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COMMON COUNCIL.

BOARD OF ASSISTANT ALDERMEN.

REGULAR SESSION.

CITY HALL, NEW ORLEANS, December 22, 1868.

The board met pursuant to adjournment, Mr. Pandely in the chair.

Present: Messrs. Rose, Aitkens, Walker, Pemberton, Camp, Montgomery, Grandpré, Fisher, Pandely, Wynne and Farrell.

The reading of the minutes of last meeting was on motion dispensed with.

The following communication from the board of commissioners, city Water Works, was read and referred to the committee on Water Works:

OFFICE CITY WATER WORKS, New Orleans, Dec. 22, 1868.

To the Honorable the Mayor and Common Council, city of New Orleans:

The board of commissioners of the city Water Works respectfully invite your attention to the fact of their having no suitable office accommodation, and that they are now located by sufferance only, in a most unsuitable building, the property of the Commercial Bank.

The city owns a property the "Iron Building," located at the head of Canal street, constructed originally for Water Works purposes, which can be made to answer, without the necessity for rent or purchase. I therefore request the immediate transfer of that building, which is unoccupied and useless as it stands, to this board, with authority to fit it up and appropriate it to the use proposed.

I am, gentlemen,
Most respectfully,
F. H. HATCH, President pro tem.

The treasurer's report for the week ending December 19, 1868, showing receipts $5,502 99; expenditures $73,240 46; balance on hand $429,400 07 was referred to the finance committee.

The following communication from the secretary Board of School Directors was read, and on motion laid upon the table:

OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF BOARD OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF NEW ORLEANS, New Orleans, December 22, 1868.

To the Honorable Board of Assistant Aldermen of the Common Council of New Orleans:

Gentlemen—I am instructed by the First District supervisory committee of the Board of Public Schools of New Orleans, to furnish your honorable body with the following copy of resolution unanimously adopted at a meeting of the committee held on the 21st inst.

Very respectfully, EUG. DESDUNES, Secretary Board of Public School Directors.

[COPY.]

"WHEREAS, On due examination it has been ascertained that the lots belonging to the city of New Orleans, situated at the corner of Chippewa and Richards streets, are worth $1500 per lot, and the lots at the corner of Melpomene and Magnolia streets, are fully worth $800 per lot; and whereas, in the opinion of this committee, the location at the corner of Melpomene and Magnolia streets is eligible and a good location for the erection of a school house; that the lots are amply large for the purposes intended; that any location further back would be too remote, be it

"*Resolved*, That the Board of Assistant Aldermen of the Common Council be earnestly requested to reconsider their action in the premises."

Mr. Breen here entered and took his seat.

The following resolutions from the Board of Aldermen were unanimously concurred in on their several readings:

Resolved, That the street commissioner be and he is hereby instructed to place, or cause to be placed, a gas lamp-post at the corner of Washington and St. Thomas streets (southwest corner.)

Resolved, That the city surveyor be and he is hereby authorized to have a pipe placed in the well of Ninth Street Market for accommodation of fire engines.

Resolved, That the surveyor be and he is hereby authorized and instructed to place a flagged crossing at the intersection of Esplanade and St. Claude streets; *Provided* that the cost of same does not exceed ($150) one hundred and fifty dollars.

The finance committee submitted the following report:

FINANCE COMMITTEE ROOM, No. 23 City Hall, New Orleans, Dec. 22, 1868.

To the Honorable the President and Members of the Board of Assistant Aldermen:

Gentlemen—Your committee beg leave to report for your consideration the usual ordinances fixing the rate of taxations for the year 1868, and recommend that action be had thereon previous to 1st January next.

Respectfully submitted,
TH. F. FISHER, Chairman.
R. WYNNE,
JOHN BREEN.

The following resolutions accompanying the above report were read and unanimously adopted on their several readings:

Resolved, That the consolidated loan tax be and the same is hereby fixed at sixty cents on every one hundred dollars of the assessed value of all the real estate within the limits of the city of New Orleans for the year 1868.

Resolved, That the rate of taxation for the year 1868, on the assessed value of all the real estate within the city of New Orleans, appearing on the tableau of assessment made by the city assessors for the year 1868, be fixed as follows:

For the annual interest of the bonds issued by the city in favor of the Jackson and Great Northern Railroad Company, the New Orleans, Opelousas and Great Western Railroad Company, and the Pontchartrain Railroad Company, twenty cents on every one hundred dollars.

For the ten per cent. bonds issued by the city of New Orleans, for the payment of the floating debt, twenty-five cents on every one hundred dollars.

For the ordinary expenses of the city government for the year 1869, forty-five cents on every one hundred dollars.

