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## COMMON COUNCIL.

### BOARD OF ASSISTANT ALDERMEN.

REGULAR SESSION.

CITY HALL, NEW ORLEANS, December 29, 1868.

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

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

The reading of the minutes was, on motion, dispensed with; and, on motion of Mr. Montgomery, approved.

The following message from the mayor was read:

STATE OF LOUISIANA, MAYORALTY OF NEW ORLEANS, City Hall, Dec. 28, 1868.

To the Honorable Common Council:

*Gentlemen*—I return without my signature the inclosed resolution, authorizing the controller to warrant on the treasury for the sum of ($40) forty dollars, for each and every month, from the 1st of November, 1868, to the 31st of October, 1869, for rent of office occupied by the custodian of notarial records.

There is, in my judgment, no necessity for appropriating the sum of money proposed for rent of an office outside of the City Hall. The records, deposited as soon as completed among the archives of the city, at least until other and better arrangements could be made, would surely be more safe in the care of the custodian of the same, and more accessible to officials and citizens.

Besides, in accepting the position of city notary, the present incumbent assumed the custody of the records, and if the emoluments of his office and the additional advantage of having access to them and furnishing copies, be not a sufficient compensation, his recourse is resignation.

I may add that it is proposed to convert the iron building at the foot of Canal street into a depository for the records of the courts and city archives, and pending this plan, as before stated, the notarial records could be deposited in the City Hall.

Very respectfully, etc.,
JNO. R. CONWAY, Mayor.

Mr. Aitkens moved to persist in the accompanying resolution notwithstanding the veto of the mayor. Lost by a vote of eight yeas to two nays, there not being two-thirds of the members elect voting affirmatively.

Later in the evening Mr. Walker moved and obtained a reconsideration of the vote by which the mayor's veto had been sustained, when Mr. Pandely moved to persist in the resolution, the mayor's objection to the contrary notwithstanding.

The yeas and nays were called on Mr. Pandely's motion, resulting in the adoption of the resolution as follows:

*Resolved*, That the sum of forty dollars for each and every month, from the first day of November, eighteen hundred and sixty-eight, until the thirty-first day of October, eighteen hundred and sixty-nine, be and the same is hereby appropriated for the payment of the rent of the office occupied by the custodian of notarial records, in his official capacity.

*Resolved further*, That the controller be and he is hereby instructed to warrant on the treasurer, in favor of said custodian of notarial records, at the end of each and every month, during the period aforesaid, for the monthly sum of forty dollars aforementioned.

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

Nays—None.

The above resolution having passed over the mayor's veto by the necessary two-thirds vote of the members elect, was declared adopted.

The treasurer's report for the week ending Dec. 26, 1868, showing receipts $13,327 44, expenditures $21,179 83, balance on hand $421,548 58, was referred to the finance committee.

Mr. Rose here entered and took his seat.

The finance committee submitted the following report:

FINANCE COMMITTEE ROOM, No. 23 City Hall, New Orleans, Dec. 29, 1868.

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

*Gentlemen*—Your committee beg leave to report as follows:

On the petition of Police Officer Cavanaugh asking to be paid for his services as police officer during illness while on duty in the Kellier Market, unfavorably.

On the petition of H. Lucas, keeper of the Court Houses, asking for additional help, favorably by resolution.

Respectfully submitted,
TH. F. FISHER,
Chairman Finance Committee.
R. WYNNE.

The following resolution, accompanying the above report, was read and adopted on its several readings:

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

Nays—Messrs. Montgomery, Grandpré, and Pandely.

*Resolved*, That the keeper of the Court Houses be allowed three assistants at $40 per month each, from the 1st of July last to 31st December, 1868.

The committee on streets and landings submitted the following report:

COMMITTEE OF STREETS AND LANDINGS, BOARD OF ASSISTANT ALDERMEN, City Hall, Dec. 29, 1868.

To the Honorable the Board of Assistant Aldermen:

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

1st. Upon the preamble and resolution that the city surveyor be and he is hereby authorized to have a ditch cut on both sides of Dumaine street, from Metairie Road to Bayou St. John, your committee report favorably.

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

The following resolution, accompanying the above report, was unanimously adopted on its several readings, after which it was transmitted to the Board of Aldermen for concurrence:

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.

