

# PROCEEDINGS OF COMMON COUNCIL

REGULAR SESSION—DECEMBER 17, 1888.

The Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, met in the Council Chamber, Monday evening, December 17th, A. D. 1888, at 7:30 o'clock, in regular session.

**PRESENT**—Hon. Caleb S. Denny, Mayor, and *ex officio* President of the Common Council, in the Chair, and 23 members, viz: Councilmen Burns, Cummings, Darnell, Davis, Dunn, Elliott, Finch, Gasper, Gaul, Hicklin, Johnston, Long, Markey, McClelland, O'Connor, Parkinson, Pearson, Smith, Stuckmeyer, Swain, Thalman, Trusler, and Wilson.

**ABSENT**, 2—viz: Councilmen Coy, and Kelley.

The Proceedings of the Common Council for the regular session held December 3d, 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 street improvements and erection of lamp posts, were opened, read, and referred to the Committee on Contracts:

For grading and graveling the first alley north of Louisiana street, from East street to New Jersey street.

For grading and graveling Barth avenue and sidewalks, from Orange street to Roll street.

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.

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.

For the erection of lamp posts, lamps and fixtures, complete to burn gas, except service pipes, on Fletcher avenue, between Linden and Spruce streets.

For the erection of lamp-posts, lamps and fixtures, complete to burn gas, except the service pipes, on Hoyt avenue, between Linden and Spruce streets.

For the erection of a drinking fountain at or near the southeast corner of Maryland and Mississippi streets.

## REPORTS, ETC., FROM COMMITTEE ON CONTRACTS.

The Committee on Contracts, through Councilman Darnell, submitted the following reports; which were concurred in:

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

*Gentlemen:*—Your Committee on Contracts, to whom were referred the proposals received December 3d, 1888, have examined the same, and find them to be as follows:

1. For grading and graveling the roadway of Oriole street, widening and paving with brick, and curbing with stone, the sidewalks thereof, from Nebraska street to the second alley south of Nebraska street.

Price per lineal foot front on each side.

H. C. Roney .....	graveling 75 cts; curbing 40 cts; paving 35 cts.
Twiname & Co .....	graveling 60 cts; curbing 42 cts; paving 42 cts.
Cooper & Haywood .....	graveling 55 cts; curbing 44 cts; paving 37 cts.
R. P. Dunning .....	graveling 59 cts; curbing 41 cts; paving 33 cts.
Geo. W. Buchanan .....	graveling 48 cts; curbing 42 cts; paving 34 cts.
James W. Hudson .....	graveling 45 cts; curbing 40 cts; paving 32 cts.
Fulmer & Seibert .....	graveling 37 cts; curbing 42 cts; paving 36 cts.

Fulmer & Seibert being the lowest and best bidders, recommend they be awarded the contract.

2. 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.

Price per lineal foot front.

Name of bidder.	Paving.	Walk-stone.	Wings, per sqr. yd.
F. M. Snyder .....	56 cents	60 cents	50 cents.
Cooper & Haywood .....	49 cents	.. cents	.. cents.
H. C. Roney .....	47 cents	65 cents	60 cents.
G. W. Buchanan .....	46 cents	60 cents	59 cents.
Twiname & Co .....	42 cents	55 cents	55 cents.
R. P. Dunning .....	41 cents	59 cents	58 cents.
James W. Hudson .....	40 cents	54 cents	54 cents.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

*Gentlemen:*—Your Committee on Contracts, together with the City Civil Engineer, to whom was referred the bids for the improvement of Michigan street, between Pennsylvania and Meridian streets, under Special Ordinance No. 109, 1888, submit the following report:

We have examined the two lowest bids for said improvement, and find that the lowest bid is irregular, in this, that it does not name a separate price for the bowldering and walk stones; and as there is another item in the work not covered by any of the bids—that of new curbing—we recommend the rejection of all bids.

We also find that walk stones were omitted in the ordinance providing for the improvement. Therefore we recommend the passage of a new ordinance for said street.

Respectfully submitted,

S. H. SHEARER, City Civil Engineer.

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

The following entitled ordinance was introduced and read the first time:

S. O. 141, 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, a widening the sidewalks thereof to a width of twenty-five (25) feet, from Meridian street to Pennsylvania street, and repealing Special Ordinance No. 109, 1888.

COMMUNICATIONS, ETC., FROM THE MAYOR.

His Honor, the Mayor, submitted the following message:

Gentlemen of the Common Council:

Allow me, at this last meeting of the year, to add a few words to my suggestions of January 2d and August 20th.

OUR FINANCES.

In discussing our financial condition at the beginning of the year, I gave certain figures furnished me at the time from the County Auditor's office, which I now find to be erroneous. It was then stated that the assessed value of property in the city at the time the ninety cent limit law was passed, in 1877, was \$60,456,201, and that reductions in assessments for taxation had gradually been made, until, in the year 1886, the total valuations were but \$48,756,608.

I now hold a certificate of the County Auditor under date of November 21, 1888, showing that the total assessed values for 1877 amounted to \$68,583,700, and that the figures given for 1886, were correct. The valuations now stand at about \$50,500,000. It will therefore be seen that the city's income from property taxes, in 1877, at the time the English Bill passed (the rate then being \$1 13 on the hundred), was \$774,995, while its income now on the same account, is but \$454,500, or a reduction of over 41 per cent.

It must also be understood that several square miles of territory have been added since the tax limit was fixed, thus largely adding to the cost of fire protection, street lighting, water supply, etc. When these facts are considered, ought the public to criticise you for not having as well paved streets as other cities? or because you do not sprinkle them at a cost of from \$40,000 or \$50,000 a year, to be paid for out of the public treasury? or, because you do not do the other dozen things which our neighbors pride themselves about? I often hear comparisons made between Indianapolis and other cities, with reference to public improvements that are being made, and am frequently asked why our city can not keep pace with St. Paul and other cities, in these respects. My answer has been, that with an annual income of over \$3,000,000, like St. Paul, Indianapolis could at once begin to look like a modern, wide awake city also. I believe, from the best and latest information I have been able to procure, that the rate of taxation for city purposes in Indianapolis, is the lowest of any city of a hundred thousand or more inhabitants in the country. Some go as high as \$2.94 on the hundred. But I do not wish to dwell on these matters. I have several times tried to lay the simple facts concerning our financial condition before the public, so that the people themselves might take action in some form, if they should deem an increase in our tax rate advisable.

Your Special Committee on Legislation, at one of its recent meetings, had the benefit of an opinion from one of our largest tax payers and most influential citizens, on the question of the propriety of increasing the tax rate on property, and also as to the prospect of securing the passage of such a bill this winter, if asked for by the city's representatives. He opposed such a measure, and gave it as his opinion that not one of the Senators or Representatives from Marion county would favor it. I do not suppose there is a member of this body who is in favor of an increase of our property tax, *if it can possibly be avoided without injury to our credit, or without laying ourselves and our citizens liable to humiliating criticisms from our neighbors*; and yet in view of the fact that an increase of the rate of taxation which would simply equal the reductions made in the assessed values of our city property since 1877, would be no increase whatever over the burdens imposed by the act of that year, it would seem that the subject of an amendment to the limit act referred to, is at least worthy



of the consideration of our legislators, particularly if a special vehicle tax and an increase in the saloon tax can not be had. I shall, if permitted by my associates on the Legislative Committee, simply lay the facts on the subject of our financial condition before our Senators and Representatives, and there leave the matter, deeming it to be as much the duty of the tax-payers and legislators to make a change in the law now, if needed, as it was in 1877, without reference to the views of the city officials. I have deemed it proper to invite all of our Senators and Representatives from Marion county to meet with our Legislative Committee during the present week, so that all the facts here referred to, may be fully discussed and understood by them before the General Assembly convenes.