Resolved, That the rate of taxation for the year 1868, on the assessed value of all the personal property, capital, income, household furniture, etc., within the limits of the city of New Orleans, appearing on the tableau of assessment, made by the city assessors for the year 1868, be fixed as follows, to wit:

For the annual interest on the bonds, issued by the city in favor of the New Orleans Jackson and Great Northern Railroad Company, the New Orleans Opelousas and Great Western Railroad Company, and the Pontchartrain Railroad Company, twenty cents on every one hundred dollars.

For the ten per cent. bonds issued by the city of New Orleans, for the payment of the floating debt, twenty-five cents on every one hundred dollars.

For the ordinary expenses of the city for the year 1869, one dollar and five cents on every one hundred dollars.

The committee on streets and landings submitted the following report:

COMMITTEE OF STREETS AND LANDINGS, BOARD OF ASSISTANT ALDERMEN, City Hall, Dec. 22, 1868.

To the Honorable Board of Assistant Aldermen:

Gentlemen—Your committee have the honor to report upon the following subjects referred to them, viz:

First—Upon the communications of the controller, Dec. 15th, 1868, informing the Common Council of the adjudication of the following contracts, viz:

1. A contract agreeably to ordinance No. 1139, N. S., for grading and shelling Constance street, from Josephine to St. Andrew street, to F. Marquez as principal, P. Irwin security, at two dollars and nine cents ($2 09) per running foot.

2. A contract in accordance with ordinance No. 1149, N. S., for grading and shelling Liberty street, from Thalia street to Felicity road, to H. McGuinn as principal, John Bietry security, at two dollars and thirty cents per running foot.

3. A contract in accordance with ordinance No. 1150, N. S., for grading and shelling Felicity road, from Baronne to Howard street, to H. McGuinn as principal, John Bietry security, at two dollars and nine cents ($2 09) per running foot.

4. A contract agreeably to ordinance No. 1137, N. S., for shelling and grading Josephine street, between Apollo and Howard streets, to H. McGuinn as principal, B. Collins as security, at two dollars and twenty-five cents ($2 25) per running foot.

5. A contract agreeably to ordinance No. 1131, N. S., for grading and shelling Craps street, from Enghien street to Elysian Fields street, to F. Marquez as principal, D. Murphy security, at two dollars and thirty-five cents ($2 35) per running foot.

Your committee recommend the approval of aforementioned adjudications and the acceptance of the securities. A resolution is accordingly presented for adoption, authorizing the mayor to enter into contract with the parties, separately, per notarial act, for the performance of said work.

Second—Upon the petition of residents and property owners on South street, opposite the Lafayette square, praying to have the name of St. Mary street changed to Church street, your committee report favorably, and offer the necessary resolution for adoption.

GERALD FARRELL, Chairman.
W. W. WALKER.
G. PANDELY.

The following resolutions accompanying the above report were adopted on their several readings:

Yeas—Messrs. Rose, Aitkens, Walker, Pemberton, Camp, Grandpré, Fisher, Pandely, Wynne, Farrell and Breen.

Nay—Mr. Montgomery.

Resolved, That the adjudication by the controller of the contract, in accordance with ordinance No. 1149, N. S., for grading and shelling Liberty street from Thalia to Felicity road, to Henry McGuinn as principal, Jno. Bietry, security, for the sum of two dollars and thirty cents ($2 30) per running foot, be and the same is hereby approved, the security accepted, and the mayor authorized to enter into contract with the parties per notarial act for the performance of said work.

Resolved, That the adjudication by the controller of a contract in accordance with ordinance No. 1150, N. S., for grading and shelling Felicity road from Baronne to Howard street, to H. McGuinn as principal, Jno. Bietry as security, for the sum of two dollars and nine cents ($2 09) per running foot, be and the same is hereby approved, the security accepted, and the mayor authorized to enter into contract with the parties per notarial act for the performance of said work.

On motion, the foregoing resolutions were ordered transmitted to the Board of Aldermen for concurrence.

Mr. Murphy here entered and took his seat.

The following resolutions, reported favorably by the committee on streets and landings, was read and adopted on its several readings:

Resolved, That the name of the street now known as St. Mary, which runs between Poydras and Julia, be and the same is hereby changed to Church street. Be it further

Resolved, That the street commissioner be and he is hereby authorized to change the name of the signs of the lamps on said street to Church street.

The following resolutions from the streets and landings committee were read and adopted on their several readings:

Yeas—Messrs. Rose, Aitkens, Walker, Pemberton, Camp, Grandpré, Fisher, Morphy, Pandely, Wynne, Farrell and Breen.

Nay—Mr. Montgomery.

Resolved, That the adjudication by the controller of a contract in accordance with ordinance No. 1137, new series, for grading and shelling Josephine street, between Apollo and Howard streets, to H. McGuinn as principal, B. Collins security, for the sum of two dollars and twenty-five cents ($2 25) per running foot, be and the same is hereby approved, the security accepted, and the mayor authorized to enter into contract with the parties per notarial act for the performance of said work.

Mr. Pandely here resigned the chair to Mr. Breen.

