

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL.

REGULAR SESSION.

CHAMBER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL, }
Monday, August 13th, 1877—7½ o'clock P. M. }

The Common Council of the City of Indianapolis met, pursuant to adjournment.

Present—His Honor, the Mayor, John Caven, in the chair, and the following members: Councilmen Bagby, Brown, Bugbee, Byram, Case, Cochran, Dill, Izor, Layman, Marsee, Morse, McGinty, Pouder, Reading, Sindlinger, Steinhauer, Stoner, Thomas, Walker, Watts, Wood, A. L. Wright, and W. G. Wright—23.

Absent—Councilmen Reed and Tucker—2.

The proceedings of the regular session, held August 6th, 1877, having been printed, and placed on the desks of the Councilmen, the reading of the same was dispensed with.

Sealed proposals for grading and graveling Bellefontaine avenue, and paving with brick the sidewalks thereof, from Lincoln avenue to Tinker or Seventh street; also, for grading and graveling Herbert street and sidewalks, between Illinois and Meridian streets,—were received, opened, read, and referred to the Committee on Contracts.

Sealed proposals for repairing the wooden-block pavements on Meridian street, from New York to Seventh street; on Tennessee street, from Market to Seventh street; and on Delaware street, from Massachusetts avenue to Seventh street,—were received, opened, and read.

On Councilman Steinhauer's motion, the special committee who had visited Columbus, Ohio, for the purpose of investigating the Abbott method of improving defective wooden pavements, was by unanimous consent, permitted to submit its report.

The report of said special committee is as follows :

Indianapolis, August 13, 1877.

To the Mayor and Common Council :

Gentlemen:—Your committee, to whom was referred the proposition of the Columbus Paving Company, with instructions to visit the City of Columbus, Ohio, and make special examination of the concrete pavements in said city, would report the following facts, to-wit:

High street, from the depot to Friend street, was paved with the "Parisian Concrete" two years ago. A part of it is good, but the greater portion of it is badly broken up. The City Council is taking steps to have it surfaced with the "Abbott Concrete."

Town street was paved with the "Filbert Vulcanite," by Smith & Co., two years ago, and began breaking up before it was finished. Last year, the greater portion was re-coated, and it is now in good condition.

Fourth street, at the Market, the intersection of Broad and Third streets, and the intersection of South High and Mound streets, were paved with "Abbott Concrete" two years ago, and are now in perfect condition, without any repairs having to be done.

Fourth street is laid three inches thick, over old cobble stone; Broad street, three inches, over old McAdam; and South High street, three inches, over old wooden block pavement.

North High street, from the depot to the city line, a distance of three and a half miles, was paved last year with the Abbott Concrete, five inches thick, over seven inches of broken stone. It passed through last winter without any cracks or disintegration, and has now passed through the heat of summer without becoming too soft. Its flexibility, elasticity, tenacity, smoothness, and durability, are evidently satisfactory to the most skeptical investigator. The contractors, who have guaranteed it for five years, expect that the interest on \$5,000, retained by the city for five years, will keep it in perfect repair.

This street is kept clean by the Columbus Paving Company, on a five years' contract. They use horse-sweepers, with a sprinkling-cart ahead of the

sweeper, which throws the sweepings into the gutters, where they are afterwards taken up by a cartman and drawn off the street. The entire street is cleaned once each day, at an annual cost of fifteen cents per front foot.

In addition to the above pavements, the State has laid down seven thousand yards of the "Abbott Concrete" in the State House and Blind Asylum grounds, and have just closed up a contract for an addition of three thousand yards. All of this pavement is in perfect condition, and gives universal satisfaction.

The Columbus Paving Company have the most complete apparatus in the country for constructing concrete pavements. The greatest improvement yet made in methods of handling bitumen is the air-tight tank system, which they exclusively use. By this is secured perfect uniformity of heat. Ten thousand gallons are kept at a heat of 400°, indicated by a pyrometer. All other parties use open kettles, in which it is absolutely impossible to obtain uniformity of heat.

After making careful investigation, we do not hesitate to say that, in our opinion, the only real and fruitful causes of failure are, imperfect apparatus, bad material, and unskilled labor; all of which the Columbus Paving Company have avoided, and have met with uniform success.

We gave our special attention to the surfaced wooden-block pavement on South High street, which, in our opinion, has proven a complete success; so much so, indeed, that the property owners along the line petitioned the City Council to cover with concrete the remainder of the block pavements in the city.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM M. COCHRAN,
ALBERT IZOR,
JAMES E. WATT3,
MICHAEL STEINHAUER,

Special Committee.

On Councilman W. G. Wright's motion, the above proposals and committee report were referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys.

REPORTS FROM CITY OFFICERS.

The City Civil Engineer submitted the following report which was approved:

Indianapolis, August 13, 1877.

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—I herewith report a first and final estimate allowed James Mahoney, for grading and graveling the first alley west of Japan or East street, from Yeiser street to the first alley north of Yeiser street—

260 lineal feet at 12 cents.....	\$31 20
1 yard of gravel at 60 cents.....	60
Total.....	\$31 80

Respectfully submitted,

BERNHARD H. DIETZ, City Civil Engineer.

The following estimate resolution was then offered :

Resolved, by the Common Council and Board of Aldermen, That the foregoing first and final estimate allowed James Mahony, for grading and graveling the first alley west of Japan or East street, 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, and that the property owners are hereby required to pay the sums set opposite their respective names.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Bagby, Brown, Bugbee, Byram, Case, Cochran, Dill, Izor, Layman, Marsee, Morse, McGinty, Pouder, Reading, Sindlinger, Steinhauer, Stoner, Thomas, Walker, Watts, Wood, A. L. Wright, and W. G. Wright—23.

Negative—None.

The City Clerk submitted the following report ; which was concurred in :

Indianapolis, August 13, 1877.

To the Mayor and Common Council :

Gentlemen:—I would respectfully report the following affidavit, now on file in my office, for the collection of street assessment by precept, to-wit :

John W. Richardson vs. Almira J. and J. W. McLean (Christian name unknown) for..\$10 80

And would recommend that you order the precept to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

BENJ. C. WRIGHT, City Clerk.

