

PROCEEDINGS OF COMMON COUNCIL.

ADJOURNED SESSION—MARCH 12, 1888.

The Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, met in the Council Chamber, Monday evening, March 8th, A. D. 1888, at eight o'clock, in adjourned session, pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT—Hon. Caleb S. Denny, Mayor, and *ex officio* President of the Common Council, in the Chair, and 19 members, viz: Councilmen Burns, Cummings, Darnell, Davis, Dunn, Elliott, Finch, Gasper, Gaul, Hicklin, Johnston, Kelley, Long, Markey, McClelland, Parkinson, Stuckmeyer, Trusler, and Wilson.

ABSENT, 6—viz: Councilmen Coy, O'Connor, Pearson, Swain, Smith, and Thalmann.

REPORTS, ETC., FROM COMMITTEE ON CONTRACTS.

The Committee on Contracts, through Councilman Darnell, presented the following petition; which was granted:

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

Gentlemen:—I wish to ask your honorable body to release me from the contract of bowldering the alley bounded as follows: Third alley north of McCarty street, running from Alabama street to Hanna street, for the reason is this: Mr. Cornelis and Mr. Raesner, having all to pay for, and not asking the same to be done, came to me and asked me to give the contract up; and not wishing to do any one harm, I will surrender my contract, if you see fit to do so.

W. F. GANSBERG.

COMMUNICATIONS, ETC., FROM THE MAYOR.

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

Indianapolis, Ind., March 12, 1888.

To the Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—[There was collected in the Mayor's court during the month of February, 1888, the following amounts of fines and fees due to the city, to-wit:

Marshal's fees.....	\$152 80
Mayor's fees.....	123 25
Fines due the city.....	60 40
Total.....	\$336 45

I have paid said sum into the treasury, and filed the receipt therefor with the City Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,

C. S. DENNY, Mayor.

His Honor, the Mayor, submitted the following report; which was received, and his action thereon approved:

Indianapolis, Ind., March 12, 1888.

To the Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—On the 7th inst., I approved and filed with the City Clerk, the bond of the Indianapolis Natural Gas Company. It is in the penal sum of fifty thousand dollars, as required by the ordinance. It is properly executed by the company, as principal, and is signed by thirty responsible citizens of Indianapolis, each obligating himself for twenty-five hundred dollars only.

Respectfully submitted,

C. S. DENNY, Mayor.

The Board of Health submitted a communication relative to printing their annual report.

On motion of Councilman Markey, the annual report referred to the Committee on Public Health was recalled, and referred to the Committee on Printing, with power to act, providing that not more than five hundred copies be printed.

The Rental Committee submitted the following report; which was referred to the Committee on Public Property:

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—The undersigned, to whom was referred the matter of leasing Garfield Park, report that pursuant to your order, we caused an advertisement to be inserted for three insertions in the Indianapolis Sentinel, but received no bids.

We have inspected the Park, and find that the property is in bad condition, and must be repaired, especially the house. The tenant does not pay any rent, and says that he will not, in the present condition of the property; and that if the city wants him to remove from the Park, he will sell out his personal property and get out on reasonable notice at any time; but that if he is to go this Spring, he wants to know it now, before he puts in his crops.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. W. BOWLUS, City Clerk.

WM. L. TAYLOR, City Attorney.

The special order for the evening, viz: the report from the Committee on Railroads, was then taken up.

The Committee on Railroads, through Councilman Swain, submitted the following majority report, accompanied with resolution:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—The Committee on Railroads, to whom was referred the resolution ordering the Citizens' Street Railway Company to put double platforms on its passenger cars, and to remove the turn tables from the streets, report that in the opinion of the undersigned majority of said committee, a rear platform on all cars should be maintained, and that the accompanying resolution providing therefor, should be passed, and that this will be fair to both the company and to the city.

Respectfully submitted,

D. F. Swain,

Fred. W. Gaul,

Committee on Railroads.

RESOLUTION.

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, That the Citizens' Street Railway Company be, and it is hereby, ordered and directed to at once provide and maintain on all passenger cars used by it in this city, a platform on the rear end of each car, not less than two feet in length, with a fen-

der at end, and a step on each side of said platforms; such work to be done by September 1st, 1888. Except that platforms of the above description shall be placed on both ends of all cars on the Massachusetts and College avenues, the Virginia and Indiana avenues, the Illinois and Pennsylvania streets (Belt line), the Blake and Noble street, and the Mississippi and McCarty street lines of street railway. That the City Clerk is hereby instructed and ordered to prepare duplicate copies of this resolution, and serve one of them on the said company, and endorse his return of service upon the other, showing upon whom the same was served, the date of service thereof, and report the same to the Common Council and Board of Aldermen: *Provided*, That the passage of this resolution shall not prevent the city, by its Common Council and Board of Aldermen, from ordering that double end platforms be placed on all cars at any time hereafter.

Councilman Darnell, from the same Committee, submitted the following minority report:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—The undersigned, a minority of your Committee on Railroads, reports that he recommends that the original resolution, ordering the Street Railway Company to provide platforms at both ends of all cars in this city, and ordering all turn-tables, be passed as introduced in the Council on January 16th, 1888, except that the time be limited to six months from the passage of this resolution

Respectfully submitted,

C. F. DARNELL,
Minority Committee on Railroads.

Which failed of adoption, by the following vote:

AYES, 10—viz: Councilmen Cummings, Darnell, Davis, Dunn, Finch, Gasper, Gaul, Long, Trusler, and Wilson.

NAYS, 12—viz: Councilmen Burns, Elliott, Hicklin, Johnston, Kelley, Markey, McClelland, O'Connor, Parkinson, Pearson, Stuckmeyer, and Swain.

Councilman McClelland moved that the majority report be received, and the resolution accompanying the same be adopted.

After various amendments being made to the resolution, offered by different Councilmen, it was adopted as amended, by the following vote:

AYES, 12—viz: Councilmen Cummings, Darnell, Davis, Dunn, Finch, Gasper, Gaul, Kelley, Long, McClelland, Trusler, and Wilson.

NAYS, 10—viz: Councilmen Burns, Elliott, Hicklin, Johnston, Markey, O'Connor, Parkinson, Pearson, Stuckmeyer, and Swain.

PENDING ORDINANCES.

The following entitled ordinance was read the second time:

G. O. 1, 1888—An ordinance supplemental to an ordinance entitled "An ordinance authorizing the construction, extension and operation of certain passenger railways in and upon the streets of the City of Indianapolis;" ordained and established January 18, 1864, and all ordinances amendatory thereof and supplemental thereto.

Councilman Darnell offered the following amendment:

Amend Section 1 of G. O. No. 1, 1888, by striking out of lines 4 and 5, in said Section, the following words, to-wit: "All of its lines of street railways in this city," and insert in lieu thereof the following words, to-wit: "The Massachusetts avenue, Blake and Noble, Illinois and Pennsylvania and Virginia avenue lines of street railway in this city."

Which failed of adoption, by the following vote :

AYES, 8—viz: Councilmen Darnell, Davis, Dunn, Finch, Gasper, Gaul, Long, and Swain.

NAYS, 14—viz: Councilmen Burns, Cummings, Elliott, Hicklin, Johnston, Kelley, Markey, McClelland, O'Connor, Parkinson, Pearson, Stuckmeyer, Trusler, and Wilson.

