

PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF ALDERMEN

REGULAR SESSION—SEPTEMBER 23, 1889.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, met in the Aldermanic Chamber, Monday evening, September 23d, A. D. 1889, at eight o'clock, in regular session.

PRESENT—Hon. Granville S. Wright, President of the Board of Aldermen, in the Chair, and Aldermen Clark, Laut, Rail, Reinecke, and Reynolds—6.

ABSENT, 4—viz: Aldermen Connett, Smith, Taylor, and Tousey.

The Proceedings of the Board of Aldermen for the special session held September 2d, and the regular session held September 9th, 1889, having been printed and placed on the desks of the Aldermen, said Journals were approved as published.

MESSAGES AND PAPERS FROM THE COMMON COUNCIL.

The following message was read :

To the President and Members of the Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen.—I submit herewith the following papers for your consideration, favorably passed upon by the Common Council, at a special session, held September 16th, 1889.

For the Common Council:

J. No. W. BOWLUS, City Clerk.

The report of His Honor, the Mayor, showing fines and fees collected (see page 691, *ante*), was read and received.

The communication from His Honor, the Mayor, in reference to the appointment of committees to receive Foreign Delegates (see pages 691 and 692, *ante*), was read, and President Wright, Rail and Reynolds named as a Committee on behalf of the Board.

The following resolution (see pages 693 and 694, *ante*), was read :

WHEREAS, The Union Railway Company has unnecessarily delayed the construction of the viaduct over its tracks between Meridian and Pennsylvania streets, as provided for in General Ordinance No. 36, 1886, and has, without authority, laid many additional tracks across Meridian street, thereby greatly increasing the hazard to life and property, the city not having ordered them removed because of the company's promises to speedily build the viaduct; and

Whereas, It has been made to appear, from the recent conduct of the officials of said company, that no steps are being taken by them to comply with the contract made with the city concerning said matter; therefore

Resolved, That the City Attorney be, and he is hereby, instructed to take the necessary legal steps to compel said company to immediately construct said viaduct, and to cause the removal of all additional tracks laid across Meridian street since June 14, 1886, unless assurances are given to him by October 10, 1889, that said viaduct will be speedily built.

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent by the City Clerk to the Secretary of the Indianapolis Union Railway Company as soon as it shall be adopted.

And it was concurrently adopted, by the following vote:

AYES, 6—viz: Aldermen Clark, Laut, Rail, Reinecke, Reynolds, and President Wright.

NAYS—None.

The report of the City Clerk, showing the amount of orders drawn on the City Treasury (see page 994, *ante*), was read and received.

The report of the City Civil Engineer, accompanied with estimates, (see page 695, *ante*), was read, and the action of the Common Council thereon, concurred in.

The following estimate resolution (see page 695, *ante*), was read:

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, That the accompanying first and final estimate in behalf of Fisher & Roney, for grading and paving with brick the south sidewalk of Elizabeth street, from Blake street to Patterson street, be, and the same is hereby, adopted as the estimate of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of said city; and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

And it was concurrently adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 6—viz: Aldermen Clark, Laut, Rail, Reinecke, Reynolds, and President Wright.

NAYS—None.

The following estimate resolution (see page 696, *ante*), was read:

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, That the accompanying first and final estimate in behalf of Fisher & Roney, for grading and paving with brick the north sidewalk of South street, from Tennessee street to Missouri street, be, and the same is hereby, adopted as the estimate of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of said city; and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

And it was concurrently adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 6—viz: Aldermen Clark, Laut, Rail, Reinecke, Reynolds, and President Wright.

NAYS—None.

The following estimate resolution (see page 696, *ante*), was read:

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, That the accompanying first and final estimate in behalf of Fisher & Roney, for grading and graveling the first alley north of Elizabeth street, from Blake street to Douglass street, be, and the same is hereby adopted as the estimate of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of said city; and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

And it was concurrently adopted by the following vote :

AYES, 6—viz: Aldermen Clark, Laut, Rail, Reinecke, Reynolds, and President Wright.

NAYS—None.