#### STATE CAPITOL GROUNDS.

I again express the hope, as I did two years ago, that the General Assembly, at the approaching session, will favorably consider the propriety of purchasing or condemning the ground in front of the Capitol, as far east as the first alley, so that proper approaches may be made to that magnificent building. I shall do what I can to have a special committee appointed early in the session, to investigate and report on the feasibility of this project.

#### HACK STANDS.

I renew my recommendation made in January last, concerning the location and regulation of stands for hacks and express wagons. Unless a number of places can be selected, I would suggest that none be established at all; for it is neither convenient to the public, nor just to the business public adjacent to where they are located, to have but one or two, in a city of this size. It would be better to require all express and hack men to locate at stables maintained for that special purpose, if possible; and rather than allow the present condition of things to continue indefinitely, such a system ought to be enforced.

I think, however, that the proprietors of hotels should be permitted to authorize the standing of hacks in front of their premises, if desired.

#### OUR MARKETS.

Many complaints are made by marketeers at the East Market, from time to time, concerning the rules governing the same. Without attempting to explain the trouble here, it is sufficient to say, that the ordinances for the government of our markets ought to be so specific that no misunderstandings could arise. I therefore recommend that a careful revision of the old ordinances be prepared by the proper committees as soon as possible, so that the same may be passed before the next annual sale of stalls occurs.

I think very stringent provisions ought to be inserted on the subject of cleaning up immediately after the market is over each day, and these rules should be rigidly enforced; particularly as to street stands.

Regular market gardeners occupying street stands, should be compelled to buy their spaces by the year, and the payment of daily market fees should be forbidden, as far as possible.

#### OUR STREETS.

Complaints still continue concerning the bad condition in which many streets and alleys, heretofore opened by the natural gas companies, have been left. Much work in making repairs has recently been done under the imperative orders of the Council and Board of Aldermen; but it is not likely that this will prove as satisfactory as it would if the repairs had been made in the summer and fall, when the contractors were first ordered and expected to do this work.

It will be the plain duty of the city's representatives to require all the streets and alleys to be put back in as good condition as they were in before being opened; and as the city's right to require these repairs, made after a year has expired from the date of the openings, respectively, would no doubt be questioned under the terms of the natural gas ordinances, steps should be taken in the early spring, looking to the thorough repair of all such streets.

#### OUR STREET CAR SERVICE.

Our citizens are to be congratulated on the recent improvements made in our street car service. While the officials of public corporations, under ordinary cir-

circumstances, deserve no special thanks for doing what the law requires them, I feel that a word of commendation is due to "J. C. Shaffer," Superintendent, and the other gentlemen who have controlled the Citizens' Street Railroad Company in this city for the past seven months.

It is not necessary for me to enumerate the improvements made in that time by the new management. These are matters of every day comment and congratulation on our streets.

The cost of new extensions and improvements made by the present owners during that time, amounts to more than a quarter of a million of dollars, as I have been informed. But with all these satisfactory conditions surrounding the new service, it is by no means perfect; and I would not be understood as saying that the present management have done all they ought, or will be required to do in the future. But, considering the voluntary action of the company in paying out a large sum in the improvement of Washington street, which the old company always refused to do, and the friendly spirit in which the present management have at all times met the city authorities on all questions of improvements, I do not approve of two great haste in requiring unusual and unnecessary expenditures on the part of the company. Feeling that the city can get all improvements desired by our citizens with unreasonable rapidity by exercising a friendly spirit toward the new management, I disapprove of all attempts at unfriendly and spiteful legislation, which has been threatened, or may be attempted.

I reserve the right to withdraw all I have here said, whenever I find that the street railroad company ceases to show a friendly and enterprising spirit toward our citizens. But until that time occurs, I must be allowed to observe the Golden Rule toward this company, even at the expense of being criticised by the minority of people who do not understand the meaning or observe the spirit of that rule.

In conclusion, let me say that we will be compelled to exercise even stricter economy next year than we have this. I hope the Finance Committee will place the estimates for next year at the lowest possible figures, and insist on the heads of departments keeping within them; for we should not increase the amount of this year's temporary loan, under any circumstances. The public ought to be satisfied with the improvements you are able to make with the money furnished. But whether satisfaction can be given by such a policy, or not, it is nevertheless our duty to live within the city's income.

Councilman Thalman offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That the Mayor's recommendations and suggestions be referred to the Committees on Rules and Ordinances, and the City Attorney, and that they be instructed to report such ordinances or rules on the matters suggested, as they may consider necessary, and that 100 extra sheets of that part of the Council Proceedings be printed.

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

To the Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—There was collected during the month of November, 1888, in the Mayor's Court, fines and fees due the city, as follows:

Marshal's fees.....	\$188 05
Mayor's fees.....	146 55
Fines due to the city.....	63 60
Total.....	\$398 20

I have paid said sum to the Treasurer, and filed his receipt with the City Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,

Indianapolis, Dec. 17, 1888.

C. S. DENNY, Mayor.



## REPORTS, ETC., FROM CITY OFFICERS.

The City Civil Engineer submitted the following report; which was approved, and time extended, as prayed for:

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

*Gentlemen.*—I make the following report for your consideration and action thereon. The time given in which to complete the following contracts, will expire December 31, 1888:

- Cooper & Haywood, Archer street, between Michigan and Miami streets.
- Robert Kennington, Market street, between Noble and Pine streets:
- J. E. Twiname & Co., east sidewalk of West street, between Second and Fourth streets.
- J. E. Twiname & Co., south sidewalk of Gregg street, between East street and Park avenue.
- J. E. Twiname & Co., Naomi street, between Shelby and Reid streets.
- Geo. W. Seibert & Co., Bates street, between Lynn street and its eastern terminus.
- Geo. W. Seibert & Co., Bates street, between Leota street and the first alley east of Leota street.
- F. W. Gansberg, Randolph street, between Koller and Washington streets.
- J. L. Spaulding, east sidewalk of Blackford street, from New York street to North street.
- Richter & Co., east sidewalk of Howard street, from Second street to Seventh street.
- Richter & Co., north sidewalk of Third street, from Illinois street to the C, I., St. L. & C. R. R.
- F. M. Snyder, sidewalks of Ninth street, from Tennessee street to Meridian street.
- R. P. Dunning, Market street, between Pine street and the old corporation limits.
- Clemens & Cummings, abutments for Willow street bridge.
- Indiana Bridge Company, superstructure for Willow street bridge.

As these contracts have not been done owing to bad weather, since they were made, I therefore recommend that the time be extended to June 1st, 1889.