The following resolution from the committee on streets and landings was read and adopted on its several readings with the following vote:

Yeas—Messrs. Rose, Aitkens, Walker, Pemberton, Camp, Grandpré, Fisher, Morphy, Wynne, Farrell and Breen.

Nay—Mr. Montgomery.

Resolved, That the adjudication by the controller of a contract in accordance with ordinance No. 1131, new series, for grading and shelling Craps street, from Enghein street to Elysian Fields street, to Frank Marquez as principal, D. Murphy security, at two dollars and thirty-five cents ($2 35) per running foot, be and the same is hereby approved, the security accepted, and the mayor authorized to enter into contract with the parties per notarial act for the performance of said work.

The petition of Thos. L. Maxwell, civil sheriff, parish of Orleans, was read as follows:

To the Honorable Common Council of the city of New Orleans:

The petition of Thos. L. Maxwell, civil sheriff of the parish of Orleans, with respect, represents:

That during the recent troubles in this city, engendered by political excitement and local causes, well known to your honorable body, and in consequence of the manifest inefficiency of the police force, and at the earnest request of a large number of prominent citizens (irrespective of party,) and with the authority and sanction of the military commander of this department, your petitioner was compelled to assume the arduous task of repressing the riotous demonstrations at that time so frequent, and to devise precautionary measures for the protection of the lives and property of our citizens. To accomplish this, the attention of your petitioner and that of the officers under his control was diverted from their ordinary legitimate duties to the engrossing occupation of preserving peace and order throughout the limits of this parish. Your petitioner, in the discharge of this onerous duty—besides devoting his own and his officers' time and services to the purpose, incurred heavy expenses for the following items, to-wit:

In the hire of cabs and carriages for conveyance of officers on special duties; for horses used by patrol in the rear, and on the outskirts of the city, as well as in the town of Algeirs and on the right bank; for firearms furnished to many special deputies; for refreshments supplied on various occasions to officers on duty at night, and for other incidental expenses necessarily incurred.

In view of the exertions of your petitioner, and the actual disbursements which the extraordinary state of affairs compelled him to make (and which he feels assured were effective in tending to allay excitement and to restore the city to its wonted quiet and orderly condition,) your petitioner prays this honorable body to allow him the sum of five thousand dollars ($5000) as compensation for the services and expenditures hereinabove set forth.

And your petitioner will ever pray, etc., etc.

THOS. H. MAXWELL, Sheriff Parish of Orleans.

Mr. Camp moved to lay the petition of Sheriff Maxwell on the table. Lost.

Mr. Farrell moved its reference to the finance committee. The yeas and nays being called, resulting in the adoption of Mr. Farrell's motion.

Yeas—Messrs. Rose, Aitkens, Walker, Montgomery, Fisher, Wynne and Farrell.

Nays—Messrs. Pemberton, Camp, Grandpré, Morphy and Breen.

The following resolution from the Board of Aldermen was read and on motion of Mr. Montgomery laid on the table with the following vote:

Yeas—Messrs. Aitkens, Walker, Camp, Montgomery, Grandpré, Morphy and Pandely.

Nays—Messrs. Rose, Pemberton, Fisher, Wynne, Farrell and Breen.

Resolved, That any and all holders of city money shall be permitted during sixty (60) days after the promulgation of this resolution to deposit said money in the treasury of the city, for which the treasurer shall give his receipt and report to the controller on each and every day the amount so deposited, and by whom deposited, and in exchange for which receipt he or they shall be entitled to receive certificates of indebtedness bearing interest at the rate of five (5) per cent. per annum. Said city money shall be clipped or stamped like bank checks in presence of the depositor and before the issuance of the receipt.

The resolution prohibiting the treasurer from receiving city money in lieu of taxes after the 1st of January, 1869, was received from the Board o Aldermen concurred in.

The secretary announced the action of the Board of Aldermen on the resolution, when Mr. Pandely raised the question of informality in the passage through this board of the resolution in question, stating that they were adopted on their several readings as sections and not as a whole, which action might impair the validity of the bill. Mr. Pandely stated that the minutes would carry him out in his assertion, and called for the reading of that portion referring to this subject.

After the reading,

Mr. Fisher stated that the minutes were incorrectly recorded, alleging that the resolutions were separate and distinct, and were acted upon as such, and moved that the entire minutes of that (December 15th) meeting be read with a view to correction.

Mr. Pandely rose to a point of order, contending that, as the reading of the minutes had been dispensed with, they stood approved.

The chair decided that, to be approved, they must first be read and then adopted.

Mr. Pandely appealed from the decision of the chair, and called for the yeas and nays, resulting in the chair being sustained by the following vote:

Yeas—Messrs. Rose, Walker, Pemberton, Camp, Grandpré, Fisher, Wynne, Farrell and Breen.

Nays—Messrs. Aitkens, Montgomery, Morphy and Pandely.