The following estimate resolution (see page 696, *ante*), was read :

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, That the accompanying first and final estimate in behalf of James W. Hudson, for grading, bowldering and curbing the gutters of Michigan street, from Blake street to Douglass street, be, and the same is hereby adopted as the estimate of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of said city; and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

And it was concurrently adopted by the following vote :

AYES, 6—viz: Aldermen Clark, Laut, Rail, Reinecke, Reynolds, and President Wright.

NAYS—None.

The following estimate resolution (see page 697, *ante*), was read :

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, That the accompanying first and final estimate in behalf of Cooper & Haywood, for grading and graveling the first alley east of Park avenue, from Eighth street to Ninth street, be, and the same is hereby adopted as the estimate of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of said city; and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

And it was concurrently adopted by the following vote :

AYES, 6—viz: Aldermen Clark, Laut, Rail, Reinecke, Reynolds, and President Wright.

NAYS—None.

The following estimate resolution (see page 697, *ante*), was read :

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, That the accompanying second and final estimate in behalf of Cooper & Haywood, for grading and bowldering the first alley east of Illinois street, from Michigan street to North street, be, and the same is hereby adopted as the estimate of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of said city; and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

And it was concurrently adopted by the following vote :

AYES, 6—viz: Aldermen Clark, Laut, Rail, Reinecke, Reynolds, and President Wright.

NAYS—None.

The report of the City Civil Engineer, submitting certain contracts and bonds (see page 607, *ante*), was read and the favorable action of the Common Council thereon, concurred in.

The report of the City Attorney (see page 698, *ante*), was read and received.

The report from the Board of Public Improvements, relative to the construction of a 12 inch drain pipe in the first alley north of Clifford avenue, from Lambert street to Pogue's Run, (see page 698, *ante*), was read, and the action of the Common Council thereon, concurred in.

The reports from the Board of Public Improvements and Street Commissioner, reporting expenditures in the Street Repair Department (see page 699, *ante*), were read and received.

The report from the Committee on Fire Department, in relation to the painting of Engine Houses (see page 700 and 701, *ante*), was read and received.

The report from the Committee on Public Property (see page 701, *ante*), was read, and the action of the Common Council thereon, concurred in.

The following report and resolution from the Committee on Streets and Alleys (see page 702, *ante*), were read, and referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys and Sewers and Drainage :

To the Mayor and Common Council :

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Streets and Alleys, to whom was referred the petition of Harry J. Milligan, Robert B. Keith and others, asking for the vacation of all the streets and alleys located north of Ninth street, west of Hill avenue and south of Anderson street, in the Indianapolis Car Company's Second Addition to the city, your Committee report that said vacation is desired in order to re-plate the said addition so as to conform to the addition lying immediately west of the same; and on examination your Committee favor the granting of the petition, for the reason that all of that territory lying north of Ninth street, west of Hill avenue, and east of the Atlas Works, will then be uniform, the streets co-terminus and much better located than as they now exist; and we recommend that said petition be granted, and the accompanying resolution be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, That the petition of Harry J. Milligan, Robert B. Keith and others, praying for the vacation of all the streets and alleys located north of Ninth street and east of Hill avenue and south of Anderson street, in the Indianapolis Car Company's Second Addition to the City of Indianapolis; said streets are named as follows, to-wit: Bismarck street, Wayne street, French street and Pike street; and said alleys are all included in the territory bounded by Ninth street, Bismarck street, Anderson street and Hill avenue—be referred to the Board of City Commissioners, together with the plat accompanying the same, with instructions to assess benefits and damages caused by such vacation, and to make due report to the Common Council and Board of Aldermen; the said Board of City Commissioners to return all petitions, plats, and notices.

The City Clerk is hereby required to issue, and the Superintendent of the Metropolitan Police Force to serve, the proper notices upon the City Commissioners; and the petitioners are hereby required to serve the proper notices upon the property owners, and show, by affidavit, due service of such notices: *Provided*, That before the City Clerk issue the said notices to the City Commissioners, a bond shall be filed with the said City Clerk, to the approval of the Mayor, guaranteeing the payment of all costs and charges of said Commissioners in this matter.