The precept was ordered to be issued by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Bagby, Brown, Bugbee, Byram, Case, Cochran, Dill, Izor, Layman, Marsee, Morse, McGinty, Pouder, Reading, Sindlinger, Steinhauer, Stoner, Thomas, Walker, Watts, Wood, A. L. Wright, and W. G. Wright—23.

Negative—None.

The same officer presented the following communication from the Board of School Commissioners; which was duly received:

Indianapolis, Ind., August 10, 1877.

Hon. B. C. Wright, City Clerk:

Dear Sir:—The following resolution, for the assessment for school purposes for this year, passed the Board of School Commissioners unanimously, at its session held on the evening of the 3d inst.; and you will please place the levy on the tax-duplicate:

Resolved, That the tax levy for 1877-8 be adopted and established, as follows:

For Tuition Fund.....	7 cents per \$100
For Special Fund.....	13 cents per \$100
For Library Fund.....	2 cents per \$100

And that the President and Secretary be directed to certify the action of the Board to the City Clerk, to cause the same to be placed on the tax-duplicate against the property assessed for taxes.

Yours Respectfully,

W. A. BELL, President.

J. J. BINGHAM, Secretary.

The City Attorney submitted the following report; which was read by clauses, and the several legal opinions therein contained were severally concurred in:

Indianapolis, August 13, 1877.

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

Gentlemen:—1st. General ordinance No. 30, 1877, providing for the granting of a special license to the City Garden Theatre, was referred to me.

I would report that there is a general ordinance now in force that prescribes how licenses shall be granted to theatrical and other exhibitions, and fixing the amount that shall be paid for the same. The passage of the ordinance would grant a license to this theatre or garden, at a much less sum than they would otherwise have to pay.

If the ordinance is passed, I would recommend that it be amended, by striking out the clause providing that it may be repealed at any time after the expiration of one year, and that a clause be inserted, prohibiting the sale of any intoxicating liquors in the room, building, or place where the said theatrical performances are conducted, and also prohibiting any exhibition to be carried on therein on Sunday; and that the conviction, before the Mayor, of the violation of any of said provisions, shall work a forfeiture of the license.

2d. The petition of J. H. Gruenert, asking for a special license, was also referred to me.

My report upon general ordinance No. 30 applies to this petition also, as I understand the cases to be similar.

3d. General ordinance No. 31, 1877, was also referred to me.

It is amendatory to an ordinance that prohibits the giving of exhibitions and theatrical performances in the room or building where intoxicating liquors are sold. The only change that this ordinance makes is, that it prohibits such performances in a place where intoxicating liquors are sold, except when license is obtained of the city, and fixes the amount of the license. Any person carrying on any exhibition or theatrical performance is required, by ordinances now in force, to procure license. The effect of the passage of this ordinance would be to reduce the license now required, and to legalize the conducting of theatrical performances in places where intoxicating liquors are sold. The object of the second section of the ordinance of March 14, 1864, was to prohibit the giving of theatrical and other exhibitions in saloons and places where liquor was sold. If the Council desire to remove that prohibition, the best way, in my opinion, would be to repeal the second section of the ordinance of March 14, 1864.

Therefore, I am of the opinion that the ordinance should not be passed.

4th. General ordinance No. 32, 1877, was also referred to me.

This ordinance seeks to amend the second section of the ordinance of March 14, 1864, by providing that it shall be unlawful to exhibit, for the purposes of gain, or to attract persons, any exhibition where intoxicating liquors are sold. I do not think that the fact that the exhibition is given for gain, or to attract persons, in any way affects the matter, and the only effect of this change would be to make it almost impossible to enforce the ordinance, for the reason that it might be very hard to prove whether or not an exhibition or theater was carried on for the purpose of gain, or to attract persons.

I would, therefore, recommend that the ordinance be not passed.

5th. General ordinance No. 33, 1877, was also referred to me.

This ordinance seeks to amend an ordinance now in force, prohibiting the conducting and carrying on of any theatrical or negro-minstrel performance on Sunday or on the evening of said day. The only change that the amendment makes is a provision that such exhibitions shall not be given on Sunday for "gain, or to attract persons." The change would simply make it almost impossible to convict any one of a violation of the ordinance, for the same reasons that I have stated in my report upon ordinance No. 32.

I would, therefore, recommend that the ordinance be not passed.

Respectfully submitted,

R. O. HAWKINS, City Attorney.

Councilman Layman asked for two weeks' leave of absence for Councilman Tucker; which was granted.

The following report was received from the Board of Health :

Report of deaths in the City of Indianapolis from the 4th day of August, 1877, to the 11th day of August, 1877:

Under 1 year	14
1 to 2 years.....	2
2 to 3 "	2
3 to 4 "	1
4 to 5 "	0
5 to 10 "	2
10 to 20 "	2
20 to 30 "	2
30 to 40 "	0
40 to 50 "	0
50 to 60 "	0
60 to 70 "	2
70 to 80 "	1
80 to 90 "	0
90 to 100 "	0
Above 100 years.....	0
Unknown	0
Total.....	28

T. N. BRYAN, President.
 WILLIAM WANDS,
 H. JAMESON, Secretary.

The Superintendent of the City Dispensary submitted the following reports; which were received:

Report of City Dispensary for June 1877:

Number of visits made to families in North District.....	78
Number of visits made to families in South District.....	89
Number of visits made to Station House.....	63
Number of patients prescribed for at Dispensary.....	385
Number of prescriptions filled for Station House.....	13
Whole number of prescriptions filled at Dispensary	681
Number of prescriptions filled from cases.....	64
Number of surgical cases.	17
Number of births.....	4
Number of deaths.	3

Respectfully submitted,

OTTO E. MUELLER, Ph. G. Cl'k C. D.
 W. B. FLETCHER, Superintendent.

Report of City Dispensary for July, 1877 :

Number of visits made to families in North District.....	121
Number of visits made to families in South District.....	87
Number of visits made to Station House.....	58
Number of patients prescribed for at Dispensary.....	538
Number of prescriptions filled for Station House.....	56
Whole number of prescriptions filled at Dispensary.....	1028
Number of prescriptions filled from cases.....	64
Number of surgical cases.....	25
Number of births.....	3
Number of deaths.....	5

Respectfully submitted,

OTTO E. MUELLER, Ph. G. Cl'k C. D.

I certify the above to be a correct statement of the work done at the City Dispensary during the month of July, 1877, according to the books of the Dispensary.