Mr. Pemberton then repeated the motion of Mr. Fisher, to have read the minutes of the last regular meeting, with a view to correction, which motion was put and carried.

The minutes were then read, and after having inserted the date, "December 15, 1868," in the report of the finance committee, that portion of them referring to action on the resolutions instructing the treasurer and others receiving money for the city of New Orleans, to receive in payment of taxes, etc., only United States currency, and providing for the destruction of all city money in the treasury, was so amended as to read as follows:

Resolved, That from and after the 1st of January, 1869, the treasurer and all others collecting or receiving money for the city of New Orleans are instructed to receive in payment of taxes, licenses, or any other dues, only United States currency.

Resolved, That within five days after the promulgation of the foregoing resolution, all of the money then in the city treasury known as city money shall be counted and destroyed in the manner prescribed in existing ordinances, and the treasurer is hereby forbidden to pay out any of said money, on any account whatever.

Mr. Pandely, objecting to the adoption of the above resolution, offering the following as a substitute:

Be it resolved, That the treasurer, controller and chairman of the finance committees be and they are hereby authorized and directed to destroy, or caused to be destroyed, in the manner prescribed in existing ordinances, all city notes now in the treasury; and that from and after the passage of this resolution, all city notes received into the treasury from any source of revenue, whenever they shall amount to the sum of ($25,000) twenty-five thousand dollars, shall by the treasurer, controller and chairman of the finance committees be in like manner destroyed.

Be it further resolved, That from and after the passage of this resolution, the treasurer is directed to cease paying out city notes under any and all circumstances; and that all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with these be and the same are hereby repealed.

Mr. Fisher here moved to lay the substitute on the table.

The yeas and nays were called for, resulting as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Kearny, Rose, Walker, Pemberton, Camp, Grandpre, Fisher, Wynne, Farrell and Breen.

Nays—Messrs. Aitkens, Montgomery, Morphy and Pandely.

The substitute having been laid on the table, Mr. Pandely called for a division of the question, and then moved to strike out the first section.

Mr. Fisher moved to lay Mr. Pandely's motion on the table, which motion prevailed, the yeas and nays being called resulting as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Rose, Walker, Pemberton, Camp, Grandpre, Fisher, Morphy, Wynne, Farrell and Breen.

Nays—Messrs. Kearny, Aitkens, Montgomery and Pandely.

Mr. Fisher here moved the "previous question." The yeas and nays were called, the chair put the motion, "Shall the previous question be now put," which resulted in the adoption of Mr. Fisher's motion.

The vote was then taken upon the adoption of the first resolution, resulting as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Rose, Walker, Pemberton, Camp, Grandpre, Fisher, Morphy, Wynne, Farrell and Breen.

Nays—Messrs. Kearny, Aitkens, Montgomery and Pandely.

Mr. Pandely here made a motion to adjourn, which was lost.

The second resolution was then read, and on motion, adopted viva voce.

Mr. Fisher moved for a suspension of the rules to put the resolutions on their second reading. The yeas and nays were called, resulting in the adoption of Mr. Fisher's motion.

Mr. Pandely moved to lay the resolution on the table. Lost upon a call of the yeas and nays.

Mr. Pandely moved to refer the subject to a special committee of four—one from each district.

Mr. Fisher moved to lay the motion on the table, which motion prevailed after a call of the yeas and nays was had.

Mr. Pandely moved to postpone further consideration of the resolution until next meeting. The yeas and nays were called, when Mr. Pandely's motion was lost.

Mr. Montgomery moved to adjourn. Upon a call of the yeas and nays the motion to adjourn was lost.

Mr. Fisher called the previous question on the adoption of the first resolution on its second reading, which motion, after the yeas and nays being called, prevailed.

The first resolution was then adopted on its second reading, with the following vote:

Yeas—Messrs. Rose, Walker, Pemberton, Camp, Grandpré, Fisher, Morphy, Wynne, Farrell and Breen—10.

Nays—Messrs. Kearny, Aitkens, Montgomery and Pandely—4.

The second resolution coming up on its second reading, Mr. Pandely moved to lay on the table, which motion was lost.

The second resolution was then adopted on its second reading with the following vote:

Yeas—Messrs. Rose, Walker, Pemberton, Camp, Montgomery, Grandpré, Fisher, Morphy, Pandely, Wynne, Farrell and Breen—12.

Nays—Messrs. Kearny and Aitkens—2.

Immediately upon the chair announcing the vote both Messrs. Pandely and Fisher claimed the floor.

The chair decided Mr. Fisher had the floor.

Mr. Pandely appealed from the chair's decision.

The yeas and nays were called for, resulting in the decision of the chair being sustained.

Mr. Fisher moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the resolution had been adopted.

Mr. Rose moved to lay Mr. Fisher's motion on the table.

Which motion prevailed after a call of the yeas and nays was had.