The report from the Committee on Streets and Alleys, and the following resolution accompanying the same (see page 703, *ante*), were read:

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis That the petition of Bruce Carr and others, praying for the vacation of the twenty foot alley extending from Meridian street east to the first alley east of Meridian street and opposite the intersection of Herbert or Eleventh street with Meridian street, be referred to the Board of City Commissioners, together with the plat accompanying the same, with instructions to assess benefits and damages caused by such vacation, and to make due report to the Common Council and Board of Aldermen; and the said Board of City Commissioners to return all petitions, plats and notices.

The City Clerk is hereby required to issue, and the Superintendent of the Metropolitan Police Force to serve, the proper notices upon the property owners, and to show, by affidavit, the service of such notices: *Provided*, That before the City Clerk issue the said notices to the said City Commissioners, a bond shall be filed with the said City Clerk, to the approval of the Mayor, guaranteeing the payment of all costs and charges of said Commissioners in this matter.

Which report was concurred in, and the resolution concurrently adopted, by the following vote:

AYES, 6—viz: Aldermen Clark, Laut, Rail, Reinecke, Reynolds, and President Wright.

NAYS—None.

The report from the Committee on Streets and Alleys, recommending the adoption of the motion naming the first 20-foot alley south of Palmer street running through from Meridian street to Union street, as Oklahoma Street, and that the property owners be granted permission to curb the sidewalks (see page 703, *ante*), was read, and the action of the Common Council thereon, concurred in.

The following reports and resolutions from the Committee on Streets and Alleys (see pages 704 and 705, *ante*), were read, and referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys and Sewers and Drainage:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Streets and Alleys, to whom was referred the petition of Lucy A. Sewall, Susanna Goepper and others, asking for the vacation of a seven (7) foot alley extending from Park avenue to the first alley east thereof, lying between Lincoln avenue and Seventh street, report that in the opinion of your Committee, said alley is too narrow to be of any practical use whatever, not being wide enough for a wide-track wagon to pass through; therefore, we recommend that said petition be granted, and the accompanying resolution adopted: *Provided*, That said petitioners will pay to the city the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) in addition to the costs of said proposed vacation.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, That the petition of Lucy A. Sewall, Susanna Goepper and others, praying for the vacation of the alley running from Park avenue to the first alley east thereof, and lying between Lincoln avenue and Seventh street—said alley being about seven feet and six inches wide at Park avenue, and about six feet and nine inches wide at the east end thereof—be referred to the Board of City Commissioners, together with the plat accompanying the same, with instructions to assess benefits and damages caused by such vacation, and to make due report to the Common Council and Board of Aldermen; the said Board of City Commissioners to return all petitions, plats and notices.

The City Clerk is hereby required to issue, and the Superintendent of the Metropolitan Police Force to serve, the proper notices upon the City Commissioners; and the petitioners are hereby required to serve the proper notices upon the property owners, and to show, by affidavit, due service of such notices: *Provided*, That before the City Clerk issue the said notices to the City Commissioners, a bond shall be filed with the said City Clerk, to the approval of the Mayor, guaranteeing the payment of all costs and charges of said Commissioners in this matter.

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Streets and Alleys, to whom was referred the petition of Theodore P. Haughey and others, praying for the vacation of the second alley east of Race street, between McIntire street and the first alley south of McIntire street, report that we have examined the same, and recommend that the petition be granted, and the accompanying resolution be adopted, said petitioners to pay into the city treasury fifty dollars in addition to the expenses of said vacation.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, That the petition of Theodore P. Haughey and others, praying for the vacation of the second alley east of Race street and extending from McIntire street to the first alley south of McIntire street, between Lots 21 and 22, in Brett, Braden & Company's addition to the City of Indianapolis, be referred to the Board of City Commissioners, together with the plat accompanying the same, with instructions to assess benefits and damages caused by such vacation, and to make due report to the Common Council and Board of Aldermen, and said Board of City Commissioners to return all petitions, plats and notices.

The City Clerk is hereby required to issue, and the Superintendent of the Metropolitan Police Force to serve, the proper notices upon the City Commissioners; and the petitioners are hereby required to serve the proper notices upon the property owners, and to show, by affidavit, due service of such notices: *Provided*, That before the City Clerk issue the said notices to the City Commissioners, a bond shall be filed with the City Clerk, to the approval of the Mayor, guaranteeing the payment of all costs and charges of said Commissioners in this matter.