The ordinance was then ordered engrossed, read the third time, and it failed to pass, by the following vote :

AYES, 8—viz: Councilmen Darnell, Davis, Dunn, Finch, Gasper, Long, McClelland, and Wilson.

NAYS, 13—viz: Councilmen Burns, Cummings, Elliott, Gaul, Hicklin, Johnston, Kelley, Markey, O'Connor, Parkinson, Pearson, Stuckmeyer, and Swain.

Councilman Cummings moved to reconsider the vote just taken.

Which motion was adopted, by the following vote :

AYES, 12—viz: Councilmen Cummings, Darnell, Davis, Dunn, Finch, Gasper, Gaul, Long, Stuckmeyer, Swain, Trusler, and Wilson.

NAYS, 10—viz: Councilman Burns, Elliott, Hicklin, Johnston, Kelley, Markey, McClelland, O'Connor, Parkinson, and Pearson.

After reconsidering the vote on engrossment,

Councilman Cummings offered the following amendments :

To amend by striking out "all of its lines of street railway," in the fourth line, and inserting in lieu thereof "the following lines of street railway: Massachusetts and College avenues, Pennsylvania and Illinois streets (Belt line) Virginia and Indiana avenue lines."

Councilman McClelland moved that the Blake and Noble street line be substituted for the Indiana and Virginia avenue lines.

Which motion failed of adoption, by the following vote :

AYES, 7—viz: Councilmen Davis, Dunn, Elliott, Finch, Gasper, McClelland, and Pearson.

NAYS, 15—viz: Councilmen Burns, Cummings, Darnell, Gaul, Hicklin, Johnston, Kelley, Long, Markey, O'Connor, Parkinson, Stuckmeyer, Swain, Trusler, and Wilson.

Councilman Elliott moved to amend by adding the Blake and Noble street line.

Which was adopted.

Councilman Kelly moved to amend by adding the McCarty street line.

Councilman Darnell moved to lay the motion on the table.

Which was adopted.

The amendment offered by Councilman Cummings, was then adopted.

The ordinance was then placed upon its passage, and failed, by the following vote :

AYES, 10—viz: Councilmen Cummings, Darnell, Davis, Dunn, Finch, Gasper, Gaul, Long, McClelland, and Wilson.

NAYS, 12—viz: Councilmen Burns, Elliott, Hicklin, Johnston, Kelley, Markey, O'Connor, Parkinson, Pearson, Stuckmeyer, Swain, and Trusler.

Later on during the session, Councilman Trusler moved to reconsider the vote taken above.

Which was adopted, by the following vote :

AYES, 12—viz: Councilmen Cummings, Darnell, Davis, Dunn, Finch, Gasper, Gaul, Long, McClelland, Stuckmeyer, Trusler, and Wilson.

NAYS, 10—viz: Councilmen Burns, Elliott, Hicklin, Johnston, Kelley, Markey, O'Connor, Parkinson, Pearson, and Swain.

The ordinance, as amended, was then taken up.

And it was passed by the following vote :

AYES, 12—viz: Councilmen Cummings, Darnell, Davis, Dunn, Finch, Gasper, Gaul, Long, McClelland, Trusler, Wilson, and Mayor Denny.

NAYS, 11—viz: Councilmen Burns, Elliott, Hicklin, Johnston, Kelley, Markey, O'Connor, Parkinson, Pearson, Stuckmeyer, and Swain.

MESSAGES AND PAPERS FROM THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

The following message was read and received :

To His Honor, the Mayor, and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—I submit herewith the following papers for your consideration, favorably passed upon by the Board of Aldermen at its regular session held March 12th, 1888.

For the Board of Aldermen:

MICHAEL W. TOOMEY, Clerk.

It being now near eleven o'clock, on motion by Councilman Trusler, the Rules were suspended for the purpose of extending the time of the session, by the following vote :

AYES, 22—viz: Councilmen Burns, Cummings, Darnell, Davis, Dunn, Elliott, Finch, Gasper, Gaul, Hicklin, Johnston, Kelley, Long, Markey, McClelland, O'Connor, Parkinson, Pearson, Stuckmeyer, Swain, Trusler, and Wilson.

NAYS—None.

The amendments adopted by the Board of Aldermen (see page —, *ante*), to the contract between the city and the Indianapolis Gas Light and Coke Company, as heretofore adopted by the Council (see pages 138 and 139, *ante*), were then read.

Councilman Stuckmeyer moved that the action of the Board of Aldermen be concurred in.

Councilman Trusler moved as a substitute, that the Council adhere to its former action.

Which failed of adoption by the following vote:

AYES, 11—viz: Councilmen Burns, Cummings, Davis, Dunn, Finch Hicklin, Kelley, Markey, Pearson, Trusler, and Wilson.

NAYS, 12—viz: Councilmen Darnell, Elliot, Gasper, Gaul, Johnston, Long, McClelland, O'Connor, Parkinson, Stuckmeyer, Swain, and Mayor Denny.

Councilman Stuckmeyer's motion to concur in the action of the Board of Aldermen, was then adopted.

Which said contract, as amended, reads as follows:

THIS AGREEMENT, Made and entered into this 1st day of March, 1888, by and between the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, party of the first part, and the Indianapolis Gas Light and Coke Company, party of the second part;

Witnesseth: Whereas, The contract made and entered into by and between said parties, on the day of March, 1885, for the lighting of said city for three years from the first day of March, 1885, has expired; and

Whereas, It is necessary to make and enter into a new contract between said parties or others, for the public lighting of said city;

Now, therefore, It is agreed by and between said parties hereto, that said Indianapolis Gas Light and Coke Company, party of the second part, agrees to furnish gas to said party of the first part, for the term of two years from the first day of March, 1888, of the quality and kind used and furnished in other cities of similar size to this city, in this country, for two thousand six hundred and forty lamps, all of which are now in serviceable condition in and upon the streets of said city; said lamps to be lighted upon a time-table to be furnished by the city, which table shall provide for two thousand seven hundred and forty (2,740) hours per year for each and every lamp, and the burners thereof shall be of the capacity of not less than four (4) cubic feet per hour for each and every lamp. Said party of the second part also agrees at proper and regular times to light and extinguish said lamps, according to the schedule furnished by the party of the first part; to keep said lamps clean and in repair; and if said party of the second part shall fail or neglect to keep the same clean and in repair, the said party of the first part shall have the right to do so, and deduct the cost thereof from any sum due said company. It is further agreed that the party of the first part shall have the right to deduct from any amount due said party of the second part, the sum of fifteen (15) cents for each and every post for each and every night that it is not lighted and kept lighted during the time provided in the time-table: *Provided*, that this provision shall not apply to cases of failure to light and keep lighted that are caused by frost, over which said party of the second part has no control; but said party of the second part agrees to use the utmost reasonable dispatch in thawing out such posts:

It is further agreed that said party of the first part, and her officers, shall have the right, at any time, to test both the quality of the gas furnished, and the capacity of the burners on street lamps.

It is further agreed, that the 2,640 posts and lamps shall be such as shall be se-

lected and designated by the proper committee or committees of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen and a representative committee of said Gas Company; and the said party of the second part also agrees to furnish gas for all offices occupied by city officers, for all engine houses, for the Council Chamber, for all tunnels, bridges and station houses, and all other places where gas is required for the use of said city in her corporate capacity, at a price of one dollar (\$1 00) per thousand cubic feet.