Respectfully submitted,

S. H. SHEARER, City Civil Engineer.

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:

1. A first and final estimate in behalf of Michael Flaherty, for grading and graveling Gresham street and sidewalk, from East street to Gray street.  
1,248 lineal feet, at 50 cents..... \$624 00
2. A first and final estimate in behalf of Fred. M. Snyder, for grading and paving with brick the east sidewalk of Peru avenue, from Davidson street to Massachusetts avenue.  
1,213.80 lineal feet, at 34 cents.....\$412 83
3. A first and final estimate in behalf of James W. Hudson, for grading and graveling Orange avenue and sidewalks, from Hill avenue to Brookside avenue.  
1,605.60 lineal feet, at 85 cents.....\$1,364 76

4. A first and final estimate in behalf of W. F. Gansberg, for grading and graveling Koller street and sidewalks, from State street to Arsenal avenue.

1,420.00 lineal feet, at 63 cents .....	\$894 58
11.26 extra yards of gravel, at 75 cents.....	8 45
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	\$903 03

5. A second and final estimate in behalf of The National Vulcanite Company, for grading and paving with Filbert Vulcanite Asphaltic pavement, the roadway of Washington street, and curbing with stone the outer edges thereof, from the west line of Alabama street to the east line of Mississippi street.

6,371 70 lineal feet of paving, at \$11.50, less \$2, 5875, equal \$8, 9125..	\$56,787 77
2,721.65 lineal feet of curbing, at 80 cents .....	2,177 32
735.40 lineal feet of curb re-set, at 15 cents.....	110 31
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	\$59,075 40

Citizens' Street Railroad Company assessment:

2,968.75 lineal feet, at \$5,175.....	15,363 28
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	\$74,438 68

Grand total.....

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 Michael Flaherty, for grading and graveling Gresham street and sidewalks, from East street to Gray 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,** 24—viz: Councilmen Burns, Cummings, Darnell, Davis, Dunn, Elliott, Finch; Gasper, Gaul, Hicklin, Johnston, Kelley, Long, Markey, 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 Fred. M. Snyder, for grading and paving with brick, the east sidewalk of Peru avenue, from Davidson street to Massachusetts 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,** 24—viz: Councilmen Burns, Cummings, Darnell, Davis, Dunn, Elliott, Finch, Gasper, Gaul, Hicklin, Johnston, Kelley, Long, Markey, 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 James W. Hudson, for grading and graveling Orange avenue and sidewalks, from Hill avenue to Brookside 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, 24—viz: Councilmen Burns, Cummings, Darnell, Davis, Dunn, Elliott, Finch, Gasper, Gaul, Hicklin, Johnston, Kelley, Long, Markey, 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 W. F. Gansberg, for grading and graveling Koller street and sidewalks, from State street to Arsenal 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, 24—viz: Councilmen Burns, Cummings, Darnell, Davis, Dunn, Elliott, Finch, Gasper, Gaul, Hicklin, Johnston, Kelley, Long, Markey, 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 second and final estimate in behalf of The National Vulcanite Company, for grading and paving the roadway of Washington street with Filbert Vulcanite Asphaltic pavement, from the west line of Alabama street to the east line of Mississippi 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, 24—viz: Councilmen Burns, Cummings, Darnell, Davis, Dunn, Elliott, Finch, Gasper, Gaul, Hicklin, Johnston, Kelley, Long, Markey, McClelland, O'Connor, Parkinson, Pearson, Smith, Stuckmeyer, Swain, Thalman, Trusler, and Wilson.

NAYS—None.

The City Civil Engineer submitted the following report; which was received, and the contracts and bonds approved :

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen :

*Gentlemen:*—I herewith report the following contracts and bonds:

Contract and bond of J. L. Spaulding, for grading and graveling the roadway and paving with brick the sidewalks of Decatur street, from Washington street to Beacon street. Bond \$2,500; sureties, H. C. Roney and R. P. Dunning.



Contract and bond of J. L. Spaulding, for grading and graveling the roadway of Beacon, and paving with brick the sidewalks thereof, from Bloomington street to the Belt R. R. tracks.

Bond \$1,500. Sureties, H. C. Roney and R. P. Dunning.

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

The City Clerk submitted the following report :

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen :

*Gentlemen:*—I herewith report the following entitled affidavits, now on file in the office of the City Clerk, for the collection of street improvement assessments by precepts, to-wit :

Robt. Kennington vs. Indianapolis Water Co. (or unknown parties), for.....	\$13 50
Robt. Kennington vs. A. R. Fahle.....	24 00
Respectfully submitted,	JNO. W. BOWLUS, City Clerk.

Which report was received, and the precepts ordered to issue, by the following vote :

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

**NAYS, 2**—viz: Councilmen Burns, and Cummings.

The City Attorney submitted the following report :

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen ;

*Gentlemen:*—The undersigned, to whom was referred the inquiry as to the right of Mr. Scott to maintain a room, constructed by him, on East Market place for market purposes, reports thereon as follows :

Said Market place is the south half of Square 43, as laid out by the State Commissioners, and part of the original lands dedicated by the Act of Congress to the State of Indiana, for the permanent seat of government. The State Commissioners platted said half square as the "Market Place;" under the grant it must be used exclusively for market purposes forever. How it shall be used by the city is left at the city's discretion. The injunction granted in the case of Perkins vs. the City in 1883, settled the rights of the city in the premises. The city can either build a market house on that space, or it can suffer another to build thereon, to be wholly and solely under the control of the city and to be used exclusively for market purposes, to be taken down and removed at any time, when directed by the city, and to be entirely subject to the city's control. Therefore, the city can permit Mr. Scott to maintain his stall, or to remove it at will, as she formerly, and for many years, permitted others to do.

Respectfully submitted, WM. L. TAYLOR, City Attorney.

Councilman Swain moved that Mr. Scott be permitted to maintain his stall on East Market Space.

Which motion failed of adoption, by the following vote :

**AYES, 9**—viz: Councilmen Burns, Darnell, Elliott, Finch, Gasper, Long, Markey, Parkinson, and Swain.

**NAYS, 14**—viz: Councilmen Cummings, Davis, Gaul, Hicklin, Johnston, Kelley, McClelland, O'Connor, Pearson, Smith, Stuckmeyer, Thalman, Trusler, and Wilson.