The committee on fire submitted the following report:

OFFICE OF COMMITTEE ON FIRES, CITY HALL, New Orleans, Dec. 29, 1868.

To the Honorable the Board of Assistant Aldermen:

*Gentlemen*—Your committee on fires have the honor to report:

On the petition of fire engine company No. 9, for repairs to the engine house and premises, favorably, and offer the accompanying resolution.

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

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

*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).

*Resolved*, That the surveyor be and he is hereby authorized to have the buildings of Creole Fire Engine Company No. 9 repaired; *Provided*, the cost does not exceed five hundred dollars.

On motion, the latter of the above resolutions was transmitted to the Board of Aldermen for concurrence.

Mr. Breen here entered and took his seat.

The following ordinance, from the Board of Aldermen, was received:

AN ORDINANCE to amend Section 2 of "An Ordinance providing for the sale of the right of way to establish railroads on Claiborne and other streets for passengers only," approved March 22, 1867, and Resolution No. 810, New Series.

*Resolved*, That the first section of resolution No. 810, new series, which amended section second of "An ordinance entitled an ordinance providing for the sale of the right of way to establish railroads on Claiborne and other streets for passengers only," and which reads that "the Canal and Claiborne Streets Railroad Company be, and are hereby authorized to build a turn-out commencing at the intersection of Claiborne and Common streets, running up Common to center of Basin street, down the neutral ground of Basin street to the south side of Canal street, up Canal to Rampart street, up neutral ground of Rampart to Common street, and out Common street to the main line on Claiborne street," be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows, to wit:

Section 1. That the Canal and Claiborne Streets Railroad Company be and they are hereby authorized to build a turn out commencing at the intersection of Claiborne and Common streets, running up Common to center of Basin street, down the neutral ground on Basin street to the neutral ground on Canal street, up the south edge on said neutral ground to Carondelet street, and from Carondelet street to St. Charles street (and should it in the opinion of the city surveyor be necessary, from St. Charles to Camp street), on iron bridge plates, or other means suggested by the city surveyor, to be placed over the gutter between said neutral ground and the street, to be so constructed as not to interfere with the drainage; from St. Charles street to Camp street, as it may be determined by said city surveyor, up the south edge on said neutral ground to the intersections of Canal, Front Levee and Fulton streets; should, however, the existing roads prevent the continuance of the track as proposed, then the said track to the intersection of Magazine and Canal streets shall connect with the present track of the Canal and Claiborne Streets Railroad Company from the intersections of Canal, Front Levee and Fulton streets, to the north side of said neutral ground, or, should the existing roads prevent it, on the present track of the Canal and Claiborne Streets Railroad Company to Magazine street, thence on the north edge of said neutral ground to St. Charles street, (or, should it be necessary in the opinion of the city surveyor, from Camp to St. Charles street,) and from St. Charles street to Carondelet street on iron bridge plates as provided for the south side, from Carondelet to Rampart street, and connect with the present road of the Canal and Claiborne Streets Railroad Company on the neutral ground of Rampart street, up Rampart to Common street, and out Common to the main line on Claiborne street.

Sec. 2. That the Canal and Claiborne Streets Railroad Company shall make at the intersections of Canal, Front and Fulton streets the necessary curves and connections to complete the circuit at that point, and they shall further make such alterations or modifications of their existing arrangements as may be necessary to leave the proposed line free from all obstructions by the cars of the Girod street line.

Sec. 3. That the Canal and Claiborne Streets Railroad Company may at any time extend the said line on the outer edge and south side of the neutral ground of Canal street, from Rampart street to Claiborne street, and on the outer edge and north side of the said neutral ground from Claiborne street to Rampart street, or to such intermediate point as may be necessary to connect with new roads, the Common Council reserving the right to order the construction of said extension by the Canal and Claiborne Streets Railroad Company at any time, and the whole of said line from Front Levee street to Claiborne street, and back from Claiborne street to Front Levee street, shall be used and maintained as a feeder to all railroads centering on Canal street, under such arrangements and for such compensation as may be agreed upon by the Canal and Claiborne Streets Railroad Company and such other roads, subject to the approval of the Common Council. *Provided*, That at the termination of the existing contracts with the railroads running on Canal street, the Common Council may, if they deem proper, establish a general system of main trunk lines on said street, to which all the roads, including the Canal and Claiborne Streets Railroad Company, shall conform. *And provided further*, That it is well understood that no exclusive privilege is hereby granted and that the Common Council reserves to itself the right to make such arrangements with other companies, as it may, in the interest of the public, deem proper to effect.

