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Regular Meeting

Council Chamber

Indianapolis March 4th 1850

The Council met, Present Messrs King, Montague, Sulgrove, Rooker Cully Bates and Mr President.

The Treasurer laid before the Council his Report which was Read and accepted.

The Report of the Street Commissioner was Read and accepted, and the following claims specified in said Report allowed.

Allowed

(540 & 41)	Jos Butch	for hawling gravel for side walk of Lot	
(" ")	" "	12 in Sqr 67. Blakes,	\$10.85
(" ")	" "	" " " " " " Lot	
(" ")	" "	12 in Sqr 57 Stevens	3.37 $\frac{1}{2}$
(" ")	" "	" " " " " " Lot	
(" ")	" "	12 in Sqr 57 Martin	3.37 $\frac{1}{2}$
(" ")	" "	" " " " " " Lot	
(" ")	" "	12 in Sqr 57 Wright	1.87 $\frac{1}{2}$
(" ")	" "	" " " " " " Lot	
(" ")	" "	3 in Sqr 69 McCartys	2.10
(" ")	" "	" " " " " " Lot	
(" ")	" "	1 in Sqr 69 Frazier	4.20
(" ")	" "	" " " " " " Lot	
(" ")	" "	2 in Sqr 69 Daily	5.60
(" ")	" "	" for Streets & Alleys in	
(" ")	" "	5th Ward	5.60
(" ")	" "	" " " " " " "	
(" ")	" "	1st "	1.50
(" ")	" "	" " Street in 3rd Ward	1.12 $\frac{1}{2}$
(" ")	" "	Dirt & cleaning Culbert in	
		2nd & 3rd Wards	1.00
		(Butches Amt drawn in 2 orders)	
(557) Allowed,	Patrick Mulchy	for Labor on side walk of Lot1	
		in Sqr 52 owend Russell	1.40
(535) " "	A. Charters	" " " " " " " " " "	
		" " " " " " " " " "	1.25
(535) " "	Jas Dunn	" " " " " " " " " "	
		" " " " " " " " " "	1.25
(547) " "	Simeon Shaw	" " " in 2nd Ward	1.00
(547) " "	" "	for cleaning Culbert in 3rd Ward	.50
		(Both in one order)	
		George W. Pitts, St Comm	
(537) Allowed	Douglass & Elden	for Printing	\$21.50
(544) " "	William L. Wingate	for Oak Boards &c	11.38
(536) " "	James H. Kennedy	for Punch Mallet & Block	1.25



(534)	Alowed,	Wm Hinton	for Labor	\$ 5.00
"	"	J Hawgh	" "	.50
(538)	"	C.C.Campbell	for fees as Sheriff	1.00

The claim of Morrison & Major for fees as Attorneys, was Read and on motion, was refered to the Committee on Claims

The petition of Joseph Loucks, praying the Council to remit to him his corporation taxes for the current year was Read, And on motion it was laid upon the table.

On motion of Mr Bates, The taxes of this year due from said Loucks be passed oved by the Collector, and added into his taxes for next year, The motion was decided in the negative

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The following petition was presented by Mr King.

To the City Council of Indianapolis, We the undersigned Citizens of said City Respectfully petition your Honorable body to grant us the privilage of cutting down the Burren Bank of the Canal $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet between Michigan and Vermont Streets, so as to make it passable for wagons, this can be done without any damage to the canal, we wish to use the dirt on our side walks and other purposes, And in duty bound Your petitioners will ever pray &c. Signed

S. S. Rooker
Thms McClamrock
Simeon Shaw
George W Pitts
Cornelius King

Ordered that the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

A communication was Read put forth by the Council of Cleveland relative to the Pacific Rail Road, and on motion was laid upon the table.

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The Resignation of Doct Funckhouser as one of the Board of heath was Read and acc~~pt~~ed by the Council.

The following petition was presented by the President.

The undersigned would Respectfully ask permission of your body to use as much of the Earth to be excavated in grading Alabama Street, South of Pogue's Run, as can be spared, to make the embankment of the Union track in the vicinity. It is probable that the city may want enough of this earth to grade Alabama Street North of the Run-and as I suppose there is more in the cut South of the Creek than will be needed for this purpose I wish to apply it to the grading of the Union track, If permission is granted, the grading will be done subject to the



orders of the Council, and the City Engineer, An order is requested at your next meeting as the grading of the Union track will be let next week, and we must know where the earth can be procured before the letting.

