" " " "	July 1st.	9	36 50	328 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	60,322 75
Sellers' Farm Purchase.	Winslow, Lanier & Co., N. Y.	October 1st.	21	40 00	840 00	840 00
Grand Total.						\$131,325 50

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

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

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

Indianapolis, June 21st, 1880.

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

Gentlemen:—I beg leave to report that the Board of County Commissioners have this day granted the prayer of your petition, for the annexation to the city of the following lands owned by Fred. Henry Wiley, to-wit:

One acre, more or less, in the north half of the southwest quarter of Section thirty-five (35,) Township sixteen (16,) Range three (3) east, bounded on the west by the Michigan Road, on the south by Fourth street, and on the east by the Central Canal.

2d. I also report that I have collected the sum of \$43 $\frac{27}{100}$, the same being the amount allowed and paid on the claim of The City vs. the estate of A. W. Davis, and have paid the same to the City Treasurer, and filed his receipt with the City Clerk.

3d. I would also report that in the case of James Muse vs. The City, now pending on appeal in the General Term of the Superior Court, the parties to whom the judgment was assigned, have offered to compromise on the payment of \$450.00 and costs. This case has been tried twice, and on both trials a judgment was rendered against the city. On the last trial the plaintiff recovered judgment for \$501.31, the same being the amount found due on his contract, with interest.

I am inclined to the opinion that the offer of compromise should be accepted.

4th. I also submit herewith a petition of Ira Russell, for such action thereon as you may deem proper.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN A. HENRY, City Attorney.

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

Indianapolis, June 19, 1880.

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

Gentlemen:—The undersigned respectfully represents that he has been for several years the owner of lots 39 and 40, in Duncan's Addition to the city of Indianapolis, situated on the east side of Delaware street in said city, and that on the 4th day of October, 1875, said lots were assessed the sum of \$45 for the opening of Second street. At the time of said assessment said lots were owned by C. H. Cole. The undersigned further represents that he understands and believes that the said assessment was illegal and void for want of regularity in making the same, and that such illegality has been declared by the courts of Marion county, at various times, and whenever the question has been properly presented to them.

The undersigned further represents that because of such adverse legal decisions, and for other reasons, he understands and believes that the attempt to collect said assessment has for several years been abandoned.

He therefore prays your honorable body that the lien of the city on said lots for said assessment may be released, and the same certified off the record.

Respectfully submitted,

IRA RUSSELL,

By M. R. BARNARD, his Agent.

REPORTS, ETC., FROM OFFICIAL BOARDS.

The Fire Board, through Councilman Pearson, submitted the following report; which was concurred in, and the Committee on Judiciary instructed to aid the City Attorney in making examination of the titles:

Indianapolis, June 21, 1880.

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

Gentlemen:—As per our report submitted to your honorable bodies dated May 3, 1880, concerning the removal of Nos. 9 and 10 Hose-Reel Companies, which, by your action, was approved. Your committee, as per your instructions, have advertised for proposals to sell the city ground for each company, location as designated in our report of May 3, 1880, beg leave to offer the following report:

For the No. 9 Hose-Reel Company we recommend that the proposition of M. B. Rudisill, per W. H. Allen, agent, be accepted. Location of lot, on northwest corner of Seventh and Ash streets, 47 feet front on Ash, and $135\frac{65}{100}$ feet on Seventh street to a 12 foot alley. Price, \$1,150.00, cash.

For the No. 10 Hose-Reel Company, we recommend that the proposition of A. Baker, agent, and guardian of the heirs of W. H. L. Noble, be accepted. Location, northwest corner of Coburn and High streets, being 67 feet front by $149\frac{1}{2}$ feet deep. Price, \$1,300 00, cash.

Should your honorable bodies concur in the above report, we recommend that before the purchase is completed, that the agents—A. Baker and W. H. Allen—be requested to furnish the city an abstract title and deed, which shall be passed by the City Attorney before the purchase money is paid.

Respectfully submitted,

James T. Layman,
John R. Pearson,
Isaac Thalman,
Fire Board.

JOHN G. PENDERGAST, Chief Fire Engineer.

The Hospital Board, through Councilman Bryce, submitted the following report; which was concurred in:

Indianapolis, June 21, 1880.

To the Mayor and City Council:

We respectfully submit our report on the question of furnishing the City Hospital with gas:

The Gas Co. agrees to furnish a main leading from the end of Indiana avenue across the lot to the Hospital building. By a rough estimate, made by one of our oldest gas fitters, the cost of chandeliers and gas pipe into all parts of the buildings, will be about \$300. By information received from Mr. Pendergast, we find that gas costs less, in the engine houses, than coal oil. We therefore recommend that gas be put in use in the Hospital.

Signed,

Peter F. Bryce,
N. Yoke,
Hospital Board.

The Board of Public Improvements and Joint Committees on Streets and Alleys, through Councilman Morrison, submitted the following report; which was concurred in:

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

Gentlemen:—The Board of Public Improvements and Joint Committees on Streets and Alleys, to whom was referred S. O. 12, 1880, and S. O. 13, 1880, ordi-

nances to provide for the improvement of Meridian street, from New York street to Seventh street, with cedar blocks, together with petitions for, and remonstrances against, said improvements, would report thereon as follows:

After due consultation and careful investigation of this matter, we recommend that said ordinances be passed. Respectfully submitted,

Jno. T. Downey,
Wm. H. Morrison,
John A. Lang,

Council Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Wm. H. Morrison,
Hiram Seibert,
Edward H. Dean,
Board of Public Improvements.

The Board of Public Improvements, through Councilman Morrison, submitted the following report; which was received, and the several recommendations concurred in, except the 10th clause, which was referred back to the said Board :

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

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

1st. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner be directed to clean the gutters of, and fill the chuck-holes in, Noble street, from Washington street to New York street.

Recommend that the work be done.

2d. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner be instructed to haul six loads of gravel on the West Market, to be placed where the Market Master may direct; and to clean the gutters on west Washington street, from Missouri street to West street, and on Missouri street, from Washington street to first alley south, and to fill with gravel the chuck-holes on Missouri street, from Washington street to first alley south of Washington street.

Recommend that the work be done.

3d. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner fill up around the cistern on North street, near Pine street, as the same is in a dangerous condition.

Recommend that the work be done with cinders.

4th. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner raise the west sidewalk of Chestnut street. (where it may need it,) to a level with the street.

Recommend that the Street Commissioner put a few loads of gravel on the sidewalk, near Morris street, and clean the gutters.

5th. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner clean gutters, and fill with gravel chuck-holes, in Madison avenue, between Morris street and Jeff. Railroad.

Recommend that the chuck-holes be filled from Merrill street to Madison railroad.

6th. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner repair the block pavement on Market street, from Delaware street to Pennsylvania street, with good blocks that are being taken up on Tennessee street; they can be bought for 50 cents per load.

Recommend that new blocks be procured, and the work be done.

7th. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner lower the grade of the alley east of the intersection of the Pendleton road and Clifford avenue, between the Pendleton road and Brookside avenue, and boulder the same.

Recommend that the alley be improved, and when done, the Board will boulder the intersection on Pendleton road.

8th. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner clean culvert under the I., P. & C. R. R., at the intersection of Seventh street.

Recommend that the Street Commissioner clean the pipes.

9th. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner place a bridge over west gutter of Dillon street, on north side and west end of Woodlawn avenue.

Impossible to put in a foot bridge at this point, without damage to private property; therefore recommend the work be not done.

10th. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner examine and repair the bridge on Prospect street over Pogue's Run.