Sec. 4. Should the city of New Orleans at any time during the existence of the contract of the sixth of May, 1867, between it and the Canal and Claiborne Streets Railroad Company, enter into any arrangement with other companies whereby the said road on Canal street, from Claiborne street to Front Levee street, and from Front Levee street to Claiborne street, or any part thereof, may be granted, the city of New Orleans, on the road or roads to which the privilege may be granted, shall reimburse to the Canal and Claiborne Streets Railroad Company a fair and reasonable proportion of the value of the portion or portions of the road to be so used; and should said proportion not be agreed upon between said Canal and Claiborne Streets Railroad Company and the city of New Orleans or the said road or roads, two disinterested persons shall be appointed, one by the city of New Orleans or the road and roads as the case may be, and the other by the Canal and Claiborne Streets Railroad Company; and in the event of a disagreement as to said proportion to be paid, between said persons thus appointed, a third person or umpire shall be appointed by the judge of one of the district courts of the parish of Orleans, and the decision thereby had shall be final and binding.

Sec. 5. Should any litigation grow out of the privileges herein granted by the city of New Orleans to the Canal and Claiborne Streets Railroad Company, the said Canal and Claiborne Streets Railroad Company shall guarantee the city of New Orleans against all losses arising from such litigation, whether in the form of attorney's fees or judgments in damages, or in any other manner, it being well understood that the city of New Orleans assumes no risks, except in so far as the Canal and Claiborne Streets Railroad Company insures the city against all losses or damages.

Upon concluding the reading of the above ordinance, Mr. Fisher moved that it be adopted and concurred in. Carried.

Upon motion of Mr. Fisher the rules were suspended and the ordinance placed upon its second reading.

Mr. Breen moved to amend by inserting a proviso that the bonus paid by the Canal and Claiborne Streets Railroad Company be increased to 9-16 of one cent per passenger carried.

On motion of Mr. Fisher, Mr. Breen's amendment was laid on the table.

Mr. Aitkens moved to postpone consideration until the next regular meeting.

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

The yeas and nays were called, resulting in the adoption of Mr. Fisher's motion.

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

Nays—Messrs. Aitkens, Pemberton, Camp and Breen.

Mr. Fisher, upon the result of the above vote being declared, called the previous question, which call prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—Messrs. Rose, Walker, Camp, Montgomery, Grandpré, Fisher, Pandely, Wynne and Farrell.

Nays—Messrs. Aitkens, Pemberton and Breen.

The ordinance was then, upon its second reading, adopted and concurred in with the following vote:

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

Nays—Mr. Breen.

Mr. Fisher moved to reconsider the vote by which the ordinance had been finally concurred in, which motion was laid upon the table.

Mr. Breen here took the chair, Mr. Pandely retiring for the purpose of introducing the following communication, which was read and ordered to be inscribed in the minutes.

NEW ORLEANS, December 24, 1868.

To Geo. Pandely, Esq., member Board Assistant A'dermen:

*Dear Sir*—Having seen several plans proposed for the withdrawal of the city currency, now so embarrassing to the city treasury, to all of which objections have been made, I have, after much reflection, ventured to suggest a project for a law having less objections, I think, than some of the other plans, and which I send you herewith for such use as you choose to make of it. I have shown it to many persons well versed in such matters, who have a deep interest in the city's welfare, and have the satisfaction to find it meets with the approval of all to whom I have shown it.

Having the fullest confidence that its adoption would result in the prompt and entire restoration of the city's credit, I have no other objection to connect my name with it publicly, than the consideration that being myself at the head of the institution which I have suggested as a proper fiscal agent, might lead some to infer my sole object to be the benefit of the bank and thus jeopardize the success of the plan.

This, however, I leave to your good discretion, and remain respectfully your obedient servant,
JNO. G. GAINES.

The reading of the proposed act accompanying the above communication was called for, when upon its conclusion Mr. Pandely moved that it be printed with the official proceedings. A motion to lay Mr. Pandely's motion on the table was defeated by a tie vote—yeas 6, nays 6.