I would also represent to the Council, that the Terre Haute line crosses the Canal over the Diagonal Street Bridge, and that it will be necessary immediately to provide a Bridge at that point for the Terre Haute track, This Bridge will have to be made in connection with the Diagonal Bridge, I wish permission to tear down the old Diagonal Bridge, and place it on one side in a temporary manner while the Road in the vicinity and the New Bridge is building. As it is designed to reduce the level of the Bridge

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to about the natural surface of the ground, I wish permission to take away the embankment there and dispose of it on the grade of the Road, I would also suggest to the Council, that as the Bridge now over the diagonal crossing is nearly worn out, and must soon be rebuilt, that in Justice to the Rail Road Company, I think the City ought to bear a part of the expence of the New Bridge, I hope therefore the Council will consider this matter, and make such appropriation towards this bridge as they may deem Just

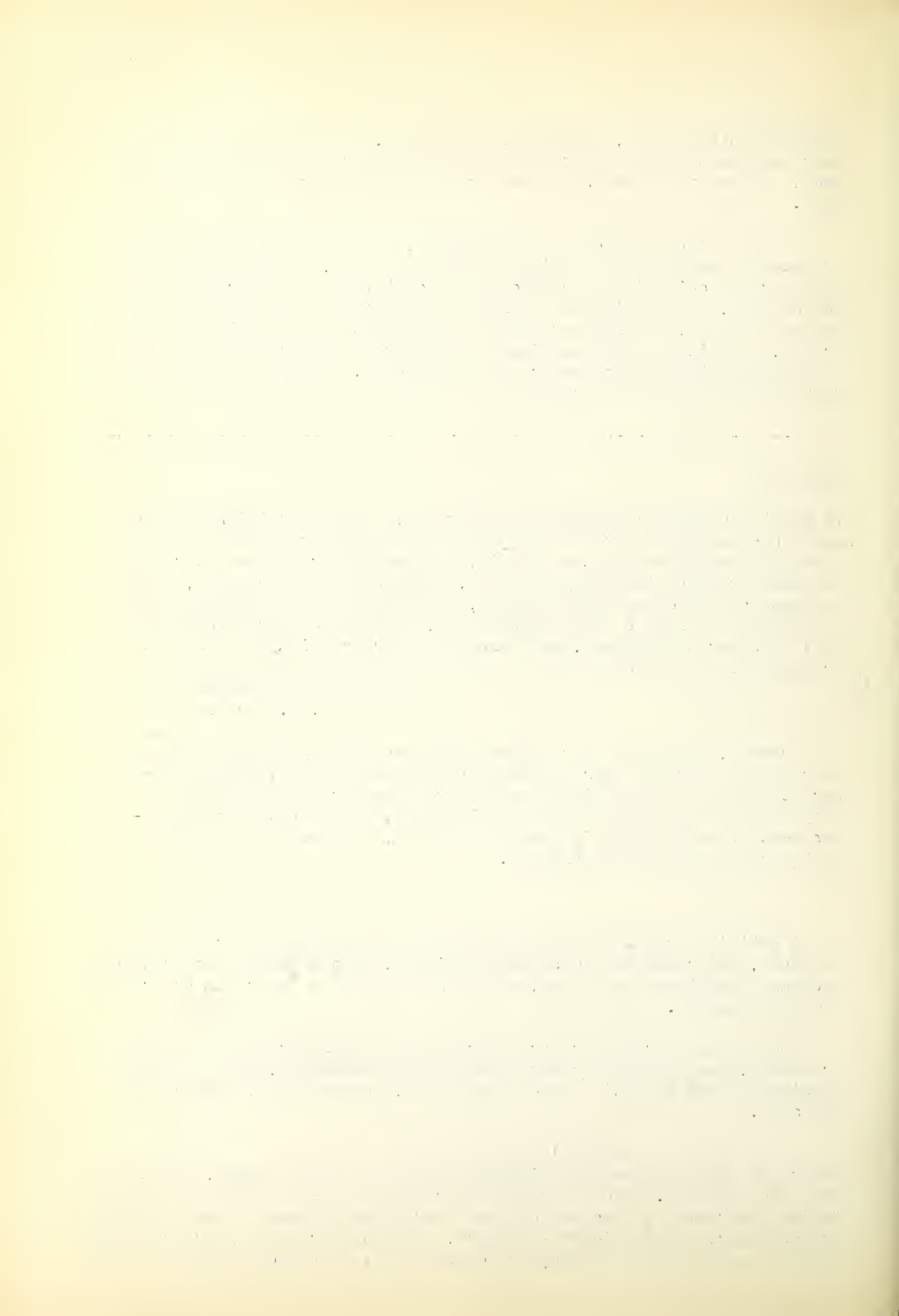
Respectfully Submitted
T. A. Morris

Ordered, That the Terre Haute Rail Road Company be permitted to tear down the Bridge over the Canal on Kentucky Avenue, and to construct the same on one side in a temporary manner while the Road in the vicinity and the New Bridge is building, and also to use the embankment at said Bridge in grading the Road, Provided said Company do the same at their own expence.

A petition from the Union track Rail Road Company was presented and Read, and refered to a select Committee, consisting of the President and Messrs Montague and Bates, with instructions to Report an order at the next meeting.

The claim of Mr Taylor for labor done on Massachusetts Avenue was presented, and on motion refered to a select Committee, said Committee consists of the following named Councilman, Messrs Cully, Rooker and Montague.

The following is the Report of the Committee on building the Public School Houses, which was Read and accepted. The undersigned heretofore appointed by the Council to let contracts for the building of four School Houses in the City the present year, now beg leave to Report, That as directed by order of the Council made on Feb 11th they proceeded to give two weeks notice by hand



