

PROCEEDINGS OF COMMON COUNCIL.

REGULAR SESSION—AUGUST 20, 1888.

The Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, met in the Council Chamber, Monday evening, August 20th, A. D. 1888, at eight o'clock, in regular session.

PRESENT—Hon. Caleb S. Denny, Mayor, and *ex officio* President of the Common Council, in the Chair, and 24 members, viz: Councilmen Burns, Cummings, Darnell, Davis, Dunn, Elliott, Finch, Gasper, Gaul, Hicklin, Johnston, Kelley, Long, Markey, McAllelland, O'Connor, Parkinson, Pearson, Smith, Stuckmeyer, Swain, Thalman, Trusler, and Wilson.

ABSENT, 1—viz: Councilman Coy.

The Proceedings of the Common Council for the regular session held August 6th, and the special session held August 7th, 1888, having been printed and placed on the desks of the Councilmen, said Journals were approved as published.

OPENING AND REFERRING SEALED PROPOSALS FOR PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Sealed proposals for the following work were opened, read, and referred to the Committee on Contracts:

For the construction and erection of an iron bridge over Pleasant Run, on Willow street, in the City of Indianapolis.

For the construction of stone abutments for a bridge over Pleasant Run, on Willow street, in the City of Indianapolis.

For grading and graveling Orange avenue and sidewalks, from Hillside avenue to Brookside avenue.

For grading and paving with brick, the west sidewalk of Delaware street, from New York street to Vermont street, where not already properly paved with brick.

For grading and graveling Illinois street and sidewalks, from Twelfth street to the north corporation limits.

For grading and paving with brick, the east sidewalk of Newman street, from Hill avenue to Ninth street.

For grading, bowldering and curbing the gutters of Pine street, and paving with brick the sidewalks thereof, from Lord street to the C. I., St. L. & C. R. R. tracks, where not already paved with brick.

For grading and graveling First street and sidewalks, from Camp street to Indiana avenue.

For grading and graveling Bates street and sidewalk, from Lynn street to its eastern terminus.

For grading and graveling Bates street and sidewalks, from Leota street to the first alley east of Leota street.

For grading and graveling the first alley south of Seventh street, from Meridian street to the first alley east of Meridian street.

For grading and paving with brick, the sidewalks of Eighth (or Williams) street, from Tennessee street to Mississippi street.

For grading and paving with brick, the sidewalks of Fifth street, from Illinois street to Howard street.

For grading and graveling Gresham street and sidewalks, from East street to Gray street.

For grading and graveling Naomi street and sidewalks, from Shelby street to Reid street.

REPORTS, ETC., FROM THE COMMITTEE ON CONTRACTS.

The Committee on Contracts, through Councilman Darnell, submitted the following report; which was concurred in, and the contracts severally awarded as recommended, except the seventh clause of the report—action upon which was, on motion by Councilman Thalman, postponed.

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Contracts, to whom was referred the proposals received August 6th, have examined the same, and find them to be as follows:

1. For the construction of a brick sewer two and one-half feet internal diameter, in and along Broadway street and the first alley west of the intersection of St. Clair street and Massachusetts avenue, from Massachusetts avenue to the north line of Cherry street.

H. C. Roney, for sewer \$2.65 per lineal foot; catch-basins \$65.00 each; man-holes \$35.00 each

Fulmer & Seibert, for sewer \$2.47 per lineal foot; catch-basins \$75.00 each; man-holes \$40.00 each.

Augustus Bruner, for sewer \$2.22 per lineal foot; catch basins \$75.00 each; man-holes \$35.00 each.

James E. Twiname & Co, for sewer \$2.20 per lineal foot; catch-basins \$48.00 each; man-holes \$35.00 each.

James E. Twiname & Co. being the lowest and best bidders, recommend they be awarded the contract.

2. For grading and graveling Eighth street and sidewalks, being the first thirty-foot street north of Seventh street, running from Illinois street to Meridian street..

Robert Kennington... 57 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

Twiname & Co..... 45 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

Cooper & Haywood.... 43 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

H. C. Roney..... 42 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

J. L. Spaulding..... 41 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

George W. Buchanan 41 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

J. L. Fisher..... 40 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

Henry Clay..... 29 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

Henry Clay being the lowest and best bidder, recommend he be awarded the contract.

3. For grading and paving with brick, the east sidewalk of Davidson street, from North street to Peru avenue.

- Twiname & Co..... 44 cents per lineal foot front.
- Cooper & Haywood..... 42 cents per lineal foot front.
- J. L. Spaulding..... 42 cents per lineal foot front.
- F. M. Snyder..... 37 cents per lineal foot front.
- H. C. Roney..... 37 cents per lineal foot front.

Being a tie bid, and the same being low, recommend the contract be awarded to F. M. Snyder.

4. For grading and graveling Second street and sidewalks, from West street to the Canal.

- August Richter..... 64 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
- J. L. Spaulding..... 42 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
- Cooper & Haywood... 42 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
- Twiname & Co. 42 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
- Geo. W. Seibert & Co. 41 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
- R. P. Dunning..... 41 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
- Geo. W. Buchanan... 41 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
- H. C. Roney..... 37 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
- Henry Clay.. 33 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

Henry Clay being the lowest and best bidder, recommend he be awarded the contract.

5. For grading and paving with brick, the sidewalks of Wisconsin street, from Meridian street to the Canal bank.

- Twiname & Co..... 45 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
- R. P. Dunning..... 43 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
- H. C. Roney..... 43 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
- J. L. Spaulding..... 42 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
- George W. Buchanan.. 42 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
- James W. Hudson..... 40 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
- F. M. Snyder..... 39 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
- August Richter..... 38½ cents per lineal foot front on each side.
- Robert Kennington.... 35 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
- Joseph Bernauer..... 29½ cents per lineal foot front on each side.

Joseph Bernauer being the lowest and best bidder, recommend he be awarded the contract.

6. For grading and graveling the roadway and the sidewalks, and grading the public grounds and lawns of Hendricks street, from Nebraska street to Lincoln Lane.

- Robert Kennington ...\$1 75 per lineal foot front on each side.
- Cooper & Haywood..... 1 39 per lineal foot front on each side.
- Twiname & Co..... 1 35 per lineal foot front on each side.
- Geo. W. Seibert & Co.. 1 33 per lineal foot front on each side.

Geo. W. Seibert & Co. being the lowest and best bidders, recommend they be awarded the contract.

7. For grading and bowldering the gutters, and placing a gutter-stone therein, of Michigan street, from Meridian street to Pennsylvania street, and widening the sidewalks thereof.

Price per lineal foot front on each side.

Name of bidder.	Bowldering gutters.	Gutter-stone.	Curb re-set.	Walk-stone.	Wings, per yard.
J. W. Hudson.....	62 cts.....	42 cts.....	18 cts.....	69 cts.....	70 cts
Twiname & Co.....	63 cts.....	41 cts.....	17 cts.....	75 cts.....	66 cts
Cooper & Haywood..	61 cts.....	42 cts.....	18 cts.....	71 cts.....	68 cts

R. P. Dunning 62 cts 40 cts 17 cts 72 cts 66 cts
 Robert Kennington.. 60 cts 35 cts 10 cts 65 cts 75 cts
 Robert Kennington being the lowest and best bidder, recommend he be awarded the contract.

8. For grading and graveling the first alley south of Bates street, from Dillon street to Leota street.

August Richter 28 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
 H. C. Roney. 28 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
 J. L. Spaulding 27 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
 G. W. Buchanan..... 27 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
 Twiname & Co 26 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
 Geo. W. Seibert & Co. 25 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

Geo. W. Seibert & Co. being the lowest and best bidders, recommend they be awarded the contract.

9. For grading and paving with brick, the sidewalks of Park Front street, from Newman street to Brookside avenue.

H. C. Roney. 45 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
 Fred. M. Snyder..... 45 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
 Cooper & Haywood... 45 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
 Twiname & Co 44 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
 J. L. Spaulding..... 43 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
 J. W. Hudson..... 43 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
 Richter & Co 40 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
 Geo. W. Buchanan.... 37 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

Geo. W. Buchanan being the lowest and best bidder, recommend he be awarded the contract.

10. For grading and paving with brick, the south sidewalk of Brookside avenue, from Newman street to the first alley southwest of Park Front street.

Cooper & Haywood..... 45 cents per lineal foot front.
 F. M. Snyder..... 45 cents per lineal foot front.
 Twiname & Co 44 cents per lineal foot front.
 J. L. Spaulding..... 43 cents per lineal foot front.
 Geo. W. Buchanan..... 43 cents per lineal foot front.
 August Richter..... 39 cents per lineal foot front.
 James W. Hudson..... 37 cents per lineal foot front.

James W. Hudson being the lowest and best bidder, recommend he be awarded the contract.

11. For grading and graveling Miami street and sidewalks, from Hanna street to Preston street.

R. P. Dunning.....\$1 75 per lineal foot front on each side.
 H. C. Roney..... 1 75 per lineal foot front on each side.
 Cooper & Haywood..... 1 67 per lineal foot front on each side.
 Twiname & Co. 1 66 per lineal foot front on each side.
 Geo. W. Seibert & Co..... 1 63 per lineal foot front on each side.

Geo. W. Seibert & Co. being the lowest and best bidders, recommend they be awarded the contract.

12. For grading and graveling Archer street and sidewalks, from Michigan street to Miami street.

Twiname & Co.....\$1 77 per lineal foot front on each side.
 Cooper & Haywood..... 1 74 per lineal foot front on each side.

Coöper & Haywood being the lowest and best bidders, recommend they be awarded the contract.