W. B. FLETCHER, Superintendent.

Number of prescriptions filled, during July, 1877, at the City Dispensary, by physicians not connected with the same :

Dr. McDonald, 26; Dr. Bullard, 6; Dr. Henthorne, 6; Dr. Mrs. Daniels, 4; Dr. Bell, 4; Dr. Hervey, 4; Dr. Lutz, 3; Dr. Walker, 3; Dr. Chambers, 3; Dr. Sullivan, 2; Dr. Gause, 2; Dr. Wright, 2; Dr. Bigelow, 1; Dr. Waterman, 1; Dr. Harvey, 1; Dr. Wishard, 1; Dr. Fitzhugh, 1—Total, 70.

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

The second clause of the message submitted at the last regular meeting of the Common Council, as printed on page 310, *post*, was taken up, and the non-concurrent action of the Board of Aldermen, as therein expressed, was duly approved.

The following message was duly received :

To the Mayor and Common Council :

Gentlemen :—At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held August 8, 1877, the following recommendation, which I herewith transmit for your action upon same, was adopted :

WHEREAS, The appropriation of two hundred and fifty dollars, for the repair of Virginia avenue, from Louisiana street to Dillon street, has been

exhausted, and there still remains about two squares in very bad condition—in fact, the worst part of the street; therefore,

Moved, That we recommend that the Council appropriate a sufficient sum to finish said street.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. T. BREUNIG,

Clerk of Board of Aldermen.

The motion incorporated in above message, was, on motion, referred to the Council Committee on Streets and Alleys.

THE THOMAS D. GREGG BEQUEST.

By consent, the following papers were read; and were then, on motion of Councilman A. L. Wright, referred to the Committee on Judiciary:

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

Gentlemen:—In pursuance of your instructions, we (*i. e.*, Roscoe O. Hawkins, City Attorney, and the undersigned) proceeded to King William's county, Virginia, on the 25th of July, and returned home on the 5th August instant.

On arriving at Richmond, in that State, we consulted with several attorneys, there resident, in regard to the business in hand; which resulted in the retaining of Major Legh R. Page as senior counsel in our case, and he advised the employment of additional counsel, resident of King William's county, where our testator was sojourning at the time of his death; said Page proposing Col. William R. Aylett, of that county, as most suitable, if not already retained in opposition to us.

We then proceeded to King William's county, and found Col. Aylett both competent and agreeable, and perhaps the attorney above all others in that county we ought to employ; and thereupon we retained him as adjunct and junior counsel in our case; and under his advice and arrangement we had an interview with Dr. D. H. Gregg, brother of the deceased testator.

The doctor admitted our will is entirely in the handwriting of his deceased brother, the testator, and disclaimed all expectations of any part of said brother's estate, but alleged another will in being. But we are informed that the will alluded to by the doctor was prepared by him, but neither approved nor executed, and, therefore, not very likely to be set up in opposition to ours.

We ascertained that our will could not be filed for probate until the next Court, on the fourth Monday in the present month (August), and that publi-

cation of notice of the pendency of our suit should be given to the non-resident heirs-at-law — days before the time of trial; and, consequently, full probate can not be made until the October term of said Court.

As it is necessary that our will shall be on hand for filing, at the earliest practicable time, the same was left in the hands of Major Page, senior counsel, at Richmond, Va., taking his receipt therefor on a verified copy thereof, and he agreeing to deposit the original in bank, for safe keeping, until needed for filing in Court.

The counsel retained are gentlemen, both eminent in their profession and social position, with ample substance to guaranty the faithful discharge of the trust reposed in them; and we are satisfied they will prosecute our claim promptly, skillfully, and successfully.

In regard to the manner of probating our will, we learn that, by the laws of Virginia, a last will and testament wholly in the handwriting of the testator (as is ours), and proven to be so on trial, in open Court, is sufficient to admit the same to full probate. The undersigned being able to testify to the handwriting of our testator, and Dr. Gregg's admission in our presence, would be ample testimony on trial, under the law as above stated; but, for fear the doctor might be absent, and, if present, unwilling to go upon the stand, our attorneys prefer the deposition of William D. Wygant, the only surviving witness to the execution of our will. Towards obtaining said deposition, since returning home, Mr. Wygant's address and venue has been sent to our attorneys, in order that they may cause a *dedimus* or commission to issue in due time to take the same.

Pending the suit, our attorneys suggest the removal of the present administrator, and the appointment of a *curator ad hoc*, to take care of the property of deceased, as named in said administrator's inventory filed in Court; collecting the dividends on the same, when payable, and re invest them; also, to take possession of, and safely keep, all title and other papers of value pertaining to said estate, until the Court shall determine our city's rights therein. We approve this course.

The undersigned, as a probable executor of said estate, suggests that, on final probate of said will, a copy thereof, duly certified, should be filed in the proper Court of Dallas county, Iowa, and legal proceedings be instituted to recover decedent's real estate in that county, or the value thereof.

The undersigned reports as to his traveling expenses, that Mr. Hawkins, being custodian of your appropriation in this behalf, entrusted fifty dollars to him, at White Sulphur Springs, Va., of which amount thirty-six dollars and forty cents was expended in hotel and other necessary traveling expenses, leaving thirteen dollars and sixty cents on hand, for which he is ready to account, as you may direct. But the amount by him expended, as above stated, is not all. Mr. Hawkins paid all his railroad and steamboat fare, from Cincinnati, O., *via* Richmond, Va., Washington City, to Pittsburgh, Penn., and also gave him fifty cents at Cannelton, West Virginia, and paid

for him one supper, night's lodging, and breakfast, on our return, at Richmond, Va.

All of which is respectfully submitted for your consideration.

WILLIAM SULLIVAN.

Indianapolis, August 13, 1877.

NOTE.—Since writing the above, I am in receipt of a copy of the inventory of decedent's estate, filed in Court, and a letter from Col. Page, our attorney at Richmond, of which copies are filed herewith.

An Inventory and Appraisalment of the Personal Estate of Thomas D. Gregg, deceased, made by me, as the administrator thereof, on the 23d day of June, 1877, with a column on the right hand, for the appraisers to annex the value of the several items, to-wit :

	PAR VALUE.	MARKET VAL.
Currency.....	\$118 60	\$118 60
One silver watch.....	25 00	25 00
150 shares stock of Old Dominion Insurance Company...	15,000 00	7,500 00
159 shares Virginia Fire and Marine Insurance Company	3,975 00	6,360 00
200 shares First National Bank stock.....	20,000 00	23,000 00
70 shares Planters' National Bank stock.....	7,000 00	8,050 00
Total.....	\$46,118 60	\$45,053 60

10 shares C. & O. R. R. stock. Worthless.