Said bridge belongs to the Lick Creek Gravel Road Co.; therefore recommend that the work be not done.

11th. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner repair with cinders, or broken stone, the sidewalks of Merrill street at the intersection of Gipsy street.

Recommend that the work be *not* done.

12th. Is a motion that the Street Commissioner clean gutters, and fill the chuck-holes in Olive street.

Recommend that the north end be cleaned, from Lexington avenue to Pleasant street; the balance of the gutters in said street we find in good condition, except where the water stands from the use of a pump; and we recommend that the Street Commissioner notify the owner of said pump to build a sink, to run the waste water into, or remove the pump.

Respectfully submitted,

Wm. H. Morrison,
Hiram Seibert,
Edward H. Dean,
Board of Public Improvements.

The Board of Health submitted the following report; which was referred to the Committee on Sewers and Drainage and the City Civil Engineer, with instructions to report at the next regular meeting:

Indianapolis, June 21st, 1880.

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

Gentlemen:—Numerous complaints come to this office in regard to stagnant ponds of water, of which there are a great many in this city. They are undoubtedly the cause of much disease. Under existing ordinances, it is difficult for this Board to proceed in the matter. We consider the subject of sufficient importance to this community to merit your attention; and we earnestly recommend that some action be promptly taken by your honorable bodies looking towards the filling or draining of such ponds.

We also respectfully call your attention to the accompanying communication of Mr. Wm. Armstrong, in regard to the alley north of Arch street, with our indorsement thereon, all of which explains itself.

Intestinal diseases are much more prevalent than usual, this early in the summer, and citizens should be guarded in the use of unripe fruit and stale vegetables.

Respectfully submitted,

E. S. ELDER, M. D., Pres't.

W. E. JEFFRIES, Sec'y.

The Board of Health submitted the following communication; which was referred to the Board of Public Improvements, with instructions to report an ordinance, if it was deemed necessary:

Indianapolis, June 10th, 1880.

Gentlemen of the Board of Health:

Some weeks ago an ordinance passed the Council, requiring that the alley north of Arch street, extending from Broadway to Plum, be graded and graveled. The ordinance, I learn, has become of no effect by reason of a remonstrance against it on the part of property owners along the alley. This is to be regretted, as in the present condition of the alley there is no sufficient drainage of water. The lots on which dwellings 62, 66, and 68 stand, are flooded with water at every considerable rain-fall; and as a consequence, the privy-vaults on those lots are overflowed and rendered obnoxious to health. I reside in dwelling 66. Will you please give this matter early attention?

Truly yours, &c.,

WM. ARMSTRONG.

The alley in question has been examined by this Board, and the condition of the same found to be as represented by Mr. Armstrong. The alley should be graded and graveled as a sanitary measure, and we respectfully recommend that it be done.

E. S. ELDER, Pres't.

W. E. JEFFRIES, Sec'y.

The Board of Health submitted the following report; which was received:

Report of Deaths in the City of Indianapolis, from the 31st day of May, to the 15th day of June, 1880—inclusive.

Under 1 year.....	26
1 to 2 years.....	9
2 to 5 ".....	8
5 to 10 ".....	5
10 to 15 ".....	2
15 to 20 ".....	1
20 to 25 ".....	2
25 to 30 ".....	1
30 to 40 ".....	4
40 to 50 ".....	1
50 to 60 ".....	2
60 to 70 ".....	4
70 to 80 ".....	3
80 to 90 ".....	2
90 to 100 ".....	0
100 and upwards.....	0
Unknown.....	0
Total.....	70

Respectfully,

E. S. ELDER, M. D., President,
W. E. JEFFRIES, M. D., Secretary,

REPORTS, ETC., FROM COMMITTEES.

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

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—Your Finance Committee, to whom was submitted the monthly report of the City Clerk, showing an itemized statement of the orders drawn on the City Treasury, during the month of May, 1880, would beg leave to report that they have thoroughly examined the books of the City Clerk, and found said report true in form, and correct.

Respectfully submitted,

Leon Kahn,
M. H. McKay,
Jas. T. Dowling,
E. H. Koller.
John R. Pearson,
Finance Committee.

The Joint Committees on Judiciary, through Councilman Lamb, submitted the following report; which was concurred in, except the 5th clause, which was recommitted:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—Your Judiciary Committee, together with the City Attorney, to whom was referred sundry papers, report thereon:

1st. Is a motion asking, or looking to, the condemnation of certain rights, or supposed rights, of the White River Gravel Road Company, in and through north West street, "or old Michigan Road," from First street north to where the same crosses the Central Canal. We direct the City Attorney to investigate fully the facts in relation to any rights and franchises said road has in said street, and deliver his opinion thereon in writing to this Council, at its next meeting. Also, to suggest the necessary steps required to condemn such rights, if any, said company may have.

2d. Is a petition of R. S. Dorsey and others, stating that certain church property, of which they are Trustees, is listed for taxes, and that the sum of \$59.52 stands against it, and that the same is advertised for sale on account thereof, and asking relief. We are of the opinion that the property is wrongfully taxed, under the law, and recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and that the City Treasurer and Assessor be, and are hereby, directed to change their assessment and books so as to accord herewith.

3d. Is a petition of Jos. A. Moore, asking the return of \$11.16 on account of taxes erroneously paid. We recommend that the prayer of the petitioner be granted.

4th. Is a petition by T. A. Goodwin, demanding a return of \$30 on account of taxes paid by him to raise certain tax liens on certain properties in which petitioner had an interest. The petitioner makes this demand with some force; but your committee can hardly conclude that he is entitled to a recovery, under the rule. The money sought to be recovered seems to have been paid to protect private interest, than otherwise, and it can hardly be maintained that money thus paid can be recovered. We recommend the City Attorney to, if he can, agree on certain facts—not open to dispute—with the petitioner, and submit them to the proper court for adjudication, if desired by petitioner. Prayer not granted.

5th. Is a petition by Helen M. Rockwood and others, asking for \$1,189.75, and further setting out that in 1879 Wm. M. Wiles, then City Treasurer, "did not offer at public sale, the property listed in the name of the Brown Rotary Shuttle Sewing Machine Company, under duplicate number 1371 for the year 1878." They aver that sometime afterwards S. A. Fletcher & Co. bought said property at tax sale, paying the above sum therefor, which sale petitioners claim was illegal. They ask the city to pay Fletcher & Co. the full amount, with six per cent. interest, and recall the certificate of purchase. There is a suit now pending in the Superior Court, involving the rights of the parties herein, and we deem it meddlesome for us to interfere in any way. Prayer of petitioners not granted.

Very respectfully submitted,

Wm. C. Lamb,
James A. Pritchard,
Jas. T. Dowling,
D. W. Grubbs,
James T. Layman,
Judiciary Committees,

JOHN A. HENRY, City Attorney.

The Committees on Judiciary and Finance, and the City Attorney, through Councilman Lamb, submitted the following report; which was concurred in:

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—Your Joint Judiciary and Finance Committees, together with the City Attorney, to whom was referred a communication from the City Attorney, report thereon: The communication shows in brief the following facts:

One Ruscharp owned fifty feet of ground on north Pennsylvania street; Simon Yandes had a mortgage on this ground; when Second street was opened, this ground was taken. In the condemnation proceedings, this property received

\$6,344.00 on account of damage to it. This money was afterwards paid to Ruscharp, who yet had the fee-simple of record; Yandes was not made a party to the condemnation proceedings. In a suit to foreclose his mortgage, Yandes has twice recovered against the city—the last time for \$5,858.69. He now offers to take \$4,500 as a compromise, and release the city from further liability.