13. For grading and graveling Highland street and sidewalks, from Miami street to Ohio street.

- Twiname & Co.....\$1 20 per lineal foot front on each side.
- Cooper & Haywood..... 1 17 per lineal foot front on each side.
- George W. Seibert & Co.... 1 13 per lineal foot front on each side.

George W. Seibert & Co. being the lowest and best bidders, recommend they be awarded the contract.

14. For grading and graveling Arizona street and sidewalks, from Meridian street to the old Canal bank.

- H. C. Roney..\$1 25 per lineal foot front on each side.
- Geo. W. Seibert & Co..... 1 23 per lineal foot front on each side.
- Twiname & Co..... 1 23 per lineal foot front on each side.
- Tho. A. Greene..... 1 15 per lineal foot front on each side.
- Joseph L. Fisher..... 1 10 per lineal foot front on each side.
- W. F. Gansberg 99 per lineal foot front on each side.
- August Richter..... 81 per lineal foot front on each side.
- J. L. Spaulding..... 77 per lineal foot front on each side.
- Robert Kennington..... 75 per lineal foot front on each side.

Robert Kennington being the lowest and best bidder, recommend he be awarded the contract.

15. For grading and graveling Oscar street and sidewalks, from Shelby street to its eastern terminus.

- Geo. W. Seibert & Co. 78 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
- Robert Kennington... 65 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
- Twiname & Co. 56 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
- W. F. Gansberg. 39 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

W. F. Gansberg being the lowest and best bidder, recommend he be awarded the contract.

16. For grading and paving with brick, the sidewalks of Olive street, from Orange street to Willow street, where not already properly done.

- Robert Kennington.. 34 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
- J. L. Spaulding 33 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
- Twiname & Co 32 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
- Joseph Bernauer..... 29½ cents per lineal foot front on each side.

Joseph Bernauer being the lowest and best bidder, recommend he be awarded the contract.

17. For grading and paving with brick, the south sidewalk of Woodlawn avenue, from Lincoln street to Reid street.

Price per lineal foot front.

Name of bidder.	Paving.	Double walk-stone.	Wings, per sqr. yard.
H. C. Roney.....	49 cents.....	70 cents.....	69 cents
J. W. Hudson.....	48 cents.....	68 cents.....	72 cents
Twiname & Co.....	48 cents.....	68 cents.....	75 cents
Geo. W. Buchanan.....	47 cents.....	67 cents.....	71 cents
F. M. Snyder.....	43 cents.....	.. cents.....	.. cents
August Richter.....	39 cents.....	.. cents.....	.. cents
Robert Kennington.....	37 cents.....	.. cents.....	.. cents
Joseph Bernauer.....	34 cents.....	69 cents.....	69 cents

Joseph Bernauer being the lowest and best bidder, recommend he be awarded the contract.

18. For curbing the gutters of New Jersey street, from North street to St. Clair street, on the east side.

- H. C. Roney..... 50 cents per lineal foot front.
- Twiname & Co..... 49 cents per lineal foot front.
- J. L. Spaulding..... 48 cents per lineal foot front.
- August Richter..... 47 cents per lineal foot front.
- Robert Kennington..... 45 cents per lineal foot front.

Robert Kennington being the lowest and best bidder, recommend he be awarded the contract.

19. For grading and graveling the first alley south of Pratt street, from Alabama street to the first alley east of Delaware street.

- J. L. Spaulding 33 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
- Henry Clay..... 32 cents per lineal foot front on each side.
- J. L. Fisher..... 30 cents per lineal foot front on each side.

J. L. Fisher being the lowest and best bidder, recommend he be awarded the contract.

20. For grading, bowldering and curbing the gutters of St. Clair street, from Massachusetts avenue to Meridian street, where not already properly curbed.

Price per lineal foot front on each side.

Name of bidder.	Bowldering.	Curbing.	Walk-stone.	Wings, per sq yd.
Henry Clay.....	49 cents.....	45 cents.....	... cents.....	... cents
Twinline & Co.....	49 cents.....	45 cents.....	70 cents.....	70 cents
James W. Hudson... 49 cents.....	.. cents.....	.. cents.....	69 cents.....	71 cents
R. P. Dunning.....	49 cents.....	45 cents.....	71 cents.....	72 cents
H. C. Roney.....	50 cents.....	40 cents.....	68 cents.....	72 cents
August Richter.....	44 cents.....	46 cents.....	64 cents.....	63 cents
Robert Kennington..	45 cents.....	42 cents.....	70 cents.....	65 cents
Cooper & Haywood... 43 cents.....	44 cents.....	44 cents.....	68 cents.....	64 cents

Cooper & Haywood being the lowest and best bidders, recommend they be awarded the contract.

Charles W. Meikel proposes to furnish and erect three drinking fountains—one on Mississippi street, between Fourth and Fifth streets; one on the corner of St. Clair street and Indiana avenue, and one on the corner of Bates and Noble streets—to furnish lead supply pipes, stop-cock, etc, the city to furnish sewer-pipe and put in sinks and sewer-pipe, for the sum of one hundred and forty (\$140) dollars each.

We recommend the contract for said fountains be awarded to Chas. W. Meikel.

Respectfully submitted,

C. F. Darnell,
C. H. Stuckmeyer,
R. McClelland.
Committee on Contracts.

Councilman Darnell presented the following communication; which was read and received:

Indianapolis, Ind., August 13, 1888.

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

Gentlemen:—The undersigned respectfully represents to you, that she is the owner in fee-simple of the following real estate in Marion County, in the State of Indiana, to-wit: What has been designated as "Miami" street, in Special Ordinance No. 48, 1888, that being an ordinance for grading and graveling "Miami" street and sidewalks, introduced in the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, May 21, 1888, on the petition of the Equitable Trust Company, Isaac C Walker and Frederick Ostermeyer. That she protests, and avers that said real estate has never been dedicated to, nor has it been accepted by the public for a public street, nor has it been condemned by the City of Indianapolis for that purpose, and that a good portion of the same is now, and always has been, inclosed as a part of the yard and garden of the residence where the undersigned now resides, and has always resided.

She asks that before letting the contract for the improvement contemplated by said ordinance, you will make inquiry if the matters herein stated are not true; and if so, will you not desist from making or causing said improvement to be made?

CATHARINE A. MILLER.

COMMUNICATIONS, ETC., FROM THE MAYOR.

His Honor, the Mayor, submitted the following special message :

Gentlemen of the Common Council :

In my message at the beginning of the year, I promised to elaborate, at a future time, some of the suggestions then made.

One recommendation submitted was, that a Committee on Legislation should be named, in time to discuss and prepare such measures as may be thought important to have presented to the General Assembly at its January session. If the suggestion approves itself to your minds, I ask that such committee be appointed not later than next month, and that the Board of Aldermen be requested to select one from that body, also, the two committees to then organize and act together.

I will not now attempt to fully outline any measure that I deem important to have passed, as the time and space which that would require, forbid me. I have copies of a number of bills heretofore prepared, which I will furnish to the committee, if appointed, as a basis for some of their work. Their provisions and importance can be more satisfactorily explained orally to the committee than here.

POLICE JUDGE.

I believe the time has fully come for Indianapolis to have a Police Judge. There is perhaps no other city in the country as large as this, where the Mayor presides as the police magistrate. This is not because the people who make the laws for those cities deem the position of Police Judge the less dignified, or the position of Mayor the more important, but because one person can not properly do the work of both. After an experience of nearly three years, I am prepared to say, that for at least three-fourths of the year, the work of the Police Court, including the preparation of the monthly and semi-annual reports of collections, listening to appeals for the remission of penalties, and the transaction of the many other matters of business connected with the court, is all that any one person ought to be required to do. I mean to cast no unjust reflection on the arduous labors of the able Judges of our county courts, and make no comparison between the character and importance of their work and that of the Mayor's Court, when I say, that I believe the labor performed by the Mayor in the Police Court, is equal to any one of theirs. When we consider the constant increase in the Police Court work, as the city grows, and that there is no vacation the year round, it is not improbable that those who may be called on to preside there in the future, unless relieved of the other duties of the Mayor's office, may fail, from mere physical inability, to perform the work that the law now enjoins.

NEW COURT ROOM NEEDED.

For the benefit of my successors and the credit of the city, I deem it my duty to again call your attention to the fact that the room now used for the sessions of the Police Court is very badly ventilated, and in every way ill suited for the purpose. The court room ought to be under the same roof where the prisoners are kept. I repeat here what I said to you last January on this subject: "To say nothing of the inconvenience of transferring prisoners through the streets every day to the Police Court, it is demoralizing to the public, humiliating to many prisoners who deserve better treatment, and wrong in every sense." The press, in so far as comment was made at all, did not approve of my previous suggestion of selling the remnant of the Tomlinson property and using the proceeds in building an addition to the present police headquarters. But with all due respect to those who oppose my recommendation, I say again, that I do not believe you can do better than to sell the remaining pieces of Tomlinson real estate as soon as a good price can be obtained for them, and use the proceeds in building a cheap addition to the Central Station House, for the use of the Council, Board of Aldermen, City Court and city officers. We are morally bound to use the Tomlinson bequest as soon as possible in making some such improvement. There is not enough left to erect the kind of a city building we would all like to have, and it is not likely that the city is go-

ing to be able to add a sufficient sum to it in the near future to do so. Hence, I see no better plan open than to carry out my former suggestion. If the press, or any citizen, will point out a more feasible plan under the present circumstances, I will gladly concur and withdraw the foregoing recommendation.

POLICE COURT LAW.