3 notes (\$10,000 aggregate principal), due by B. Rice, DesMoines, Iowa. Doubtful.

Given under my hand this 23d day of June, 1877.

D. H. GREGG, Att'y for JOSEPH HOLLIS, Adm'r, &c.

STATE OF VIRGINIA, *County of King William, to-wit :*

We, B. Samuels, James A. Bond, and James Roane, three of the appraisers appointed by order of the County Court of King William, entered, on the 28th day of May, 1877, to appraise the personal estate of Thomas D. Gregg, deceased, having been sworn before a Justice of the Peace for that purpose, hereby certify that we have truly and justly, to the best of our judgment, viewed all of the personal estate of said decedent, as produced to us by D. H. Gregg, attorney for Joseph Hollis, administrator, and which is comprised in the foregoing inventory and appraisalment; and we have annexed the price of the several items thereof, in the column left for that purpose.

Given under our hands, this 23d day of June, A. D. 1877.

B. SAMUEL,
J. A. BOND,
JAS. ROANE,
Appraisers.

NOTE.—Whilst we have appraised all the personal estate of the decedent Gregg which was shown us by the administrator, it is proper to add to this

paper, that, from a copy of a letter in the handwriting of decedent, which we have seen, addressed to Judge B Rice, of DesMoines, Iowa, it appears that said Rice was and is debtor to said decedent in a large amount, evidenced by six several notes (three of which said notes, said letter states, were stolen from decedent's trunk in Richmond, Va.); the remaining three aggregate \$10,000, with some \$5,000 accrued interest, we have seen; but as there appears much reason to doubt the solvency of the debtor, we do not list them as possessing value.

B. SAMUEL,
J. A. BOND,
JAS. ROANE,
Appraisers.

STATE OF VIRGINIA, *County of King William, to-wit:*

B. Samuel, James A. Bond, and James Roane, three of the appraisers appointed by order of the County Court of King William's County to appraise the personal estate of Thomas D. Gregg, deceased, this day personally appeared before me, W. T. Samuel, a Justice for said county, and were duly sworn by me, truly and justly, to the best of their judgment, to view and appraise the goods and chattels of the said Thomas D. Gregg, deceased, which shall be produced or shown to them for appraisement.

Given under my hand, this 23d day of June, A. D. 1877.

W. T. SAMUEL, J. P.

ENDORSED: Examined and approved, June 28th, 1877.

T. W. H., Com'r Acc'ts.

IN KING WILLIAM COUNTY, July 28th, 1877.

The foregoing inventory and appraisement of the personal estate of Thos. D. Gregg, deceased, was returned, and ordered to be recorded.

Teste: O. M. WINSTON, Clerk.

A Copy.—*Teste:* O. M. WINSTON, Clerk.

The following is a copy of a letter accompanying the foregoing inventory, to-wit:

Richmond, August 9th, 1877.

My Dear Sir:—Your favor of the 6th is just at hand.

As soon as it can possibly issue, the commission to take the deposition of Mr. Wygant will be forwarded to you. I deem it very important that some one who is trustworthy and competent should attend the taking of the deposition; and as you are nominated as executor in the will, it would be preferable that you should be present.

In the meantime, write and ascertain the name of some reliable Notary at Hamilton Station, and send it to me as soon as practicable.

I want also to know whether or not Mrs. Joseph Hollis is the sister of the testator, and the names of any other person or persons who you have reason to think would be interested in the estate had there been no will.

Our proceedings, I am satisfied, will be watched very closely; and while I desire expedition, they shall be conducted with great care and deliberation.

Enclosed I send you a certified copy of the inventory and appraisement of the estate of the decedent.

Col. Aylett is now with me, has seen, and approves this letter. He desires that I thank you for kind remembrances, and unites with me in regards to Mr. Hawkins and yourself.

Very Respectfully,

LEGH R. PAGE.

WM. SULLIVAN, Esq., Indianapolis, Ind.

The Common Council then took a recess, to allow the Board of Equalization to meet, pursuant to adjournment had on last Monday evening.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION.

The Board of Equalization was called to order; and a call of the roll being had, it resulted as follows:

Present—His Honor, the Mayor, John Caven, in the chair, Benj. C. Wright, City Clerk; William Hadley, City Assessor; and the following members: Aldermen Coburn and Krug, and Councilmen Bagby, Brown, Bugbee, Byram, Case, Cochran, Dill, Izor, Layman, Marsee, Morse, McGinty, Pouder, Reading, Sindlinger, Steinhauer, Stoner, Thomas, Walker, Watts, Wood, A. L. Wright, and W. G. Wright—25.

Absent—Aldermen Chandler, Foster, McGill, Newcomb, Snider, Stratford, Wallace, and Wiles, and Councilmen Reed and Tucker—10.

The special committee to receive complaints against tax-assessments, appointed at last meeting of the Board of Equalization [see page 320, *post*], were called upon for a report.

Councilman Marsee, of said committee, reported progress, and asked for further time; which was granted.

On Councilman Byram's motion, it was determined that when this Board adjourned, it should adjourn to meet again on Wednesday evening.

On motion, the Board of Equalization then adjourned until Wednesday evening, August 15th, 1877.

COMMON COUNCIL RE-ASSEMBLES.

The Common Council was then "called from recess to labor," and the following additional proceedings were had :

ROLL-CALL.

Councilman Cochran offered the following motion ; which was adopted :

Moved, That the Committee on Public Buildings be, and are hereby, authorized to make necessary repairs on the Tomlinson property, situate on Ohio street, at an expense not exceeding two hundred dollars.

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

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be instructed to fill the chuck-holes on New York street, between the Canal and Indiana avenue.

Councilman Layman offered the following motions ; which were adopted :

Moved, That permission be granted to Mr. L. D. Moody and others, on St. Mary street, between Delaware and Alabama streets, to lay a brick sidewalk in front of their property, at their own expense ; and that the City Engineer is hereby instructed to set the stakes for same.