We are of the opinion that if Mr. Yandes recovers at all, he will get a larger sum than he offers to take. The Judges of the Marion County Superior Court have united in holding the city liable in the full amount. We think it not a good business chance to further litigate the matter, and recommend the acceptance of the above proposition. We cannot but add that, in our judgment, had the proper skill and caution been observed by the proper officers at the proper time, this money would not have been lost.

Very respectfully submitted,
 Leon Kahn,
 Committee on Finance.

Wm. C. Lamb,
 James A. Pritchard,
 James T. Dowling,
 D. W. Grubbs,
 James T. Layman,
 Judiciary Committees.

JOHN A. HENRY, City Attorney.

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

To the Mayor and Members of Common Council:

Gentlemen.—Your Committee on Public Health, respectfully report, that there is situated on south Meridian street, in front of No. 756, a pond of considerable size; that the water contained in it will, if it is allowed to remain, soon become offensive. This pond can be easily drained, by cutting the gutter, leading north from it, a little deeper.

We therefore recommend that the Street Commissioner be instructed to so deepen the gutter that this pond will be properly drained.

Respectfully submitted,
 Flavius J. VanVorhis,
 C. T. Bedford,
 John W. Fultz,
 Committee.

The Joint Committees on Public Light, through Councilman Bryce, submitted the following report; which was concurred in:

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

Gentlemen.—Your Joint Committees on Public Light, to whom was referred a motion that the first lamp east of Dillon street, on north side of Bates street, be discontinued, and that the second lamp east of Dillon street, on north side of Bates street be re-lighted, recommend the same be done, providing there be no expense to the city.

Your committees would further recommend that each Councilman and Alderman look through their respective Wards and Districts, and find out such changes of lamps, extension of mains, and erection of lamp posts as may be desired, and report the same to the Common Council and Board of Aldermen at their second meeting in July, that the same may be taken into consideration in making a new contract with the Gas Company.

We furthermore recommend that during the existence of said new contract, that may be made with the Gas Company, that in the event any discontinued lamp be desired to be re-lighted, that before the same is granted, the Councilman from the Ward in which the lamp is located must first designate some lamp to be discontinued.

Respectfully submitted,
 F. W. Hamilton,
 Aldermanic Committee.

Peter F. Bryce,
 Jas. T. Dowling,
 Council Committee.

The Joint Committees on Streets and Alleys, through Councilman Downey, submitted the following report: which was concurred in:

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

Gentlemen:—Your Joint Committees on Streets and Alleys, to whom sundry papers were referred, beg leave to report as follows:

1st. Is G. O. 54, 1879, "An ordinance to prevent horses, or other animals or vehicles from standing within ten feet of any drinking fountain in the city of Indianapolis, except while such animal is engaged in drinking."

Recommend that said ordinance be passed.

2d Is S. O. 56, 1880, "An ordinance to grade and gravel first alley east of Tennessee street, from Ray street to McCarty street," together with petition for, and remonstrance against, its passage.

Recommend that said ordinance be passed.

3d. Is S. O. 39, 1880, "An ordinance to bowlder and curb the gutters of Virginia avenue, from Washington street to its southern terminus."

Recommend that said ordinance be passed.

4th. Is S. O. 47, 1880, "An ordinance to grade and gravel the alley between Broadway and Plum streets, from Arch street to Vine street," together with a remonstrance against the same.

Recommend that said ordinance be not passed, and that it be stricken from the files.

5th. Is a motion that the C., H. & I. R. R. Co. be requested to build a good substantial fence on the south side of their track on Maryland street, from Benton street to Pine street.

Recommend that they be requested to build a stone wall four feet high along said proposed line.

6th. Is a resolution that the names of the following streets in Indianola be changed, viz: Ray street changed to Bloomington street; Walnut street changed to Beacon street; Drake street changed to Decatur street; Plum street changed to Springfield street; and the first alley south of Walnut street be named Everett alley.

On examination we find other streets in the city of the same names, and therefore recommend that said resolution be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

H. E. Drew,

Jno. T. Downey,

Wm. H. Morrison,

John A. Lang,

Council Committee.

I concur in all except General Ordinance No. 54, which I oppose.

W. H. Tucker,

Aldermanic Committee.

The following resolution was then read:

Resolved, That the name of Ray street, in Indianola, be changed to Bloomington street; and the name of Walnut street, in Indianola, be changed to Beacon street; and the name of Drake street, in Indianola, be changed to Decatur street; and the name of Plum street, in Indianola, be changed to Springfield street; and the first alley south of Walnut street, in Indianola, be named Everett alley.

And it was adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 23—viz. Councilmen Bedford, Bryce, Caylor, Dean, Dowling, Downey, Fultz, Harrold, Kahn, Koller, Lamb, Lang, Mauer, Morrison, McKay, O'Connor, Pearson, Pritchard, Shilling, Thalman, VanVorhis, White, and Yoke.

NAYS—None.

The Joint Committees on Streets and Alleys, through Councilman

Downey, submitted the following report; which was concurred in, and at Councilman Lamb's suggestion, the Joint Committees on Streets and Alleys were added:

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

Gentlemen:—Your Joint Committees on Streets and Alleys, together with the City Attorney, to whom was referred a communication from McDonald & Butler, relating to the opening and extension of Dillon street, as legal questions are involved in the opening of said street, would recommend that said communication be referred to the Joint Judiciary Committees and City Attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

H. E. Drew,
W. H. Tucker,
Aldermanic Committee.

Jno. T. Downey,
Wm. H. Morrison,
John A. Lang,
Council Committee.

The Joint Committees on Streets and Alleys, through Councilman Downey, submitted the following report and resolution; which were received:

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

Gentlemen:—Your Joint Committees on Streets and Alleys, to whom was referred a petition from John L. Hammons, Jr., and others, to cause to be laid out and opened a street, by widening the first alley north of Louisiana street, from the west line of Noble street to the first alley east of East street, to a width of forty feet, would report thereon as follows:

We recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and in connection we offer a resolution concerning the subject matter in hand.

Respectfully submitted,

H. E. Drew,
W. H. Tucker,
Aldermanic Committee.

Jno. T. Downey,
Wm. H. Morrison,
John A. Lang,
Council Committee.

Resolved, That the petition of John L. Hammons, Jr., and others, praying for the laying out and opening a street, by widening the first alley north of Louisiana street, from the west line of Noble street to the first alley east of East street (said street runs east and west, and is to be forty feet wide,) be referred to the City Commissioners, with instructions to assess benefits and damages, and to make due report; and that for purposes of such opening of said street, the Common Council and Board of Aldermen do propose to appropriate such real estate and property as may be necessary therefor.

The said Commissioners are instructed to return as part of their report all petitions and notices.

The City Clerk is hereby directed to issue, and the City Marshal to serve, the proper notices upon the Commissioners and property owners; and that for the benefits assessed in favor of any property owner, each shall give security to the city of Indianapolis before said street shall be opened; this security to be approved by the Mayor, and the Chairmen of the Council and Aldermanic Committees on Finance.

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

Indianapolis, Ind., June 21, 1880.

To the Mayor and Members of the Common Council:

Gentlemen:—Your Special Committee, to whom was referred the matter of selecting and procuring a suitable location for dumping privy vault cleanings, and other materials of like character, respectfully report, that in conjunction with the Board

of Health, and in accordance with your instruction, we have selected a location; and have arranged, subject to your approval, to procure ground that will give the city control of about 600 feet on the river. The situation is such that the city will always have access to the river, at a point where the current is steady, and water deep, even in low water. This ground will cost the city the sum of \$375.00.