There being no objections the reading of the latter portion of the minutes was, on motion, dispensed with, when Mr. Fisher moved "that the minutes of the last regular meeting of Dec. 15th, 1868, be approved as read and corrected by the Board of Assistant Aldermen to-night, Dec. 22d, 1868," which motion was adopted.

The following resolution from the Board of Aldermen was concurred in on its several readings with the following vote:

Yeas—Messrs. Rose, Aitkens, Walker, Pemberton, Grandpré, Fisher, Morphy, Wynne, Farrell and Breen—10.

Nays—Messrs. Montgomery and Pandely—2.

Mr. Camp voting blank.

Resolved, That the resolutions approving adjudications of markets be concurred in with the amendment "that the approval of the sureties be referred to the finance committee, by whose report to the mayor he shall be guided."

The committee on fires submitted the following report:

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 18, 1868.

To the Honorable the Board of Assistant Aldermen:

Gentlemen—Your committee on fire have the honor to report:

On the petition of Thos. E. Burke, foreman of Jackson Fire Company No. 18 for repairs to their engine house, favorably by resolution.

J. S. AITKENS, Chairman.
GERALD FARRELL,
HUGH MONTGOMERY.

The following resolution accompanying the above report was unanimously adopted on its several readings:

Resolved, That the surveyor be and he is hereby authorized to cause the necessary repairs to be made to the engine house of Jackson Fire Company No. 18; *Provided*, That the whole cost of said repairs shall not exceed the sum of ($200) two hundred dollars.

On motion, the above resolution was sent to the Board of Aldermen for concurrence.

The committee on improvements and buildings submitted the following report:

NEW ORLEANS, CITY HALL, Dec. 21, 1868.

To the Honorable the Board of Assistant Aldermen:

Gentlemen—Your committee on improvements and buildings have the honor to report favorably on the petition of Jeremiah Ryan for permission to establish a soap factory at the corner of Gravier and Dergenois streets, favorably by resolution.

JOHN BREEN, Chairman.
C. CAMP,
R. WYNNE.

A petition of property holders residing in the vicinity, protesting against the adoption of the resolution, was read and action thereon deferred.

The resolution reported upon favorably by the committee on improvements and buildings was then read and adopted as follows on its several readings:

Be it resolved, That permission be and is hereby granted to Jeremiah Ryan to establish a soap factory at the corner of Gravier and Dorgenois streets, to be erected and managed in accordance with existing ordinances and remain during the pleasure of the Common Council.

The committee on water works submitted the following report:

COMMITTEE ON WATER WORKS, New Orleans, City Hall, Dec. 17, 1868.

To the Honorable the Board of Assistant Aldermen:

Gentlemen—Your committee have the honor to report on an ordinance for the protection of the City Water Works, favorably, and have the honor to be.

Very respectfully,
W. H. PEMBERTON, Chairman.
GERALD FARRELL.
G. PANDELY.
CHS. GRANDPRE.

The following ordinance originating in the Board of Aldermen, and reported upon favorably by the water works committee, was then taken up and unanimously adopted on its several readings:

AN ORDINANCE for the protection of the City Water Works

Resolved, SECTION 1. It shall be unlawful for any person unauthorized by city ordinances or not employed by the Water Works commissioners to take water from any public cistern or fire plug, or to open the same so as to expose the water to waste; or to turn any public or private stop-cock, or in any way or manner injure the buildings, reservoirs or other property belonging to the City Water Works; and the person so offending shall be subject to a fine not less than ten nor more than twenty-five dollars, or in default of the payment of the fine shall be imprisoned not less than ten nor more than thirty days.

SEC. 2. No person shall make any attachment to the street mains of the City Water Works or to any private attachment connected therewith, or any alteration in such private attachments, without a special permit in writing, signed by the proper officer of the Water Works; and any one so offending shall be subject to a fine not less than twenty nor more than one hundred dollars; or, if the fine be not paid, imprisonment for not less than ten nor more than thirty days.

SEC. 3. Whoever shall himself or by any of his family, or by any of his servants or agents, use or waste the water from any part of the water works, or open any stop-cock or valve, or shall let on or shut off the water into or from any pipe, without written authority from the proper officer of the Water Works, shall be subject to a fine of not less than twenty nor more than fifty dollars, or in default of payment of said penalty shall be imprisoned not less than five nor more than twenty days.

SEC. 4. Whoever, having a water license, shall use the water, or suffer it to be used, from the hydrant designated therein for any other purpose than that specified, or shall suffer any person not included in the license to use water from said hydrant, or shall suffer such hydrant to remain exposed to public use, shall be fined not less than ten nor more than twenty five dollars, or failing to pay the fine shall be imprisoned not less than five nor more than thirty days for each offense.