bills previous to the first day of March inviting sealed proposals for said work to that time, And that on the afternoon of said day they opened and compared all the bids Received (18 in number) and the contract for the erection of the same and completion of said buildings according to the plan and specifications adopted by the council was awarded to William Evans at the sum of \$1268, he being the lowest bidder, and Responsible, reserving however the right to incorporate in the contract any alteration or modification

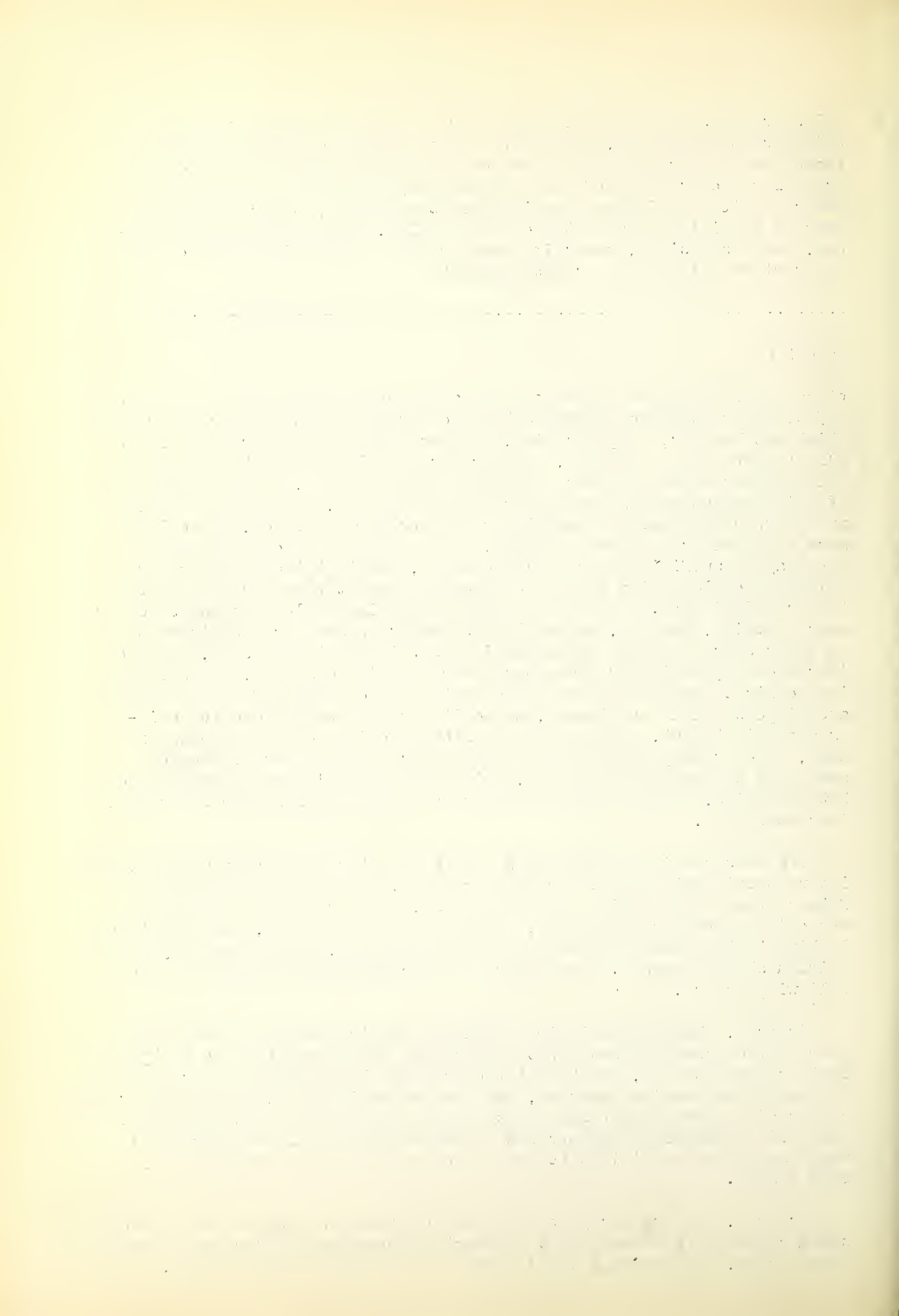
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of said buildings which the Council may think proper to make, Provided a just and reasonable allowance be made for any excess of work over that which was bid for, Upon review, and more mature consideration of the plan adopted by the Council, and further consultation with Citizens having experience in matters connected with teaching, the Committee are of opinion that with a small increase in the cost, the houses can be made more commodious and useful for the purposes designed, as well as more staisfatory to the Community, It is believed one Recitation Room may be sufficient for a single story, and that the entrance for Male and Female pupils should be sepearate and not open directly into the principal Room. But into an ante Room which would be a deposite for over Clothing, Hats &c, and would also afford space for a stairway to an upper story when the funds shall be sufficient to build it, and the increased poputation in the several wards shall demand it, This change in the first plan would take five feet off the length of the building and dispense with two windows, while its breadth would have to be increased Eight feet, making only six feet more in the whole length of wall, The principal Room would then be large enough for 60 double seats and accomodate 120 pupils, while the first plan would accomodate but 80 pupils, being a gain of 50 per cent against less than 9 per cent increased cost.