There will be some expense attending the making of a road to the bank, and properly preparing the place for use.

We most earnestly recommend that our action in this matter be approved, and that the Committee on Accounts and Claims be instructed to include in the next general appropriation ordinance, the sum of \$500.00, to be used for the purposes herein indicated.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

E. S. Elder, M. D.,
Wm. E. Jeffries, M. D.,
W. J. Elstun, M. D.,
Board of Health.

Flavius J. VanVorhis,
Jas. T. Dowling,
C. T. Bedford,
Special Committee.

MESSAGES AND PAPERS FROM THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

The following message was read; and this body refused to concur in the action of the Board of Aldermen as therein set forth:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—I herewith transmit to your honorable body the following motion, which was adopted by the Board of Aldermen, at its session, held on Wednesday evening, June 9th, 1880, for your action on same:

“That the Committees on Printing be, and are hereby, instructed to print Mayor’s Proclamations in the official city paper only.”

At the same session (June 9th,) the following motion was offered and referred to the Committees on Public Light, with power to act:

“That the Committee on Public Light be instructed to light the lamp opposite the building occupied by the Little Sisters of the Poor, and extinguish a lamp that can be spared.”

For the Board of Aldermen,

GEO. T. BREUNIG, Clerk.

The following message was read; and on motion, the ordinances were referred to the Joint Committees on Sewers and Drainage and the City Attorney:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—I herewith submit for your consideration a substitute for S. O. 22, 1880, “An ordinance to provide for the construction of a sewer, in and along the first alley north of Washington street, from Tennessee street to and connecting with the Illinois street sewer, and providing for the assessment and collection of the cost thereof,” passed by the Common Council April 19th, 1880, which said substituted ordinance was passed by the Board of Aldermen, at its regular session, held on June 9th, 1880. The said substitute provides that the petitioners may construct such sewer, at their own expense, under certain conditions.

For the Board of Aldermen:

GEO. T. BREUNIG, Clerk.

NEW ORDINANCES.

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

By Councilman Kahn :

Ap. O. 41, 1880—An Ordinance appropriating money for the payment of the Salaries and Compensations of City Officers, City Janitor, and Officers and Members of the Fire and Police Departments.

On motion by Councilman Kahn the rules were suspended, by the following vote, for the purpose of placing the foregoing entitled ordinance on its second and third reading, and final passage, viz :

AYES, 23—viz. Councilmen Bedford, Bryce, Caylor, Dean, Dowling, Downey, Fultz, Harrold, Kahn, Koller, Lamb, Lang, Mauer, Morrison, McKay, O'Connor, Pearson, Pritchard, Shilling, Thalman, VanVorhis, White, and Yoke.

NAYS—None.

The foregoing entitled ordinance (Ap. O. 41, 1880) was then read the second time and ordered to be engrossed, read the third time and passed by the following vote :

AYES, 23—viz. Councilmen Bedford, Bryce, Caylor, Dean, Dowling, Downey, Fultz, Harrold, Kahn, Koller, Lamb, Lang, Mauer, Morrison, McKay, O'Connor, Pearson, Pritchard, Shilling, Thalman, VanVorhis, White, and Yoke.

NAYS—None.

By Councilman Bedford :

S. O. 69, 1880—An ordinance to provide for grading, and paving with brick, the north sidewalk (where not already paved) of Cherry street, from Ft. Wayne avenue to Bellefontaine avenue.

By Councilman Caylor :

S. O. 70, 1880—An Ordinance to provide for grading and graveling the first alley west of Missouri street, from Indiana avenue to North street.

By Councilman Dowling :

S. O. 71, 1880—An Ordinance to provide for grading and graveling the first alley west of Tennessee street, from Garden street to Pogue's Run.

S. O. 72, 1880—An Ordinance to provide for the erection of Lamp-posts, Lamps and Fixtures (complete to burn gas except the service pipes,) on Eddy street, from South street to Norwood street.

On motion, the above entitled ordinance was referred to the Committee on Public Light.

By Councilman Downey:

S. O. 73, 1880—An Ordinance to provide for grading and graveling the first alley south of Market street, from East street to Liberty street.

The above entitled ordinance was accompanied by the following petition; which was received:

Indianapolis, June 21st, 1880.

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

Gentlemen:—The undersigned, owners of real estate abutting on the first alley south of Market street, running east and west between Liberty street and East street, respectfully petition for the passage of an ordinance providing for the grading and graveling of said alley, between Liberty and East streets. And your petitioners will ever pray, &c.

John R. Nickum, L. Kahn, L. N. Mueller,
Tob. Bender.

By Councilman Fultz:

S. O. 74, 1880—An Ordinance to provide for grading, and paving with brick, (where not already paved,) the west sidewalk of Maple street, from McCarty street to Ray street.

The above entitled ordinance was accompanied by the following petition; which was received:

To the worthy Mayor, and Members of the City Council of the City of Indianapolis:

Gentlemen:—We, the undersigned, resident property owners on the west side of Maple street, between McCarty and Ray streets, would respectfully petition your honorable body to grant us a brick sidewalk on the west side of the aforesaid street; and we will ever pray.

Amer J. Funk, 30 feet; Ernst Buhning, 60 feet;
H. Sweeney, 30 feet; B. Goeldburg, 30 feet;
Martin Turner, 30 feet; James Maloy, 30
feet; Michael O'Reilly, 30 feet; Bridget
Flin, 30 feet; Levi Baum, 30 feet; Rosaline
Nugue, 30 feet.

S. O. 75, 1880—An Ordinance to provide for grading and graveling the first alley east of Maple street, from Ray street to Wilkens street.

The above entitled ordinance was accompanied by the following petition; which was received:

To the Mayor and Members of the City Council:

Gentlemen:—By giving the accompanying ordinance your earliest attention, you will oblige the following named property owners.

James Hamilton, Anna Costello, Ella Kendrick,
John Stillwagon, Henry Kunkle, Mary Hunt,
Henry Westhall, Anna Costello.

By Councilman Koller:

S. O. 76, 1880—An Ordinance to provide for grading and graveling Ohio street and sidewalks, from Highland street to Arsenal avenue.

The above entitled ordinance was accompanied by the following petition; which was received:

Indianapolis, June 15, 1880.

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

Gentlemen:—The undersigned, owners of real estate fronting on Ohio street and vicinity, from Highland avenue to Arsenal avenue, respectfully petition for the passage of an ordinance providing for grading and graveling Ohio street and sidewalks, between Highland avenue and Arsenal avenue. And your petitioners will ever pray, &c.

William Reger, Chas. Thomas, Chas. Grossman, Henry Myers, C. H. Schwier, Fred. Spier, Wilhelm Sahter, F. Ostermyer, John G. Michelfelter, Chas. G. Mueller, H. Vehling, G. G. Stark, Chas. R. Phipps, Henry A. Mittay, James Landers, James Dobson, J. H. Forrest, Conrad Gehring, David Crillman, Leonard Raschbacher, Wm. W. Wellington, Jeremiah Egan, Mary T. Lodge, M. D. Losey, C. Pott, Jr., F. A. Metten, J. R. Haugh.