In consideration of the foregoing agreements of said party of the second part, the said party of the first part agrees to pay said party of the second part for each and every street lamp of said city to which gas is applied, the sum of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) per annum for said 2,640 posts; (said sum to be full compensation for all gas furnished), and for cleaning, lighting and keeping in repair and in order for service, such lamps and posts as above undertaken and agreed by the party of the second part. And the party of the first part does further agree to pay for gas furnished said city in her corporate capacity, except street lamps, the price of one dollar (\$1.00) per thousand cubic feet, as above mentioned.

The compensation herein agreed to be paid, shall be paid by the party of the first part in equal monthly installments, at the end of each and every month, and the city warrants or orders shall be received at par in such payments

And the party of the first part further agrees with the party of the second part, that during the continuance of this contract, all fines and damages collected by the said city from persons for breaking or damaging said street lamps or posts, shall be paid, when collected, to said party of the second part. And the said party of the second part also agrees that if the city should, at any time, require a greater number of lamp posts lighted than above mentioned, the said party of the second part will furnish gas, light and keep the same in repair in the same manner as the said 2,640 lamps above mentioned, and at the same rate. And said party of the second part does further agree to dis-mantle any gas lamp now erected, and re-light in lieu thereof any lamp-post now erected, or that may be hereafter erected upon the lines of existing mains, when so ordered by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen, during the existence of the present contract, and due notice being given by the City Civil Engineer, without any cost to said city.

It is mutually agreed by and between the parties hereto, that should the Common Council and Board of Aldermen deem it advisable to make a test of the utility of natural gas, or any other mode of lighting, at any time during the existence of this contract, the party of the first part may, upon giving at least one week's notice to the party of the second part, discontinue the use of any number of lamps, not exceeding three hundred (300), the said lamps so discontinued all to be embraced in one district or portion of said city; and during the time said lamps are not in use, no charge shall be made therefor, and a reduction, in proportion to the price herein provided for, shall be made from the bills rendered said city for the time said lamps remain unlighted; and should the party of the first part desire to have said lamps re-lighted, the party of the second part agrees to re-light the same within forty-eight (48) hours after notice so to do.

It is further agreed that the price charged to citizens by said company, shall be the same as that herein agreed to be paid by said city, to-wit: the sum of one dollar per thousand cubic feet, for all gas consumed during the period of two years from March 20th, 1888.

This contract shall take effect and be in force on the first day of March, 1888, and shall remain in force for a period of two years from said last mentioned date, and until a new contract shall be entered into between said parties hereto

In Witness Whereof, The parties hereto, by their proper officers, have hereunto signed their corporate names, and caused their corporate seals to be affixed, the day and year first above written.

The said company agrees to place on each lamp at the corner of the streets, two signs showing the name of the cross street.

Provided, That the City of Indianapolis hereby expressly reserves the right, at any time after March 1st, 1889, to release from this contract, and light any number of street lights in any manner or by any mode said city may elect, by giving at least one week's notice thereof to the said Indianapolis Gas Light and Coke Company.

The following petition and resolution, favorably acted upon by the Board of Aldermen, was adopted by the following vote :

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen :

Gentlemen:—The Ministerial Association of the city ask the use of Tomlinson Hall on March 25th to 30th, inclusive, and April 3d to 6th, inclusive, and April 8th, each evening, and will pay \$20.00 per day therefor, and at the same rate for any additional day or days said Association may use said Hall, provided such use is granted. Respectfully submitted,

JOHN BALTZLY, Secretary.

JAMES McLOED, Chairman.

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, That the above request of the Ministerial Association be granted free of charge.

AYES, 20—viz: Councilmen Burns, Cummings, Darnell, Davis, Dunn, Elliott, Finch, Gasper, Gaul, Hicklin, Johnston, Kelley, Long, Markey, McClelland, O'Connor, Pearson, Stuckmeyer, Swain, and Wilson.

NAYS, 1—viz: Councilman Trusler.

INTRODUCTION OF GENERAL AND SPECIAL ORDINANCES.

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

By Councilman Pearson :

G. O. 11, 1888—An ordinance fixing the prices to be charged for the use of Tomlinson Hall; appointing a Rental Committee, and defining their duties.

By Councilman Long :

G. O. 12, 1888—An ordinance preventing owners and drivers of vehicles for the transportation of freight and other articles, while on the public stands set apart by the city, from seeking or soliciting trade and patronage from any person farther away than ten feet from the vehicle they own or drive.

By Councilman Parkinson, which was referred to the Committee on Railroads :

G. O. 13, 1888—An ordinance requiring the Ohio, Indiana & Western Railway Company, and the Indianapolis Rolling Mill Company to station and maintain a Flagman at the intersection of their tracks with the Union Railway tracks on Tennessee street, in the City of Indianapolis, and providing a penalty for the violation thereof.

By Councilman Darnell, which was referred to the Committee on Railroads :

G. O. 14, 1888—An ordinance providing for a street railway line to Crown Hill Cemetery, supplemental to an ordinance entitled "An ordinance authorizing the construction, extension and operation of certain passenger railways in and upon the streets of the City of Indianapolis;" passed January 18th, 1884.

By Councilman Darnell :

S. O. 19, 1888—An ordinance to provide for grading and bowldering the gutters of Hall Place street, and paving with brick and curbing with stone the sidewalks thereof, from Seventh street to Eighth street.

By Councilman McClelland:

S. O. 20, 1888—An ordinance to provide for grading and paving with brick, where not already paved, the east sidewalk of School street, from South street to Huron street.

By Councilman Stuckmeyer:

S. O. 21, 1888—An ordinance to provide for grading and paving with brick, where not already paved, the east sidewalks of School street, from South street to Huron street.

S. O. 22, 1888—An ordinance to provide for grading and bowldering the first alley east of New Jersey street, from South street to Virginia avenue.

By Councilman Trusler:

S. O. 23, 1888—An ordinance to provide for grading and paving with brick, the west sidewalk of Olive street, from Prospect street to Woodlawn avenue.

S. O. 24, 1888—An ordinance to provide for grading and paving with brick, the east sidewalk of Laurel street, from Prospect street to Orange street.

INTRODUCTION OF MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Councilman Trusler offered the following motion; which was referred to the Committee on Public Property:

That the Committee on Public Property ascertain what disposition can be made of the artificial stone pavement in Circle Park.

Councilman Burns offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, instructed to fill up the chuck-holes on west Washington street, from White River bridge to Belmont avenue.

Councilman Darnell offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That the City Civil Engineer be instructed to re-advertise for bids for the erection of the drinking fountain on the corner of Michigan street and Blake street.

Councilman Darnell offered the following motion; which was referred to the Fire Committee and Chief Fire Engineer, with power to act:

That the Chief Fire Engineer be, and is hereby, ordered to have strips of tin painted and put up at each fire-alarm box, stating at what numbers the key to the above alarm box can be found.

Councilman Darnell offered the following motion; which was referred to the Fire Committee and Chief Fire Engineer:

That the Chief Fire Engineer be, and is hereby, ordered to connect the fire cisterns with the fire plugs where it is possible to do so, with water mains of sufficient size, so as he will not have to use hose, as he does now.