The construction of the walls of the one Story now to be erected, will insure sufficient support for another Story, which if put on at some futture time will Receive 120 pupuls more, thus providing ultimately convenient Room for 240 pupils, This change in the plan, the Committee looking to the future as well as the present good, are unanimously of the opinion should be made. They therefore Recommend the adoption of the following orders.

Ordered, That the Building Committee be directed so to change the plan of the School Houses now to be erected that they shall be 45 by 34 feet from out to out, and have two entrances (besides the the front door) for Males and females sepearate, and one Recitation Room, all to be strictly conformed in arrangement and finish to the amended plan now submitted, and that said Committee be authorized to add to the bid of the successful applicant a sum sufficient to cover the increased cost occasioned by said change.

Ordered, If any party to whom the contract has been or may be awarded, shall refuse to embrace in his contract the change as directed in the foregoing order, said refusal shall forfeit his right to the contract, and the



building Committee shall proceed to let the same to such other of the bidders as they may in their discretion think best, or they may Relet the same upon

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new propositions as they may think most advisable.

Signed
H. Bates
C. King
James Sulgrove
Wm. Montague

A petition from the Street Commissioner asking the sum of One Hundred and fifty Dollars as additional compensation was presented and Read, and on motion of Mr Cully was laid on the Table.

On motion of Mr. King, The Market Master be allowed the sum of Fifty Dollars as extra pay for his services, and on motion the proposition was laid on the Table.

On motion of Mr. Bates, The President and Mr. Sulgrove be appointed a Committee to present a plan for a Bridge to be built over Pogues Run on Illinois Street, and Report the same at the next meeting of the Council.

Ordered, That Market Street west of Pogues Run, and the Alleys between Market Street & Washington Street as also the alley between said streets farthest East be opened, Except so much as passes through the lands of the late governor Noble deceased, The same to be governed in all respects according to the provisions of an Act of the Legislator, passed on January 21st, 1850.

On motion the Council adjourned.

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Jos T. Roberts Secty

Wm Eckert President