By Councilman Lamb:

- S. O. 77, 1880—An Ordinance to provide for grading, and paving with brick, the sidewalks of Louisiana street, from East street to Virginia avenue.
- S. O. 78, 1880—An Ordinance to provide for grading and bowldering the gutters of Louisiana street, from East street to Virginia avenue.
- S. O. 79, 1880—An Ordinance to provide for grading and bowldering the west gutter of New Jersey street, from South street to the south line of the first alley south of South street.
- S. O. 80, 1880—An Ordinance to provide for grading and bowldering the gutters of New Jersey street, from Virginia avenue to South street.
- S. O. 81, 1880—An Ordinance to provide for grading and graveling New Jersey street, bowldering the gutters, and curbing with stone the outer edges of the sidewalks thereof, from the south line of lot No. 5, in Yandes & Wilkens' sub. of square No. 62, to the C., C., C. & I. R. R. Co.'s tracks.

The above entitled ordinance was accompanied by the following petition; which was received:

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

Gentlemen:—The undersigned, owners of real estate fronting on New Jersey street, from Washington street to the Union Railway Co.'s tracks, respectfully petition for the passage of an ordinance providing for grading and bowldering the said street and gutters, and curbing with stone the outer edge of the sidewalks thereof, from said Washington street to the Union Railway Company's tracks. And your petitioners will ever pray, &c.

G. W. Stilwell, A. Galvin, Indpls. Manuf. Carp.
Union, 71 feet; Kate M. Denton, 30 feet.

As the I., P. & C., and C., C., C. & I. Ry. Co.'s contemplate valuable improvements on their grounds fronting New Jersey street in spring of 1881, we agree that for the present said street shall be graded and graveled, and during the year 1881

all of said street in front of their property shall be bowldered or planked at said Co.'s expense.

THE INDIANAPOLIS, PERU & CHICAGO RY. Co.,
by V. T. Malott, General Manager.
C., C., C. & I. RY. Co., C. C. Gale, Sup't.

S. O. 82, 1880—An Ordinance to provide for grading and bowldering New Jersey street, and curbing with stone (except where already curbed,) the outer edges of the sidewalks thereof, from Washington street to the south line of lot No. 5, in Yandes & Wilkens' sub. of square No. 62.

The above entitled ordinance was accompanied by the following petition; which was received:

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

Gentlemen:—The undersigned, owners of real estate fronting on New Jersey street, from Washington street to Pearl street, respectfully petition for the passage of an ordinance providing for grading and bowldering the gutters, and curbing with stone, the outer edges of the sidewalks of said New Jersey street, between the points named. And your petitioners will ever pray, &c.

G. W. Stilwell, E. C. Brundage, guardian Mrs.
Little; A. Galvin.

On motion by Councilman Lamb, Special Ordinances Nos. 81 and 82, with the accompanying petitions, were referred to the Board of Public Improvements, to report thereon at next regular meeting of this Council.

By Councilman Lamb :

G. O. 27, 1880—An Ordinance providing for the construction of a brick sewer, at the expense of the city, in and along New Jersey street, from the north side of Washington street to Pogue's Run.

Councilman Lamb moved to refer the foregoing entitled ordinance to the Board of Public Improvements, with instructions to report at the next regular meeting of this body.

Councilman Dowling moved to amend by adding the Board of Health.

Councilman Lamb moved to lay the amendment on the table.

Which motion to lay on the table failed of adoption by the following vote:

AYES, 9—viz. Councilmen Downey, Kahn, Lamb, Lang, Mauer, Morrison, McKay, Pearson, and Thalman.

NAYS, 14—viz. Councilmen Bedford, Bryce, Caylor, Dean, Dowling, Fultz, Harrold, Koller, O'Connor, Pritchard, Shilling, Van Vorhis, White, and Yoke.

The amendment was then adopted. The original motion as amended was then adopted.

By Councilman Morrison:

- S. O. 83, 1880—An Ordinance to provide for grading and bowldering the gutters, and curbing with stone the outer edges of the sidewalks, (except where properly curbed or bowldered,) of Mississippi street, from Ohio street to First street.
- S. O. 84, 1880—An Ordinance to provide for grading and bowldering the gutters, and curbing with stone the outer edges of the sidewalks, (except where already properly curbed or bowldered,) of Mississippi street, from First street to Seventh street.

By Councilman McKay:

- S. O. 85, 1880—An Ordinance to provide for grading and graveling the first alley east of the I., P. & C. R., R. track, from Malott avenue to the C., C., C. & I. R. Co.'s track.
- S. O. 86, 1880—An Ordinance to provide for grading and graveling the first alley east of Central avenue, from Christian avenue to Butler street.

By Councilman Yoke:

- S. O. 87, 1880—An Ordinance to provide for grading, and paving with brick, (where not already paved), the sidewalks of English avenue, from Harrison street to Dillon street.

The above entitled ordinance was accompanied by the following petition; which was received:

Indianapolis, May 24, 1880.

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

Gentlemen:—The undersigned, owners of real estate fronting on English avenue, from Harrison street to Dillon street, respectfully petition for the passage of an ordinance providing for paving with brick the sidewalks between the above named streets, where not already paved. And your petitioners will ever pray, &c.

Lee A. Fulmer, 80 feet; Jane Burnside, 40 feet;
Thos. A. Dean, 40 feet; E. H. Perkins, 40
feet; W. W. Howie, 40 feet.

MISCELLANEOUS.

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

That the Street Commissioner be instructed to repair the sidewalk on east side of East street, at the crossing of Gregg street, as the water that should pass south on East street, flows east on Gregg street, and by so doing overflows private property on Park avenue.

That the Street Commissioner be instructed to improve the gutter on east side of Pendleton pike, from the Bee Hive Planing Mill to the intersection of Clifford avenue, where connections with sewerage can easily be made.

That the Street Commissioner be instructed to open the gutter on south side of Massachusetts avenue, from a point in front of August Smith's property to East street, so as to drain or carry the water away from said premises where it is now standing, and becoming stagnant.

Councilman Bedford offered the following motion; which was referred to the Committee on Finance :

That the pay of the Deputy Assessors be due and payable semi-monthly, instead of monthly, as now.

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

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, That the Water Works Company of Indianapolis be, and is hereby, required to lay water mains in, and along, Cherry street, from Broadway street to East street, connecting with the mains at the intersections of said East and Broadway streets, with said Cherry street; one fire plug to be erected, at the corner of Park avenue and Cherry street, under direction of the Chief Fire Engineer.

Councilman Bedford offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That the Committee on Streets and Alleys be, and are hereby, requested to examine into the best plan of improving Massachusetts avenue, to the end that it may be used as a public highway, and report at next meeting.

Councilman Bryce presented the following remonstrance; which was referred to the Board of Public Improvements, together with the ordinance:

Indianapolis, Ind., June 8, 1880.

We, the undersigned, property owners on south Delaware street, do hereby remonstrate against the proposed improvements, viz: curbing and bowldering west side south Delaware street, between South street and Madison avenue

Tim Stewart, 25 feet; J. Richey, 25 feet; John Walle, 50 feet; Mrs. Mary Moriarty, 25 feet; Mrs. P. K. Wehling, 32 feet; A. Coulter, 25 feet; A. Rice, 25 feet; C. A. Rusch, 100 feet; Gotlob Reber, 25 feet; Murty O'Connell, 25 feet; John Ryne, 25 feet; John O'Connor, 25 feet; Isaac Kahn, 25 feet; Dennis Mahoney, 25 feet; Thomas O'Connor, 48 feet; P. Spitzfaden, 25 feet; J., M. & I. R. R. Co., per S. Frazier, agent, 430 feet; J. A. Foley, 25 feet; Ellen Barry, 37 feet; Daniel Lyons, per J. A. Foley, 25 feet; Timothy Lyons, 37 feet; Johanna Kennedy, 50 feet; Mary Walch, 25 feet; Michael Koser, 25 feet; Edward Glavin, 25 feet; Isidore Hergfell, 25 feet; David Showers, 25 feet; Gottfried Blum, 25 feet; Christina Seagal, 25 feet; Wilhelm Wundram, 75 feet; Jeremiah Creeden, 25 feet.