SEC. 5. Parties paving streets, alleys and sidewalks are expressly forbidden to destroy or cover up any valve or stop-box attached to the water works, under penalty of not less than twenty-five nor more than one hundred dollars for each offense, or in default of payment they shall be imprisoned for not less than ten nor more than thirty days.

SEC. 6. It shall be unlawful for any person to own or keep a key to any stop-cock, hydrant or fire-plug of the Water Works, unless so authorized by city ordinances, and any one so offending shall be liable to a fine of not less than twenty nor more than fifty dollars, or if he fail to pay the penalty, shall be imprisoned not less than ten nor more than thirty (30) days.

SEC. 7. It is made the duty of all city officers, as well as the police and street commissioner's department to report all violations of this ordinance to the superintendent of the Water Works; and the assistant city attorney is hereby required to prosecute all parties reported to him by the board of water commissioners for infractions of the same.

The following resolutions were read and referred to the committee on streets and landings:

By Mr. Breen—

WHEREAS, The digging of a canal on Orleans street, intended to carry the drainage of the first section to the swamp back of the Metairie Ridge, cut up all communication with and entirely stop the drainage of that portion of land between Orleans street, Metairie Road and Bayou St. John, which, in consequence, is now overflowed and rendered uninhabitable;

Be it resolved, That the city surveyor be and is hereby authorized to have a ditch cut on both sides of Dumaine street from Metairie Road to Bayou St. John, in order to carry off the rain water to the draining machine, and also to have a sufficient number of temporary bridges made so as to re-establish the communication disturbed by the digging of said canal.

By Mr. Wynn—

Resolved, That the street commissioner be and he is hereby authorized to place gas-lamps on Dauphine streets from Piety street to Poland street.

By Mr. Montgomery—

Resolved, That the surveyor be and he is hereby instructed to have two coal oil lamps placed on Conti street between Broad and Dupré streets, and the work to be done without delay.

Mr. Wynne submitted the following resolution, which was referred to a special committee previously appointed:

Resolved, That the street commissioner be and he is hereby authorized to plant trees around the Macarthy Square, provided that the cost shall not be over five hundred dollars.

Mr. Wynne submitted the following resolution, which was referred to the committee on water works:

Resolved, That the surveyor be and he is hereby authorized to have the water works extended from the Levee Cotton Press, on Craps street, to Independence street.

Mr. Farrell submitted the following resolution, which was referred to the finance committee:

Resolved, That the sum of five hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated to meet the expense of binding, rebinding and otherwise repairing such of the notarial acts in the office and under the care of the custodian of notarial records as need such work, the same to be contracted for and performed under the direction of the said custodian of notarial records.

Resolved further, That the controller be and he is hereby instructed to warrant on the treasurer in favor of the custodian of notarial records for the said sum of five hundred dollars.

The following resolution from the Board of Aldermen was concurred in:

Resolved, That there be a joint session of the Common Council on Tuesday, 29th instant, at 8 o'clock, for the selection and election of a fiscal agent of the city.

Mr. Montgomery submitted the following resolution which was unanimously adopted on its several readings:

Resolved, That on one day of each and every week all the city notes remaining in the treasury of the city of New Orleans shall be consumed and destroyed by fire, in the presence of the city treasurer and at least two members of the Boards of Aldermen and Assistant Aldermen of the city of New Orleans, and it shall be the duty of the city treasurer to have each and every member of the City Council notified in writing of the day and hour set apart and designated by him for the burning of city notes.

Resolved further, That all ordinances or parts of ordinances conflicting with this resolution be and the same are hereby repealed.

Mr. Montgomery submitted the following resolution which was adopted:

Resolved, That the city surveyor be and he is hereby instructed to furnish the Board of Assistant Aldermen, at their next meeting, with an estimate or estimates of the actual cost in greenbacks of repairing the wharves and levees of the city of New Orleans.

Mr. Fisher submitted the following ordinance which was referred to the committee on railroads:

WHEREAS, The stock held by the city of New Orleans, under ordinance No. 1463, in the New Orleans, Jackson and Great Northern Railroad Company has been and now is entirely unproductive and profitless to the city, no dividends having ever been paid thereon, and it being certain that no dividends will be paid thereon for a long time to come; and in view of the impossibility of disposing of said stock owing to the lien thereon existing in perpetuity in favor of the holders of the bonds issued by the city to the said railroad company in payment of the subscription of the city to the stock of said company; and,

WHEREAS, It is greatly to the interest of the city to strengthen the said company by all practicable means in order that the company may be enabled to consummate improvements, and to complete connections which would confer great advantages on the commerce of the city of New Orleans, and thereby ultimately prove a great relief to the property holders and other taxpayers, therefore

SECTION 1. *Be it ordained by the Common Council of the city of New Orleans*, That the certificates of stock now held by the city of New Orleans in the New Orleans, Jackson and Great Northern Railroad Company, and subscribed for under ordinance No. 1463 of the Common Council of the city of New Orleans, and all right and title of the said city in said stock, be transferred to the New Orleans, Jackson and Great Northern Railroad Company, subject to the conditions in the following sections contained:

SEC. 2. *Be it further ordained, etc.*, That the said stock, though transferred as herein provided, shall remain subject to the lien now existing in favor of the holders of the bonds of the city of New Orleans, issued in payment of the city's subscription to the stock of said company, and that before being transferred, in accordance with the provisions of section 1 of this ordinance, the said certificates of stock shall be marked and stamped by the city treasurer in such manner as to identify them thereafter so that the rights of the bondholders aforesaid may be secured.