Councilman Dunn presented the following petition; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Gas, City Attorney and City Civil Engineer:

To His Honor, the Mayor, and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—The undersigned, resident Plumbers, doing business in this city, respectfully represent to you that there are no regulations for the government of Plumbers, or others, in regard to natural gas fitting for residences, shops or other business places, therefore we further represent to you that we are desirous of having such regulations as public safety and a just and equitable treatment of all concerned would demand; and to that end respectfully ask that the City Civil Engineer and City Attorney be requested to prepare an ordinance to submit to you, covering such points as experience has demonstrated are essential.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles W. Meikel, Dewald & Gall, Henry T. Hudson, Aneshaensel & Strong, Kirkhoff & Judd, Geo. W. Keyser, J. S. Farrell & Co., Clarke & McGauley, Freaney Bros., Henry A. Morris, John C. Dunn, Louis Reising.

Councilman Dunn offered the following resolution; which was referred to the Fire and Water Committees:

Resolved, That the Indianapolis Water Company be instructed to lay water mains on Bright street, from New York street to Noble street.

Councilman Dunn presented the following petition and resolution; which was referred to the Fire and Water Committees:

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

Gentlemen:—The undersigned, owners of real estate fronting on Blackford street, between New York and North streets, respectfully petition for the passage of an ordinance providing for water works.

Emily E. Nicholson, Mary J. Gallum, A. G. Sanborn, Leo Clements, Matilda Kreis, George W. Sulgrove, J. Fitzgerald, Theo. Steiapfel, R. G. McHolme and G. W. Brown, Trustees Fifth Presbyterian Church; Wm. T. Covert, John Ulrich, S. O. Kaufman, Chas. N. Lee, C. G. Lohrmann, T. B. Messick, Isaac Thalman, A. T. Wells, W. W. Perrott.

Resolved, That the Indianapolis Water Company be, and it is hereby, directed to lay water mains in and along Blackford street, from New York street to North street, and to locate the necessary fire hydrants under the direction of the Chief Fire Engineer.

Councilman Elliott presented the following petition; which was referred to the City Civil Engineer, to prepare an ordinance:

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

Gentlemen:—We, the undersigned, owners of real estate fronting on Yandes street, between Eighth street and the Belt Railroad track, respectfully petition that you will pass an ordinance for the improvement of said street between the points named; that the roadway be properly graded and graveled to the width of twenty-five (25) feet, and that the sidewalks be widened to the width of fourteen (14) feet, and seven (7) feet next to the property line be graded and graveled for a walk, the remaining seven (7) feet properly graded for grass plat, or lawn.

Respectfully submitted,

M. R. Moore, J. Wimer, F. F. Vohelsike, William Robinson, Frank. Behymer, Luke Wood, Albert Miller, F. M. Derry, William Hamilton, and many others.

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

That the Street Commissioner be instructed to lay a double walk-stone across Washington street, at the east side of Arsenal avenue; also, across Washington street, immediately in front of No. 8 Hose Reel House.

Councilman Gaul presented a petition from Wm. F. Born, in relation to the re-subdivision of Lots 11 to 20, inclusive, in Terry & Robinson's subdivision of Out-lot No. 127; which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys, and City Civil Engineer.

Councilman Gaul presented the following petition; which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys, City Attorney and City Civil Engineer:

Ann Street, from McCarty street to Reaum street. To vacate ten feet off of each side of the same.

STATE OF INDIANA, *Marion County*:

Before the City Council and Board of Aldermen:

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

Gentlemen:—Your petitioners, the undersigned subscribers hereto, would respectfully represent that Ann street, in said city, commences on the south line of McCarty street, and runs south to Reaum street, a uniform width of sixty (60) feet, and is only one square long; all of which will more fully appear by a plat thereof herewith filed, and made a part hereof, and marked "Exhibit A." That said Ann street is of little use as a street, and the improvement at the present width would be an unnecessary expense to your petitioners, who own all the ground on the east and west sides of said street. Your petitioners further represent that they have filed with the Clerk of said city, as provided by Section 3,190 of R. S. of 1881, their agreement to vacate and reduce the width of Ann street, by vacating ten feet off of each side, reducing it to forty (40) feet in width. Therefore your petitioners respectfully ask your honors to vacate Ann street—that is, to vacate a strip of ten feet wide off of each side of said Ann street. And that when so vacated, that the strip of ten feet on the east side thereof shall inure to the benefit of the owners of lots on the east side of said street, and that the strip of ten feet off of the west side of the said street, shall inure to the benefit of the owners of the lots on the west side of Ann street. Your petitioners further represent that they are the owners of all the real estate fronting on Ann street, and said street is unimproved. And your petitioners ask that your honors will grant their prayer.

Richard S. Noland, C. T. Clark, Edward Flegler, Frank Carr, Mary Bridge and Michael McGlynn, Dines Haley, Patrick McGinly, James S. Hamlet, C. and Anna M. Brown, B. Keenan, T. J. Colden, W. H. English, B. W. Ritter, Jos. V. McKernan, Patrick McCarthy, James N. Huston, by John M. Todd & Co., agent.

Councilman Gaul presented the following petitions; which were referred to the City Civil Engineer, to prepare an ordinance:

Indianapolis, March 8, 1888.

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

Gentlemen:—The undersigned, owners of real estate fronting on Wisconsin street, between Meridian and Canal streets, respectfully petition for the passage of an ordinance for grading and paving the north and south side.

William Wundrum, 240 feet; Mrs. Mary Anna Uphans, 40 feet; George Ohleyer, 40 feet; M. Scheauy, 40 feet; John Nichl, 40 feet; George Leible, 30 feet; William Koche, 40 feet; Albert Hofmann, 30 feet; Fred. A. Meyer, 70 feet; John Drill, Jr., 60 feet; Jos. Moesbin, 35 feet; John Holz, 80 feet; J. D. Webster, 63 feet.

Indianapolis, Feb. 20, 1888.

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

Gentlemen:—The undersigned, owners of real estate fronting on Chadwick street, between McCarty and Ray streets, respectfully petition for the passage of an ordinance providing for a brick sidewalk.

John Kappus, 30 feet; Wm. Boerkamp, 82 feet; Pat. Gavin, 30 feet; Carl Tonas, 60 feet; August Richman, 60 feet; Wm. John, 30 feet; John Gordon, 30 feet; Emil Mortin, 30 feet.

Councilman Gaul offered the following motion ; which was adopted :

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, directed to repair with gravel, the roadway of West street, and to clean the gutters of said street, from Merrill street to Morris street, so as to afford proper drainage.

Councilman Gaul offered the following motion ; which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys :

That the T., H. & I. Railroad Company be, and is hereby, directed to put down a plank crossing across their switch track on Thomas street.

Councilman Gaul 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 south sidewalk of Morris street with gravel, near White River bridge.

Councilman Hicklin presented a remonstrance, signed by over six hundred citizens, against the leasing of Garfield Park, praying that it be kept for the free use of the people, and that the resolution to lease it be repealed, and ask that the Park be inclosed and improved.

Which was received and approved, and referred to the Committee on Public Property.

Councilman Hicklin offered the following motion; which was adopted :

WHEREAS, About one year ago, on account of the bad condition of the sewer in and along Georgia street, between Pennsylvania and Illinois streets, the cellars of two large business houses on the corner of Meridian and Georgia streets were overflowed with water backing into them from the sewer, and were largely damaged by said overflow; therefore, be it

Moved, That the City Civil Engineer and Street Commissioner be directed to investigate the condition of said sewer, and report the same.

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

Resolved, That the Indianapolis Water Company be, and is hereby, directed to extend its mains from Meridian street east on Morris street to Madison avenue. Hydrants to be located under the direction of the Chief Fire Engineer.