The following motions (see pages 707, 709, 710 and 711, *ante*), were read and concurrently adopted:

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, instructed to repair the gutter on the west side of West street, at the corner of Maryland street.

That the Judah heirs be, and are hereby, granted permission to pave with cement the sidewalk in front of their property, Nos. 115, 117 and 119, east Washington street; work to be done at their own expense, under the direction of the City Civil Engineer.

That the Street Commissioner be ordered to clean the gutters and repair the same, on Park avenue, from Seventh street to Christian avenue.

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, ordered to notify the Telephone Company to move their poles off of the west sidewalk of Illinois street, from Thirteenth street to Fall Creek, to the outer edge of said walk, the same to remain there until further orders.

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, directed to lower the sidewalks to the proper grade on Blake street, from Indiana avenue to the first alley south of Indiana avenue; and the City Civil Engineer is hereby directed to set the proper grade stakes.

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, directed to notify the owner of the property at 82 Stevens street, to at once repair the sidewalk in front of that number, as the same is very defective, and dangerous to pedestrians.

That the Street Commissioner be directed to raise the bowlders in the gutters of Delaware street, on the east side of the street, from McCarty street fifty feet north.

That the Street Commissioner be directed to lay a double stone crossing across Merrill street, at the north end of Ketcham street.

That the Street Commissioner order the property holder whose property abuts on the alley between Park avenue and Broadway street, running from Home avenue south to the first alley running east and west, to clear the same of surplus dirt and gravel, until it conforms with the established grade, the City Civil Engineer to fix such grade.

That A. Kiefer be permitted to pave the sidewalks in front of and alongside of his property at the corner of Alabama and Seventh streets; work to be done at his own expense, and under the direction of the City Civil Engineer.

That Elizabeth Nicholson be permitted to pave alongside her property in the alley at the corner of the alley between Park avenue and Broadway street, on the south side of Home avenue; work to be done under the direction of the City Civil Engineer, and at her own expense.

That the Street Commissioner build a wooden bridge across the State Ditch on north Pennsylvania street, at a cost not to exceed three hundred and fifty dollars (\$350.00.)

That J. S. & S. S. Adams be, and are hereby, granted permission to pave with brick the sidewalk in front of their property on Nevada street, between Hill avenue and Sheldon street. This work to be done under the direction of the City Civil Engineer, at their own expense.

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, ordered to straighten the curb stones on West street, west side, from Indiana avenue to McIntire street.

The following resolution (see page 708, *ante*), was read:

Resolved, That the voting places in the Fourteenth Ward at the General City Election to be held on Tuesday, October 8th, 1889, be as follows, to-wit:

1st Precinct—At the southwest corner of Blake and Michigan streets.

2d “ At the northwest corner of Blake and Michigan streets.

All in lieu of the voting places heretofore adopted.

And it was concurrently adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 6—*vis*: Aldermen Clark, Laut, Rail, Reinecke, Reynolds, and President Wright.

NAYS—None.

The following resolution (see pages 708 and 709, *ante*), was read :

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis,
That the following changes be made in the officers to serve in the precincts named
in said city, at the General City Election to be held on Tuesday, October 8th, 1889 :

FIRST WARD.

1st Precinct—Al. G. Hardin, Inspector, in lieu of Newton Todd.

THIRD WARD.

2d Precinct—N. S. Byram, Inspector, in lieu of Jas. L. Fletcher; G. R. Root,
Judge, in lieu of N. S. Byram.

FOURTH WARD.

1st Precinct—Edward Jones, Inspector, in lieu of Richard Mason.

2d Precinct—John McGee, Judge, in lieu of Michael Brown.

FIFTH WARD.

1st Precinct—Daniel Monninger, Judge, in lieu of Irvin Robbins.

2d Precinct—Gerard Blue, Judge, in lieu of Henry Tutewiler.

SIXTH WARD.

1st Precinct—John Landers, Judge, in lieu of Charles R. Meyers.

SEVENTH WARD.

1st Precinct—August Schmidt, Judge, in lieu of Chris. Schad.

2d Precinct—M. H. Field, Judge, in lieu of Jacob Voorhis.