SEC. 3. *Be it further ordained, etc.*, That the provisions of the preceding sections shall be null and void except on the conditions following, viz: That the N. O., Jackson & G. N. R. R. Co. shall contract and bind itself to construct a branch or continuation of its road from its present intersection with Napoleon Avenue or Louisiana Avenue, extending through said avenue to the river and thence to the corner of Girod and Levee streets; and that the company shall furthermore bind itself to complete the said extension within one year from the time when the company shall secure the right of way, and that the said company shall furnish good and sufficient security in the sum of —— dollars for the fulfillment of this contract.

SEC. 4. *Be it further ordained, etc.*, That for the purpose of enabling the said company to complete the aforesaid extension, the right of way is hereby granted to the said company along Water street from Toledano street to Girod street.

SEC. 5. *Be it further ordained, etc.*, That this ordinance shall take effect from and after its passage.

The following resolution from the Board of Aldermen was adopted on its first reading, the rule suspended to place it on its second reading when, on motion, it was referred to the committee on fires:

Resolved, That the city surveyor be and he is hereby authorized to make the necessary repairs to the engine house of No. 6, provided that the cost of the same does not exceed one hundred and fifty dollars ($150.)

The following resolution from the Board of Aldermen was read and, on motion of Mr. Pandely, this board refused to concur in its adoption:

Resolved, That the resolution authorizing the city surveyor to have the wharves and levees of the First, Second, Third and Fourth Districts put in perfect repair and condition, be and is hereby reconsidered, and the following offered as a substitute:

Resolved, That the controller be and is hereby authorized to adjudicate, after five days notice in the official journal, to the lowest bidder, a contract for the repair and putting in perfect order the wharves and levees of the First, Second, Third and Fourth Districts, the work to be done in strict accordance with the specifications in the office of and under the special superintendence of the city surveyor.

Resolved, That the city surveyor be and is hereby instructed to drepare the specifications forthwith and in accordance with the time specified in above resolution.

Mr. Pandely here moved to persist in the adoption of the original resolution, which motion was carried.

The petition of Henry Meyer, asking a reduction of assessment, was referred to the finance committee.

The petition of property holders praying for the opening of Craps street from France to Mazant street, was referred to the committee on streets and landings.

The petition of proprietors of bowling saloons, praying for the reduction of their taxes and licenses, was referred to the finance committee.

The petition of Creole Fire Company No. 9, asking for repairs to their engine house, was referred to the committee on fire.

The petition of Mrs. Marie Vonant, in which she alleges that judgment has been obtained against her in the Seventh District Court, for selling liquor, and which fact she denies, was referred to the committee on finance.

A petition of John Rooney, representing that he is owner of the whole front on Poydras street, between Locust and Magnolia streets, complaining of the bad state of the banquettes and asking that they be raised and repaired, was referred to the committee on streets and landings.

The board then adjourned.

JOHN TOBIN, Secretary.

OFFICIAL.

MAYORALTY OF NEW ORLEANS, City Hall, Dec. 19, 1868.

[No. 1176—N. S.]

Resolved, That the adjudication by the controller agreeably to ordinance No. 1109, new series, of a contract for repairing the break-water at Milneburg, fronting the lake, between Frenchmen and St. Anthony streets, to H. Ellerman as principal, and C. A. Eager as security, for the sum of $12 850, be and the same is hereby rejected, and the controller authorized to readjudicate to the lowest bidder or bidders, after five days notice in the official journal, said contract; the work to be done in accordance with specifications on file in the office of the city surveyor.

(Signed) ALFRED KEARNY, President Board Assistant Aldermen.
(Signed) THOMAS MARKEY, President Board Aldermen.
Approved Dec. 19, 1868.
(Signed) JOHN R. CONWAY, Mayor.
A true copy:
JOHN W. OVERALL, Secretary.

MAYORALTY OF NEW ORLEANS, City Hall, Dec. 17, 1868.

[No. 1175—N. S.]

Resolved, That the controller be and he is hereby authorized after five days' notice in the official journal, to adjudicate a contract to the lowest bidder or bidders, for the construction of sidewalks on the southwest side of St. Andrew street, between Liberty and Claiborne streets, the work to be done in strict accordance with specifications on file in the office of the city surveyor.