The act of 1875, being sections 3204 to 3221 of the R. S. 1881, will form a good basis for a Police Judge bill; but numerous improvements can be made in it. That act was framed for all cities of over six thousand inhabitants. I think the contemplated bill should apply to this city only. I know of no other city in the State that is asking for the enactment of such a law as this city needs. If the passage of such a bill is secured, I do not think it should leave the selection of the Police Judge to the discretion of the Council, as the law of 1875 did, but should require such selection to be made. I think the present jurisdiction of the Court should be enlarged as to some classes of cases. A salary of \$2,500 a year, being the same as Circuit Judges receive, should be provided, and, of course, all fines and fees should be paid into the city and State treasuries, as now required. Some one reasonably well learned in the law would always most likely be selected for that position; but no reason would any longer remain for selecting a lawyer for Mayor, that would not equally apply to a man of any other business. The salaries of the two officers combined need not reasonably be more than \$5,000 a year, or \$1,000 more than the Mayor is now paid.

OUR MATURING INDEBTEDNESS.

I renew my suggestion in reference to refunding the \$110,000 of our indebtedness that matures January 1 next, by selling small denomination bonds to our own citizens. No time should be lost in making preparations for the refunding of this loan on the best terms obtainable.

FIRE DEPARTMENT EXPENSES.

I showed, at the beginning of the year, that the cost of maintaining five out of the seven expensive departments, would necessarily be increased this year, and therefore the more strongly urged a reduction in the expenses of the other two, where it was possible for you to control the matter. One of the departments referred to was that of Public Light, and the other was the Fire Department. After a long delay, a contract for the public lighting has been entered into, by which a very satisfactory saving has been made for the future. Within a few days after I submitted my suggestions to you in January last, one of the most destructive fires that ever visited the city, occurred on south Meridian street. I suppose it would have been almost impossible for the Fire Committee to have satisfied the public that any cut could safely have been made in the Fire Department at any time since that conflagration occurred; and hence, I do not wonder that the Committee has not reported as to the propriety of closing one house and cutting off one man in each of the seven engine companies. But now that the panic which was created by that fire, has subsided, I deem it to be my duty to again invite your attention to this matter. I know as well now as I did last January, that the Fire Department is costing entirely too much in proportion to the city's income; that for this department to absorb more than one-seventh of the city's gross receipts—not including the large water charges—is out of all proportion to the cost of the other departments, and that for this state of things to be allowed to continue indefinitely, is wrong. I do not suppose that such a conflagration as the one above referred to, is likely to occur again in a life-time. But if a fire should occur at any time under the unfavorable conditions attending that one, the department, as it now exists, could not check it, else that one would have been checked. But I will not, in the face of what I believe to be an adverse public sentiment, say or advise more than I have already done concerning this matter. I only know that the city, with its largely reduced income from what it had a few years ago, can not, from the standpoint of a prudent business man acting for himself, afford to continue the expenses of the Fire Department at the present standard. Having tried to be consistent about this matter in everything I have said and done, I now leave the matter in your hands, not expecting to again say anything whatever on the subject.

OUR TAX LIMIT.

Knowing that the city can not much longer be run, even indifferently, on the amount of taxes now collected, and having no assurance that any *special* tax laws will be passed by the Legislature for its benefit, I ask the Committee on Legislation, when appointed, to consider the question of an increased property tax. If the saloon tax should be largely increased for city purposes, and a special vehicle tax should be provided for, the city might be able to get along by constantly making temporary loans in anticipation of its current revenues, until a new appraisal of real estate shall have been made, without an increase of the present rate of taxation. But I am sure that the most favorable special legislation we can hope for will not enable our successors to do for the city all that will be demanded and expected of them by the people.

I will here read an extract from my last annual message on this subject of "The City Tax Limit," commencing on page 5 and ending on page 7 of the Council Proceedings of January 2, 1888, as it expresses my views now as well as then, and contains all the advice I desire to give to the Committee on Legislation on this subject.

NATURAL GAS COMPANIES—CONDITION OF STREETS.

Unless the streets which have been opened by the natural gas companies are soon gone over, leveled up, and the bowlders replaced, so that their condition will be rendered "as good * * as * * before the laying of the pipes," as provided by the ordinance under which the companies worked, I recommend that the City Attorney be directed to bring suits on the companies' bonds for damages. And unless more care is exercised by the contractors of said companies in barricading dangerous excavations, and warning the public by the use of signal lights, I think it will be your duty to exercise your power under Section 9 of the Natural Gas Ordinance, by passing another ordinance or resolution of such a restrictive character as to stop, if need be, all work by such persons, until assurance is given that the plain letter of the law under which they are proceeding, is respected.

FINANCES—ECONOMY.

Let me again respectfully call your attention to the fact, that our finances are in a very bad condition. The city's part of the Washington street improvement will be large. Many other public improvements which are being made, will draw on our finances more largely, I fear, than some of you are anticipating. Unless the very closest economy is practiced in all directions, therefore, our condition at the end of the year will be extremely embarrassing. Your constituents have no right to insist on you advocating improvements, to be paid for out of the public treasury, when the money has to be borrowed to pay for them. Revenue should be provided by the law-making power to run the city with. If it can not be *well* run with the money provided, then you can not be justly censured if it is run indifferently. The only safe and proper rule for a city, as well as an individual, to adhere to, is: *Live within your income.*

Councilman Pearson offered the following motion ; which was adopted :

That the Legislature Committee, as referred to in the message of His Honor, the Mayor, consist of the President of the Council, City Attorney, and five members of this body, to be appointed by the Chairman, and the Board of Aldermen be requested to appoint a committee to act with the above committee, and the balance of the report be received, and printed in the Council Proceedings.

Councilman Thalman, by consent, offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the occupants of the property adjacent to the streets of this city, are permitted for the period of one year herefrom, to erect and maintain, under the direction and subject to the approval of the City Civil Engineer, metal arches, standard lights, and other proper devices for the display of natural gas.

And it was adopted by the following vote :

AYES, 23—viz: Councilmen Burns, Cummings, Darnell, Davis, Dunn, Elliott, Finch, Gaul, Hleklin, Johnston, Kelley, Long, Markey, McClelland, O'Connor, Parkinson, Pearson, Smith, Stuckmeyer, Swain, Thalman, Trusler, and Wilson.

NAYS—None.

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

Indianapolis, Ind., Aug. 20, 1888.

To the Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—There was collected in the Mayor's court during the month of July, 1888, the following fines and fees due to the City of Indianapolis, to-wit:

Marshal's fees.....	\$195 30
Mayor's fees.....	154 40
Fines due to the city.....	35 60
Total.....	<u>\$385 30</u>

I have paid said sum to the County Treasurer, for the use of the city, and filed his receipt therefor with the City Clerk

Respectfully submitted, C. S. DENNY, Mayor.

REPORTS, ETC., FROM CITY OFFICERS.

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

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—I herewith report the following estimates of work done according to contract:

A first and final estimate in behalf of Fulmer & Seibert, for grading and bowldering the first alley east of New Jersey street, from South street to Virginia avenue.

469.33 lineal feet, at 37 cents.....	\$178 65
31.77 square yards of bowldered wings, at 70 cents.....	22 24
	<u>\$195 89</u>

A first and final estimate in behalf of Geo. W. Seibert & Co., for grading and graveling West street and sidewalks, from Morris street to Kansas street.

713 lineal feet, at 97 cents.....	\$691 61
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A first and final estimate in behalf of J. L. Fisher, for grading and paving with brick, the east sidewalk of School street, from South street to Huron street.

222.00 lineal feet of paving, at 65 cents.....	\$108 78
29.30 lineal feet of double walk-stone, at 72 cents.....	21 10
11.88 square yards of bowldered wings, at 65 cents.....	7 72
	<u>\$187 60</u>

A first and final estimate in behalf of R. P. Dunning, for grading and graveling Yandes street and sidewalks, from Eighth street to the Belt Railway

3,997.66 lineal feet, at 79 cents.....	\$3,158 15
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A first and final estimate in behalf of J. L. Fisher, for grading and graveling Sheldon street and sidewalks, from Hill avenue to Ninth, or Bolton street.

3,570 lineal feet, at 80 cents.....	\$2,856 00
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A first and final estimate in behalf of Haywood & Co., for grading and graveling Kennington street and sidewalks, from Yeiser street to the first alley north of Yeiser street.

260 lineal feet, at 48 cents.....	\$124 80
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A first and final estimate in behalf of Geo. W. Buchanan, for grading, bowldering and curbing the gutters of Lockerbie street, from Noble street to Liberty street.

854.10 lineal feet of bowldering, at 52 cents	\$455 57
854.25 lineal feet of curb, at 43 cents.....	367 33
87.70 lineal feet of curb re-set, at 10 cents.....	8 77
24.00 square yards of bowlders re-laid, at 35 cents.....	8 40
	\$840 07

A first and final estimate in behalf of Wm. F. Gansberg, for grading, bowldering and curbing the gutters of Yeiser s reet. and paving with brick the sidewalks thereof, from East street to Madison avenue.

2,602.35 lineal feet of bowldering, at 51 cents.....	\$1,327 20
2,683.90 lineal feet of curb, at 44 cents	1,180 91
2,363.55 lineal feet of paving, at 42 cents	992 69
201.70 lineal feet of double walk-stone, at 60 cents.....	141 19
149.66 square yards of bowldered wings, at ... cents.....	89 80
	\$3,731 79

Respectfully submitted,
S. H. SHEARER, City Civil Engineer.

