

# PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF EQUALIZATION.

SECOND SESSION—AUGUST 10, 1881.

The Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, together with the City Clerk and City Assessor, met as a Board of Equalization, in the Council Chamber, on Wednesday evening, August 10th, A. D. 1881, pursuant to adjournment.

A roll-call was had with the following result :

**PRESENT**—Aldermen DeRuiter, Drew, Mussmann, Newman, Seibert; Councilmen Cowie, Coy, Dowling, Egger, Harrold, Knodel, Koller, Mauer, Morrison, Pritchard, Reichwein, Thalman, Ward, and Yoke; Joseph T. Magner, City Clerk, and Millard F. Connett, City Assessor—21.

**ABSENT**—His Honor, Mayor Grubbs, Chairman; Aldermen Hamilton, Rorison, Tucker, Wood, and President Layman, and Councilmen Bedford, Brundage, Bryce, Caylor, Cole, Dean, Fultz, Hartmann, Pearson, Stout, and Weaver—17.

On motion, Hon. Isaac Thalman, President *pro tem.* of the Common Council, was declared Chairman.

His Honor, Chairman Thalman, read Section 59 of the City Charter, defining the powers and duties of the Board of Equalization; also, the section of the law "In such city, all the powers and duties of the Common Council, as defined in previous acts of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, shall be exercised by the joint action of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen."

Councilman Ward, in behalf of the Select Committee appointed by this Board, at its first session, held on the first instant, submitted the following report; which was approved:

OFFICE OF CITY ASSESSOR, August 10th, 1881.

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

Gentlemen:—Your Committee to whom was referred the Assessment Lists, and books of the City Assessor for the year 1881, beg leave to submit the following report:

REDUCTIONS ON REAL ESTATE AND IMPROVEMENTS.