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

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, directed to lay stone crossings across Union street, on the north and south sides of Ray street.

Councilman Kelley offered the following motions; which were adopted:

That the South Side Foundry Company be granted permission to bowlder the sidewalk in front of their place of business on Shelby street.

That the City Civil Engineer be, and is hereby, instructed to ascertain and report to this Council what would be the probable cost of a bridge, either at Raymond street, in front of Garfield Park, or at some point not over two hundred feet inside the Park, which will afford a safe means of passage over Pleasant Run, as at the present time it is impossible to pass that stream without wading the stream, which is now an impossibility, after rainy weather.

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

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen.—Some time in 1887, your honorable bodies passed an ordinance to provide for grading and gravelling Lincoln Lane and sidewalks, from East street to the east line of Moore's addition. To make said improvement as contemplated in said ordinance, would require me to move my buildings back off of the line. As I have not platted my ground, or donated the half of the street provided for to be improved, I do not feel that it is fair or just to require me to donate the ground, and then move the buildings and pay for the street improvement; yet I do not want to stand in the way of any improvements that the city or my neighbors may desire to make, therefore I desire to make the following proposition: I will donate, by deed, to the city, thirty (30) feet of ground off of the south end of my ground, being half the width of Lincoln Lane, provided that the city will pay all the expenses of moving said buildings back off of said proposed line of improvement.

Respectfully submitted,
(Signed)

SOPHIA GREENWALD,
HENRY GREENWALD.

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

That the Street Commissioner be ordered to lay a single stone crossing across East street, on the south side of Wabash street; also, a single stone crossing across East street, on the north side of Miami street.

That the Street Commissioner be ordered to lay double stone crossings on the south side of Ohio street, across Noble street. Also, a single stone crossing across Market street, on the east side of Liberty street.

Councilman Long offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, directed to raise the curb and re-lay the brick sidewalk on east Market street, beginning on the north side of Market street, at the east line of the Meat Market building, running thence east to Alabama street; thence north to the City Hall Scales. Said sidewalk to be laid to a width of twenty feet, being five feet inside of the property line, and to be raised to the height of the walk in front of the Meat Market. Work to be done according to stakes set by the City Civil Engineer.

Councilman Markey offered the following motion; which was referred to the Fire Committee:

That the Chief Fire Engineer be instructed to locate a fire-alarm box on High street, between Yeiser street and McCarty street.

Councilman McClelland offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That Augustus Smith be allowed to construct a crossing, at his own expense, over the sidewalk on his own property on Liberty street, between Massachusetts avenue and North street, subject to the approval of the City Civil Engineer.

Councilman O'Connor offered the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Water:

Resolved, That the City Civil Engineer be, and is hereby, directed to advertise for sealed proposals for the erection of a drinking fountain at or near the northeast corner of Noble and Bates streets.

Councilman O'Connor offered the following motion; which was referred to the Board of Public Improvements:

That the Street Commissioner, be, and is hereby, directed to lay two stone crossings on the north side of Meek street, one on each of the alleys between Pine and Benton streets.

Councilman O'Connor offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That the sympathies of this body be extended to our fellow-member, William E. Davis, on account of the severe affliction that has befallen him by the death of his estimable wife.

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

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

Gentlemen:—The undersigned, property owners in Blake's subdivision of Out-lot No. 9 in the City of Indianapolis, petition your honorable bodies to open an alley ten (10) feet wide, from North street to Walnut street, in said city, and running parallel to, and one hundred and ten (110) feet west of Mississippi street, from the east line of said proposed alley. A plat of said proposed alley is submitted herewith, made a part hereof, and marked "Exhibit A."

Respectfully submitted,

Jno. J. Smith, 104 feet; John Cahill, 26 feet; C. E. Raschig, about 56 feet; H. Borehers, 59 feet; Emil Fertig, 40 feet; John Young, 26 feet.

Councilman Pearson presented the following communication; which was adopted, providing that it cost the city not more than \$300.00:

To the Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—I propose to take up one hundred of the choicest trees now in Circle Park, and carefully re-set the same in the square north of the Blind Asylum, under the supervision of any officer you may select, for the sum of six hundred dollars.

GEORGE WOODFILL & SNYDER

I propose to guarantee the payment of one-half of the said sum of six hundred dollars, out of money to be raised by private subscription, if the Council will order the work done and pay the other \$300.00.

JOHN J. COOPER.

Councilman Kelley offered the following motion ; which was adopted :

That the City Civil Engineer be, and is hereby, instructed to notify the Gas Company to dismantle the first lamp-post on the south side of Buchanan street, east of East street, and re-mantle the lamp-post at the mouth of the first alley north of Bicking street, on the east side of East street.

Recommend that the motion be concurred in.

P. C. Trusler,
Thomas Markey.
J. C. Finch,
Committee on Public Light.

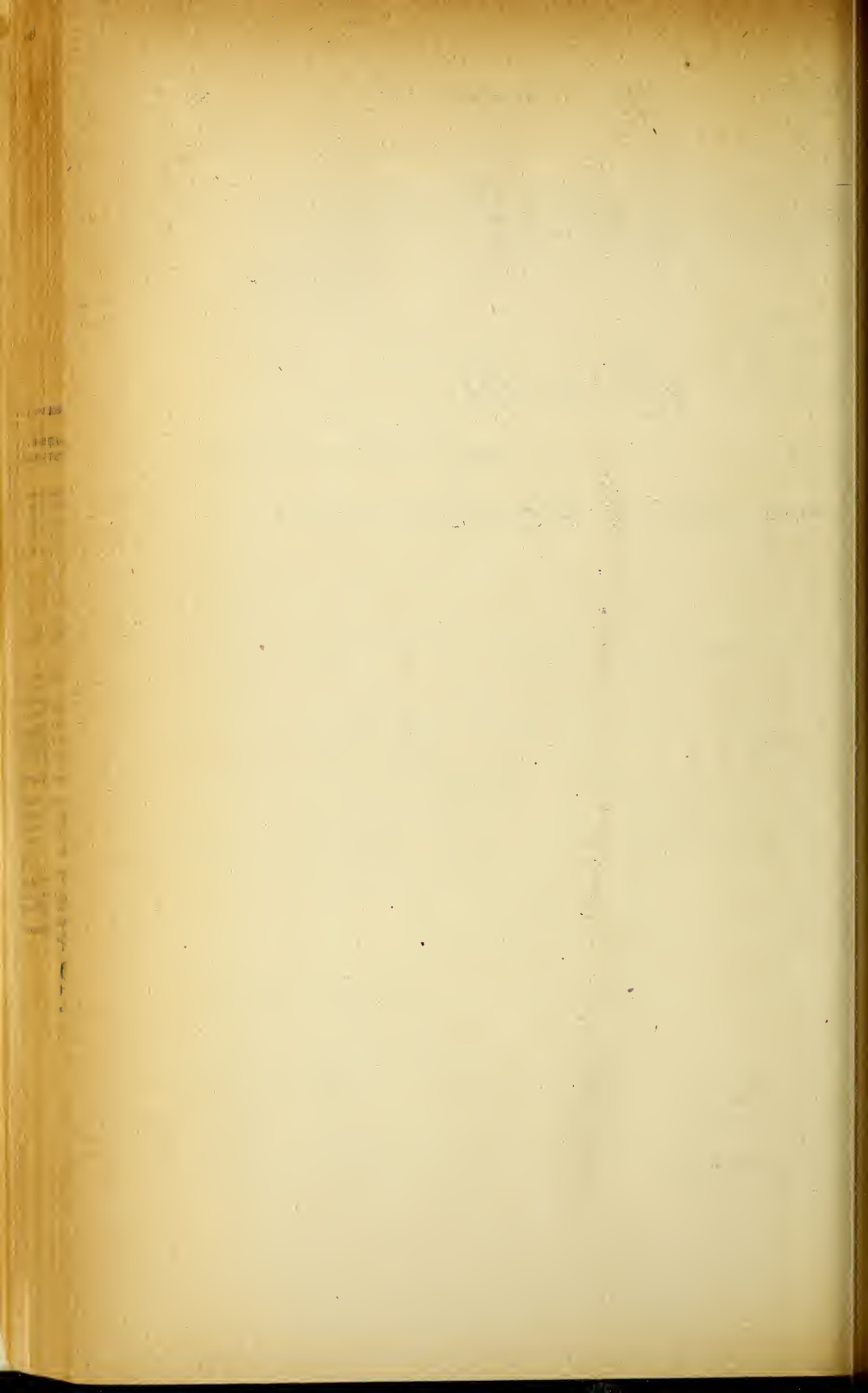
On motion, the Common Council then adjourned, at 12 o'clock, P. M.