The following estimate resolution 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 Fulmer & Seibert, for grading and bowldering the first alley east of New Jersey street, from South street to Virginia avenue 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 adopted by the following vote :

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

NAYS—None.

The following estimate resolution 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 George W. Seibert & Co, for grading and graveling West street and sidewalks, from Morris street to Kansas 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 adopted by the following vote :

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

NAYS—None.

The following estimate resolution 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 Joseph L. Fisher, for grading and paving with brick, the east sidewalk of School street, from South street

to Huron 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 adopted by the following vote :

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

NAYS - None.

The following estimate resolution 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 R. P. Dunning, for grading and graveling Yandes street and sidewalks, from Eighth street to the Belt Railway, 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 adopted by the following vote :

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

NAYS—None.

The following estimate resolution 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 J. L. Fisher, for grading and graveling Sheldon street and sidewalks, from Hill avenue to Ninth, or Bolton 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 adopted by the following vote :

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

NAYS—None.

The following estimate resolution 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 Haywood & Co., for grading and graveling Kennington street and sidewalks, from Yeiser street to the first alley north of Yeiser 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 adopted by the following vote :

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

NAYS—None.

The following estimate resolution was read:

Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, That the accompanying first and final estimates in behalf of George W. Buchanan, for grading, bowldering and curbing the gutters of Lockerbie street, from Liberty street to Noble 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 adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS—None.

The following estimate resolution 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 Wm. F. Gansberg, for grading, bowldering and curbing the gutters of Yeiser street, and paving with brick the sidewalks thereof, from East street to Madison avenue, 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 adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS—None.

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

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—J. A. Dynes & Co., have filed in this office their bond for the faithful performance of their contract with the city to do all legal advertising for said city, and the same has been approved by the Mayor; and I submit said bond for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. W. BOWLUS, City Clerk.

S. Loftin, Treasurer for the City, submitted the following reports; which were referred to the Committee on Finance:

Report of the Receipts and Expenditures of the City of Indianapolis, for the month of July, 1888—(corrected).

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand July 1st, 1888—(corrected).....	\$ 33,971 95
Taxes collected (estimated)	3,393 94
City miscellaneous receipts.....	5,344 56
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	\$ 42,710 45

EXPENDITURES.

City orders redeemed,	\$ 34,227 49
Balance August 1st, 1888.....	8,482 96
	<u>\$ 42,710 45</u>

Respectfully submitted,
Indianapolis, August 13, 1888.

S. LOFTIN,
City Treasurer.

Report of Receipts and Expenditures of the City of Indianapolis, from September 5th, 1887, to July 1st, 1888.

1888.

RECEIPTS.

Miscellaneous receipts collected from Sept. 5, 1887, to July 1, 1888 ..	\$113,647 70
June 2. Belt R. R. Co., paid interest coupons.....	15,000 00
“ 29. S. Loftin, Treasurer, paid city balance of fund turned over by H. W. Miller, ex-Treasurer, to pay outstanding Time Warrants.....	1,442 67
Total amount of taxes due city, as per Auditor's settlement sheet of December, 1887.....	148,970 33
Total amount of taxes due city from December settlement of 1887 to May settlement of 1888, as per Auditor's settle- ment sheet.....	287,804 75
City's portion of taxes collected from April 6, 1888, to July 1, 1888, and not included in settlement—(estimated).....	7,616 90
	<u>\$574,482 35</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

Orders redeemed from Sept. 5, 1887, to July 1, 1888..	\$480,456 15
June 8. Forwarded N. Y. draft to pay interest coupons due July 1, '88..	59,994 25
“ 8. Paid exchange on above draft.....	60 00
Balance.....	33,971 95
	<u>\$574,482 35</u>

Respectfully submitted,
Indianapolis, August 13, 1888.

S. LOFTIN,
City Treasurer.

The City Civil Engineer submitted the following report :

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen :

Gentlemen:—In compliance with Section 9, of General Ordinance No. 14, 1887, known as the “Natural Gas Ordinance,” I hereby inform you that the contractor for the Consumers' Gas Trust Company, J. B. Gibney & Co, are opening the streets and alleys for the purpose of laying natural gas pipes, and that said Gibney & Co. are not only negligent and careless in regard to putting the trenches back, but that, in many instances, have violated the provisions of said ordinance, by reason of leaving said trenches open far beyond a reasonable length of time. In some instances there are streets and alleys open for many blocks now for twenty-four (24) days. That said Gibney & Co. are not only negligent and careless about this matter, but in many instances have refused to test the pipes and fill the trenches when and where ordered to do so by the inspectors. That in many instances said Gibney & Co. have refused to comply with the orders given by my inspectors, notwithstanding said orders were based on the provisions of the ordinance.

I must say that the officers of the Consumers' Gas Trust Company, and especially Mr. Shackelton, the Superintendent, have shown every indication of a desire to have their contractor follow the ordinance, and all orders from my Department; but I beg to inform you that some means should be adopted whereby the contractor could be made to comply with the law. As it is now, the only recourse we have, is

to prosecute the Consumers' Gas Trust Company, and this for offenses for which it is not directly responsible, but for which the contractor, J. B. Gibney & Co., are solely to blame.

The offense for which complaint is chiefly made, is for said Gibney & Co.'s refusal to test the pipes and fill the trenches, which could be done almost as fast as the trenches are opened.

On August 15th I addressed a communication to Wm. H. Shackelton, Superintendent of said Gas Company—a copy of which can be seen in my office—setting forth some of the principal points of said contractor's negligence. Therefore this report to you is made, that, as the ordinance provides, you may pass such ordinances or resolutions as shall remedy the defect. However, I earnestly recommend the passage of such an ordinance as will render liable the parties who, with such reckless disregard of the public rights, tear up the streets and fail to restore them in reasonable time.

Respectfully submitted,

S. H. SHEARER, City Civil Engineer.

Councilman Thelman moved that the recommendations referred to in said report, be concurred in.

Councilman Trusler moved as a substitute, that the City Attorney be instructed to enforce the present ordinance in relation to said recommendations.

Which motion was adopted.

The City Civil Engineer submitted the following report; which was received:

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—I herewith submit, for your approval, the assignment of the Washington Street Asphalt contract, from the National Vulcanite Company of the State of New Jersey, to the Indianapolis Paving Company.

As a provision in all city contracts provides that all assignments can only be made by consent of the city, this matter is submitted to you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

S. H. SHEARER, City Civil Engineer.

The following assignment of contract for paving the roadway of Washington street, was read and referred to the Judiciary Committee and City Attorney:

THIS INDENTURE, *Witnesseth*, That in consideration of a contract made and entered into the 31st day of July, 1888, by and between the National Vulcanite Company, of the State of New Jersey, party of the first part, and the Indianapolis Paving Company, of the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, party of the second part; the party of the first part hereby conveys, transfers and assigns, to the said party of the second part, all rights, privileges and grants heretofore given by the said City of Indianapolis, to the party of the first part, in a certain contract for paving with Filbert Vulcanite Asphaltic Pavement, curbing, etc., the roadway of Washington street, in the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, from Mississippi street to Alabama street. Said contract hereby transferred and assigned, being the same as heretofore entered into by and between the said party of the first part and the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, in pursuance to Special Ordinance No. 4, 1888, ordained April 23d, 1888, and dated July 2d, 1888, which contract was approved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, July 2d, 1888.

Witness our hands and seals, this 3d day of August, 1888.

[Seal.]

Attest: G. H. STEWART, Sec'y.

NATIONAL VULCANITE COMPANY,

by GEO. W. QUINTARDE, Pres't.

The Chief Fire Engineer presented the following request; which was granted:

Indianapolis, Ind., Aug. 20, 1888.

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

Gentlemen:—I respectfully ask for one week's absence from the city.

J. H. WEBSTER, Chief Fire Engineer.

REPORTS, ETC., FROM OFFICIAL BOARDS.

The Board of Public Improvements and Street Commissioner, through Councilman McClelland, submitted the following report; which was adopted:

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—The Board of Public Improvements, to whom was referred the following motion: "That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, directed to lay a double stone crossing across South street, on the east side of Missouri street," recommend the motion be passed.

Respectfully submitted,

R. McClelland,
Wm. J. Parkinson,
W. H. Wilson,
Board of Public Improvements.

REPORTS, ETC., FROM STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Public Property, through Councilman Davis, submitted the following report and accompanying resolutions:

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—The Committees on Public Property of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen, and the Advisory Committee of citizens, respectfully report that they have, in pursuance of the resolution passed on the 14th day of June, 1888, employed Frederick W. Chislett to make a survey and two plats of Garfield Park, with the proposed improvements; and that he has surveyed, staked and platted the same, and presented the Committee with a plat thereof, which plat meets our approval, and we recommend that the same be adopted as the permanent plat of the system of improvements of the Park.