NAMES OF OWNERS.	DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY.	Lot.	Square.	Out-Lot.	Value of Lots.	Value of Improv'ts
Franklin Hall.....	McKernan & Pearce's sub. D.'s 4dd...	5	18	.....	\$300 00	.....
W. J. Gillespie.....	.....	12	37	.....	2,000 00	.....
Joseph H. Emery.....	A.'s sub. B. & F.'s addition.....	46	.....	.....	2,000 00	\$100 00
Wm. H. Seiders.....	Crane's north addition.....	164	.....	.....	150 00	.....
Christian Gumph.....	Dunlap & Tutewiler's addition.....	84	.....	.....	200 00	.....
Fannie M. Farquar.....	Henderson's addition.....	8	.....	.....	1,900 00	.....
Andrew F. Statts.....	S. & Co.'s Woodlawn.....	81	.....	.....	100 00	.....
Mary Jane Griffith.....	Johnson's sub. Johnson's addition.....	32	20	.....	400 00	.....
James H. McKernan.....	.....	.....	124	.....	150 00	.....
do do.....	.....	6	27	.....	100 00	.....
do do.....	.....	29	121	.....	50 00	.....
do do.....	.....	38	128	.....	50 00	.....
McKernan & Yandes.....	Yandes' sub.....50, 51 &	52	129	.....	300 00	.....
do do.....	Drake & Mayhew's 2d addition.....	14	.....	.....	50 00	.....
do do.....	Crane's north addition.....17 &	18	.....	.....	100 00	.....
do do.....	do do.....	53	.....	.....	50 00	.....
do do.....	do do.....	72	.....	.....	100 00	.....
Geo. E. Townley.....	Butler's addition.....	88	.....	.....	400 00	.....
Fred. Rapp.....	Yeiser's addition.....	6	.....	.....	300 00	.....
Elizabeth J. & C. Hess.....	Yeiser's addition.....	10	.....	.....	300 00	.....
Mary E. H. Hardman.....	Spann & Co.'s Woodlawn.....	93	.....	.....	100 00	.....
E. H. Beal.....	do do.....	92	.....	.....	100 00	.....
Sarah A. Robbins.....	Beaty's addition.....	23	8	.....	200 00	.....
David F. Tedroe.....	A. & Co.'s sub B. & F.'s addition.....	69	.....	.....	100 00	.....
C. H. & Mary Black.....	South half.....	12	58	.....	100 00	.....
John Vondarsaar.....	Dunlap & Tutewiler's addition.....	47	.....	.....	300 00	.....
W. Q. Gresham.....	Henderson's addition, part.....	16	.....	.....	200 00	.....
Elizabeth Moffitt.....	Johnson's sub. Johnson's addition.....	12	28	.....	200 00	.....
Fletcher & Churchman.....	B., P. & E.'s sub.....	84	155	.....	100 00	.....
Zarilda Wright.....	W. & B.'s sub. south east addition.....	57	.....	.....	150 00	.....
John A. Reaume.....	W. H. Morrison's add.....69, 70, 71 &	72	.....	.....	550 00	.....
Casper Doenges.....	Van Blaricum's sub.....	10	121	.....	400 00	.....
Geo. W. Hill.....	Fuller's sub.....	6	87	.....	600 00	.....
Herman E. Frauer.....	Greenleaf's sub.....19, 20, 21 &	22	77	.....	200 00	.....
Christena Case.....	do do.....	23	77	.....	50 00	.....
Mary V. Rorison.....	do do.....	24	77	.....	50 00	.....
Rheinhardt Krebs.....	Yeiser's add., part.....	65	.....	.....	250 00	.....
Georgiana Smith.....	.....	3	69	.....	1,000 00	.....
Henry C. Smithers.....	P. & I. R. R. Co.'s sub.....	8	177	.....	200 00	.....
Elizabeth Clark.....	W. H. Morrison's addition.....	38	.....	.....	300 00	.....
Henry Weisse.....	Noble's sub.....	6	55	.....	600 00	.....
Wm. Treitsche.....	Wiley's sub.....	10	161	.....	150 00	.....
Herman J. Roy.....	K. & N.'s south Merldian street add.....	10	.....	.....	500 00	.....
Mads. Hansen.....	B., F. & K.'s sub.....	54	107	.....	200 00	.....
Joseph A. Moore.....	Richter's sub. Cress's addition.....	21	.....	.....	2,500 00	.....
Henry Coleman.....	F. et al. sub., parts.....319 &	320	96	.....	250 00	.....
E. S. Field.....	H. McC. & M.'s sub. s e add.....7 to	14	11	.....	225 00	.....
E. S. Field.....	do do.....70 to	76	11	.....	175 00	.....
Martha A. Sprouse.....	..... parts.....8 &	9	72	.....	6,800 00	.....
					\$14,500 00	\$9,350 00
Total reduction.....					\$23,850 00	

REDUCTIONS ON PERSONAL PROPERTY.

Michael Hoffman.....	\$3,000 00
Louisa S. McDougal.....	4,000 00
Total.....	\$7,000 00

**ADDITIONS ON REAL AND IMPROVEMENTS.**

NAMES OF OWNERS.	DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY.	Lot.	Square.	Out-Lot.	Value of Lots	Value of Improvis
W. C. DePauw.....		r	26	}		\$1,000 00
W. C. DePauw.....	north half.....	a	26	}		
Albert Sahn.....	Johnson's sub. Johnson's addition.....	29	20		\$150 00	
Mary Banworth.....	F. et al. sub.....	263		96		200 00
John C. Karnatz.....	F. et al. sub.....	459		96		300 00
John C. Karnatz.....	F. et al. sub.....	460		96	300 00	300 00
E. M. Williams.....	Johnson's addition.....	7	21			700 00
W. F. Resener.....		6		60		200 00
John Goetz.....	Greenleaf's sub.....	14		77		500 00
M. Criqui.....	Greenleaf's sub.....	15		77		100 00
R. Boerner.....	F. et al. sub., part.....	319		96		700 00
R. M. & E. M. Foster.....	Young's sub., part.....	79		181		200 00
<b>Total.....</b>					<b>\$450 00</b>	<b>\$3,900 00</b>