The board here entered, interrupting further proceedings on this question.

JOINT SESSION.

The Common Council went into joint session, Mr. Markey in the chair, and a quorum present.

Mr. Kaiser called for the reading of the following communication:

SOUTHERN BANK, New Orleans, Dec. 28, 1868.

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

*Gentlemen*—The Southern Bank will act as the fiscal agent of the city, if elected, and use its best endeavors to assist in the restoration of the credit to which the securities of the city of New Orleans are so justly entitled.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,
THOS. LAYTON, President.

The chair declared nominations for fiscal agent then in order, when the following named banks were placed in nomination: Southern Bank, Citizens' Bank and Mechanics' and Traders' Bank.

The vote was had, resulting as follows: Southern Bank 15, Citizens' Bank 5, and Mechanics' and Traders' Bank 1. The Southern Bank having received a majority of the votes cast, was declared duly elected fiscal agent for the city of New Orleans.

Mr. Pandely moved that the Southern Bank be declared the fiscal agent by the unanimous choice of the Common Council. Adopted.

The Board of Aldermen having retired, the Board of Assistant Aldermen resumed business.

Mr. Pandely here introduced the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That a special committee, composed of the chairmen of the finance committees and of three members from each board, be appointed for the purpose of urging upon the Legislature and State authorities the passage of the act drawn up by John G. Gaines, Esq; the purport of which act is to provide for the redemption of the city's notes and the payment of its floating debt.

On motion of Mr. Pandely, the above resolution, together with the proposed act, was made the special order of the day for the next regular meeting.

Mr. Pandely then moved that the act referred to be printed in the official proceedings.

Mr. Fisher moved to lay on the table. Lost by a tie vote; yeas 6, nays 6.

Mr. Pandely then withdrew his motion, causing further action on the question to cease.

Mr. Montgomery called the attention of the board to a resolution authorizing the readjudication of the contracts for repairing and keeping in repair the bridges of the First, Second and Fourth Districts, which resolution omitted to fix the number of days' notice to be given by the controller in the official journal.

On motion of Mr. Montgomery, the resolution was so amended as to cause the adjudication to be made "after five days' notice in the official journal."

The mayor returned his veto message in the matter of the Nicolson pavement on Race street, previously withdrawn at the request of the Board of Assistant Aldermen, with the following remarks appended:

MAYORALTY OF NEW ORLEANS, City Hall, Dec. 24, 1868.

Veto withdrawn as to Race street for the following reasons:

1. The work of paving Race street with the Nicolson pavement having been partly completed and property holders desiring completion.
2. On the advice of the city attorney.
3. The Board of Assistant Aldermen having requested the withdrawal of veto as to Race street, by resolution.

JOHN R. CONWAY, Mayor.

The following communication from the controller was received and read:

CONTROLLER'S OFFICE, CITY HALL, New Orleans, Dec. 29, 1868.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

*Gentlemen*—I have the honor to report to your honorable body that on the 23d inst., after due notice in the official journal, I adjudicated the following contracts, to wit:

1. By virtue of ordinance No. 1132, N. S., the contract for grading and shelling the swamp side of Bayou St. John, from Esplanade street bridge to the City Railroad, to Jas. Fallon, principal, and Wm. Cullinan, security, at three dollars ($3) per running foot.

2. By virtue of ordinance No. 1164, N. S., the contract for the construction of brick sidewalks on Peters and Clay streets, between Customhouse and Conti streets, to J. Coleman & Co., principals, and John McVittie security, at two dollars and fifty cents ($2 50) per running foot.

And on this day, by virtue of ordinance No. 1176, N. S., I readjudicated the contract for repairing the break-water at Milneburg, fronting the lake, between Frenchmen and St. Anthony streets, to H. Ellerman, principal, and C. A. Eager security, at six thousand dollars ($6000).

All of which is respectfully submitted,
Your obedient servant,
J. O. LANDRY, Controller.

The following communication from the city surveyor was read and referred to the committee on streets and landings:

SURVEYOR'S OFFICE, ROOM No. 19, CITY HALL, City of New Orleans, Dec. 29, 1868.

To the Honorable the Board of Assistant Aldermen:

*Gentlemen*—In conformity with a resolution from your honorable body requesting the surveyor to furnish you with an estimate of the actual cost of repairing the wharves and levees, I will respectfully refer you to my communication of the 22d of September last.