Moved, That the City Marshal be, and is hereby, directed to notify the Water Works Company to raise, fill, and bowlder two trenches running across the street in Pennsylvania street, between North and St. Clair streets, where the said company put pipes down last season.

Councilman Marsee offered the following motion ; which was adopted :

Moved, That a committee, consisting of one member of the Board of Aldermen and two members of this Council, be appointed to confer with the County Commissioners, with a view of securing rooms for the city officers in the new Court House.

His Honor appointed Councilmen Marsee and Bugbee as Council members of aforesaid committee.

Councilman Morse offered the following motions; which were severally referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys:

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, ordered to fill the chuck-holes on New York street, between the canal and West street.

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be, and is hereby, ordered to fill the chuck-holes on Vermont street, between the canal and West street.

Councilman Pouder offered the following motions; which were severally referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys:

Moved, That the Street Commissioner scrape the dirt, and fill the chuck-holes, on New York street, between Meridian and East streets.

Moved, That the Street Commissioner fill the ditch left almost impassable by the Gas Company, on New York and Clinton streets.

The same gentleman offered the following motion; which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys, with power to act:

Moved, That the south gutter and sidewalk of Ohio street, from Tennessee to Mississippi streets, thence south on west side of Mississippi street to first alley, be graveled. This property belongs to the city, and is in a very bad condition; the market people can not get through without wading in mud and water.

Councilman Steinhauer presented the following petition; which was received:

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

The undersigned respectfully represent to you that, in consequence of the suits lately brought in the Mayor's Court against the owners of public places where concerts or theatrical performances were exhibited, the German Theater, at Chris. Stein's place, on the corner of Market and Noble streets, had to be closed.

This place has been a favorite resort of the best class of our German citizens. It has been a very respectable place, and the performances were of the highest character. This theater has been carried on under the auspices of a society; but there being doubts whether even a private institution can be carried on unmolested under the existing laws, the undersigned respectfully request you—

1st. To amend sec. 2 of the ordinance of March 14th, 1864, to-wit, "An ordinance to prohibit the exhibition of Animals," etc, by the insertion of of the words "publicly, and for the purpose of gain," so that said section will read as follows, to-wit: "It shall be unlawful for any person to publicly, and for the purpose of gain, exhibit any concert, or dancing, or theatrical performance, in any room or building wherein intoxicating liquors are sold."

2d. That sec. 1 of the ordinance passed January 15th, 1877, and entitled "An ordinance prohibiting any person from conducting any Theatrical or Negro-Minstrel Exhibition," etc., be amended, by the insertion of the words "publicly, and for the purpose of gain," so that the ordinance will read as follows, to-wit: "Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Indianapolis, That it shall be unlawful for any person to publicly, and for the purpose of gain, conduct or carry on any theatrical or negro-minstrel exhibition, within the City of Indianapolis, upon the first day of the week, commonly called Sunday," etc., and so forth, as the present ordinance reads.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Phil. Rappaport, Rud. C. Tschentscher, Eli Heiny,
Th. Leitz, Wm. Pelissier, Joseph C. Alemann,
Henry Sprengpfeil, Fred. Simon, Dr. W. Denke,
Charles Coulon, Dr. C. Levvisson, B. A. Steinhauer,
E. J. Metzger, and 324 others.

Councilman Stoner offered the following motion; which was adopted:

Moved, That Mr. Church be granted the privilege of making a dug or driven well in front of his grocery, on the corner of Chatham street and Massachusetts avenue, at his own expense, and within sixty days.

Councilman Thomas offered the following motion; which was adopted:

Moved, That the Committee on Streets and Alleys be requested to investigate, and report to this Common Council as early as possible, the feasibility of reducing the width of roadways (excepting business streets) to the width of twenty-eight feet, as fast as it may become necessary to grade or re-grade the same.

Councilman Walker presented the following petition; which was referred to the City Attorney:

Indianapolis, August 13, 1877.

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—The undersigned respectfully asks your permission to erect a powder-house, near the east bank of White River, west of Greenlawn Cemetery, in the near vicinity of other powder-houses.

Your prompt action upon this petition will greatly oblige us, as we wish to have said building completed, and ready for use, by September 1st.

Respectfully,

TUTTLE & JONES,

Agents for Laffin & Rand Powder Co.,

Buffalo, N. Y.

The same gentleman offered the following motion; which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys:

Moved, That the Street Commissioner scrape the dust, and fill the chuck-holes, on Ohio street, between Illinois and Alabama streets.

The same gentleman offered the following motions; which were adopted:

Moved, That John Nicholas have permission to lay down a double-row stone-crossing from his property on Delaware street, between Washington and Court streets, across Delaware street to the opening to the Court House square; said work to be done at his own expense and within sixty days, and under direction of the City Civil Engineer.

Moved, That J. T. Lecklider have permission to repair the pavement in front of lot No. 2, near the southwest corner of Delaware and Vermont streets, at his own expense, under the direction of the City Civil Engineer.

Councilman Watts offered the following motion; which was adopted:

Moved, That the City Clerk be, and is hereby, instructed to request citizens, by advertising in the daily papers, to cut down, and haul outside the city limits, all weeds and trash in the streets, alleys, and sidewalks adjoining their property.

JAS. E. WATTS,

JAMES T. LAYMAN,

GEO. P. WOOD,

Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Councilman A. L. Wright offered the following motion; which was referred to the Committee on Streets and Alleys:

Moved, That the Street Commissioner be instructed to clean Alabama street, between Washington street and Massachusetts avenue, and to fill the chuck-holes with gravel.

CALL OF COMMITTEES.

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

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

Gentlemen:—Your Judiciary Committee and City Attorney, to whom was referred the claim of Thomas & Richter for infringement of a certain patent they profess to be the owners of, in the construction and operating the cell-doors of the Central Station House, would report that they have given this matter due investigation, and are of the opinion, from the best information that they have been able to obtain,—

1st. That said patent of Thomas & Richter is an infringement on letters-patent issued and granted to Edwin May in 1859, and under which said patent said cell-doors were erected and are operated.

2d. That the manner of operating said cell-doors is in nowise an infringement on the patent of the said Thomas & Richter.

3d. Should there be any liability to any one, growing out of the erection or operating of the said cell doors now in use in said Station House, the contractors or builders of the same would be liable to the city for any and all damages that the said city would be chargeable with.