3d Precinct—George W. Thompson, Judge, in lieu of G. W. Stumpf.

NINTH WARD.

1st Precinct—Felix Deitch, Judge, in lieu of G. A. Deitch.

TENTH WARD.

1st Precinct—Joseph Staub, Judge, in lieu of F. A. Bryan.

TWELFTH WARD.

1st Precinct—R. R. Miles, Inspector, in lieu of F. J. Van Vorhis.

THIRTEENTH WARD.

2d Precinct—Jno. J. Truckses, Inspector, in lieu of Henry Werbe; Joseph
Gardner, Judge, in lieu of F. J. Vogt.

FOURTEENTH WARD.

1st Precinct—Edward T. Pedlow, Judge, in lieu of Charles Overman.

2d Precinct—Don. D. Wells, Inspector, in lieu of J. L. Evans; Elisha Kise,
Judge, in lieu of Edward Dudy.

SIXTEENTH WARD.

1st Precinct—John D. Fournace, Inspector, in lieu of Adam Scott.

SEVENTEENTH WARD.

2d Precinct—Thomas Gambold, Inspector, in lieu of Benj. F. Heatherington.

EIGHTEENTH WARD.

2d Precinct—J. W. Murphy, Inspector, in lieu of Fred. Steinhauer; C. C. Cor-
nelius, Judge, in lieu of J. W. Murphy.

TWENTY-FIFTH WARD.

3d Precinct—John Sourbeer, Inspector, in lieu of James R. Sourbeer—mistake
of name.

And it was concurrently adopted by the following vote :

AYES, 6—viz: Aldermen Clark, Laut, Rail, Reinecke, Reynolds, and President Wright.

NAYS—None.

The following resolution (see page 709, *ante*), was read:

Resolved, That the Indianapolis Water Company be, and is hereby, ordered to extend its mains in and along Seventh street, from Bellefontaine avenue to Columbia avenue, and thence south in and along Columbia avenue to Lincoln avenue; and the Chief Fire Engineer is hereby directed to superintend the placing of fire hydrants on said line.

And it was concurrently adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 6—viz: Aldermen Clark, Laut, Rail, Reinecke, Reynolds, and President Wright.

NAYS—None.

The proposition of J. F. Flack and Chas. Shover (see pages 709 and 710, *ante*), was read, and the action of the Common Council thereon, concurred in.

The following resolution (see page 710, *ante*), was read:

Resolved, That the Chief Fire Engineer locate fire plugs on New Jersey street, north of Seventh street, as per contract with the Water Company.

And it was concurrently adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 6—viz: Aldermen Clark, Laut, Rail, Reinecke, Reynolds, and President Wright.

NAYS—None.

The following resolution (see page 711, *ante*), was read:

Resolved, That the Indianapolis Water Company be, and is hereby, ordered to extend its mains along Woodlawn avenue, from Linden street to Reid street; hydrants to be located under the direction of the Chief Fire Engineer.

And it was concurrently adopted by the following vote:

NAYS, 6—viz: Aldermen Clark, Laut, Rail, Reinecke, Reynolds, and President Wright.

NAYS-- None.

The report from the Committee on Public Light, recommending the erection of an electric light at the crossing of the Union tracks and East street (see page 711, *ante*), was read, and the action of the Common Council thereon, concurred in.

The following entitled ordinances, (passed by the Common Council,) were severally read the first time:

Ap. O. 58, 1889—An ordinance appropriating the sum of eight hundred and forty (\$840.00) dollars to pay interest on bonded debt due October 1st, 1889, on Sellers Farm bonds

SIG. 60.

G. O. 47, 1889—An ordinance requiring the C., C. C. & St. L. Railroad Company to station and maintain a Flagman at the crossing of its track and west Ohio street.

REPORTS, ETC., FROM CITY OFFICERS.

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

To the President and Members of the Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—In response to your instructions as to the expenditures of the Street Commissioner, I report that the total expenditures in his office to date, are forty-two thousand one hundred and fifty-two dollars and sixty-five cents. I have requested him to prepare a statement of the manner of expending said money, and I submit herewith his report as a part of this report.