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

CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS,	Indianapolis, Dec. 1, 1888.	
	To S. Loftin,	Dr.
To money advanced to city during the month of November, 1888, interest at six per cent. as per statement herewith, \$18.50.		
Balance on hand .....		\$ 41,812 00
Nov. 1. Orders redeemed .....	\$3,048 33	
“ 2. Orders redeemed .....	180 75	
“ 3. Orders redeemed .....	1,047 61	
“ 5. Orders redeemed .....	7 50	
“ 7. Orders redeemed .....	111 00	
“ 8. Orders redeemed .....	2 66	
“ 9. Orders redeemed .....	16 50	
“ 10. Orders redeemed .....	721 09	
“ 12. Orders redeemed .....	13 30	
“ 13. Orders redeemed .....	96 00	
“ 14. Orders redeemed .....	31 40	
“ 14. Redemption city bonds and interest .....	20,300 00	
“ 15. Orders redeemed .....	3 37	
“ 16. Orders redeemed .....	2,107 60	
“ 17. Orders redeemed .....	1,623 65	
“ 19. Orders redeemed .....	2,672 68	
		31,983 44
“ 19. Balance on hand .....		\$ 9,828 56
“ 20. Redemption of city bonds and interest .....	35,408 35	
“ 20. Balance deducted .....	9,828 56	
		25,579 79
“ 20. Amount overdrawn .....		570 23
“ 21. Amount overdrawn—orders redeemed .....		998 67
“ 22. Amount overdrawn—orders redeemed .....		45 98
“ 23. Amount overdrawn—orders redeemed .....		1,013 88
“ 24. Amount overdrawn—orders redeemed .....		1,910 88
“ 26. Amount overdrawn—orders redeemed .....		183 48
“ 27. Amount overdrawn—orders redeemed .....		15 00
“ 28. Amount overdrawn—orders redeemed .....		60 12
“ 30. Amount overdrawn—orders redeemed .....		24 08
Amount overdrawn during month .....		\$30,402 11

S. Loftin, Treasurer for the City, submitted the following report; which was received :

*Report of the Receipts and Expenditures of the City of Indianapolis, for the month of November, 1888.*

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand November 1st, 1888 .....	\$ 41,812 00
Taxes collected (estimated) .....	80,016 00
Miscellaneous receipts .....	17,214 11
	\$139,042 11



## EXPENDITURES.

City orders redeemed .....	\$ 72,214 11
Balance November 30, 1888.....	66,828 00
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	\$139,042 11
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Respectfully submitted,  
*Indianapolis*, Dec. 1, 1888.

S. LOFTIN,  
 City Treasurer.

Councilman Trusler offered the following motion; which was unanimously adopted, by a rising vote:

That the sympathies of this body be extended to Alderman John Rail, on account of the severe affliction that has befallen him by the death of his venerable father.

Councilman Kelley moved that the bids opened this evening and referred to the Committee on Contracts, for the improvement of Barth avenue, be recalled.

Which motion was adopted.

On motion, the regular order of business was suspended.

The following entitled ordinances were introduced and read the first time:

By Councilman Darnell:

G. G. 57, 1888—An ordinance authorizing the Louisville, New Albany & Chicago Railway Company to construct certain tracks within the limits of the City of Indianapolis.

The following communication was presented with the foregoing entitled ordinance:

*Indianapolis*, December 10th, 1888.

W. F. MORRISON, Esq., Attorney, etc., City:

DEAR SIR:—I have gone over and carefully examined the route over which your Monon Railroad Company propose to enter the city and reach the Union Station from the northeast part of the city. In my judgment it is the route that ought to be adopted, and I hope that you will succeed in getting the necessary permission of the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, the route being immediately west of, and along parallel with the line of the Lake Erie Road.

Yours truly,

SOLOMON CLAYPOOL.

Councilman Elliott presented the following remonstrance:

*Indianapolis, Ind.*, Dec. 8th, 1888.

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

*Gentlemen:*—We, the subscribers, owners of property on Peru street, between Bruce street on the north and Ninth street on the south, would respectfully remonstrate against the granting of the right-of-way on said Peru street (between the points named,) to the Louisville, New Albany & Chicago Railway Company, for the reason that the appropriation of any part of said street by said railroad company, for the purpose of right-of-way or main track or sidings, would seriously

damage the property fronting on said street, and thereby cause serious financial loss to the property holders along and adjacent to said Peru street.

Arthur G. Fosdyke, Lot 58, Seaton's subdivision Square 25, Johnson heirs' addition; John V. Martin, Lots 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54 and 55, Johnson heirs' addition; Jos. T. Coleman, against the railroad coming through it; will damage his Lot 448 Peru street—and 8 others.

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

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

**NAYS**, 2—viz: Councilmen Elliott, and Johnston.

G. O. 57, 1888, was then read, the second time.

Councilman McClelland offered the following amendment :

Amend G. O. 57, 1888, by adding to Section 1 the following proviso :

"*Provided*, That no tract shall be constructed west of the present Massachusetts avenue railroad depot.

Councilman Hicklin moved to lay the amendment on the table.

Which motion was adopted by the following vote :

**AYES**, 18—viz: Councilmen Burns, Cummings, Darnell, Davis, Dunn, Finch, Gasper, Gaul, Hicklin, Johnston, Kelley, Long, Markey, O'Connor, Parkinson, Swain, Trusler, and Wilson.

**NAYS**, 6—viz: Councilmen Elliott, McClelland, Pearson, Smith, Stuckmeyer, and Thalman.

G. O. 57, 1888, was then ordered engrossed, read the third time and passed, by the following vote :

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

**NAYS**, 1—viz: Councilman Johnston.

By Councilman Dunn :

G. O. 58, 1888—An ordinance authorizing Jonathan O. Armour to lay and maintain a switch track across Georgia street and sidewalks, at its intersection with Missouri street.

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

**AYES**, 19—viz: Councilmen Cummings, Darnell, Davis, Dunn, Elliot, Finch, Gasper, Hicklin, Johnston, Kelley, Long, Markey, McClelland, Pearson, Smith, Stuckmeyer, Swain, Thalman, and Wilson.

**NAYS**, 5—viz: Councilmen Burns, Gaul, O'Connor, Parkinson, and Trusler.



Councilman Parkinson moved that the foregoing entitled ordinance—G. O. 58, 1888—be referred to the Committee on Railroads.

On motion by Councilman Long, the motion to refer was laid on the table.

G. O. 58, 1888, was then read the second time, ordered engrossed, read the third time and passed, by the following vote :

**AYES, 14**—viz: Councilmen Cummings, Darnell, Davis, Dunn, Elliott, Finch, Gasper, Johnston, Long, McClelland, Pearson, Smith, Swain, and Thalman.

**NAYS, 10**—viz: Councilmen Burns, Gaul, Hicklin, Kelley, Markey, O'Connor, Parkinson, Stuckmeyer, Trusler, and Wilson.

#### REPORTS, ETC., FROM OFFICIAL BOARDS.

The Board of Public Improvements, through Councilman McClelland, submitted the following report; which was concurred in ;

To the Mayor and Common Council :

*Gentlemen:*—The Board of Public Improvement make the following report upon matters submitted to them :

1. We recommend that the motions instructing the Street Commissioner to clean the gutters on South street, from Illinois to Missouri street, and on Mississippi street from Washington to Maryland street, be adopted.

2. We recommend that the motion directing the Street Commissioner to put a double stone crossing across Virginia avenue. at Delaware street, be not adopted.

3. We recommend that the motion instructing the Chief Fire Engineer to place a fire alarm box at the corner of Bates street and State avenue, be referred to the Fire Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Councilman Thalman offered the following resolution :

*Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis,* That the Mayor and Committees on Finance of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen be, and they are hereby authorized and instructed, to make a temporary loan in the name and behalf of said city, in anticipation of the current year's revenues, of the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000); said loan to date January 1, 1889, and to run for one year from said date, with interest at a rate not exceeding six (6) per cent. per annum. The resolution heretofore passed authorizing said loan is hereby repealed.