In that communication I stated that the amount required to keep the wharves and levees in repair, for the year ending July 1869, would not exceed $60,000.

My reason for such a low estimate was a determination to do no other repairs than those absolutely necessary, the city having at present a great deal more wharves than required for the present wants of commerce.

The nature of these repairs will consist in repairing eighteen wharves slightly damaged in the several districts, and also five portions of levees and bulkheads which have caved into the river.

The steamboat wharf from Canal to Girod street, needs also a constant attention; the flooring is nearly worn out, and on account of the quantity of heavy hauling upon it a great deal of patching and repairing is daily required.

The probable cost of these repairs, which are partly done by hands employed in my department, will not exceed $25,000.

The remaining $35,000 will be required for the repairs of the shelled portions of levees, and it should be time for the city to adopt a more economical mode of paving for the levee than shells, as they have to be renewed every year, and have, since the last thirty years, cost upwards of $60,000 a year.

The area of levee now shelled is not over ninety thousand superficial yards, and were it paved with square blocks, would prove an economy on the present system of over fifty per cent.

I remain, respectfully, gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,
L. SURGI, City Surveyor.

The ordinance in the matter of licences, previously adopted by this board, and sent to the Board of Aldermen for concurrence, was returned with the following amendments:

Section 4, line 5, strike out 50 and insert 30.
Section 6, line 1, strike out 1000 and insert 750.
Section 11, line 4, strike out 150 and insert 250.
Section 11, line 12, strike out 50 and insert 100.
Section 17, line 10, between the words "public" and "markets" insert the words "or free."
Section 18, line 8, strike out the words "person employed" and insert "proprietor engaged."
Section 20, line 2, strike out 15 and insert 25.
Section 23, strike out 250 and insert 100.
Section 32, line 16, strike out "broker" and insert "breaker."
Section 33, line 3, after the word "coal" insert "or lumber."
Section 69, line 2, strike out "surgeon dentist and average adjuster."
Section 72, at the end add, "and every person keeping hand carts for hire, five dollars for each cart, the same to be branded at a cost of not more than 25 cents."
Section 79, line 4, after "warehouse" insert the words "or yards," and at the end add the words "for each offense, one-half of the same to go to the informer."
Section 88, line 7, strike out 50 and insert 100 after the word "markets;" in the 10th, 14th and 19th lines, insert the words "of the city."
Section 89, at the end add "all free markets shall have their floors flagged and secured so that the blood will not affect the premises, under a penalty of $10 per day, and in case of failure on the part of any proprietor of a free market to comply with the provisions of this section within fifteen days, the mayor is hereby authorised to close the same."
Section 90, line 8, after word "as" insert "such."
Section 91, line 1, after the word "cigars," insert the words "$25, and every manufacturer of."
Section 94, line 8, before the word "amount" insert "payment of the."
Section 95, line 3, strike out "15" and insert the words "surgeon dentist and average adjuster, 30."

The above amendments were, on motion of Mr. Fisher, concurred in.

The following resolution from the Board of Aldermen was adopted on its first reading:

*Resolved*, That the keepers of bridges on Canal Carondelet and New Canal are hereby instructed to open said bridges after 6 o'clock A. M., and close them at 8 o'clock P. M., and to secure the same by means of lock and chain.

*Be it further resolved*, That any violation of this ordinance shall subject the person or persons so violating to a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars, nor more than fifty dollars, recoverable before any court of competent jurisdiction.

The following resolution from the Board of Aldermen was laid over subject to call:

*Resolved*, That from and after the passage of this resolution, it shall be the duty of the city notary, upon the execution of any contract, agreement, act of sale or purchase, or other authentic act, to which the city of New Orleans may be a party, or in which it may have an interest, to deliver unto the city attorney a copy of each of such acts, and the cost of such copy shall be paid by the other party or parties to such act with the city of New Orleans.

*Resolved further*, That it shall be the duty of the city attorney and his clerk, in addition to other duties that may be imposed upon them by law, to take charge of said copies, arrange the same in the office of said city attorney as a portion of the records of said office, and whenever the number of such copies amount to 250, cause all such copies to be bound, in a good and substantial form, prefixing thereto a full and accurate index of the acts so bound, so as to form a collection of such acts easy of access and reference.