Respectfull submitted, JNO. W. BOWLUS, City Clerk.

To the President and Members of the Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—At the request of the City Clerk, and on instructions of your honorable body, I submit the following report of the operations of the Street Commissioner's Department since the first of January, with this statement: that the motion of your honorable body was so broad that it would be quite impossible, with the clerical help that I have in my office—even if it were possible to do so—to make an exact answer to your request for the particular location of each separate item of work done in my Department since January last. And if the following statement is not sufficiently full, I can copy my pay-rolls, and give a detailed account of the work done in my Department—all of which, however, can be seen by inspection of the books in the office, which are open to all.

First—It will be remembered that about two hundred miles of streets, alleys and sidewalks were opened last year for the purpose of laying therein gas and water mains, being more than all of the mains combined heretofore laid in the entire history of the city. The result was the throwing to the surface enormous quantities of clay and gravel mixed, which could not be re-packed in the trenches, and of necessity had to be hauled away, and through the fall and winter had spread all over the streets, and necessitated the removal thereof this year. In order to do this, I have caused to be scraped and hauled away from the streets and alleys in this city about forty-five thousand loads of street scrapings since the first of January; and much of this had become so packed on the bowlders and street surface generally, as to require its being picked before it could be thrown together for removal.

Second—In order to fill up the bad places and chuck-holes in the streets, I have caused about five thousand loads of gravel to be hauled and spread upon the different streets of the city.

Third—I have caused to be re-covered a number of the bridges over Pogue's Run that were in a dangerous condition to travel, and have caused the entire surface of Pogue's Run bridge, at Virginia avenue, to be re-covered, at an expense of \$700.00. The stringers to said Virginia avenue bridge had become so decayed as to cause the construction of entire new tressel work under said bridge. One-half of Fall Creek bridge, on Indiana avenue, has also been re covered, and required twenty thousand feet of oak plank.

Fourth—I have caused about one hundred car loads of broken stone to be used in repairing the streets and making crossings on the outskirts of this city.

Fifth—Under instructions of the Council and Board, I have caused to be raised all of the flag stone crossings in the center of the city, and wherever needed in the outskirts of the city.

Sixth—Under your instructions, I have laid six thousand three hundred and twenty-nine lineal feet of new flag stone at street and alley crossings, principally in the outskirts of the city, all of which have been paid for out of money in my Department.

Seventh—I have caused to be repaired or re-built, almost all of the culverts in the city.

Eighth—I have caused to be made and set, one hundred and fifty new culverts in new places.

Ninth—I have caused to be plowed up and re-made anew, several of the old gravel streets that were so badly worn as apparently to be impossible of repairing.

Tenth—I have caused every bowldered street in the city, with the exception of south Illinois street—which I intend repairing in a few days—to be repaired with bowlders.

I will state that the above work has been distributed generally all over the city. It will be remembered that we have about four hundred miles of streets and alleys to be taken care of; and considering the extraordinarily bad condition the streets were in on January last, owing to the laying of so many miles of gas mains therein, the high price of labor and the short hours of work, as fixed by law, and the comparatively small amount of money at my command, I deem it a matter of congratulation that the streets of this city are in as good condition as they are now.

I will state further, that for the rest of the year the expenditures in my Department will be very much less in proportion than for the previous part of the year, for the reason that the great bulk of the above work, so far as street scraping was concerned, was done of necessity in the early part of the year, and that practically all of the enormous quantity of surplus clay and gravel, from the gas trenches, has been removed.

Respectfully submitted,

D. DERUITER, Street Commissioner.

INTRODUCTION OF MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Alderman Laut offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That the City Attorney be insuructed to examine the Natural Gas Ordinance, with the view as to whether the natural gas companies can, under the law, collect pay of consumers three months in advance; and he be instructed to report at the next meeting of the Board of Aldermen.

On motion by Alderman Reynolds, the following motion was recalled from the Committee on Public Light, and the action of the Common Council then concurred in:

“That a 2000-candle power arc electric light be erected at the corner of Noble and Michigan streets, under the contract with the Brush Electric Light Company.”

On motion, the Board of Aldermen then adjourned.

G. S. Wright, President.

Attest: *M. W. Loomery*, Clerk.