C. S. Murray, Mayor,

President of the Common Council.

Attest:

J. M. Cowles, City Clerk,



PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

REGULAR SESSION—MARCH 12, 1888.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, met in the Aldermanic Chamber, Monday evening, March 12th, A. D. 1888, at eight o'clock, in regular session.

PRESENT—Hon. Granville S. Wright, President of the Board of Aldermen, in the Chair, and Aldermen Clark, Connett, Laut, Rail, Reinecke, Reynolds, Smith, Taylor, and Tousey—10.

ABSENT—None.

The Proceedings of the Board of Aldermen for the regular session, held February 27th, 1888, having been printed and placed on the desk of the Aldermen, said Journals were approved as published.

MESSAGES AND PAPERS FROM THE COMMON COUNCIL.

The following message was read and received :

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 regular session, held March 5th, 1888.

For the Common Council:

Jno. W. BOWLUS, City Clerk.

The report from the Committee on Contracts, awarding sundry and various contracts (see page 127, *ante*), was read and approved.

The report from the Rental Agent (see page 129, *ante*), was read and received.

The report from the City Civil Engineer, with reference to constructing a bridge on Willow street over Pleasant Run (see page 129, *ante*), was read, and referred to the Committees on Contracts and Bridges, Finance, and Accounts and Claims.

The report from the City Civil Engineer, submitting certain contracts and bonds (see page 130, *ante*), was read, and the favorable action of the Common Council thereon, concurred in.

The following report from the City Civil Engineer (see page 130, *ante*), was read and received :

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen.—On January 16th, you referred to me for investigation, the affidavit of L. A. Fulmer vs. Ida Volrath for the collection of street improvement assessment. I desire to report that I have examined the work for which the assessment was made, and find it according to contract, therefore would recommend that the precept against said Volrath be issued.

Respectfully submitted,

S. H. SHEARER, City Civil Engineer.

The report from the City Civil Engineer—sixth and partial estimate in behalf of A. Bruner—(see page 130, *ante*), was read, and the action of the Common Council thereon, concurred in.

The report of the Street Commissioner, showing money received on account of sale of old material (see page 131, *ante*), was read and received.

The following resolution (see page 131, *ante*), was read:

Resolved, That the Hospital Board be authorized to erect a Quarantine Hospital on the grounds of, and adjacent to the City Hospital; also, to purchase an ambulance and horse for the use of said City Hospital; also, to pay for the repair of the elevator of said Hospital—all of said expenditures not to exceed the sum of three thousand dollars.

Alderman Reynolds moved to refer the resolution to the Committee on Accounts and Claims.

Alderman Rail moved as a substitute, that the resolution be concurrently adopted.

Which was adopted, by the following vote:

AYES, 6—viz: Aldermen Clark, Connett, Rail, Smith, Taylor, and Tousey.

NAYS, 4—viz: Aldermen Laut, Reinecke, Reynolds, and President Wright.

The report from the Board of Public Improvements, to whom sundry papers were referred (see page 131, *ante*), was read.

Which, on motion by Alderman Smith, was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

The report from the Board of Public Improvements and Street Commissioner, showing expenditures in the Street Repair Department for the month of February, 1888, (see page 132, *ante*), was read and received.

The City Clerk submitted the report of the City Commissioners in relation to the opening of a street forty feet wide along the old bed of the Canal, from Morris street to Wisconsin street (see pages 132, 133 and 134, *ante*); which was read, and referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

The report from the Committee on Bridges, in relation to the construction of a bridge over Pogue's Run on North street (see page 135, *ante*), was read, and referred to the Committee on Contracts and Bridges.

The following report and resolution from the Committee on Office Fixtures and Supplies (see page 135, *ante*), was read :

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Office Fixtures and Supplies, to whom the following resolutions were referred:

“*Resolved*, That the City Civil Engineer be, and he is hereby, instructed to cause the removal of the chairs, desks and fixtures, now in the Council Chamber, to Room No. 1, formerly occupied by the City Treasurer, and that hereafter the Common Council use and occupy said Room No. 1 as a Council Chamber.

Resolved, further, That said Engineer be, and hereby is instructed to cause the removal of all the chairs, desks and fixtures, now in the Aldermanic Chamber, to Room No. 5, formerly occupied by the City Assessor, both of said rooms being in the Court House basement; and that hereafter the Board of Aldermen use and occupy said Room No. 5 as the Aldermanic Chamber.

That Room No. 3, between said rooms one and five, shall be used and occupied by both the Common Council and Board of Aldermen as a cloak room and lobby. That the Board of Health be instructed to remove to and occupy Room No. ..., in said basement.”

Recommend the same be passed, provided the cost does not exceed one hundred dollars.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. Finch,

Wm. T. Long,

Committee on Office Fixtures and Supplies.

And it was adopted by the following vote:

AYES, 10—viz: Aldermen Clark, Connett, Laut, Rail, Reinecke, Reynolds, Smith, Taylor, Tousey, and President Wright.

NAYS—None.

The report from the Committee on Accounts and Claims, in relation to the petition of Robert Kennington, in the matter of improving Sanders street (see pages 135 and 136, *ante*), was read, and the action of the Council thereon, concurred in.

The report from the Committee on Ordinances, in relation to the grading and graveling of the first alley south of Palmer street, running from Union street to Meridian street (being the second alley south of Palmer street—see page 136, *ante*), was read, and the action of the Council thereon, concurred in.

The following report from the Committee on Public Charity, accompanied with resolution (see page 136, *ante*), was read:

To His Honor, the Mayor, and Common Council:

Gentlemen: Your Committee to whom was referred the matter of letting Tomlinson Hall to the Sisters of St. Vincent Hospital for one week, commencing June 11th, for the purpose of holding a Fair to assist in raising funds for the erection of a new hospital, would respectfully report, asking that the same be granted them free of charge.

Respectfully submitted,

W. M. Hicklin,

M. M. Cummings,

M. J. Burns.

Resolved, That the use of Tomlinson Hall be granted to the Sisters of St. Vincent Hospital for the purpose of holding a Fair, free of charge, according to a request previously made to this body, for one week, commencing June 11.