Respectfully submitted to the Hon. Board of Aldermen and Common Council of the City of Indianapolis.

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

That the Street Commissioner change the wooden culvert at the intersection of West and North streets, in line of north gutter of North street, across West street, to give free passage of water.

Councilman Caylor presented the following petition; which was referred to the Board of Public Improvements:

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

Gentlemen.—The undersigned, residents on West street and vicinity, in the city of Indianapolis, respectfully submit the following statement and petition to your honorable body:

1st We would state that West street, running north from First (1st) street to Sixth (6th,) during the continuance of, and after rain, is almost impassable, and that the pools lying there festering in the sun, breed disease and death. We have repeatedly called the attention of the Board of Health to it, but nothing has been done for our relief.

2d. Therefore, we pray your honorable bodies that such action may be taken in the premises as to cause said West street to be properly graded and drained, from First street north, so that our gutters may be cleaned, the cess pools dried up, and the health of the neighborhood protected. We pray your honorable bodies to consider this matter at once, and give us all proper relief.

Geo. J. Miller, Matthias Schmidt, J. D. Brown,
J. B. Charles, and 29 others.

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

WHEREAS, the iron railing around the Tunnel on south Illinois street, is in a bad and dangerous condition, and demands immediate attention; therefore

Moved, that the Board of Public Improvements be directed to put said railing in good and proper condition, and said Board have full power to act in the matter.

That the City Civil Engineer be instructed to examine the first alley east of Tennessee street, between McCarty and Ray streets, (ordinance for the improvement of said alley being now pending,) and report back at the next meeting of this Council, if the contemplated improvement (grading and graveling) cannot be done as effectively from a point on said alley 110 feet south of McCarty street, as at present contemplated in the ordinance.

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

50 That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, directed to put in good repair, and clean the gutters of, Chesapeake alley, from Mississippi street to Missouri street; said alley being in bad condition, the city having done no work on said alley since the property owners paid for improving the alley, several years back.

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, directed to clean the gutters on Maryland street, between Tennessee and Mississippi streets, and to clean the north gutter of Maryland street, according to the stakes set in said gutter by the City Civil Engineer, last December.

Councilman Downey offered the following motion: which was adopted:

53 That the City Marshal be, and is hereby, directed to notify the owners of property located between No. 212 and Clinton street, on the north side of east Ohio street, to raise the sidewalk in front of their premises to the proper grade; and on failure to do so, within twenty days, the Street Commissioner is hereby directed to do the work at the expense of said owners.

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

That the Street Commissioner be instructed to repair the sidewalk on Ray street, just west of Pogue's Run.

That the Street Commissioner be instructed to repair the south sidewalk on McCarty street, just west of the old canal.

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

That the Board of Public Improvements and the City Engineer be instructed to examine Pogue's Run, between Merrill and Catharine streets, and report to this Council what improvement will be necessary to protect from damage by high waters, the property of persons residing in that vicinity, and the probable cost of the same.

That William Murphy be granted an extension of time to finish the grading and graveling of First street, between Meridian and Pennsylvania streets, until the 20th day of July, 1880.

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

That the Street Commissioner be directed to repair Kentucky avenue, from Louisiana street to Merrill street, by filling all holes and bad places with gravel, and also cleaning out the gutter on east side of said avenue; the gutter has not been cleaned out for about seven years. Said avenue is in a very bad condition, and should have immediate attention.

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

That the City Civil Engineer be, and is hereby, directed to re-advertise for sealed proposals for the erection of lamp posts, lamps and fixtures, on West street, between Georgia street and Kentucky avenue, under the provisions of an ordinance passed in 1878.

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

That the Street Commissioner be instructed to clean the gutters and fill the chuck-holes in Liberty street, from New York street to Massachusetts avenue.

That the Street Commissioner be instructed to relay the bowlders at the mouth of the alley near the Enterprise Hotel.

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, instructed to clean gutters and fill chuck-holes on Cincinnati street, from East street to Noble street.

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, directed to clean gutters and fill chuck-holes on Michigan street, from East street to Noble street, and repair crossing of Cincinnati and Michigan streets.

Councilman Thalman moved that the following communication, presented by Councilman Koller, be not printed in the Proceedings; which motion was laid on the table. Said communication was then referred to the Board of Public Improvements:

Indianapolis, Ind., June 21, 1880.

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

Gentlemen:—In April, 1873, I moved to the place where I now reside, on the corner of Washington and Highland streets, extending through the entire square north to Market street.

The records of the city show, that in 1874 Market street, from Highland street to Arsenal avenue, was graveled, at the expense of the property holders, for which improvement (?) on my front, I was compelled to pay about \$450.00. Nothing appears to have been done, or attempted to be done in establishing a proper grade of any description, in the usual and accepted style of civil engineering prevalent in this city. The dirt—not gravel—was dumped down, and spread out, the improvement approved by the Engineer, and bills promptly presented and paid. To day, and years ago for that matter, that costly improvement has vanished in the mud; and if the whole Council would go and hunt that gravel with microscopes, not a spoonful could be found. It has all disappeared, and this day it is the dirtiest, filthiest, unwholesome piece of street in the city; it is utterly unfit to be called a thoroughfare. In the winter and spring it is impassable, and no one who can, by any means, help himself—if he is possessed of a grain of sense—will attempt to travel upon it. It is a well-known fact in the neighborhood, that on the occasion of a fire on Mr. Sam Vance's premises, a steam fire engine, hurrying to the fire, very unwisely ventured on Market street, between Highland and Arsenal avenue, was broken down, swamped, and stuck all night in bottomless mud, and could not be extricated until daylight. Since this occurrence the Fire Department has not ventured to repeat the experiment, and keeps off that street.

Several times—as far as the undersigned is concerned, five times—the property adjoining the south side of Market street has been disastrously inundated. The great mass of water accumulating on the high grounds north of Market street, and all the waters coming down on Arsenal avenue, have no outlet, except on Market street, between Highland and Arsenal avenue. Arsenal avenue is much higher than Market street; at the intersection of Highland and Market streets is a hill at least seven feet higher than Market street in its centre. Thus the magnificent engineering in this city succeeded in making Market street a hollow, which is filled with a great volume of water; and as it cannot flow over the hill at the intersection of Market and Highland streets, it breaks through into my grounds, devastating, destroying, and demolishing everything in its course.

Our excellent City Engineers seem not to be able to find a remedy for this evil. They have used their most strenuous efforts in concert with Mr. James L. Mitchell—who owns the house on the northeast corner of Highland and Market—to keep that obstruction intact; Mr. Mitchell, with his well-known public spirit, having expressed himself that it made no difference whether the whole neighborhood is flooded, drowned out and damaged; that the hill must not be cut down, and shall remain there. To fortify this generous determination of Mr. Mitchell, when he was at one time the accidental Mayor of this city, to propitiate his generous sentiments, a fire cistern, perched on top of the hill, was located there by some complainant city officials. That cistern is regarded as an ancient monument of his superior skill. The Egyptians would not kick half as violently about the removal of the great pyramid, than the City Engineer and Mr. James L. Mitchell would about the removal of a single brick from that sacred cistern.