The Committee have inspected the ground, and think it advisable to proceed at once with a portion of the work, such as may, at the earliest possible day, make the Park entirely acceptable to the public. In order to do this, a bridge over Pleasant Run, on the west line of Valley Drive, should be at once constructed, and the Drive from the main entrance on the north be graded and graveled to and beyond the bridge, to connect it with the extension of Valley Drive on the route of the former race track, which is mainly in good order—level and well graded—for a half mile, and needs graveeling, to make it an excellent drive. Forest Drive, running southward along the west side of the Park, is, for some distance, graded and graveled, and should be completed to Myrtle Drive, and Myrtle Drive should be completed to Valley Drive, near the pavillion, to enable visitors in vehicles to make a complete circuit. The bridge should be a substantial wooden or iron one; made strong, safe and durable, so as to sustain crowds and loaded vehicles. The length should be equal to that of the railroad bridge just below it. This is sixty (60) feet long between the abutments, made apparently longer than seems necessary, on account of the great freshets that occasionally occur in Pleasant Run. We have made some inquiries, and think such a bridge, made of iron, with solid stone abutments, can be built for about twenty-five hundred dollars (\$2,500), and a wooden bridge would cost about two-thirds that sum—there being several different styles of wooden and iron bridges. We think if let upon a contract obtained upon competitive bids, it

can be completed within seventy (70) days from the date of contract, if the abutments are in the mean time constructed, which can be completed within sixty (60) days. We think a bridge thirty (30) feet wide, with a twenty (20) foot roadway, and two (2) five (5) foot foot-walks, should be built, to accommodate the people at the same time both walking and riding. Two (2) sidewalks will avoid confusion and obstruction. The abutments should be heavy, since the bridge is below the contemplated dam. The fences are in bad repair; but we deem it more important now to go on with the work of grading and bridging for the walks and drives. We believe that a resolution should, without delay, be passed authorizing the Committees of Public Property and Advisory Committee to advert for competitive bids for both wooden and iron bridges, with plans and specifications.

We think that the work of grading and graveling may be better carried on by men employed by the day with teams, inasmuch as there is much irregular work to be done, not capable of calculation in advance.

There is a triangular strip of ground on the west side of the Park, east of the railroad, about three hundred and ten (310) feet long and one hundred (100) feet wide at the north end, running to a point on the south end, which belongs to a private party. This can be bought for a small sum, and being within the limits of the Park, the same ought to be purchased at once. This lot can be had for one hundred dollars; and we ask for the adoption of the accompanying resolutions.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. E. DAVIS,

P. C. TRUSLER.

Resolved, That the Committees on Public Property of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen, be authorized and directed to employ a gang of laborers and teams to proceed with grading and graveling Valley Drive, from the north entrance to the bridge, and thence along said Drive to a point near the pavillion, where it intersects with Eglantine Drive; that Eglantine Drive be improved to its intersection with Myrtle Drive; that Myrtle Drive be improved until it intersects with Forest Drive, and that Forest Drive be improved until it intersects with Valley Drive.

Resolved, That the Committees on Public Property of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen, be authorized and directed forthwith to put in repair the residence in Garfield Park, at an expense not exceeding two hundred and fifty dollars and to purchase, as soon as possible, the triangular lot of ground enclosed in the Park, on the west side, adjoining the railroad, at a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars.

Resolved, That the Committees on Public Property of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen, be authorized and directed to advertise for plans and specifications, and sealed proposals for bids for the construction of both wooden and iron bridges, with stone abutments, over Pleasant Run, to be located near the railroad, in Garfield Park.

Councilman Thalman offered the following motion relative to the foregoing report and resolutions:

That the resolutions be concurred in, and that all money so expended be charged up to the fund agreed upon to be expended in improving said Park, namely, in total ten thousand dollars.

Which was adopted, by the following vote:

AYES, 23—viz: Councilmen Burns, Cummings, Darnell, Davis, Dunn, Elliott, Finch, Gaul, Hicklin, Johnston, Kelley, Long, Markey, McClelland, O'Connor, Parkinson, Pearson, Smith, Stuckmeyer, Swain, Thalman, Trusler, and Wilson.

NAYS—None.

SIG. 54.

The report and accompanying resolutions were then adopted, by the following vote :

AYES, 24—viz: Councilmen Burns, Cummings, Darnell, Davis, Dunn, Elliott, Finch, Gaul, Hicklin, Johnston, Kelley, Long, Markey, McClelland, O'Connor, Parkinson, Pearson, Smith, Stuckmeyer, Swain, Thalman, Trusler, and Wilson.

NAYS—None.

Councilman Swain offered the following motion ; which was adopted :

That the Committee on Markets be, and is hereby, authorized to advertise for the piping of Tomlinson Hall and Markets for the use of natural gas; and also advertise for the furnishing of gas for the heating of said buildings.

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

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen :

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Railroads, to whom sundry papers were referred, would report thereon as follows :

1st. Is G. O. 36, 1888, an ordinance requiring the L. E. & W. R. R. Co. to place a Flagman at the crossing of Lincoln avenue, Seventh street, Eighth street and Ninth street. We recommend to strike out Ninth street ; after so amended, said ordinance be passed.

2d. Is G. O. 14, 1888, an ordinance to provide for constructing a street railroad to Crown Hill Cemetery. Recommend said ordinance be stricken from the files.

3d. Is a motion that the J. M. & I. R. R. Co. be required to station a Flagman at the crossing of their tracks and Morris street. To carry this into effect, would require an ordinance, which we recommend be passed.

4th. Is a resolution requiring the Citizens' Street Railroad Company to extend their line of tracks on West street to Sixth bridge. Recommend said resolution be adopted.

5th. Is a petition from citizens in the vicinity of State street, asking that the Citizens' Street Railroad Company be required to extend its Washington street lines on north State street. Recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and that the accompanying resolution be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

C. F. Darnell,
D. F. Swain,
Fred. W. Gaul,
Committee on Railroads.

Councilman Darnell offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Citizens' Street Railroad Company be, and is hereby, directed to extend its Washington street line north on State street to Michigan street; and that the City Clerk is hereby directed to notify said company of the passage of this resolution.

And it was adopted by the following vote :

AYES, 23—viz: Councilmen Burns, Cummings, Darnell, Davis, Dunn, Elliott, Finch, Gaul, Hicklin, Johnston, Kelley, Long, Markey, McClelland, O'Connor, Parkinson, Pearson, Smith, Stuckmeyer, Swain, Thalman, Trusler, and Wilson.

NAYS—None.

The Committee on Water, through Councilman Smith, submitted the following report :

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Water, to whom was referred sundry resolutions, report that we recommend that the resolutions ordering the Indianapolis Water Company to lay water mains along the following streets, be adopted:

1st. To lay water mains in and along Elm street, from Noble street to Dillon street.

2d. To lay mains in and along Liberty street, from New York to North street.

3d. To lay mains north on Central avenue from the present terminus to connect with the mains already laid on said avenue.

4th. To lay a main from West street west in Sharp and Eckert streets.

5th. To lay mains in and along Bates street, from Benton to Leota streets.

Fire hydrants in all the above cases to be located under the direction of the Chief Fire Engineer.

We recommend that the resolution instructing said company to lay mains in and along Huron street, from Noble street to Dillon street, be not adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

Henry L. Smith,
M. M. Cummings,
John O'Connor,
Committee on Water.

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

AYES, 21—viz: Councilmen Burns, Cummings, Darnell, Davis, Dunn, Elliott, Finch, Gaul, Johnston, Kelley, Long, Markey, McClelland, O'Connor, Parkinson, Pearson, Smith, Stuckmeyer, Swain, Thalman, Trusler, and Wilson.

NAYS—None.

Councilman Thalman, by consent, introduced the following appropriation ordinance, which was read the first time:

Ap. O. 51, 1888—An ordinance appropriating the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) on account of the Street Repairs Department of the City of Indianapolis.

On motion by Councilman Thalman, the Rules were suspended for the purpose of placing the above entitled ordinance on its final passage, by the following vote:

AYES, 21—viz: Councilmen Burns, Cummings, Darnell, Davis, Dunn, Elliott, Finch, Gaul, Johnston, Kelley, Long, Markey, McClelland, O'Connor, Parkinson, Pearson, Smith, Stuckmeyer, Swain, Thalman, and Wilson.

NAYS—None.

Ap. O. 51, 1888, was then read the second time, ordered engrossed, read the third time and passed, by the following vote:

AYES, 21—viz: Councilmen Burns, Cummings, Darnell, Davis, Dunn, Elliott, Finch, Gaul, Johnston, Kelly, Long, Markey, McClelland, O'Connor, Parkinson, Pearson, Smith, Stuckmeyer, Swain, Thalman, and Wilson.

NAYS—None.

INTRODUCTION OF GENERAL AND SPECIAL ORDINANCES.

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

By Councilman Trusler, which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys :

G. O. 39, 1888—An ordinance to provide for the repeal of G. O. 12, 1886, entitled "An ordinance regulating the use of the streets and other public places by persons who are engaged in the business of blacking boots, selling newspapers," &c.

By Councilman Long :

G. O. 40, 1888—An ordinance to provide for danger signals in the streets and alley of the City of Indianapolis.

On motion by Councilman Cummings, the Rules were suspended for the purpose of placing the above entitled ordinance on its final passage, by the following vote :

AYES, 21—viz: Councilmen Burns, Cummings, Davis, Dunn, Elliott, Finch, Gaul, Johnston, Kelley, Long, Markey, McClelland, O'Connor, Parkinson, Pearson, Smith, Stuckmeyer, Swain, Thalman, Trusler, and Wilson.

NAYS—None.

G. O. 40, 1888, was then read [the second time, ordered engrossed, read the third time and passed, by the following vote :

AYES, 21—viz: Councilmen Burns, Cummings, Davis, Dunn, Elliott, Finch, Gaul, Johnston, Kelley, Long, Markey, McClelland, O'Connor, Parkinson, Pearson, Smith, Stuckmeyer, Swain, Thalman, Trusler, and Wilson.

NAYS—None.

By Councilman Trusler :

S. O. 91, 1888—An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling the roadway and sidewalks of Reid street, bowldering the east gutter, and re-laying the bowlders in the west gutter, from Prospect street to Pleasant Run.

By Councilman Darnell, accompanied with petition :

S. O. 92, 1888—An ordinance to provide for grading and paving with brick, the sidewalks of Ninth (or Williams) street, from Tennessee street to Meridian street, where not already done.