And it was concurrently adopted by the following vote :

AYES, 10—viz: Aldermen Clark, Connett, Laut, Rail, Reinecke, Reynolds, Smith, Taylor, Tousey, and President Wright.

NAYS—None.

The report from the Committee on Streets and Alleys, City Attorney and City Civil Engineer, in relation to the status of the Postal Telegraph Company's franchise in the city; also the petition asking that all hanging signs be removed (see page 141, *ante*), was read and received.

The following petition and resolution (see page 144, *ante*), was read :

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen :

Gentlemen:—The Ministerial Association of the city ask the use of Tomlinson Hall on March 25th to 30th, inclusive, and April 3d to 6th, inclusive, and April 8th, each evening, and will pay \$20.00 per day therefor, and at the same rate for any additional day or days said Association may use said Hall, provided such use is granted.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN BALTZLY, Secretary.

JAMES McLOED, Chairman.

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, That the above request of the Ministerial Association be granted at the rates offered.

Alderman Taylor moved to amend by striking out \$20.00, and that the Hall be given said Association free of charge.

Which amendment was adopted, by the following vote :

AYES, 10—viz: Aldermen Clark, Connett, Laut, Rail, Reinecke, Reynolds, Smith, Taylor, Tousey, and President Wright.

NAYS—None.

The following motion (see page 145, *ante*), was read and concurrently adopted :

That J. R. Lambert & Son be given permission to erect one lamp-post to burn gas; the same to be done at their own expense, including the lighting, in front of their drug store in the Bates House, on the Washington street side.

The following Invitation (see page 145, *ante*), was read, and the invitation unanimously accepted :

Indianapolis, Ind., March 4th, 1888.

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

Gentlemen:—I am instructed by the A. O. H. of this city, to extend to you a hearty invitation to attend the parade and literary entertainment on the coming 17th of March. Hoping you will favor us with your presence,

I am respectfully yours,

JOHN WREN, R. S.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCES.

This being the regular appropriation night, the following entitled Appropriation Ordinances (passed by the Common Council) were placed on their final passage, without a suspension of the Rules :

The following entitled ordinance was read the first and second times, and then read the third time :

Ap. O. 11, 1888—An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of the salaries and compensation of the members of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen ; of the County Auditor and the Treasurer for the City ; of the City Officers and officers and members of the Fire and Police Departments ; the Committee Clerk, City Janitor, Assistant City Janitor, Tomlinson Hall Janitor, Tomlinson Hall Assistant Janitor, and Market Masters of the East and West markets. [Amount appropriated, \$13,269.08.]

And it was passed by the following vote :

AYES, 9—viz: Aldermen Clark, Connett, Laut, Reinecke, Reynolds, Smith, Taylor, Tousey, and President Wright.

NAYS—None.

The following entitled ordinance was read the first and second times, and then read the third time :

Ap. O. 12, 1888—An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of the City Hospital and Branch. [Amount appropriated, \$1,764.20.]

And it was passed by the following vote :

AYES, 9—viz: Aldermen Clark, Connett, Laut, Reinecke, Reynolds, Smith, Taylor, Tousey, and President Wright.

NAYS—None.

The following entitled ordinance was read the first and second times, and then read the third time :

Ap. O. 13, 1888—An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of the Fire Department. [Amount appropriated, \$5,790.94.]

And it was passed by the following vote :

AYES, 9—viz: Aldermen Clark, Connett, Laut, Reinecke, Reynolds, Smith, Taylor, Tousey, and President Wright.

NAYS—None.

The following entitled ordinance was read the first and second times, and then read the third time :

Ap. O. 14, 1888—An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis, on account of Station House. [Amount appropriated, \$1,040.09.]

And it was passed by the following vote:

AYES, 9—viz: Aldermen Clark, Connett, Laut, Reinecke, Reynolds, Smith, Taylor, Tousey, and President Wright.

NAYS—None.

The following entitled ordinance was read the first and second times, and then read the third time :

Ap. O. 15, 1888—An ordinance appropriating money for the payment of sundry claims against the City of Indianapolis. [Amount appropriated, \$18,699.19.]

And it was passed by the following vote:

AYES, 9—viz: Aldermen Clark, Connett, Laut, Reinecke, Reynolds, Smith, Taylor, Tousey, and President Wright.

NAYS—None.

The following entitled ordinance was read the first and second times, and then read the third time :

Ap. O. 16, 1888—An ordinance appropriating the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) on account of the Street Repairs Department of the City of Indianapolis.

And it was passed by the following vote:

AYES, 9—viz: Aldermen Clark, Connett, Laut, Reinecke, Reynolds, Smith, Taylor, Tousey, and President Wright.

NAYS—None.

PENDING ORDINANCES.

On motion by Alderman Laut, the following entitled ordinance was taken up, and read the second and third times :

S. O. 149, 1887—An ordinance to provide for grading, bowldering and curbing the gutters, and widening the sidewalks of Huron street, from Noble street to Virginia avenue.

And it was passed by the following vote:

AYES, 10—viz: Aldermen Clark, Connett, Laut, Rail, Reinecke, Reynolds, Smith, Taylor, Tousey, and President Wright.

NAYS—None.

The Aldermen of the Fifth District submitted the following report; which was adopted :

To the President and Members of the Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—We, the undersigned, to whom was referred S. O. 36, 1887, would report that we recommend the passage of the same.

Respectfully,

John Rail,
Julius F. Reinecke.

The following entitled ordinance was then read the second and third times:

S. O. 36, 1887—An ordinance to provide for grading and bowldering the gutters, and curbing the sidewalks of New Jersey street, from Merrill street to McCarty street, and widening the sidewalks to a width of fifteen feet.

And it was passed by the following vote:

AYES, 10—viz: Aldermen Clark, Connett, Laut, Rail, Reinecke, Reynolds, Smith, Taylor, Tousey, and President Wright.

NAYS—None.

REPORTS, ETC., FROM STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Police Department, through Alderman Tousey, submitted the following report; which was adopted:

To the President and Members of the Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—We, the Committee to which was referred the resolution requestnig the Police Commissioners to provide a cover for the City Patrol Wagon, beg to report that, upon investigation, we do not deem the same to be practicable, and recommend that the action of the Council therein, be not concurred in.

Respectfully submitted, Will. E. Tousey,
H. B. Smith,
Tim. Clark,
Committee.

The Committee on Public Light, through Alderman Taylor, submitted the following report, together with the amendments to the proposed gas contract:

To the President and Members of the Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Public Light, to whom was refered the proposed contract of the city with the Indianapolis Gas Light and Coke Company, would respectfully report that we have had the same under consideration, and submit the following report; first giving the exact cost of gas to the City of Indianapolis for the year 1887:

GAS 1887.