*Resolved further,* That the Mayor and City Clerk be, and they are hereby authorized to execute the obligations of the city to be given for the loan above provided for, in the name and on behalf of said city; and for the payment of any such obligations so given, the faith of the City of Indianapolis is hereby irrevocably pledged.

And it was adopted by the following vote :

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

**NAYS**—None.

Councilman Thalman introduced the following entitled ordinance, which was read the first time :

Ap. O 75, 1888—An ordinance appropriating the sum of sixty-two thousand three hundred and ninety-four dollars and twenty-five cents (\$62,394.25,) to pay the interest on bonds due January 1st, 1889.

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

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

NAYS—None.

Ap. O. 75. 1888, was then read the second time, ordered engrossed, read the third time and passed, by the following vote :

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

NAYS—None.

#### REPORTS, ETC., FROM STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Judiciary and City Attorney, through Councilman Cummings, submitted the following report; which was concurred in :

To the Mayor and Common Council:

*Gentlemen:*—Your Committee on Judiciary, with the City Attorney, to whom was referred sundry matters, report thereon as follows:

1. We recommend that the resolution instructing the Street Commissioner to remove the obstructions on Illinois street, under the train sheds of the Union Station, be adopted.
2. With reference to the petition of F. G. Wiseloge for reimbursement for outlays made by him on "Sellers' Farm," we recommend that seventy dollars (\$70) be allowed him, in full, of all improvements made thereon by him, provided he at once pays the balance, to-wit, seventy dollars (\$70), rent on the premises.
3. With reference to the burial of pauper dead, we report that on conference with the Board of County Commissioners, they agreed to bury the pauper dead of the city. Legally, the city has no pauper dead; they belong to the county. Therefore the county should not only bury the dead, but should, and will, provide a burial place therefor. The city can, and ought to, regulate all burial grounds and burials within its corporate limits. We recommend that all contracts between the city and any other parties for burial of paupers be rescinded.
4. We have examined the resolutions adopted by the Board of Health ordering owners of vaults in Greenlawn Cemetery to bury all bodies therein within thirty (30) days from the passage of said resolutions, and we are of the opinion that said action by said Board of Health, is strictly in pursuance of their powers and duties as defined by statute.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. L. TAYLOR, City Attorney.

M. M. Cummings,  
P. J. Kelly,  
John R. Pearson,  
Committee on Judiciary.



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

To His Honor, the Mayor, and Members of the Common Council:

Gentlemen:—Your committee to whom was referred the communication in which a publication known as "Picturesque Indianapolis" is offered to the city at \$35 per copy, would respectfully recommend that the present financial condition of the city would not permit of such an expenditure of money, and would therefore recommend that they not be purchased.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. Gasper,  
Wm. Davis,  
Jas. Johnston.  
Committee on Printing.

The Committee on Public Light, through Councilman Trusler, submitted the following report; which was concurred in:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Public Lights, to whom was referred S. O. No 182, 1888, would make the following report: Oak street—from Massachusetts avenue to Christian avenue—three squares in length is partially lighted by four gas lamps, and while not perfectly lighted, there is not, in the opinion of your committee, any necessity for the passage of the ordinance. We would therefore recommend that the ordinance do not pass.

Respectfully submitted,

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

The Committee on Public Property, through Councilman Davis, submitted the following report; which was concurred in:

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Public Property wish to submit the bills for work done at Garfield Park and respectfully ask your approval of the same:

H. B. Smith.....	12 days.....	\$ 36 00
John Green.....	5½ days.....	16 50
Nelson Knigmar.....	6½ days.....	19 50
George Keers.....	10 days.....	30 00
Charles Patterson.....	4 days, 7 hours.....	14 63
Herman Fehring.....	4 days.....	12 00
C. Hilgomeyer.....	4 days.....	12 00
John Jones.....	5½ days.....	8 75
Wm S. Cravens.....	1½ days.....	2 25
John Green.....	5½ days.....	8 25
Gus Meister.....	5 days.....	7 50
Peter Wolford.....	5 days.....	7 50
Edward Moore.....	5 days.....	7 50
James Russell.....	5 days.....	7 50
George Roberts.....	3 days, 5 hours.....	5 50
Z. Milton.....	4 days.....	6 00
Frank Meadows.....	3 days.....	4 50
Wm. H. Morrison (surveying),.....	3 days.....	6 00
Chas. Coburn.....	2 days.....	3 00

Respectfully submitted,

Wm. E. Davis,  
W. M. Hicklin,  
P. C. Trusler,  
Council Committee.  
M. F. Connett,  
Aldermanic Committee.

The Committee on Public Charity, through Councilman Hicklin, submitted the following report; which was concurred in:

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

*Gentlemen.*—Your Committee on Public Charity to whom was referred the petition from Flower Mission asking free use, or reduction of rent, for Tomlinson Hall for week of annual fair. Would report that we have given the matter due consideration, and find that under existing ordinances the hall cannot be let free of charge, and we do not believe that it would be good policy to suspend operation of the ordinance for the benefit of one charitable association without extending the same help to all. However, we are informed that the gas company has donated one-half of their monthly gas-light bill for the hall, \$51.25, and deducted said amount from their monthly bill, which said amount, \$51.25, we recommend be credited said Flower Mission on said rent.

Respectfully submitted,

W. M. Hicklin,  
Michael J. Burns,  
M. M. Cummings.  
Committee.

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

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

*Gentlemen.*—Your Committee on Railroads would recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

*Resolved,* That the Citizens' Street Car Company be, and are hereby ordered, to remove the tracks on north Noble street, between Michigan street and Massachusetts avenue, or run cars over the same within ten days; and the City Clerk is hereby instructed to so notify said company of the passage of this resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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

**AYES,** 16—viz: Councilmen Darnell, Davis, Dunn, Elliott, Gasper, Gaul, Kelley, Long, McClelland, Pearson, Smith, Stuckmeyer, Swain, Thalman, Trusler, and Wilson.

**NAYS,** 8—viz: Councilmen Burns, Cummings, Finch, Hicklin, Johnston, Markey, O'Connor, and Parkinson.

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

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

*Gentlemen.*—Your Committee on Railroads, to whom the following resolution was referred, recommend its adoption:

*Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis,* That the Citizens' Street Railroad Company be and it hereby is ordered to run its cars on the English Avenue and Irvinton Line not farther apart than one car every fifteen (15) minutes, said cars to run out as far as the east city limits on this schedule, and to begin running at six o'clock a. m., and run until ten o'clock p. m., of every day, except Sundays. This schedule shall go into effect within ten (10) days from the service on said company of a certified copy of this resolution.

The City Clerk is hereby ordered to prepare and serve on said company a certified copy of this resolution. Respectfully submitted,

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



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

**AYES, 13**—viz: Councilmen Darnell, Dunn, Elliott, Gasper, Gaul, Johnston, Kelley, Long, Smith, Stuckmeyer, Swain, Thalman, and Trusler.

**NAYS, 11**—viz: Councilmen Burns, Cummings, Davis, Finch, Hicklin, Markey, McClelland, O'Connor, Parkinson, Pearson, and Wilson.