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

Gentlemen:—The undersigned, owner of real estate fronting on Ninth (or William) street, between Tennessee and Meridian streets, respectfully petition for the passage of an ordinance for grading and paving with brick the sidewalks of Ninth (or William) street, from Tennessee street to Meridian street.

D. W. COFFIN, 202 feet.

By Councilman Darnell :

S. O. 93, 1888—An ordinance to provide for grading and paving with brick, the east sidewalk of Howard street, from Second street to Seventh street.

By Councilman Davis :

S. O. 94, 1888—An ordinance to provide for the erection of lamp-posts, lamps and fixtures (complete to burn gas, except the service pipes), on Patterson street, between Vermont and North streets.

S. O. 95, 1888—An ordinance to provide for the erection of lamp-posts, lamps and fixtures (complete to burn gas, except the service pipes), on Vermont street, between Agnes and Patterson streets.

By Councilman Dunn:

S. O. 96, 1888—An ordinance to provide for grading and paving with brick, the east sidewalk of Blackford street, from New York street to North street, where not already paved.

By Councilman Elliott:

S. O. 97, 1888—An ordinance to provide for grading, bowldering and curbing the gutters of Peru street, from Home avenue to Christian avenue.

S. O. 98, 1888—An ordinance to provide for grading and paving with brick, the north sidewalk of Clifford avenue, from the first alley west of Tecumseh street to Jefferson avenue.

By Councilman Finch:

S. O. 99, 1888—An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling Randolph street and sidewalks, from Koller street to Washington street.

S. O. 100, 1888—An ordinance to provide for grading, bowldering and curbing the gutters of Market street, from Noble street to Pine street.

S. O. 101, 1888—An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling the roadway, and bowldering and curbing the gutters of Market street, from Pine street to the old corporate limits.

S. O. 102, 1888—An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling Koller street and sidewalks, from Randolph street to State street.

S. O. 103, 1888—An ordinance to provide for grading and graveling Koller street and sidewalks, from State street to Arsenal avenue.

By Councilman Gaul:

S. O. 104, 1888—An ordinance to provide for grading and paving with brick, the north sidewalk of McCarty street, from Chadwick street to Missouri street.

S. O. 105, 1888—An ordinance to provide for grading and paving with brick, the west sidewalk of Meridian street, from Kansas street to Arizona street.

By Councilman McClelland:

S. O. 106, 1888—An ordinance to provide for grading and paving with brick, the south-sidewalk of Gregg street, from East street to Park avenue, where not already done.

By Councilman Pearson:

S. O. 107, 1888—An ordinance to provide for grading and paving with brick, the north sidewalk of North street, from Tennessee street to the C., I., St. L. & C. R. R. tracks, where not already done.

By Councilman Stuckmeyer:

S. O. 108, 1888—An ordinance to provide for grading and paving with brick, the west sidewalk of Noble street, from Huron street to Virginia avenue.

By Councilman Thalman :

- S. O. 109, 1888—An ordinance to provide for re-grading and graveling the roadway of Michigan street, grading and bowldering the gutters and placing a gutter stone therein, and widening the sidewalks thereof to a width of twenty-five feet, from Meridian street to Pennsylvania street, and repealing Special Ordinance No. 40, 1888.

Councilman Thalman moved that the vote on the contract and bond for the improvement of the above street, be reconsidered, and that the contract be not awarded.

Which motion was adopted.

The Committee on Public Light, through Councilman Trusler, having viewed the territory, recommended the passage of the following entitled ordinances :

- S. O. 110, 1888—An ordinance to provide for the erection of lamps and lamp-posts on Fletcher avenue, between Linden and Laurel streets.
- S. O. 111, 1888—An ordinance to provide for the erection of lamps and lamp-posts on Hoyt avenue, between Linden and Spruce streets.
- S. O. 112, 1888—An ordinance to provide for the erection of lamp posts, lamps and fixtures (complete to burn gas, except the service pipes), on Bicking street, between Delaware and High streets.
- S. O. 113, 1888—An ordinance to provide for the erection of lamp-posts, lamps and fixtures (complete to burn gas, except the service pipes), on Yeiser street, between Madison avenue and East street.
- S. O. 114, 1888—An ordinance to provide for the erection of lamp-posts, lamps and fixtures (complete to burn gas, except the service pipes), on Davis street, between Bicking street and the southern terminus of Davis street.

INTRODUCTION OF MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

His Honor, the Mayor, presented the following communication; which was referred to the Committee on Public Property, with power to act :

To the Common Council and Board of Aldermen :

Gentlemen:—I need more ground for burial purposes. The following persons have lots which they will sell to the city for the prices named :

A. G. Willard, one full lot, for.....	\$15 00
C. T. Thornton, one full lot, for.....	15 00
Henry Nelson, one half lot, for.....	7 50

I request your honorable bodies to purchase all or a portion of said lots.

Respectfully submitted, ROBERT TURNER, City Sexton.

His Honor, the Mayor, presented the following communication; which was referred to the Committee on Public Property and Board of Health :

Indianapolis, Ind., Aug. 20th, 1888.

To the Mayor and Common Council of Indianapolis, Ind :

Dear Sirs:—Do you not think it quite time a move should be made to secure a cemetery for the burial of our city dead? I learn you are paying from ten to twenty dollars for lots from which the dead have been removed. This price I think

you will not find as cheap as to buy new ground, for when you have to open a grave where disinterments have been made, the graves can not be dug close together, on account of the dirt caving in.

I suggest that it would be a good idea to have a committee appointed to select a new ground, and make some investigation as to whether or not enough lots, say sizes of 10 by 20 and 20 by 20 feet, could not be sold to pay for the entire tract of land. Where persons were too poor for a family lot, let a part of the ground be set apart for single graves, at say the cost of the ground. Where they were so poor that they could pay nothing, let another less saleable part of the ground be used.

In all cases let them pay the Sexton for opening the grave. Let this be his compensation for looking after the grounds, etc., etc. The old City Cemetery should be condemned, and notice given that no more interments could be made after a fixed date. What graves are left, might have the head stones buried, and the entire ground levelled off and sold for railroad or park purposes.

I think the Board of Health will agree with me and second the motion that there are too many people living near this yard for the health of the city. I submit this to your good judgment, and trust that you will receive it in the spirit it is given.

Yours, &c,

C. E. KREGLO.

Councilman Burns presented the following petition; which was referred to the Committee on Public Light:

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

Gentlemen:—We, the undersigned, living along and in the vicinity of south Missouri street, respectfully request your honorable bodies to locate and erect a number of electric lights along said street to properly and sufficiently light the same to Ray street.

Respectfully submitted,

Samuel Goddard, Eagle Machine Works Co., Wm. Smith,
L. W. Hasselman, C. G. Dixon, Central Chair Company,
Wm. Clar, B. F. Schmid, John Crady - and 37 others.

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

That the Sun Vapor Light Company be, and is hereby, instructed to erect eight vapor lights on Bloomington street, from Beacon street to Michigan street.

Councilman Burns offered the following motions; which were adopted:

That the City Civil Engineer be, and is hereby, instructed to re-advertise S. O. No. 107, of 1887.

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, instructed to notify the I., D. & W. Railroad Company to place the sidewalk on the north side of Washington street in as good condition as it was when they tore it up to change their tracks.

Councilman Darnell, from the Committee on Contracts, submitted the following contracts and bonds; which were read, and the contracts and bonds approved:

Contract and bond of Henry Clay, for grading and graveling Second street and sidewalks, from West street to the Canal. Bond, \$1,000; surety, Edward Harris.

Contract and bond of Henry Clay, for grading and graveling Eighth street and sidewalks, from Meridian street to Illinois street.

Bond, \$400.00; surety, Edward Harris.

Contract and bond of Wm. F. Gansberg, for grading and graveling Oscar street and sidewalks, from Shelby street to its eastern terminus.

Bond, \$1,200; surety, Fred Gansberg

Contract and bond of James E. Twiname & Co., for constructing a brick sewer in and along the first alley west of the intersection of St. Clair street and Massachusetts avenue and Broadway street, from Massachusetts avenue to the north line of Cherry street Bond, \$6,000; sureties, J. L. Fisher and L. A. Fulmer.

Contract and bond of Robert Kennington, for grading and graveling Arizona street and sidewalks, from Meridian street to the Canal bank.

Bond, \$2,000; surety, J. L. Fisher.

Contract and bond of Robert Kennington, for curbing with stone the east sidewalk of New Jersey street, from North street to St. Clair street.

Bond, \$600.00; surety, H. C. Roney.

Contract and bond of Geo. W. Seibert & Co., for grading and graveling the first alley south of Bates street, from Dillon street to Leota street.

Bond, \$600.00; surety, Hiram Seibert.

Contract and bond of Geo. W. Seibert & Co., for grading and graveling Miami street and sidewalks, from Hanna street to Preston street.

Bond, \$6,000; surety, Hiram Seibert.

Contract and bond of Geo. W. Seibert & Co., for grading and graveling Hendricks street and sidewalks from Nebraska street to Lincoln Lane.

Bond, \$5,000; sureties, Hiram Seibert and Fred. Gansberg.

Contract and bond of Geo. W. Seibert & Co., for grading and graveling Highland street and sidewalks, from Miami street to Ohio street.

Bond, \$1,500; surety, Hiram Seibert.

Contract and bond of Geo. W. Buchanan, for grading and paving with brick, the sidewalks of Park Front street, from Newman street to Brookside avenue.

Bond, \$500.00; surety, J. W. Hudson.