**ADDITIONS ON PERSONAL PROPERTY.**

Failey, Bybee & Pratt.....	\$80,000 00
Jeremiah Sheehan.....	100 00
Fred. Rapp's heirs.....	100 00
C. A. Wolfram.....	9,200 00
C. G. Stark, Adm'r. C. Pfeiffer.....	1,300 00
Albert E. Fletcher.....	4,050 00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$95,750 00</b>

The following is the total footings of railroad returns, as made by the State Board of Equalization..... \$337,600 00

**RECAPITULATION.**

Former report.....	\$51,049,115 00
Assessment returns of Railroads.....	337,600 00
Additions to real estate and improvements.....	4,350 00
Additions to personal property.....	95,750 00
	<b>\$51,486,815 00</b>
Reduction of real and improvements.....	\$23,850 00
Reduction of personal property.....	7,000 00
	<b>30,850 00</b>
<b>Total appraisement for 1881.....</b>	<b>\$51,455,965 00</b>

Total polls.....13,725.

The Board made personal examination of all complaints of appraisements laid before them, having held daily sessions since appointment.

Respectfully submitted,

B. Ward, Chairman,  
H. Seibert,  
D. DeRuiter,  
Phil Reichwein,  
John Egger,  
Board of Equalization.

JOS. T. MAGNER, City Clerk.  
M. F. CONNETT, City Assessor.

Councilman Morrison offered the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the assessment upon the shares of stock as returned by the City Assessor, of the following named banks, be, and the same is hereby, increased the following sums and amounts, to-wit:

The Merchant's National Bank of Indianapolis, \$10 per share, making the total amount for taxation, \$110,000.00.

The First National Bank of Indianapolis, \$33.33 per share, taking the total amount for taxation, \$400,000.00.

The Indianapolis National Bank, \$16.66 $\frac{2}{3}$  per share, making the total amount for taxation, \$350,000 00.

The Indiana National Bank of Indianapolis, \$11.50 per share, making the total amount for taxation, \$337,500.00.

The Citizens' National Bank of Indianapolis, \$10.00 per share, making a total amount for taxation, of \$330,000.00.

And that the personal assessment of Harrison's Bank, composed of A. & J. C. S. Harrison, be increased \$200,000.00, making the total amount for taxation, \$213,795 00.

And the City Assessor is hereby directed to enter the foregoing additional amounts upon the assessment books.

And it was adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 20—viz. Aldermen DeRuiter, Drew, Mussmann, Newman, and Seibert; Councilmen Cowie, Coy, Dowling, Egger, Harrold, Knodel, Koller, Mauer, Morrison, Pritchrd, Reichwein, Thalman, Ward, and Yoke; Joseph T. Magner, City Clerk.

NAYS, 1—viz. Millard F. Connett, City Assessor.

The City Clerk presented the following communication; which was received, and ordered spread on the records:

*Indianapolis, August 10, 1881.*

Jos T. MAGNER, City Clerk:

*Dear Sir:*—On account of the death of my child to-day, it will be impossible for me to be present to-night at the meeting of the Board of Equalization. Please have read the inclosed communication from the Mayor and absent Aldermen, viz: Rorison, Tucker and Hamilton, in which I fully concur, and also recommend the additional special levy of five cents on each \$100.00 taxable property for sewer purposes, which levy we have a legal right to make under the new law, to be expended only for the building of sewers. Yours, very truly,

JAMES T. LAYMAN.