This nuisance of a hill has been tolerated until forbearance has ceased to be a virtue, and the patience of the neighborhood is exhausted.

Last Monday evening the waters broke through again into my grounds, tearing out fifty-four feet and seven inches of sidewalk, destroying my flower, fruit and vegetable gardens, the walks, fish-pond, everything, and drowning my poultry. I,

for one, respectfully inform you—speaking the sentiments of the neighborhood—that this course will not be submitted to any longer, to humor the fancies of one man, who does not live in the neighborhood, and has no feeling in common with the people who do live there.

The remedy is simple; the grade must be established from Arsenal avenue to Pogue's Run, so that the floods can have a surface drainage outlet. The attempts to drain off the waters with a few rotten cement sewer pipes, is a puerile farce which no one would attempt except a City Engineer of Indianapolis.

I therefore ask that immediate steps may be taken by the Council, to thoroughly investigate this grievance of a whole neighborhood. We are tax payers, and are entitled to every protection of our property from damage which can be avoided by reasonable and sensible precaution. We will no longer submit to the undue influence of one man, who is hostile to every other man's interest, and who, to carry out his notions, is utterly indifferent to all surroundings.

The Council is respectfully asked for the relief to which we are justly entitled; and trusting that the existing evil will be removed, and that we shall not be compelled to appeal to the courts for redress of our grievances,

I remain, respectfully,
 FRED KNEFLER,
 for himself and his neighbors.

It now being nearly eleven o'clock, Councilman VanVorhis moved the suspension of the following section of the rules, viz :

"Sec. 5. This Council shall not, without a suspension of the rules by a two-thirds vote, sit later on any evening than eleven o'clock."

Which motion was adopted, and the rules suspended by the following vote :

AYES, 23—viz. Councilmen Bedford, Bryce, Caylor, Dean, Dowling, Downey, Fultz, Harrold, Kahn, Koller, Lamb, Lang, Mauer, Morrison, McKay, O'Connor, Pearson, Pritchard, Shilling, Thalman, VanVorhis, White, and Yoke.

NAYS—None.

Councilman Lamb offered the following motion; which was adopted :

That the City Marshal notify owner of property to repair sidewalk in front of Elevator on south Alabama street; and if the same is not done within ten days from the date of serving notice, the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, directed to repair the same at the expense of the owner.

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

That the Committee on Public Light be directed to light the gas post in front of C. Harmening's, on south Delaware street.

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

That Locust street be suitably drained, between McCarty and Ray streets, as in high water it overflows private property.

Councilman Lang offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That Fred. Reisner be granted thirty (30) days further time to gravel Wilkens street, extension on account of high water.

Councilman Mauer offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That the Committee on Markets be, and they are hereby, authorized to have the old privy vault at the West Market cleaned out and filled up with fresh earth, as per direction of the Board of Health.

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

That the Citizens' Street Railroad Co. have permission to use the city telegraph poles for a line of wire, from the residence of Mr. Johnson to their office, and to such points as they may desire; said wire to be kept in repair at their own expense.

Councilman Morrison offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That a committee of five members of the Common Council be appointed to investigate and report the condition of Greenlawn Cemetery, as it is reported by the Sexton that a portion of the fence is now down, and that other matters looking to the proper protection of the Cemetery, needs attention; and that said committee be required to report, if possible, at the next regular meeting of this Council.

The Chair appointed Councilmen Morrison, Pearson, Shilling, Dowling, and Lang as the Special Committee called for by the foregoing motion.

Councilman Morrison offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That the City Civil Engineer be, and is hereby, requested to report to this Council, at the next regular meeting, a list of all streets, alleys and sidewalks that have been ordered improved during the past year; where the contractor has failed in any way to make said improvements, whether by failure to file bond or otherwise; and to furnish in said report a list of the names of said contractors—said report not to include any contract awarded in the past six weeks.

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

That Geo. B. Walton be, and is hereby, granted permission to grade and pave with brick, at his own expense, the sidewalk in front of his property, No. 278 Christian avenue, according to stakes set by the City Civil Engineer.

That Richard Carr be granted forty days further time to complete his contract for improving Newman street.

That the City Civil Engineer be, and is hereby, instructed to survey a route for a sewer connecting with the Illinois street sewer, at the corner of Pennsylvania street and Home avenue; thence by most desirable route to the State ditch; thence east to Hill avenue—and report at next meeting of this Council whether said route is practical, and whether, in his opinion, such sewer will be sufficient to drain the water from that locality.

That D. A. Haywood have until July 10th, 1880, to complete his contract for grading and graveling Newman street and sidewalks, from Hill avenue to Seventh street.

That C. F. Rafert be, and is hereby, permitted to drain the surface water from his cellar, with 4-inch tile, at Nos. 441 and 443 east Ohio street, into Pogue's Run. The whole distance will not exceed seventy-five feet; the work to be done at his own expense, and under the direction of the City Civil Engineer.

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

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, directed to repair the gutters on Bellefontaine avenue, from Christian avenue to Home avenue, so as to prevent the water from injuring the shade trees, especially near Christian avenue.

Councilman McKay presented the following petition; which was referred to the Committee on Judiciary and City Attorney:

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

Gentlemen.—The undersigned, Bishop of Vincennes, represents to your honorable bodies that the following described real estate, situate in the city of Indianapolis, in the county of Marion, and State of Indiana, to-wit: that part of lots numbered ten (10) and eleven (11), in square numbered seventy-seven (77), bounded as follows, to-wit: beginning at a point on the north line of said lot numbered ten (10), one hundred and eighty-five (185) feet west of the northeast corner of said lot numbered twelve (12), running thence east along the north line of said lots ten (10) and eleven (11), sixty five (65) feet to a point; thence south sixty (60) feet to a point; thence west sixty-five (65) feet to a point, and thence north sixty (60) feet to the place of beginning—was, during the years 1871 and 1872, and for years previous, and still continues to be, occupied and used solely for the purposes of St. Marys Boys' School, an educational institution organized and operated under the auspices of the Sisters of St. Francis, an association of individuals of a religious, literary and educational character, and was and is therefore, exempt under the law from taxation; that the same was, during said years, in the name, upon the records, of Sister Therese Antrina Dreer, who held the same simply as trustee for said association, and for the purposes hereinbefore indicated, and in the same character and for the same purposes is now held by the undersigned; that, by mistake, the said real estate was assessed for taxation by said city in the name of "Anton J. Deer," for the years 1871 and 1872, and was, on the 10th day of March, A. D. 1873, sold by the City Treasurer for said taxes to one W. H. Lyons, for the sum of \$29.55; that no deed was ever executed under said sale, and no further steps taken thereunder, and that neither the undersigned nor any of his predecessors ever knew of said assessment or sale, and by reason of the assessment and sale being in the wrong name, had no means of knowing of said assessment and sale until within the past few weeks, when notice was received from said purchaser of his claim, with threats to enforce it against said property.

Wherefore the undersigned petitions your honorable bodies for an order suspending further steps under said sale, and for a vacation of said sale, as being absolutely void, and for the refunding of the purchase money at said tax sale to the purchaser, with proper interest; and this we will ever pray.

FRANCIS SILAS CHATARD, Bishop of Vincennes.

STATE OF INDIANA, *County of Marion:*

Francis Silas Chatard swears that the matters and things stated in the foregoing petition as facts, are true in substance and in fact.

FRANCIS SILAS CHATARD.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 16th day of June, A. D. 1880. Witness my hand and Notarial seal, the day and year last above written.