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

To the Mayor, Members of the City Council and Board of Aldermen :

*Gentlemen:*—Your Committee on Railroads, to whom was referred General Ordinance No. 13, 1888, an ordinance requiring the O. I. & W. R. R. Co to place a flagman at the crossing of their tracks and Tennessee street.

Would report that we have examined the same, and recommend said ordinance be passed.

Respectfully submitted,

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

The following entitled ordinance was taken up, read the second time, ordered engrossed, and then read the third time :

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

And it was passed by the following vote :

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

**NAYS**—None.

The Committee on Streets and Alleys, through Councilman Dunn, submitted the following report, accompanied with resolution :

To the Mayor and Common Council :

*Gentlemen:*—Your Committee on Streets and Alleys, to whom was referred the petition of J. L. Spaulding and others, asking for the opening and extension of the first alley north of the I. B. & W. Railroad and east of Miley avenue, report that we recommend the prayer of the petitioners be granted and the accompanying resolution adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

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

*Resolved by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis* That the petition of J. L. Spaulding and others asking for the opening and extension, to a width of forty (40) feet, the first alley north of the I. B. & W. Railroad and three hundred and eight (308) feet east of Miley avenue, from Beacon street to the first street north thereof, as prayed for in said petition and as shown on the plat accompanying the same, be referred to the Board of City Commissioners, with

instruction to assess benefits and damages, and to make due report to the Common Council and Board of Alderman; the said Commissioners to return all petitions and notices.

The City Clerk is hereby instructed to issue the proper notices, and the Superintendent of the Metropolitan Police Force is hereby directed to serve said notices on the said Board of City Commissioners and upon the property owners.

*Provided*, That before the clerk issue the said notices to the City Commissioners a bond shall be filed with said City Clerk to the approval of the Mayor, guaranteeing the payment of all costs and charges of said commissioners in this matter.

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

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

NAYS—None.

The Committee on Streets and Alleys, through Councilman Dunn, submitted the following report; which was concurred in:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

*Gentlemen:*—Your Committee on Streets and Alleys, to whom was referred sundry matters, report thereon as follows:

1st. We recommend that General Ordinance No. 55, 1888, prohibiting hacks, drays, etc., from standing on any asphalt street, be passed.

2d. That that part of the report of the City Engineer referring to the purchase of a new street-sweeper be not concurred in; but that the old sweeper, now owned by the city, be given a fair trial.

We recommend that that part of the report referring to the sweeping of Washington street after midnight, and taking up the sweepings before six o'clock a. m., be adopted, and that the street commissioners be ordered to so act.

With reference to the enforcement, by the police force, of Section 32, of the Ordinance of September 2, 1878, be adopted; and that the City Clerk be ordered to deliver to the Chief of Police a certified copy of said section, and that said police force be ordered to rigidly enforce all the provisions of said section 32, as found on page 408 of the revision of Ordinances of 1883.

3d. On examination of the question of taking out the obstructions in Walnut street, between Noble and Railroad streets, we recommend that the former action of the Council and Board of Aldermen, ordering the Street Commissioner to remove the obstructions therein, shall be adhered to, and that the Street Commissioner be ordered to proceed, as heretofore directed. The street has been opened for travel for thirty years; houses have been built fronting on the street; fences have been erected and re-erected on the lines of the street; and we think it is the duty of the city to protect the rights of these abiding property holders.

4th. We recommend that special ordinance No. 131, 1888, providing for grading and graveling Bloyd street, from Line to Rural street, be passed, for the reason that said Bloyd street has already been graded and graveled up to Line street, and from Brightwood this way to Rural street, and it is manifestly unfair for the property holders along Bloyd street to make their improvements up to Line street and there leave the street ending in commons.

5th. We recommend that the motion, instructing the Street Commissioner to repair, with broken stone, the crossing of Prospect and Linden streets, and the crossing of Prospect and Spruce streets, be adopted.

6th. We recommend that the motion, ordering the Street Commissioner to



take immediate steps to drain the first alley south of Woodlawn avenue, between Spruce and Reid streets be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward Dunn,  
Elton B. Elliot,  
C. H. Stuckmeyer,  
Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Being on the committee in reference to the Walnut street matter, we concur in the above report.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. L. TAYLOR, City Attorney.  
S. H. SHEARER, City Civil Engineer.

MESSAGES AND PAPERS FROM THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

The following message was read, and the report concurrently adopted :

To the Mayor, and Common Council :

*Gentlemen:*—The Board of Alderman in regular session, held in the Aldermanic Chamber Monday evening, December 10th, 1888, adopted the following report of the Committee on Public Property :

We herewith submit, for your approval, the following bills for work done in Garfield Park, and recommend that they be allowed, and the City Clerk be directed to draw warrants for said amounts on the treasurer in favor of said parties to be paid out of the appropriation made for the improvement of said park.

J. S. Van Nostrand, for hauling gravel.....	\$ 4 50
Nelson Williams, for hauling gravel.....	4 50
H. B Smith, for hauling gravel.....	27 00
Jack Green .....	4 50

Respectfully submitted,

Wm. E. Davis,  
M. F. Connett,  
Wm M. Hicklin,  
M. M. Reynolds,  
Committee on Public Property.

I submit the same for your consideration.

For the Board of Aldermen :

MICHAEL W. TOOMEY, Clerk.

The following message was read and received :

To the Mayor and Common Council :

*Gentlemen:*—At the last regular session of the Board of Aldermen, held in the Aldermanic Chamber, December 10th, 1888, I submitted to said board the following communication :

To the President and Members of the Board of Aldermen :

*Gentlemen:*—I herewith inform your honorable body that at a regular session of the Common Council, held December 3d, 1888, the following motion was adopted, viz.:

*Moved,* To reconsider the vote by which the Asphalt Ordinances Nos. 84, 85 and 86 of 1888 passed this body at its last session.

The ordinances above mentioned were passed by the Common Council at a meeting thereof on the nineteenth day of November, 1888, and by me transmitted to the Board of Alderman at a regular session of said board on the twenty-sixth day of November, 1888, and which ordinances were on said date read the first time in said Board of Alderman and referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

I submit the same for your consideration,

For the Common Council :

JOHN W. BOWLUS, City Clerk.

Whereupon Alderman Tousey offered the following motion :

That the matter above referred to be left in the hands of the Committee on

Streets and Alleys, together with the City Attorney. Which motion was adopted.  
I submit the same for your consideration,  
For the Board of Aldermen

MICHAEL W. TOOMEY, Clerk

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 Gasper, which was referred to the Committee on Markets :

G. O. 59, 1888—An ordinance to amend Sections 9 and 10, of General Ordinance No. 2, 1887, entitled "An ordinance supplemental to the ordinance of the City of Indianapolis, on the subject of the general markets of said city; modifying and changing certain rules heretofore existing for the regulation and government of said markets; repealing all conflicting provisions; putting the Market Masters on salaries, and requiring that all rents and fees of marketers shall be paid into the treasury;" ordained and established March 21st, 1887, and to regulate the time of holding markets.

By Councilman Long :

G. O. 60, 1888—An ordinance prohibiting all Peddlers and Hucksters from selling or offering to sell articles of any description on Washington street, from Alabama street to Mississippi street, and providing a penalty for the violation thereof.