4th. That in the opinion of your committee the said Thomas & Richter have no claim against the said city.

Your committee would, therefore, recommend that the said claim of said Thomas & Richter be disallowed.

Respectfully submitted,

N. S. BYRAM,

J. W. BUGBEE,

ROBT. B. BAGBY,

Committee on Judiciary.

R. O. HAWKINS, City Attorney.

The same joint committee submitted the following report; which was concurred in:

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

Gentlemen:—Your Judiciary Committee and City Attorney, to whom was referred the petition of Isaac Hodgson, asking relief in the matter of opening Court street, would report that they have had the matter under consideration, and find that the line of said street takes twenty-two inches off of said Hodgson's stable, and that it will cost, to take down and re-place the

wall of the same, from seventy-five to one hundred dollars. Also that, at the time the City Commissioners acted on the matter and assessed the benefits and damages on said street, said Commissioners were of the impression that only about six inches of said stable stood on the line of said Court street, and that it would not be necessary to remove any portion of said stable at the present time; therefore, in making their estimate of damages to said Hodgson, they made no allowance for removing and re-placing the wall of the said Hodgson's stable.

Your committee are of the opinion that the said Hodgson should be reimbursed for the amount necessary to take down and re-place the wall of his said stable, and would, therefore, recommend that he be allowed the sum of eighty-seven (87) dollars, and that the Committee on Accounts and Claims be directed to include this sum in their next general appropriation ordinance for his (the said Hodgson's) benefit, and that the City Treasurer be directed to apply the amount of said appropriation to the credit of the said Hodgson on the assessment made by the said City Commissioners against the said Hodgson on account of the opening of said Court street.

Respectfully submitted,

N. S. BYRAM,

J. W. BUGBEE,

ROBT. B. BAGBY,

Committee on Judiciary.

R. O. HAWKINS, City Attorney.

The same joint committee submitted the following report; which was concurred in:

Indianapolis, August 13, 1877.

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

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Judiciary and City Attorney, to whom was referred general ordinances Nos. 34 and 35, would report that we have examined the same; and, as they both are amendments of different sections of the same ordinance, we would recommend that they be consolidated and made one ordinance, and thereby save the extra printing and recording of two ordinances.

We, herewith, submit an ordinance covering the amendments that are proposed in the ordinances referred to us, and recommend that the same be substituted for said ordinances Nos. 34 and 35, and that the same be passed.

Respectfully submitted,

N. S. BYRAM,

J. W. BUGBEE,

ROBT. B. BAGBY,

Committee on Judiciary.

R. O. HAWKINS, City Attorney.

The following ordinance was then read the first time :

G. O. 36, 1877—An ordinance to amend sections nine (9), eleven (11), and twelve (12), of an ordinance entitled "An ordinance prescribing rules and regulations for the government of the City Council, its officers, and officers connected with the City Government; ordained and established January 2, 1872."

The Committee on Streets and Alleys, through Councilman Watts, presented the following report :

To the Mayor and Common Council :

Gentlemen :—Your Committee on Streets and Alleys, in regard to charges preferred against the Street Commissioner, Mr. Fulmer, would say,—

That they met jointly with the Committee on Streets and Alleys from the Board of Aldermen, and they now believe that a careful investigation of the same has been made, in which we fail to substantiate the charges as preferred by James H. Biddinger.

Your committee is *not* of the opinion that the Street Commissioner has acted dishonestly with the city, but has been careless in the collections of moneys, received in small amounts, for dirt sold, and has also been careless in keeping book accounts of small expenditures made in the interest of the city. We, therefore, recommend that the Street Commissioner be instructed to keep a correct account of all receipts and expenditures of money in his Department, and report the same to the Common Council and Board of Aldermen on the first meeting of every month.

If the Council wish a detailed report of our investigation, it will be made.

JAS. E. WATTS,
JAMES T. LAYMAN,
GEO. P. WOOD,

Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Councilman Bagby moved that above committee prepare and furnish the detailed statement mentioned in the last paragraph of its report.

On Councilman Thomas's motion, the preceding motion was laid on the table by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Brown, Bugbee, Byram, Case, Cochran, Izor, Layman, Marsee, Morse, Pouder, Steinhauer, Stoner, Thomas, Walker, Watts, Wood, A. L. Wright, and W. G. Wright—18.

Negative—Councilmen Bagby, Dill, McGinty, Reading, and Sindlinger—5.

The report of the Committee on Streets and Alleys was then concurred in.

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

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

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Sewers, to whom was referred the petition of Chas. V. Dantzer and others, asking a change of the catch-basins in the sewer corner South and Illinois streets, have examined the same, and recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and that the Street Commissioner be instructed to remove the iron catch-basins, and substitute brick for the same.

M. L. BROWN,
J. L. CASE,
JAMES E. WATTS,
Committee on Sewers.

The Fire Board, through Councilman Layman, submitted the following report; which was concurred in:

Indianapolis, August 13, 1877.

Your committee, to whom was referred, from the Board of Aldermen, a motion to report the number of Fire-Plugs that can be dispensed with without impairing the efficiency of the Fire Department, most respectfully report:

After a careful examination, it is the opinion of this Board and the Chief Fire Engineer that we can safely dispense with one hundred fire-plugs, and herewith enclose a list of the same.

Respectfully submitted,

R. S. FOSTER,
J. L. CASE,
JAMES T. LAYMAN,
Fire Board.

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- No. 7—North side National Road, between Geisendorff and Blake streets.
No. 19—East side West street, between Michigan and North streets.
No. 21—Northeast corner of alley between Vermont and Michigan streets.
No. 23—Northwest corner of alley between Vermont and New York streets.
No. 32—Southwest corner of Washington and West streets.
No. 33—Northwest corner of Washington street and the alley between West and Missouri streets.
No. 35—Northeast corner of West and Maryland streets.
No. 51—Northeast corner of Washington and Missouri streets.