[SEAL]

WM. W. H. MACCURDY,
Notary Public, Marion County, Indiana.

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

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, directed to repair (with gravel) the first alley west of Dillon street, between Georgia and Meek streets.

That the Street Commissioner be instructed to clean the gutters on Pine street, from Maryland street to the Cincinnati, Indianapolis, St. Louis and Chicago Railroad tracks.

81 That the Street Commissioner be instructed to clean the gutters on Bates street, from Noble street to Leota street.

Councilman O'Connor offered the following motions; which were severally adopted:

That Emil Renard be granted permission to bowlder the gutter in front of his property on Liberty street; said work to be done at his own expense, and under the direction of the City Civil Engineer.

That the Fire Board and Chief Fire Engineer be requested to examine the Oil Refinery and warehouse of the Indianapolis Oil Tank Line Company, located at No. 257 Bates street, it being evident said refinery and warehouse is very dangerous to property adjoining, as well as deleterious to the health of citizens of the vicinity.

Councilman Pearson presented the following communication; which was referred to the Board of Public Improvements:

Indianapolis, April 26th, 1880.

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

Gentlemen:—The undersigned petitions your honorable bodies to allow the annexed bill, as the improvements were an absolute necessity, and are now of benefit to the city.

Yours, very respectfully,

HENRY BOECHER

Indianapolis, April 26th, 1880.

THE CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS,

To Henry Boecher,

Dr.

To improvements made at the crossing of West and Second streets..... \$30 00

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

That the Joint Committees on Public Property and City Attorney, are hereby instructed to enquire into the feasibility of an immediate conversion of all, or a portion, of the Tomlinson Estate property into cash; said report to be submitted at the next regular meeting of this Council.

That the Lafayette R. R. Co. be instructed to repair the crossing on Walnut street, by placing new planks between their tracks on said street; said work to be done in the next 20 days.

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

That the Street Commissioner be directed to repair alley west of Illinois street, between St. Clair and Pratt streets.

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

That the Street Commissioner be directed to clean the gutters, and fill the chuck-holes, on Vermont street, west of the canal.

That the Street Commissioner put down a new floor on the bridge across the canal on Market street, at the intersection of Geisendorff street, which is now in a dangerous condition.

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

That the Street Commissioner be directed to raise the bowlders at the mouth of the first alley west of Circle street, on Market street, to a level of the sidewalk on each side, sloping to the center.

That the Street Commissioner notify the owner of the property on the northwest corner of Meridian street, at the intersection of New York street, to raise the sidewalk to a proper grade; if the same is not done within ten days after such notice, that the Street Commissioner be directed to do the work, and collect the cost from the property owner.

Councilman Thalman offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That the City Attorney be directed to have the court appoint City Commissioners for the ensuing year.

Councilmen Dowling and O'Connor were excused for the remainder of this session.

Councilman VanVorhis offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That, in the opinion of this body, public necessity demands that Dillon street should be opened from its present northern terminus through to the Michigan Road, and that the City Attorney be, and is hereby, instructed to investigate and report to this body, at its next regular meeting, what steps are necessary, if any can be taken by the city, to dissolve the injunction of the U. S. Court against the opening of said street through certain grounds situated in the line above indicated, and belonging to ——— R. R. Co.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

AYES—20—viz. Councilmen Bedford, Bryce, Caylor, Dean, Fultz, Harrold, Kahn, Koller, Lamb, Lang, Mauer, Morrison, McKay, Pearson, Pritchard, Shilling, Thalman, VanVorhis, White, and Yoke.

NAYS—None.

Councilman VanVorhis offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That the communication of ex-Councilman Wm. H. Tucker, presented to this body on May 3d, 1880, in reference to the improvement of the Southern Park, be referred to a Special Committee of three, together with the Street Commissioner, and that the Board of Aldermen be requested to appoint a committee of three to act in conjunction with the committee of this body.

The Chair appointed Councilmen VanVorhis, Pearson, and Dowling as the Council members of such Special Committee.

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

That the Street Commissioner be instructed to fill chuck-holes on Ft. Wayne avenue, between Pennsylvania and Alabama streets.

That the Street Commissioner be instructed to fill the holes in the first alley north of St. Clair street, between New Jersey street and Ft. Wayne avenue, with the best street scrapings.

That the Street Commissioner be instructed to fill a hole in the first alley north of North street, between Alabama street and the first alley west of Alabama street, with street scrapings.

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

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

Gentlemen:—Your petitioners pray your honorable bodies to cause Wilson street to be opened and extended, to a width of sixty feet, from the south end of said street to Pendleton pike, and forty-six (46) feet wide from said Pendleton pike through lots Nos. 4 and 7, Wooton's sub. Block 19, A. E. Fletcher's first add. to Brookside avenue. A plat of the proposed opening and extension is herewith filed, and made a part of this petition. S. A. Fletcher, Jr.; Theo. P. Haughey, Trustee; 1,085 Newman st., pr. A. VanSielon; Abraham Crabtree.

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

That the Street Commissioner be instructed to examine and repair bridge over Pleasant Run on Shelby street.

101 That the Street Commissioner be instructed to repair alley south of Orange street, and between Olive and Shelby streets.

Councilman White offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That the City Marshal notify the Directors of the Belt R. R. Co. to enlarge the culvert on the east side of Shelby street, so that it will be of sufficient size to carry all water off coming down said railroad.

Councilman Yoke offered the following motion ; which was referred to the Board of Public Improvements, with power to act :

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, instructed to fill, as soon as possible, the open cellar on Hosbrook street, between Grove and Elk streets.

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

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, instructed to clean the gutters on School street.

That the Street Commissioner be instructed to clean the gutters on Elm street between Cedar and Grove streets.

PENDING ORDINANCES.

On motion by Councilman McKay, the following entitled ordinance was referred to the Joint Committees on Judiciary and City Attorney :

G. O. 23, 1880—An Ordinance authorizing the Indianapolis Steam Heating Company to use the Streets, Alleys, Parks and Public Places to distribute steam or other heat throughout the city ; defining their powers and privileges, and prescribing their duties.

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

S. O. 66, 1880—An Ordinance to provide for bowldering the east gutter, and curbing the outer edge of the east sidewalk, of Alabama street, (where not already bowldered or curbed,) from Pogue's Run south to the Railway track.

And it was passed by the following vote :

AYES, 21—viz. Councilmen Bedford, Bryce, Caylor, Dean, Downey, Fultz, Harold, Kahn, Koller, Lamb, Lang, Mauer, Morrison, McKay, Pearson, Pritchard Shilling, Thalman, Van Vorhis, White, and Yoke.

NAYS—None.

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

G. O. 25, 1880—An Ordinance amending section nine (9) of an ordinance entitled "An ordinance declaring that all Vehicles (except Street-Railway Cars,) used in the transporting of Persons and Articles within the City of Indianapolis, for hire or pay, shall be deemed 'Public Vehicles ;' establishing Rules and Regulations for the government of the Owners, Lessees, and Drivers thereof ; and prescribing Fines and Punishments for violations of its provisions ;" ordained March 1st, 1880.

And it was passed by the following vote :

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AYES, 21—viz. Councilmen Bedford, Bryce, Caylor, Dean, Downey, Fultz, Harold, Kahn, Koller, Lamb, Lang, Mauer, Morrison, McKay, Pearson, Pritchard, Shilling, Thalman, Van Vorhis, White, and Yoke.

NAYS—None.

On motion, the Common Council then adjourned

..... *J. Leaven* Mayor,

President of the Common Council.

Attest:

Jas. T. Magner Clerk.