Mr. Wynne offered the following resolutions, which were referred respectively to the committees on streets and landings and on fires:

*Resolved*, That the surveyor be and he is authorized to shell and grade the intersections between the pavement and the wharves from Washington Market to Port street.

*Resolved*, That the surveyor be and he is authorized to repair the stable and house of Hope Hook and Ladder Company No. 3, provided the cost shall not exceed five hundred dollars.

Mr. Fisher introduced the following resolutions, the consideration of which was deferred to the next regular meeting:

*Resolved*, That the controller be and is hereby authorized to warrant upon the treasurer in the sum of one hundred dollars in favor of each of the following parties, viz: M. N. Bartlett, reporter New Orleans Times; John M. Barrett, reporter New Orleans Picayune; Geo. L. Catlin, reporter New Orleans Crescent; John A. Weichardt, reporter New Orleans German Press; Hugo Lehman, reporter New Orleans German Gazette; John J. Lane, reporter New Orleans Bee; O. M. Tennison, reporter New Orleans Bulletin; Wm. Young, reporter New Orleans Republican; said amounts being paid in consideration of the full and faithful reports of the proceedings of this board prepared by the said reporters for the journals they respectively represent.

*Resolved*, That the controller be and he is hereby authorized, after ten days' notice in the official journal, to adjudicate to the lowest bidder the keeping of the prisoners in the City Workhouse (including feeding and medical attendance) for one year, subject to such specifications as may be provided by the committee on workhouse and prisons of the Board of Assistant Aldermen.

*Resolved*, That the controller be and is hereby authorized to adjudicate, after ten days' notice in the official journal, to the lowest bidder or bidders, separately, the contracts for one year, for supporting the inmates of the Boys' and Girls' Houses of Refuge, under such specifications as may be provided by the committee on workhouse and prisons of the Board of Assistant Aldermen.

*Resolved*, That the controller be and he is hereby authorized to adjudicate, after ten days' notice in the official journal, to the lowest bidder, the contract for keeping, clothing and feeding (including medical attendance) the inmates of the City Insane Asylum for one year, under such specifications as may be provided by the committee on police and health, of the Board of Assistant Aldermen.

The following resolution, introduced by Mr. Farrell, was adopted, under a suspension of the rules, on its several readings by the following vote:

Yeas—Messrs. Rose, Walker, Camp, Grandpré, Fisher, Pandely, Wynne, Farrell and Breen—9.

Nay—Mr. Montgomery—1.

*Resolved*, That the adjudication made to John Fallon for the making of a shell-road on the swamp side of Bayou St. John, between Esplanade bridge and the Metairie road, at the rate of $3 per running foot, be and is hereby approved, and that the mayor be authorized to enter into a contract with the said James Fallon as principal, and Wm. Cullinan as security, for the construction of said shell-road.

Mr. Farrell introduced the following resolution which was, under a suspension of the rules, adopted on its several readings by the following vote:

Yeas—Messrs. Rose, Walker, Grandpré, Fisher, Pandely, Farrell and Breen—7.

Nays—Messrs. Camp and Montgomery—2.

*Resolved*, That the adjudication by the controller of a contract, in accordance with ordinance No. 1176 N. S., "for the building and repairing of the bulkhead on the Lake shore, fronting Frankford street, between Frenchmen and St. Anthony streets," to Henry Ellerman as principal, and C. A. Eager security, for the sum of six thousand ($6000) dollars, for the whole work complete, 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 as per specifications on file in the office of the city surveyor.

Mr. Pandely moved that the vote on the above resolution be reconsidered, and the motion prevailed.

The resolution coming up for readoption it passed finally by the following vote:

Yeas—Messrs. Walker, Grandpré, Fisher, Pandely, Farrell and Breen—6.

Nays—Messrs. Camp and Montgomery—2.

The following resolution, submitted by Mr. Farrell was, under a suspension of the rules, unanimously adopted on its several readings:

*Resolved*, That the adjudication made to John Coleman & Co. for making sidewalks on Peters and Clay streets, between Customhouse and Conti streets, at the rate of $2 50 per running foot, be and is hereby approved, and that the mayor be authorized to enter into a contract with the above named parties and their securities for the construction of said sidewalks.