- No. 53—Northwest corner of Market street and alley between Mississippi and Missouri streets.
- No. 57—Southwest corner of Mississippi street and alley between First and Second streets.
- No. 59—Southwest corner of Mississippi street and alley between Pratt and First streets.
- No. 65—Southeast corner of Mississippi and North streets.
- No. 72—Southeast corner of Mississippi and Washington streets.
- No. 77—Northwest corner of Mississippi and South streets.
- No. 83—Northwest corner of Tennessee street and alley between Georgia and Louisiana streets.
- No. 85—North side Georgia street, between Mississippi and Tennessee streets.
- No. 88—East side Tennessee street, opposite Pearl street.
- No. 91—Southeast corner Washington street and alley between Mississippi and Tennessee streets.
- No. 95—Southwest corner Tennessee and New York streets.
- No. 101—West side Tennessee street, opposite alley between Michigan and North streets.
- No. 103—Northeast corner Tennessee street and alley between North and Walnut streets.
- No. 105—Northeast corner Tennessee street and central alley between Walnut and St. Clair streets.
- No. 107—Northeast corner Tennessee street and central alley between St. Clair and Pratt streets.
- No. 109—East side Tennessee street, center of Pratt and First streets.
- No. 111—Northeast corner Tennessee street and alley between First and Second streets.
- No. 114—Northeast corner Tennessee street and alley between Third and Fourth streets.
- No. 116—Northeast corner Tennessee street and alley between Fourth and Fifth streets.
- No. 118—Southeast corner Tennessee street and alley between Fifth and Sixth streets.
- No. 133—Northwest corner Illinois street and alley between Michigan and North streets.
- No. 135—Northwest corner Illinois street and alley between Vermont and Michigan streets.
- No. 143—Northeast corner Illinois and Market streets.
- No. 145—Northeast corner Illinois and Washington streets.
- No. 150—South side Washington street, opposite alley between Illinois and Tennessee streets.
- No. 154—Southwest corner Maryland street and alley between Illinois and Tennessee streets.

- No. 156—Northeast corner Illinois and Georgia streets.
- No. 158—Northwest corner Georgia street and alley between Illinois and Tennessee streets.
- No. 163—Southeast corner South and Eddy streets.
- No. 165—Northeast corner Illinois street and Pogue's Run.
- No. 181—South side South street, between Meridian and Illinois streets.
- No. 182—North side Louisiana street, between Meridian and Illinois streets.
- No. 196—Northeast corner Meridian and Washington streets.
- No. 198—Northeast corner Washington street and alley between Meridian and Illinois streets.
- No. 204—Northeast corner Ohio street and alley between Meridian and Illinois streets.
- No. 207—Michigan street, east side first alley east of Illinois street, north side of Michigan street.
- No. 219—Northwest corner Pennsylvania and Pratt streets.
- No. 228—Northeast corner Pennsylvania and Ohio streets, northwest side Massachusetts avenue.
- No. 231—North side Wabash alley, between Delaware and Pennsylvania streets, northwest corner.
- No. 234—Southwest corner Pennsylvania and Market streets.
- No. 237—Southeast corner Court street and alley between Meridian and Pennsylvania streets.
- No. 238—Southeast corner Court street and alley between Delaware and Pennsylvania streets.
- No. 243—Northwest corner Washington street and alley between Meridian and Pennsylvania streets.
- No. 251—Northwest corner Georgia street and alley between Meridian and Pennsylvania streets.
- No. 278—Northwest corner Washington street and alley between Pennsylvania and Delaware streets.
- No. 281—Northeast corner Washington and Delaware streets.
- No. 288—Northeast corner Delaware and Ohio streets.
- No. 298—Northwest corner Delaware and North streets.
- No. 301—East side Delaware street, opposite alley between Walnut and St. Clair streets.
- No. 304—Northeast corner Pratt street and first alley west of Delaware street.
- No. 311—Southwest corner Walnut street and alley between Alabama and Delaware streets.
- No. 315—Southwest corner Michigan street and alley between Alabama and Delaware streets.
- No. 319—South side Vermont street, opposite alley between Alabama and Delaware streets.
- No. 323—Southeast corner Ohio street and alley between Alabama and Delaware streets.

- No. 325—Northeast corner Alabama and Court streets.
- No. 329—Southwest corner Alabama and Washington streets.
- No. 331—Southeast corner Washington street and alley between Delaware and Alabama streets.
- No. 335—Northwest corner Alabama and Georgia streets, southwest side Virginia avenue.
- No. 341—Northwest corner Alabama and McCarty streets.
- No. 346—East side New Jersey street, between Sinker and Merrill streets.
- No. 349—East side New Jersey street, opposite central alley between Merrill and Duncan streets.
- No. 351—Southwest corner New Jersey street, opposite central alley between Duncan and South streets.
- No. 362—Southwest corner New Jersey and Washington streets.
- No. 365—Northwest corner Washington street and alley between Alabama and New Jersey streets.
- No. 369—Southwest corner Market street and alley between Alabama and New Jersey streets.
- No. 372—Northwest corner Ohio street and alley between Alabama and New Jersey streets.
- No. 375—Northeast corner New York street and alley between Alabama and New Jersey streets.
- No. 380—South side Michigan street, opposite alley between Alabama and New Jersey streets.
- No. 383—Northeast corner North street and alley between Alabama and New Jersey streets.
- No. 385—Northeast corner New Jersey and Walnut streets.
- No. 388—Northwest corner St. Clair street and alley between New Jersey and Alabama streets.
- No. 401—West side East street, between Gregg and Cherry streets.
- No. 403—West side East street, between St. Clair and Gregg streets.
- No. 405—East side East street, between Walnut and St. Clair streets.
- No. 407—Northwest corner East and North Streets.
- No. 416—Northwest corner Ohio street and alley between New Jersey and East streets.
- No. 419—Southwest corner East and Market streets.
- No. 422—Northwest corner East and Washington streets.
- No. 424—Southeast corner East and Washington streets.
- No. 437—West side East street, between McCarty and Bicking streets.
- No. 443—North side McCarty street, opposite Beatty street.
- No. 461—South side Huron street, between Virginia avenue and Noble street.
- No. 464—Southwest corner South and School streets.
- No. 475—Northwest corner Bates street and alley between Noble and Benton streets.

- No. 479—Southeast corner Georgia and Liberty streets.
No. 488—Southeast corner Market and Liberty streets.
No. 493—South side Ohio street, between Liberty and Noble streets.
No. 499—East side Noble street, between Ohio and New York streets.
No. 509—Southeast corner North and Noble streets.
No. 511—Northwest side Massachusetts avenue, between East and Chatham streets.
No. 516—Southwest corner St. Clair and Plum streets.
No. 521—Northwest corner Broadway and Christian avenue.