Contract and bond of Joseph Bernauer, for grading and paving with brick, the south sidewalk of Woodlawn avenue, from Linden street to Reid street.

Bond, \$600.00; surety, Wm. M. Graham.

Contract and bond of Joseph Bernauer, for grading and paving with brick, the sidewalks of Wisconsin street, from Meridian street to the Canal bank.

Bond, \$600.00; surety, Wm. M. Graham.

Contract and bond of Joseph Bernauer, for grading and paving with brick, the sidewalks of Olive street, from Orange street to Willow street.

Bond, \$400.00; surety, Wm. M. Graham.

Contract and bond of Cooper & Haywood, for bowldering and curbing the gutters of St. Clair street, from Massachusetts avenue to Meridian street.

Bond, \$6,000; surety, J. L. Spaulding.

Contract and bond of Cooper & Haywood, for grading and graveling Archer street and sidewalks, from Miami street to Michigan street.

Bond, \$5,000; sureties, J. L. Fulmer and J. L. Spaulding.

Contract and bond of J. L. Fisher, for grading and graveling the first alley south of Pratt street, from Alabama street to the first alley west of Delaware street.

Bond, \$500.00; surety, J. L. Spaulding.

Contract and bond of Fred. M. Snyder, for grading and paving with brick, the east sidewalk of Davidson street, from North street to Peru avenue.

Bond, \$300.00; surety, L. A. Fulmer.

Contract and bond of James W. Hudson, for grading and paving with brick, the south sidewalk of Brookside avenue, from Newman street to the first alley southwest of Park Front street. Bond, \$300.00; surety, H. C. Roney.

Councilman Darnell presented the following petition; which was read, and ordered to be placed with the ordinance:

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

Gentlemen:—The undersigned, owners of real estate fronting on Howard street, between First and Seventh streets, respectfully petition for the passage of an ordinance providing for paving with brick, the east sidewalk of said street.

J. H. Wells, 73 Howard street; Henry Moore, 67 Howard street; Geo. D. Johnson, A. Nictor— and 6 others.

Councilman Darnell offered the following resolution :

WHEREAS, It has been openly charged by individuals on the streets, and insinuated by articles in some of our public prints, that moneyed and other undue influences have been used with members of this body in connection with its recent action in letting the contract for the lighting of this city; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we demand that an immediate investigation be made as to such charges aforesaid, and that a committee of two be appointed by the Chair and one by the Board of Aldermen, who shall conduct such investigation. All meetings of such committee shall be public, and any and all reputable citizens who have any information bearing upon the subject in consideration, shall be admitted to testify, under oath, as also shall members of this body testify under oath; and said committee is hereby empowered to incur any necessary expense desired to make such investigation full and complete.

It being now near eleven o'clock, on motion by Councilman Thalman, 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, Gaul, Hicklin, Kelley, Long, Markey, McClelland, O'Connor, Parkinson, Pearson, Smith, Stuckmeyer, Swain, Thalman, Trusler, and Wilson.

NAYS—None.

Councilman Trusler offered the following as a substitute to the resolution as offered by Councilman Darnell :

WHEREAS, John H. Holliday, the editor of the "News," has persistently and knowingly endeavored to mislead the public in the matter of public lighting, by representing that a valid bond was offered to this body by the Fort Wayne Jenney Electric Light Company to secure the lighting of the city to the satisfaction of the Council, with electric light; by representing to the public that the Fort Wayne Jenney Company, in their bid, offered to light the city to the satisfaction of the Council; by falsely stating in his paper that Councilman Trusler had said that the Fort Wayne Jenney Company had started out by trying to "sugar" the members, and by falsely and maliciously stating that the members who voted for the report of the committee were unfaithful public servants, and agents of the gas company; therefore

Resolved, That we censure the Evening News in that it does not regard the truth, and endeavors to force its views on this body by slander and personal abuse.

Councilman McClelland moved to lay the substitute on the table.

Which motion was adopted, by the following vote :

AYES, 16—viz: Councilmen Burns, Darnell, Dunn, Elliott, Kelley, Long Markey, McClelland, O'Connor, Parkinson, Pearson, Smith, Stuckmeyer, Swain, Thalman, and Wilson.

NAYS, 7—viz: Councilmen Cummings, Davis, Finch, Gaul, Hicklin, Johnston, and Trusler.

The resolution as offered by Councilman Darnell, was then adopted, by the following vote :

AYES, 23—viz: Councilmen Burns, Cummings, Darnell, Davis, Dunn, Elliott, Finch, Gaul, Hicklin, Johnston, Kelley, Long, Markey, McClelland, O'Connor, Parkinson, Pearson, Smith, Stuckmeyer, Swain, Thalman, Trusler, and Wilson.

NAYS—None.

His Honor, the Mayor, appointed as such Committee, Councilmen Darnell and Johnston.

On motion, the resolution as offered by Councilman Trusler, was then taken from the table and adopted, by the following vote :

AYES, 16—viz: Councilmen Burns, Cummings, Darnell, Davis, Finch, Gaul, Hicklin, Johnston, Kelley, Markey, Parkinson, Pearson, Swain, Thalman, Trusler, and Wilson.

NAYS, 7—viz: Councilmen Dunn, Elliott, Long, McClelland, O'Connor, Smith, and Stuckmeyer.

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

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen :

Gentlemen.—We, the undersigned, interested real estate owners, would most respectfully petition your honorable bodies for the vacation of the third alley west of West street, running from McIntire street to the first alley south of McIntire street, between Lots 21 and 22, Wm. Braden's subdivision of Brett, Braden & Co.'s addition. Said alley has never been improved, and is of no public benefit. A plat showing the location of said alley, is herewith filed, and made a part of this petition.

Theo. P. Haughey, W. A. Smock, J. H. Counsilman.

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

That the Chief Fire Engineer be, and is hereby, directed to locate a fire alarm box at the Indianapolis Cotton Mill.

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

That the Street Commissioner be instructed to lay double stone crossings on the north side of Michigan street, from Blackford street to Blake street.

Councilman Dunn moved that the vote taken at the regular session held July 16th, 1888, by which the following entitled ordinance was passed, be reconsidered :

S. O. 34, 1888—An ordinance to provide for grading and paving with brick, the east sidewalk of Blackford street, and curbing the gutters, from New York street to Michigan street.

Which motion was adopted.

On motion by Councilman Dunn, S. O. 34, 1888, was then stricken from the files.

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

That the Brush Electric Light Company be, and is hereby, directed to erect an electric light at the crossing of the Lake Erie & Western Railroad and Ninth street.

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

That the City Civil Engineer be, and is hereby, directed to advertise for sealed proposals to build a twelve hundred (1,200) barrel fire cistern on Jefferson avenue, near Clifford avenue.

Councilman Elliott offered the following motion ; which was adopted :

That C. G. Weiss be, and is hereby, granted permission to curb the sidewalk and bowlder the gutter in front of his property on the corner of Columbia avenue and Hill avenue. Work to be done at his own expense, and under the direction of the City Civil Engineer, who is directed to set the grade stakes.

Councilman Elliott offered the following motion ; which was referred to the Committee on Water :

Resolved, That the Indianapolis Water Company be, and it is hereby, directed to lay water mains on Clifford avenue, from Massachusetts avenue to Albemarle street, and that the City Clerk is hereby directed to notify said company of the passage of this resolution ; and the Chief Fire Engineer is directed to superintend the placing of fire hydrants on said line.

Councilman Elliott offered the following motions, accompanied with petitions ; which were referred to the Committee on Public Light :

That the Brush Electric Light Company be, and is hereby, directed to erect an electric light on the corner of Newman and Seventh streets.

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

Gentlemen:—The undersigned, owners of real estate, and citizens of the First Ward, respectfully petition for the passage of an ordinance or the action of the Committee on Public Light, for the erection of a tower or system of electric light to be located at the corner of Seventh and Newman streets.

Wm. H. Gresh, 70 Clarke street ; W. W. Campbell, 745 Nevada street ; R. C. Williamson, 12 Beeler street ; D. Brown, 744 east Eighth street—and 57 others.

That the Brush Electric Light Company be, and is hereby, directed to erect the proper number of electric lights on Clifford avenue, between Jefferson avenue and Pogue's Run, under the direction of the City Civil Engineer.

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

Gentlemen:—We, the undersigned, residents living along and in the vicinity of Clifford avenue, respectfully petition for the location and erection of a sufficient number of electric lights to properly light said avenue.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. Johnson, 45 Newman street ; L. L. Johnson, 30 Newman street ; P. Grieston, 55 Windsor street ; C. C. Ostermeyer, 53 Windsor street—and 49 others.

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

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, instructed to notify the Railroad company to repair the roadway and sidewalks of Ohio and Pine streets where they intersect.

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

That the Sun Vapor Light Company be, and is hereby, directed to erect one light on Herman street, to be erected under the direction of the Committee on Public Light and City Civil Engineer.

Councilman Finch presented the following petition ; which was ordered filed with the ordinance :

Indianapolis, Ind., July 30th, 1888.

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

Gentlemen:—We, the undersigned, the Auditor and Treasurer of the State of Indiana, and for the State of Indiana, hereby consent to and approve the grading and graveling the roadway and sidewalks of Randolph street, from Koller street to Washington street, all in the City of Indianapolis, Indiana.

J. A. LEMCKE, Treasurer of State.

BRUCE CARR, Auditor of State.

Councilman Gaul offered the following motion ; which was adopted :

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, directed to notify the Indianapolis Water Company to repair the bursted water pipe on West street, between McCauley street and Ray street.