The following resolution by Mr. Breen was referred to the committee on fires:

*Resolved*, That the surveyor be and is hereby authorized to repair the roof, copper valleys and plastering of Engine House No. 23, on Washington street, Fourth District, providing the cost of the same does not exceed two hundred and fifty dollars.

The petition of Marshall J. Smith & Co., for permission to erect one or more stills, on the corner of the Shell Road and Clara streets, for the purpose of distilling turpentine, was referred to the committee on police and health.

The petition of J. F. Gilbert, relative to licenses on hand carts, was referred to the committee on finance.

The petition of John F. Dean, clerk of the Supreme Court, asking for repairs to the court building, was referred to the committee on improvements and buildings.

The petition of the Property Holders' Association, protesting against a donation to the N. O. J. and G. N. Railroad Company, by the city of New Orleans to the said company, of its interest in the stock of the said company, was referred to the committee on railroads.

The petition of the New Orleans Transfer Company, claiming damages for losses entailed upon them by the defective state of a bridge on Broad street, was referred to the committee on streets and landings.

The petition of citizens, protesting against the passage of any ordinance forbidding vehicles going on the wharves, was referred to the committee on streets and landings.

The board then adjourned to meet to-morrow at 6 o'clock P. M.

JOHN TOBIN, Secretary.

## OFFICIAL.

MAYORALTY OF NEW ORLEANS, City Hall, Dec. 30, 1868.

[No. 1189—N. S.]

*Resolved*, That the adjudication by the controller on the 12th inst., of the contract to collect the revenues of the Poydras market for the year 1869 to A. Dumestre, security G. Dastillon, for the sum of sixty-seven thousand three hundred and fifty dollars, ($67,350,) be and the same is hereby approved.

*Resolved further*, That the mayor be and he is hereby authorized to enter into contract by notarial act, on behalf of the city of New Orleans, with A. Dumestre as principal, and G. Dastillon as security, for the farming of the Poydras market for the year 1869, at sixty-seven thousand three hundred and fifty dollars ($67,350.)

*Resolved further*, That the approval of the sureties be referred to the finance committees, by whose report to the mayor he shall be guided.

(Signed) ALFRED KEARNY, President Board Assistant Aldermen.
(Signed) THOMAS MARKEY, President Board Aldermen.
Approved Dec. 30, 1868.
(Signed) JOHN R. CONWAY, Mayor.
A true copy:
JOHN W. OVERALL, Secretary.

MAYORALTY OF NEW ORLEANS, City Hall, Dec. 30, 1868.

[No. 1190—N. S.]

*Resolved*, That the adjudication by the controller, on the 12th ult., of the contract to collect the revenues of the Port Market for the year 1869 to A. Bousion, security Vincent Micas, for the sum of seventeen thousand one hundred dollars, ($17,100.) be and the same is hereby approved.

*Resolved further*, That the mayor be and he is hereby authorized to enter into contract by notarial act, in behalf of the city of New Orleans, with A. Bousion as principal and Vincent Micas as security, for the farming of the Port Market, for and in consideration of the sum of seventeen thousand one hundred dollars ($17,100.)

*Resolved further*, That the approval of the sureties be referred to the finance committees, by whose report to the mayor he shall be guided.

(Signed) ALFRED KEARNY, President Board Assistant Aldermen.
(Signed) THOMAS MARKEY, President Board Aldermen.
Approved Dec. 30, 1868.
(Signed) JOHN R. CONWAY, Mayor.
A true copy:
JOHN W. OVERALL, Secretary.

MAYORALTY OF NEW ORLEANS, City Hall, Dec. 30, 1868.

[No. 1191—N. S.]

*Resolved*, That the adjudication by the controller on the 12th December, 1868, of the contract for collecting the revenues of the Claiborne market for the term of one year from the 1st of January, 1869, to C. Mosel, security J. Goudier, for the sum of one thousand dollars per month, be and the same is hereby approved.

*Resolved*, That the mayor be and he is hereby authorized to sign and execute on behalf of the city, before the city notary, a contract with C. Mosel as principal, and J. Goudier as security, for the farming of the revenues of the Claiborne market for one year from the 1st of Jan., 1869, for and in consideration of the sum of ($12,000) twelve thousand dollars, payable 1-12 monthly; *Provided*, that said C. Mosel agree in accepting this contract: That the city of New Orleans shall have the right and privilege to annul the same at one day's notice without damages, after returning such of his notes as may not have become due at the time of said annulment.