Said Board also offered the following motion; which was adopted:

Moved, That the City Marshal be instructed to notify the Water-Works Company of the action of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen, in designating the number and location of the fire-plugs that the city will cease to use and pay for on and after the 15th day of August, 1877.

R. S. FOSTER,
J. L. CASE,
JAMES T. LAYMAN,
Fire Board.

Councilman Walker stated that the City Attorney was prepared to now report upon the powder-house petition, which had been referred to him this evening, and, on his motion, the Common Council consented to hear said officer.

The City Attorney read sections 12, *et seq.*, from the ordinance entitled "An ordinance concerning the Prevention of Fires" [pp. 218-19, of "Charter and Ordinances,"] and stated that said provisions constituted the only city law touching the subject under consideration, and that these had no bearing upon the erection and use of powder-houses.

On Councilman Walker's motion, said petition was then withdrawn from the hands of the City Attorney, and referred to the Fire Board, with power to act.

PENDING ORDINANCES.

General ordinance No. 36, 1877 [for title of which see page 340] was called up, read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed as read.

By unanimous consent, the rules were then suspended, and said ordinance was read the third time, and passed by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Bagby, Brown, Bugbee, Byram, Case, Cochran, Dill, Izor, Layman, Marsee, Morse, McGinty, Pouder, Reading, Sindlinger, Steinhauer, Stoner, Thomas, Walker, Watts, Wood, A. L. Wright, and W. G. Wright—23.

Negative—None.

By consent, Councilman Pouder offered the following resolution :

WHEREAS, It has been ascertained that certain expenses have been incurred under the action of this body, acting in conjunction with the Board of Aldermen, as of record July 27th, 1877, said expenditures having been deemed necessary, on account of what is known as the late "railroad strike"; and,

WHEREAS, While it is the opinion of this body that all legitimate expenses connected with the strike should be ultimately assumed by the State, the fact is recognized that the parties who furnished supplies should be promptly paid; Therefore, be it

Resolved, That a committee, consisting of His Honor, the Mayor, William Wallace, of the Board of Aldermen, and A. L. Wright, of this body, be requested to meet with His Excellency, James D. Williams, Adjutant-General Russ, Gen. Thos. A. Morris, Chairman of the late Committee of Safety, and John D. Nicholas, Commissary, in order to adjudicate and settle claims. Said meeting to be held at the earliest practicable moment.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Councilmen Bagby, Brown, Bugbee, Byram, Case, Cochran, Dill, Izor, Layman, Marsee, Morse, McGinty, Pouder, Reading, Sindlinger, Steinhauer, Stoner, Thomas, Walker, Watts, Wood, A. L. Wright, and W. G. Wright—23.

Negative—None.

On motion, the Common Council then adjourned.

JOHN CAVEN, Mayor.

Attest:

BENJ. C. WRIGHT, City Clerk.

CHAMBER OF THE COMMON COUNCIL, }
Wednesday, August 15th, 1877—7½ o'clock P. M. }

The Common Council and Board of Aldermen of the City of Indianapolis, together with the City Clerk and City Assessor, met as a Board of Equalization, pursuant to adjournment.

A roll-call was had, which resulted as follows :

Present—His Honor, the Mayor, John Caven, in the chair, Benj. C. Wright, City Clerk, William Hadley, City Assessor, and the following members: Aldermen Chandler, Coburn, Foster, Krug, McGill, Snider, Stratford, Wallace, and Wiles, and Councilmen Marsee, Steinhauer, Thomas, and W. G. Wright—13.

Absent—Alderman Newcomb, and Councilmen Bagby, Brown, Bugbee, Byram, Case, Cochran, Dill, Izor, Layman, Morse, McGinty, Pouder, Reading, Reed, Sindlinger, Stoner, Tucker, Walker, Watts, Wood, and A. L. Wright—22:

There not being a quorum of the members present, on motion of Alderman Wallace, the City Marshal was ordered to bring in the absentees, and the Board of Equalization took a recess, until a quorum could be secured.

A sufficient number of the members having made their appearance in the Council Chamber, His Honor, the Mayor, called the Board of Equalization again to order, and a second call of the roll was had, with the following results :

Present—His Honor, the Mayor, John Caven, in the chair, Benj. C. Wright, City Clerk, William Hadley, City Assessor, and the following members: Aldermen Chandler, Coburn, Foster, Krug, McGill, Snider, Stratford, Wallace, and Wiles, and Councilmen Dill, Marsee, Pouder, Sindlinger, Steinhauer, Thomas, Tucker, Wood, A. L. Wright, and W. G. Wright—19.

Absent—Alderman Newcomb, and Councilmen Bagby, Brown, Bugbee, Byram, Case, Cochran, Izor, Layman, Morse, McGinty, Reading, Reed, Stoner, Tucker, and Watts—16.

The special committee appointed at the first meeting of this Board, held August 6th, 1877, together with the City Assessor and City Clerk, submitted the following report ; which was approved :

Indianapolis, August 15, 1877.

To His Honor, the Mayor, and Members of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen, in Joint Convention assembled as a Board of Equalization :

Gentlemen:—We have heard and adjusted all complaints brought before us, having made deductions amounting to \$52,100, and have added, in making equalizations, together with personal lists returned since Assessor's report, \$79, 915; and now return to you the total amount of taxable property for the year 1877 as \$55,075,485, and 12,100 polls.

WILLIAM HADLEY, City Assessor.

BENJ. C. WRIGHT, City Clerk.

JOHN L. MARSEE,

HENRY COBURN,

M. STEINHAUER,

W. D. WILES,

Special Committee.

Councilman Steinhauer offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the levy for city-taxes, for the year 1877, be fixed at ninety cents upon the one hundred dollars of valuation, as shown by the return of the Assessor and proceedings of the Board of Equalization, and that the poll-tax be fixed at fifty cents.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Aldermen Chandler, Coburn, Foster, Krug, McGill, Snider, Stratford, Wallace, and Wiles, and Councilmen Dill, Marsee, Pouders, Sindlinger, Steinhauer, Thomas, Walker, Wood, A. L. Wright, and W. G. Wright—19.

Negative—None.

On motion, the Board of Equalization then adjourned, *sine die*.

JOHN CAVEN, Mayor.

Attest :

BENJ. C. WRIGHT, City Clerk.