Councilman Gaul offered the following motions ; which were referred to the Board of Public Improvements .

That the Street Commissioner be directed to lay a double stone crossing on Meridian street, near the corner of Kansas street.

That the Street Commissioner be instructed to clean the gutters on south Meridian street, from Morris street to Wisconsin street.

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

To the Honorable, the Members of the Board of Common Council,

and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis :

Gentlemen:—We, the undersigned, freeholders of the City of Indianapolis, would respectfully represent and show to your honorable body that on the 11th day of September, 1874, one Peter C. Wetzel filed in the Recorder's office of the County of Marion, a plat of his subdivision of a part of Lot thirty-five (35), in the Indianapolis & Peru Railroad Company's South Addition to said city, a copy of which plat and surrounding lots, so far as it relates to the matters and things set forth in this petition, is filed herewith, and made a part hereof, and that by the terms of said plat, said Wetzel dedicated seven and fifty-eight hundredths feet on the east side of Lot number one (1), in said plat, for an alley, and that also by said plat he made Lot number twelve (12) in said plat, one foot in width on the east side of said alley.

Your petitioners say that said alley has never been opened, and that it is too narrow to be used as an alley, and is therefore of no public use whatever, and that there is no necessity for an alley in that locality, and that the property adjoining said alley on both sides, is owned by one of your petitioners, to-wit, Mary C. Leser. Wherefore your petitioners pray your honorable body to grant this petition, and to vacate said alley, and for all proper relief.

Mary C. Leser, Abram Rickhart, George C. Eberhardt,
Margaret Eberhardt, her | mark; Fred. Trucks.

Councilman Kelley offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That His Honor, the Mayor, be directed to issue a proclamation requesting the manufacturers and business men of the city to as far as possible close their places of business on the 3d of next September, in order that their employes may have an opportunity of properly observing Labor Day.

Councilman Kelley offered the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys and City Civil Engineer:

WHEREAS, The streets that are known as Dillon street and Shelby street are in reality one and the same street; therefore

Resolved, That the said streets be hereafter known as Sheridan Avenue.

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

That the Street Commissioner be ordered to lay double stone crossings across Noble street on the south side of New York street.

Councilman Markey offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That the City Civil Engineer be instructed to notify the telephone company to take down a post that is in a dangerous condition on the corner of Coburn street and Madtson avenue.

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

Resolved, That the Indianapolis Water Company be instructed to lay water mains in and along Morris street, from East street to Madison avenue, and that the Chief Fire Engineer locate hydrants according to contract.

Councilman Markey presented the following remonstrance; which was referred to the Committee on Railroads:

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

Gentlemen:—The undersigned, citizens, residents and property holders on Madison avenue and adjacent thereto, do respectfully represent to your honorable bodies that we are very desirous of having a street railway line extended along said street by the Citizens' Street Railroad Company, connecting with their present system of railway lines, in order to secure the benefit of their transfer system, etc. And we earnestly remonstrate against the Indianapolis Cable Street Railroad Company, or any one else, being permitted to lay or maintain tracks on said street, to be left unused, merely for the purpose of obstructing the Citizens' Street Railroad Company from extending said track; and we represent that said Cable Street Railroad have, and are still laying track in said street, and have one square of double track so laid as to occupy the center of the street, and obstruct the extension of the Citizens' Street Railroad Company's tracks, which, we are informed, they propose to leave unused in the street, and we ask that the same may be removed.

R. Krebs, 87 Yeiser street; P. Lieber Brewing Co, 514 to 540 Madison avenue; Albert Lieber, 558 Madison avenue; Wm. Schriever, Madison avenue; Frank Madison, Madison avenue—and 73 others.

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

That the Brush Electric Light Company be instructed to erect an electric light at the intersection of Massachusetts avenue and St. Clair street.

Councilman McClelland offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That A. G. Thayer be permitted to lay a bowldered crossing over the sidewalk opposite his property on the north side of Massachusetts avenue, between Bellefontaine and Peru streets, subject to the direction of the City Civil Engineer, and at his own expense.

Councilman O'Connor presented the following petition; which was referred to the Committee on Public Light:

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

Gentlemen:—We, the undersigned, owners of real estate and residents of that part of the Nineteenth Ward between State street on the east, Cruse street on the west, Washington street on the north, and the Chicago, St. Louis & Pittsburg Railroad on the south, respectfully petition your honorable bodies for the lighting with electric lights the above described part of the Nineteenth Ward, now without light.

Respectfully,
Charles Prange, Wm. Jeffrey, John Connaughton,
R. J. McCoy, Mrs. Thos. Wren—and 12 others.

Councilman Pearson offered the following motion; which was referred to the Rental Committee and Street Commissioner, with power to act:

That the Street Commissioner be ordered to make all necessary repairs of the water closets under Tomlinson Hall, and to connect the same with the Ohio street sewer, if in his judgment he deems it necessary.

Councilman Smith offered the following motions; which were adopted:

That the City Attorney notify at once the Indianapolis Natural Gas Company and the Consumers' Gas Trust Company to place Alabama street in as good condition as before trenches were dug.

That the City Attorney notify the Consumers' Gas Company to at once fill the ditches on Michigan street (between Meridian and Alabama streets), and Fort Wayne avenue (from Pennsylvania to Alabama streets), and alleys in this vicinity, or to place wood crossings on the sidewalks.

Councilman Stuckmeyer offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That Benj. F. Fisher be, and is hereby, granted permission to grade, bowlder and curb the gutters of Noble street, and widen the sidewalk to a width of thirteen feet, in front of his property, between Huron street and the first alley north of Huron street, at his own expense, under the direction of the City Civil Engineer.

Councilman Swain offered the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Public Light:

Resolved, That the Brush Electric Light Company be, and is hereby, directed to erect one electric light, under the direction of the City Civil Engineer, on Broadway street, between Lincoln avenue and Seventh street.

Councilman Swain offered the following resolutions; which were referred to the Committee on Water:

Resolved, That the Indianapolis Water Company be, and is hereby, directed to extend its mains on north New Jersey street, from Home avenue to the State Ditch. Fire plugs to be located under the direction of the City Civil Engineer.

Resolved, That the Indianapolis Water Company be, and is hereby, ordered to extend their mains north on Central avenue to Twelfth street; thence east on Twelfth street to Park avenue, and to locate the proper number of fire plugs.

Councilman Swain offered the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Public Light:

Resolved, That the Brush Electric Light Company be, and is hereby, directed to erect one electric light on Ash street, between Lincoln avenue and Seventh street. The City Clerk is hereby directed to notify said company of the adoption of this resolution.

Councilman Swain presented the following petition; which was referred to the Committee on Public Light:

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

Gentlemen:—We, the undersigned, residents living on Ash street, between Lincoln avenue and Seventh street, and adjacent thereto, respectfully petition for the erection of electric lamps on said Ash street, between said streets above named.

Respectfully submitted,

James F. Carter, W. J. Roach, J. H. Murry, G. W. Crouse, J. R. Hutchinson—and 16 others.

Councilman Swain presented the following petition and motion; which were referred to the Committee on Public Light:

To the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of Indianapolis:

Gentlemen:—We, the undersigned, citizens living in that portion of the city between Central avenue, the Wabash Railroad and north of Ninth street, respectfully petition for the location and erection of a sufficient number of electric lights to properly light said district.

Respectfully submitted,

H. C. Moore, Chas. Moore, D. S. Turner, C. W. Overman, Henry W. Overman—and 66 others.

Moved, That the Committee on Public Light be, and are hereby, directed to visit such district as is described in the aforesaid petition, locate such lights as are necessary, and report, if possible, at the next meeting of this body.

Councilman Thalman offered the following motions; which were adopted:

That the Citizens' Street Railroad Company be directed to put their track on Meridian and Circle streets in good condition, so that wheels of vehicles will not be wrenched off.

That Adam Hanbrich be allowed to put down a stone crossing across Delaware street, from Tomlinson Hall to his place of business. Said work to be done at his own expense; and that the City Civil Engineer is hereby directed to set the grade stakes.

Councilman Trusler offered the following motion:

That the City Civil Engineer be instructed, under the direction of the Committee on Public Light, to locate two hundred additional vapor lights.

Councilman Thalman moved to lay the motion on the table.

Which motion failed of adoption, by the following vote :

AYES, 8—viz: Councilmen Dunn, Johnston, Long, McClelland, Smith, Stuckmeyer, Swain, and Thalman.

NAYS, 11—viz: Councilmen Cummings, Davis, Elliott, Finch, Kelley, Markey, O'Connor, Parkinson, Pearson, Trusler, and Wilson.

Councilman Pearson moved that the motion offered by Councilman Trusler, be referred to the Committee on Public Light and City Attorney, and that they be instructed to ascertain if the city has a contract for such, or any vapor lights.

Which motion was adopted.

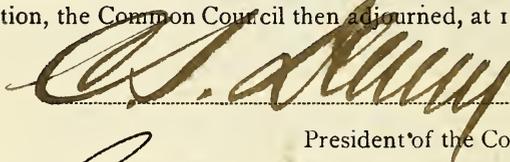
Councilman Trusler offered the following motion ; which was referred to the Fire Committee and Chief Fire Engineer :

That the Chief Fire Engineer be instructed to locate a fire-alarm box at the corner of Lexington avenue and Linden street.

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

That the Chief Fire Engineer be, and is hereby, instructed to place a fire-alarm box at the corner of Ellen and North streets, at or near Oswald's grocery.

On motion, the Common Council then adjourned, at 12:30 o'clock, A. M.



....., Mayor,

President of the Common Council.

Attest:



....., City Clerk.