Councilman Long moved that the Rules be suspended for the purpose of placing the foregoing entitled ordinance on its final passage.

Which motion failed of adoption, by the following vote :

AYES, 10—viz: Councilmen Darnell, Dunn, Elliott, Long, McClelland, Pearson, Swain, Thalman, Trusler, and Wilson.

NAYS, 11—viz: Councilmen Burns, Cummings, Davis, Gaul, Hicklin, Johnston, Kelley Markey, O'Connor, Parkinson, and Stuckmeyer.

By Councilman Stuckmeyer :

S. O. 142, 1888—An ordinance to provide for grading and paving with brick, the southwest sidewalk of Virginia avenue, from Washington street to South street, where not already properly paved.

By Councilman Swain :

S. O. 143, 1888—An ordinance to provide for the erection of four lamp posts, lamps and fixtures (complete to burn gas, except the service pipes,) on Ash street, between Lincoln avenue and Seventh street.

S. O. 144, 1888—An ordinance to provide for the erection of lamp-posts, lamps and fixtures (complete to burn gas, except the service pipes,) on Home avenue, between Delaware street and Alabama street.

S. O. 145, 1888—An ordinance to provide for the erection of one lamp post, lamp and fixtures (complete to burn gas, except the service pipes,) on Second street, between Delaware street and Alabama street.

## INTRODUCTION OF MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Councilman Darnell presented the following petition ; which was granted, and the plat approved :

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

*Gentlemen:*—Your petitioners, Leona A. Minturn and Joseph A. Minturn, her husband, herewith submit a plat showing their proposed sub-division of their land bounded by Illinois street on the East, Tennessee street on the West, Thirteenth street on the South, and Fourteenth street on the North. This sub-division is in conformity to the contiguous additions, and we respectfully ask that you approve same according to law, that we may file it for record. And your petitioners will ever pray, etc.

LEONA A. MINTURN.  
JOSEPH A. MINTURN.

Councilman Darnell offered the following motion ; which was adopted :

That the City Attorney be instructed to compel the owner of the sign, in front of 60 east Washington street, to remove the same at once ; and that the motion heretofore adopted, instructing the said attorney not to compel the removal of the same, be repealed.

Councilman Darnell offered the following resolution :

That the City Clerk be, and is hereby instructed, to notify the Citizens Street Railway Co. to comply with the provisions of General Ordinance No. 1, 1888, and also the provisions of a resolution adopted March 8, 1888, in reference to conductors and platforms.

Councilman Trusler offered the following motion :

That the consideration of all motions and resolutions as to conductors and platforms on the cars of the street railroad company be postponed until the first meeting in May.

Councilman Trusler demanded the previous question.

Which was ordered, by the following vote :

AYES, 18—viz: Councilmen Burns, Cummings, Davis, Elliott, Finch, Hicklin, Johnston, Kelley, Markey, McClelland, O'Connor, Parkinson, Pearson, Smith, Swain, Thalman, Trusler, and Wilson.

NAYS, 6—viz: Councilmen Darnell, Dunn, Gasper, Gaul, Long, and Stuckmeyer.

The motion offered by Councilman Trusler was then adopted, by the following vote :

AYES, 18—viz: Councilmen Burns, Cummings, Davis, Elliott, Finch, Hicklin, Johnston, Kelley, Markey, McClelland, O'Connor, Parkinson, Pearson, Smith, Swain, Thalman, Trusler, and Wilson.

NAYS, 6—viz: Councilmen Darnell, Dunn, Gasper, Gaul, Long, and Stuckmeyer.

Councilman Darnell offered the following resolution :

WHEREAS, It is deemed expedient that a line of street railway should be extended and constructed along North Mississippi street, north from the present terminus of the line now constructed on Mississippi street, and owned and operated by the Citizens' Street Railroad Company of Indianapolis, running north on Mississippi street to Twelfth street ; now therefore,



*Resolved,* That the Citizens' Street Railroad Company of Indianapolis be, and the same is hereby, ordered and directed to extend and construct their said line of street railway on North Mississippi street, with a single or double track, from its present terminus, north on Mississippi street to Twelfth street, the same to be done within thirty days from the date of the passage of this resolution, and the City Clerk is hereby instructed to serve this notice upon said company, and report said service to Council at its next regular session.

Councilman Markey moved to lay the resolution on the table.

Which motion was adopted, by the following vote :

AYES, 13—viz: Councilmen Burns, Elliott, Hicklin, Johnston, Kelley, Markey, O'Connor, Parkinson, Pearson, Smith, Swan, Trusler, and Wilson.

NAYS, 11—viz: Councilmen Cummings, Darnell, Davis, Dunn, Finch, Gasper, Gaul, Long, McClelland, Stuckmeyer, and Thalman.

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

That the Committee on Public Light be instructed to locate Vapo lights on Douglass street, between Market and New York streets.

Councilman Davis offered the following motion ; which was referred to the Committee on Markets, Rental Committee and City Attorney :

That the East Market Master be and is hereby authorized to appoint an engineer and assistant janitor for Tomlinson Hall, in accordance with General Ordinance No. 2, passed February 21st, 1887.

Councilman Wilson offered the following motion ; which was referred to the Committee on Markets, Rental Committee and City Attorney :

That the Committee on Public Properties be and are hereby instructed to investigate the matter of the employment of two engineers at the City Hall building.

Councilman Gaul offered the following motion ; which was referred to the Committee on Railroads :

That the Citizens' Street Railroad Company be and is hereby directed to fill all chuck-holes in between their tracks on south Meridian street, from Morris street south on Meridian street, to the end of said line, and that the City Clerk notify them of the passage of said motion.

Councilman Gaul offered the following motions ; which were adopted :

That the Street Commissioner be and is hereby directed to repair the foot-bridge on corner West street and McCarty street.

That the Street Commissioner be and is hereby directed to repair the foot-bridges on corner West street and Merrill street.

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

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

*Gentlemen.*—The undersigned, owner of real estate fronting on both sides of Arizona street near Utah street, between Meridian and Utah streets, respectfully

petition for the passage of an ordinance providing for straightening Arizona street near Utah, as shown by attached tracing.

All expense connected with grading and graveling that part of the street straightened, to be borne by the undersigned.

INDIANAPOLIS WATER CO.

By F. A. W. Davis, Vice-Pres.

Councilman Hicklin presented the following petition and motion; which was adopted:

To the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Aldermen:

*Gentlemen:*—We, the undersigned, citizens of the seventeenth and eighteenth Wards, and the merchants in the immediate vicinity of Maryland and Delaware streets, and Virginia avenue, respectfully petition your honorable body to order a stone foot-crossing beginning at the intersection of the northwest corner of Maryland street and Virginia avenue, thence across Virginia avenue to the northwest corner of Delaware street and Virginia avenue.

C. B. Denning, G. Hafacker, Z. Mascar, G. W. Dick, C. H. Abbot—and eighty-three others.

*Moved,* That the Street Commissioner be directed to put a double stone crossing beginning at the intersection of the northwest corner of Maryland street and Virginia avenue to the northwest corner of Delaware street and Virginia avenue.