*Cleveland, Ohio, Aug. 8, 1881.*

Hon. JAMES T. LAYMAN, Indianapolis, Ind.:

*Dear Sir:*—Please say to the members of the Joint Convention to be held on Wednesday evening next, for the purpose of fixing the tax levy for the year 1881, that we think such levy should *not exceed* the sum of *eighty-five* (85) cents on each \$100.00 of taxables. We ask that our opinion may be made a matter of record, as we do not believe that the interests of the city or of the tax payers demand a greater one.

Very respectfully,

D. W. Grubbs,  
Brainard Rorison,  
W. H. Tucker,  
F. W. Hamilton.

Councilman Morrison offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That there be, and is hereby, assessed and levied upon all the real estate, personal property, notes, stocks, bonds and choses in action, assessed and returned

for taxation for the year 1881, a general tax levy of eighty five (85) cents upon each one hundred dollars of such property assessed and returned for taxation, and the further sum of fifty (50) cents on each poll. The City Clerk is directed to place said taxes upon the proper tax duplicates, and the Treasurer is directed to collect and make due report thereof, according to law.

And it was adopted by the following vote :

AYES, 18—viz Aldermen DeRuiter, Drew, Mussmann, Newman, and Seibert; Councilmen Cowie, Coy, Dowling, Fultz, Harrold, Knodel, Koller, Mauer, Morrison, Pritchard, Reichwein, Thalman, Ward, and Yoke.

NAYS, 1—viz. Councilman Egger.

The Board of Equalization having disposed of all the business for which it was convened, on motion, adjourned *sine die*.

ISAAC THALMAN, President *pro tem.*,  
Chairman of the Board of Equalization.

Attest: JOS. T. MAGNER, City Clerk.



# PROCEEDINGS OF COMMON COUNCIL.

SPECIAL SESSION—AUGUST 10, 1881.

The Common Council of the City of Indianapolis met in the Council Chamber on Wednesday evening, August 10th, A. D. 1881, in special session.

**PRESENT**—His Honor, Councilman Thalman, President *pro tem.*, of the Common Council, in the chair, and 13 members, viz: Councilmen Cowie, Coy, Dowling, Egger, Harrold, Knodel, Koller, Mauer, Morrison, Pritchard, Reichwein, Ward, and Yoke.

**ABSENT**—His Honor, Mayor Grubbs, and Councilmen Bedford, Brundage, Bryce, Caylor, Cole, Dean, Fultz, Hartmann, Pearson, Stout, and Weaver—11.

His Honor, Isaac Thalman, introduced the following entitled ordinance, which was read the first time:

G. O. 39, 1881—An Ordinance making a General Tax Levy for the year 1881 upon the taxable property within the limits of the city of Indianapolis.

On motion, the above entitled ordinance was read the second time, ordered to be engrossed, read the third time, and passed by the following vote:

**A YES**, 14—viz. Councilmen Cowie, Coy, Dowling, Egger, Harrold, Knodel, Koller, Mauer, Morrison, Pritchard, Reichwein, Thalman, Ward, and Yoke.

**NAYS**—None.

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

*Indianapolis*, August 10th, 1881.

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

*Gentlemen*.—I herewith submit, in accordance with your instruction, an ordinance to provide for a special sewer tax for the year 1881, upon the taxable property within the city.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN A. HENRY, City Attorney.

The following entitled ordinance, presented with the above report, was read the first and second times:

G. O. 40, 1881—An Ordinance making a special tax levy for the year 1881, of ..... cents on each one hundred dollars, upon all property within the city of Indianapolis returned for taxation for general city purposes, for the year 1881, for the purpose of erecting, constructing, maintaining and repairing sewers in said city.

Councilman Pritchard moved that the special tax be made the sum of three cents, and that said sum be inserted in the above ordinance.

Councilman Ward moved to amend so that the special tax be made the sum of five cents.

Councilman Yoke moved that the above entitled ordinance be stricken from the files.

Which motion was adopted, and the ordinance stricken from the files.

On motion, the Common Council then adjourned.

ISAAC THALMAN, President *pro tem.*

Attest: JOS. T. MAGNER, City Clerk.