(Signed) ALFRED KEARNY, President Board Assistant Aldermen.
(Signed) THOMAS MARKEY, President Board Aldermen.
Approved Dec. 17, 1868.
(Signed) JOHN R. CONWAY, Mayor.
A true copy:
JOHN W. OVERALL, Secretary.

MAYORALTY OF NEW ORLEANS, City Hall, Dec. 19, 1868.

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(Signed) THOMAS MARKEY, President Board Aldermen.
Approved Dec. 19, 1868.
(Signed) JOHN R. CONWAY, Mayor.
A true copy:
JOHN W. OVERALL, Secretary.

CONTROLLER'S OFFICE, CITY HALL, New Orleans, Dec. 24, 1868.

Notice is hereby given that the controller will, at his office, on Tuesday, Dec. 29, 1868, at noon, adjudicate to the lowest bidder or bidders the above contract according to plans and specifications on file in the office of the city surveyor.

PAS. LABARRE, Deputy Controller.

OFFICIAL.

BRICK SIDEWALKS, BORDERED BY CHERRY Stones and Wooden Gutters, on the south of Gravier street between Baronne and Dryades streets.

NEW ORLEANS, October 13, 1868.

To the Honorable Common Council of the City of New Orleans:

Gent'emen—The undersigned property holders and residents on the south side of Gravier street, in this city, respectfully represent that the grade of the street between Baronne and Dryades streets has been raised by order of the city nine or ten inches higher than the banquettes; it completely overflowed and for hours rendered impassable, so that the residents are confined to their houses if within, or prevented from reaching there if without, and entirely prevents all from passing that square until the accumulation of water passes off by the very imperfect drainage of that street.

Therefore your petitioners pray that your honorable bodies will cause the grade of said banquettes to be raised to a proper level, and prevent the great inconvenience under which the citizens upon Gravier street are now labouring.

Commending our petition to your early and favorable consideration, we are very respectfully your obedient servants.

JN. GLAUDIN, corner Dryades and Gravier streets; 38 feet Gravier.
HUGH McCANN, 62 feet Gravier.
GUSTAVE KRHN by G. KRHN, 22 feet Gravier street.
SMITH ISARD, 26 feet Gravier street.
FRANCOIS LACROIX, 26 feet Gravier street
Per pro. MALVINA SUGEU, 26 feet Gravier street.
A. C. TREMOULET.
PIERRE CAUTEROU, 26 feet Gravier street.
Total number of running feet in petition, 228.

TROTTOIRS EN BRIQUES, BORDES DE pierres, avec fosses en bois, sur le cote sud de la rue Gravier, entre Baronne et Dryades.

NOUVELLE-ORLEANS, 12 octobre 1868.

A l'Honorable Conseil Commun de la ville de la Nouvelle-Orleans:

Messieurs—Les soussignes, proprietaires et residents du cote sud de la rue Gravier, en cette ville, respectueusement que le niveau de la rue entre les rues Baronne et Dryades, a ete haussé de neuf ou dix pouces au dessus des banquettes, par l'ordre des autorites de la ville, en consequence de quoi lorsqu'il pleut, les dites banquettes sont completement inondées et sont impassables pendant des heures, forçant les residents qui sont en leur domicile d'y rester ou ceux qui voudraient s'y rendre a attendre jusqu'a ce que l'eau s'ecoule par les moyens très imparfaits de cette rue.

Ainsi maintenant vos pétitionnaires prient vos honorables corps d'ordonner que cette rue soit nivelee a sa propre hauteur, et ainsi prévenir l'inconvenient sous lequel sont places les citoyens de la rue Gravier.

Recommandant sérieusement notre pétition a votre favorable consideration, nous sommes, très respectueusement vos serviteurs, etc.

JN. GLAUDIN, encoignure Dryades et Gravier, 38 pieds sur la rue Gravier.
HUGH McCANN, 62 pieds rue Gravier.
GUSTAVE KRHN, par C. Krhn, 22 pieds.
SMITH ISARD, 26 pieds.
FRANCOIS LACROIX 26 pieds.
Par pro. MALVINA SUGEU, 26 pieds.
A. C. TREMOULET.
PIERRE CANTEROU, 26 pieds
Nombre total de pieds dans la petition 228.

PETITION.....PETITION.

NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 13, 1868.

To the Honorable the Common Council of New Orleans:

Gentlemen—The undersigned property owners on Bolivar street, between Poydras and Common and Lafayette streets, respectfully represent that the grade of said street between Baronne and Dryades streets has been raised by order of the city nine or ten inches higher than the banquettes; it completely overflowed and for hours rendered impassable, so that the residents are confined to their houses if within, or prevented from reaching there if without, and entirely prevents all from passing that square until the accumulation of water passes off by the very imperfect drainage of that street.

Therefore your petitioners pray that your honorable bodies will cause the grade of said banquettes to be raised to a proper level, and prevent