MONTH. 1887.	No. of Lamps.	Cost of Gas for Lamps.	Cost of Gas by Meter.	Total Cost for Month.
January.....	2,633	\$5,485 42	\$486 47	\$5,971 89
February.....	2,633	5,485 42	343 91	5,829 33
March.....	2,633	5,485 42	431 73	5,917 15
April.....	2,634	5,487 50	346 61	5,834 11
May.....	2,634	5,487 50	320 33	5,807 83
June.....	2,636	5,491 67	233 43	5,775 10
July.....	2,638	5,493 84	274 61	5,768 45
August.....	2,639	5,497 91	257 58	5,755 49
September.....	2,639	5,497 91	258 12	5,756 03
October.....	2,639	5,497 91	377 33	5,874 29
November.....	2,640	5,499 69	435 95	5,935 64
December.....	2,644	5,508 33	459 90	5,968 23
Total.....		\$65,918 52	\$4,275 02	\$70,193 54

The above table shows that street lights at \$25.00 per post, cost	\$65,918 52	
Street lights at \$18.75 per post (proposed contract) cost..	49,438 89	
Reduction for street lights.....		\$16,479 63
Gas to city by meter at \$1.80 per 1,000	\$4,275 02	
Gas to city by meter at \$1.25 per 1,000 (prop'd contract)	2,968 76	
Reduction for gas by meter		1,306 26
Total reduction		\$17,785 89
Street lights at \$15.00 per post, cost	\$39,551 11	
Gas to city at \$1.00 per 1,000, by meter, cost	2,375 01	
Total.....		\$41,926 12
Street lights at \$18.75 per post.....	\$49,438 89	
Street light at \$15.00 per post	39,551 11	
Reduction		\$9,887 78
Gas by meter at \$1.25 per 1,000	\$2,968 76	
Gas by meter at \$1.00 per 1,000.....	2,375 01	
Reduction		593 75
Total reduction.....		\$10,481 53

RECAPITULATION.

Gas for street lights at \$25.00 per post	\$65,918 52	
Gas by meter at \$1.80 per 1,000.....	4,275 02	
		\$70,193 54
Gas for street lights at \$18.75 per post	\$49,438 89	
Gas by meter at \$1.80 per 1,000	2,968 76	
		\$52,407 65
Which is (by proposition of Council) a reduction of 25.27-100 per cent., a saving of.....		\$17,785 89
Gas for street lights at \$15.00 per post.....	\$39,551 11	
Gas by meter at \$1.00 per 1,000	2,375 01	
		\$41,926 12
Which is (by proposition of your committee) a reduction of 40.27-100 per cent, a saving of.....		\$28,267 42

We are authorized to say for a certain responsible company, (electric light) that it will light our city (using 450 lights), at \$100.00 each per year, \$45,000.00. This is less than the Council proposes to light the city by means of art gas, which is, \$49,438.89.

We believe, however, that no contract can be made for less than three (3) years, and at present we do not feel justified in making a contract with any one for more than one year for city lights.

Since the above information was obtained, another company tells us that it will require 800 electric lights to properly light the City of Indianapolis, and, inasmuch as that would necessitate more expense than the present mode of lighting, and especially for the present year, we deem it prudent to make no recommendation on this plan at present; and yet, we believe electric light will in the near future, be the true method for street lighting.

From a reliable source we find that a London Gas Company made the following statement. One ton of "good gas coal" yielded:

Gas	11,000 cubic feet.
Ammonia Water.....	190 pounds.
Tar	170 pounds.
Coke	1,195 pounds.

These products at the lowest prices, would bring :

Gas, 11,000 feet at \$1.80.....	\$19 80
Ammonia Water, 190 pounds at 2c.....	3 80
Tar, 170 pounds at 1c.....	1 70
Coke, 1,195 pounds at 10c. per bushel.....	2 90
	\$28 20

Not counting the gas, each ton of coal costing \$3.00 (a high price) yields \$8.40 Difference \$5.40; a margin most certainly sufficient to pay all expenses and give a handsome profit.

So, the Gas Company could afford to let all their gas waste into the air and then make money. In other words, every foot of gas sold is clean profit.

Now counting the gas, the total products from one ton of good gas coal, sell for \$28.20. Discount this calculation (which is based upon an actual report from a London Gas Co.), 50 per cent., and we have \$14.10; coal \$3.00 per ton; difference \$11.10, the profit on each ton of coal.

We are informed by one who is authority, that in our own city, the gas in the holder cost, (for the years 1881 to 1885 inclusive) 45c. to 49c. per 1,000 cubic feet. Same years, 1881 to 1885, inclusive, for distribution, 10c. per 1,000 cubic feet. Supposing that these figures (say 60c.) are correct, the company would receive, at the \$1.00 rate, 66⅔ per cent.

From the above facts we do therefore recommend \$1.00 per 1,000 gas, and \$15.00 per post.

Now, the above has been considered by us as agents of the people. We have endeavored to place ourselves in the position, as to the city, of employees to employer. In fact, we have attempted, without prejudice, to do what we thought to be for the best interest of the city and its citizens.

The question of lighting the city is one which your committee desires now to leave with you and the amendments which accompany this report.

Very respectfully,
J. H. TAYLOR, Chairman,
JOHN RAIL,
Members of Committee on Public Light, &c.

Your committee therefore submit the following amendments:

Page 2, in lines 25 and 26, after the word "dollar," in line 25, strike out the words and figures, "and twenty-five cents."

Also, page 2, after the words "the sum of," in line 29, strike out the words, "eighteen dollars and seventy-five cents," and insert in lieu thereof "fifteen dollars."

Also, page 2, after the word "dollar," in line 36, strike out the words and figures, "and twenty-five cents."

Also, page 2, after the word "dollar," in line 72, strike out the words, "and twenty-five cents."

Page 3, strike out all of lines 6, 7, 8 and 9, (being the amendment offered by Councilman Thalman) and insert the following in lieu thereof: "Provided, That the City of Indianapolis hereby expressly reserves the right, at any time after March 1st, 1889, to release from this contract, and light any number of street lights in any manner or by any mode said city may elect, by giving at least one week's notice thereof to the said Indianapolis Gas Light and Coke Company."

Alderman Smith, from the same Committee, submitted the following minority report:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen.—The undersigned, a member of your Committee on Public Light, has had under consideration the contract with the Indianapolis Gas Light and Coke Company, as approved by the Council of Monday, March 5th, and would respectfully recommend that said report be concurred in.

March 12, 1888.

H. B. SMITH

Alderman Connett moved that both reports be referred back to the Committee, to report in two weeks.

Alderman Smith moved as a substitute, that the minority report be adopted.

Alderman Reinecke moved to lay the minority report on the table.

Which was adopted, by the following vote:

AYES, 7—viz: Aldermen Clark, Laut, Rail, Reinecke, Reynolds, Taylor, and President Wright.

NAYS, 3—viz: Aldermen Connett, Smith, and Tousey.

On motion by Alderman Reinecke, the majority report, together with the amendments, was then adopted, by the following vote :

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

NAYS, 3—viz: Aldermen Connett, Smith, and Tousey.

The said proposed Agreement, as amended, was then adopted.

Alderman Rail then moved that the Clerk be instructed to notify the Council of the action of the Board of Aldermen.

Which was adopted, by the following vote :

AYES, 7—viz: Aldermen Clark, Laut, Rail, Reinecke, Reynolds, Taylor, and President Wright.

NAYS, 3—viz: Aldermen Connett, Smith, and Tousey.

INTRODUCTION OF MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Alderman Connett offered the following resolution ; which was referred to the Fire Committee :

WHEREAS, The Fire Department is at present costing the city a very large amount of money, and, as we believe, a large saving could be effected in this Department; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Fire Committee be requested to make careful investigation regarding the expenses pertaining to said Department, and ascertain in what direction said saving can be made without damaging the efficiency of the Department.

On motion, the Board of Aldermen then adjourned.

Attest: G. S. Wright, President.
M. W. Looney, Clerk.