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

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

NAYS, 1—viz: Councilman Johnston.

The following proposal was read:

Indianapolis, Dec. 13th, 1888.

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

*Gentlemen:*—We propose to erect lamp-posts complete to burn gas, except the service pipes, on the following named streets: Patterson street, between Vermont and North streets; on Vermont street, between Agnes and Patterson; on Fletcher avenue, between Linden and Spruce streets; on Hoyt avenue, between Linden and Spruce streets; for the sum of twenty-one (\$21.00) dollars per post.

Very respectfully,

FREANEY BROS.

Councilman Darnell moved that the contract for the erection of said lamp-posts be awarded to Freaney Bros.

Which motion was adopted.

The following contracts and bonds were read and approved:

Contract and bond of Freaney Bros., 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. Bond \$100; surety, J. F. Holt.

Contract and bond of Freaney Bros., 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. Bond \$100; surety, J. F. Holt.

Contract and bond of Freaney Bros., for the erection of lamp-posts, lamps and fixtures (complete to burn gas except the service pipes) on Fletcher avenue, between Linden and Spruce streets. Bond \$100; surety, J. F. Holt.

Contract and bond of Freaney Bros. for the erection of lamp posts, lamps and fixtures (complete to burn gas except the service pipes) on Hoyt avenue, between Linden and Spruce streets. Bond \$100; surety, J. F. Holt.

Councilman Hicklin offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby directed, to white-wash the tunnel, also to repair the iron fences and base stone around the approaches, and if thought advisable to erect roofs over the sidewalk entrances to the tunnel

All of said work to be done under the direction of the City Civil Engineer.

Councilman Hicklin offered a resolution in relation to the rents collected from Tomlinson Hall.

Which, on motion by Councilman Darnell, was laid on the table, by the following vote:

AYES, 13—viz: Councilmen Cummings, Darnell, Davis, Dunn, Elliott, Gasper, Long, McClelland, Pearson, Swain, Thalman, Trusler, and Wilson.

NAYS, 9—viz: Councilmen Burns, Gaul, Hicklin, Johnston, Kelley, Markey, O'Connor, Parkinson, and Stuckmeyer.

Councilman Trusler moved that said resolution be not printed in the Council Proceedings.

Councilman Long moved the previous question.

Which was ordered.

The motion offered by Councilman Trusler, was then adopted, by the following vote:

AYES, 13—viz: Councilmen Cummings, Darnell, Davis, Dunn, Elliott, Johnston, Long, McClelland, Pearson, Swain, Thalman, Trusler, and Wilson.

NAYS, 8—viz: Councilmen Burns, Gaul, Hicklin, Kelley, Markey, O'Connor, Parkinson, and Stuckmeyer.

Councilman Cummings offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That the Board of Alderman be requested to amend the three Vulcanite Ordinances, known as the Mississippi, Tennessee and Ohio streets around the State house, so that all the various kinds of pavements, so that this Council may be allowed to concur in said amendments.

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

PETITION TO REFUND, BY AUGUST RICHTER.

To the Hon. Mayor, Members of the Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis:

Your petitioner respectfully represents that: He has paid to the Treasurer of the City of Indianapolis the sum of thirty five (35) dollars for benefits in opening a certain alley. This alley is located on the west side of Shelby street, from its present northern terminus to Coburn street, on Lot 1 and 2 Munson Sub. of Lot 1, in Berkmeyer addition.

The petitioner respectfully requests, as there has been no opening of said alley,



nor that any property owner on said alley has paid any money toward opening said alley, to refund my money.

Respectfully,

AUGUST RICHTER.

Herewith is also receipt of the amount attached:

*Indianapolis, Ind., July 19th 1887.*

Ausust Richter has this day filed in my office, City Treasurer's Receipt No. 2377 for thirty five dollars, on account of benefits, and his portion of costs, in the matter of the opening and extension of the first alley west of Shelby street, from its present northern terminus to Coburn street, on Lots 1 and 2, Munson Sub. of Lot 1, Berkermeier addition.

MICHAEL F. SHIELDS, City Clerk.

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

*Moved,* That the City Civil Engineer be instructed to re-mantle the lamp-posts on the south-side of Market street between East and Liberty streets, and the lamp-post on the north side of Market street between Liberty and Noble streets.

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

*Indianapolis, Dec. 4th, 1888.*

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

*Gentlemen:*—The undersigned, owners of real estate fronting on Peru avenue and Davidson street, between Massachusetts avenue and North street, respectfully petition for the passage of an ordinance providing for the opening up of that portion of Peru avenue situate between the intersection of Peru avenue and Davidson street to North street, the same originally being a street, but now fenced up by the Michigan Coal and Lumber company, and for the granting of the same your petitioners would ever pray.

Cornelius Manley, N. V. Duncan, Mrs. R. Munsell, Mrs. W. Schildmeyer—and sixteen others.

Councilman O'Connor offered the following motion; which was referred to the Committee on Bridges, with power to act:

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby ordered and directed, to repair the bridge over the C. I. St. L. & C. R. R. track on Concordia street.

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

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, ordered and directed to plank the crossing of the C. I. St. L. & C. R. R. track on the first alley south of Bates street, between Dillon and Leota street, and to collect the expense for the same from the Cincinnati, Indianapolis, St. Louis & Chicago Railroad Company.

Councilman Parkinson offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That George Kesler be given permission to lay a brick driveway across the sidewalk at 119 West Washington, at his own expense, under the direction of the city engineer.

Councilman Stuckmeyer offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, instructed to clean the gutters of English avenue from Harrison to Dillon streets.

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

Indianapolis, Nov. 20th, 1888.

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

*Gentlemen:*—The undersigned, owners of real estate fronting on Virginia avenue, between Washington street and South streets, respectfully petition for the passage of an ordinance providing for repairing with brick the west sidewalk of Virginia avenue its full width where not already properly paved, from Washington street to South street.  
H. Seibert, 95 feet; Louis Siersdorfer, 48 feet.

Councilman Swain offered the following motion; which was adopted:

That the Street Commissioner be and hereby is directed to make the street crossing passable on the east side of Meridian at Seventh, east side of Pennsylvania street at Seventh, and east side of Delaware street at Seventh.

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

That the lamp-post located eighty feet north of Ninth street, east side, be re-located at the northeast corner of Ninth and Central avenue, and such work be done under the direction of the Street Commissioner.

Councilman Swain offered the following motion; which was referred to the Committee on Fire Department:

That the fire alarm box located at the corner of Eighth street and Central avenue be re-located at or near to the corner of Ninth street and Central avenue, such work to be done under the direction of the Chief Fire Engineer.

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

That the Union Railroad Company be, and is hereby, ordered to open a crossing with necessary cattle guards, etc., at the intersection of the Belt Railroad and Charles street.

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

*Resolved,* That the Indianapolis Water Company be, and it is hereby, directed to extend its water mains on Northwest street from First to Third streets, hydrants to be located under directions of the Chief Fire Engineer.

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

*C. S. Stuckmeyer*

....., Mayor,  
President of the Common Council.

Attest: *J. W. Bowler*, City Clerk,