*Resolved further*, That the approval of the sureties be referred to the finance committees, by whose report to the mayor he shall be guided.

(Signed) ALFRED KEARNY, President Board Assistant Aldermen.
(Signed) THOMAS MARKEY, President Board Aldermen.
Approved Dec. 30, 1868.
(Signed) JOHN R. CONWAY, Mayor.
A true copy:
JOHN W. OVERALL, Secretary.

MAYORALTY OF NEW ORLEANS, City Hall, Dec. 30, 1868.

[No. 1192—N. S.]

*Resolved*, That the adjudication by the controller on the 12th December, 1868, of the contract for collecting the revenues of the Dryades market for the term of one year to C. Mosel, security J. Goudier, for and in consideration of the sum of $43,200, or $3,600 per month, be and the same is hereby approved.

*Resolved further*, That the mayor be and he is hereby authorized to sign and execute in behalf of the city before the city notary a contract with C. Mosel as principal, and J. Goudier as security, for the farming of the revenues of the Dryades market for one year from the 1st day of January, 1869, for and in consideration of the sum of ($43,200) forty-three thousand two hundred dollars, or ($3,600) three thousand six hundred, payable monthly; *Provided*, That said C. Mosel agree in accepting this contract: That the city of New Orleans shall have the right and privilege to annul the same at one day's notice, without damages, after returning such of his notes as may not have become due at the time of said annulment.

*Resolved further*, That the approval of the sureties be referred to the finance committees, by whose report to the mayor he shall be guided.

(Signed) ALFRED KEARNY, President Board Assistant Aldermen.
(Signed) THOMAS MARKEY, President Board Aldermen.
Approved Dec. 30, 1868.
(Signed) JOHN R. CONWAY, Mayor.
A true copy:
JOHN W. OVERALL, Secretary.

MAYORALTY OF NEW ORLEANS, City Hall, Dec. 30, 1868.

[No. 1193—N. S.]

*Resolved*, That the adjudication by the controller on the 12th inst., of the contract to collect the revenues of the Bretonne Market for the year 1869 to Jean Cazeaux, security Derethé, for the sum of ($1100) one thousand one hundred dollars, be and the same is hereby approved.

*Resolved further*, That the mayor be and he is hereby authorized to sign and execute, on behalf of the city, before the city notary, the necessary contract or lease with Jean Cazeaux and his security for the farming of the revenues of the Bretonne Market for one year from the 1st January, 1869, for and in consideration of the sum of ($1100) one thousand one hundred dollars.

*Resolved further*, That the approval of the sureties be referred to the finance committees, by whose report to the mayor he shall be guided.

(Signed) ALFRED KEARNY, President Board Assistant Aldermen.
(Signed) THOMAS MARKEY, President Board Aldermen.
Approved Dec. 30, 1868.
(Signed) JOHN R. CONWAY, Mayor.
A true copy:
JOHN W. OVERALL, Secretary.

MAYORALTY OF NEW ORLEANS, City Hall, Dec. 30, 1868.

[No. 1194—N. S.]

*Resolved*, That the adjudication by the controller on the 12th ultimo, of the contract to collect the revenues of the Treme Market for the year 1869 to B. Beoubay, security A. Larquier, for the sum of ($48,700) forty-eight thousand seven hundred dollars, be and the same is hereby approved.

*Resolved further*, That the mayor be and he is hereby authorized to enter into contract by notarial act, in behalf of the city of New Orleans, with B. Beoubay as principal, and A. Larquier as security, for the farming of the Treme Market, for and in consideration of the sum of ($48,700) forty-eight thousand seven hundred dollars.

*Resolved further*, That the approval of the sureties be referred to the finance committees, by whose report to the mayor he shall be guided.

(Signed) ALFRED KEARNY, President Board Assistant Aldermen.
(Signed) THOMAS MARKEY, President Board Aldermen.
Approved Dec. 30, 1868.
(Signed) JOHN R. CONWAY, Mayor.
A true copy:
JOHN W. OVERALL, Secretary.

MAYORALTY OF NEW ORLEANS, City Hall, Dec. 30, 1868.

[No. 1195—N. S.]

*Resolved*, That the adjudication by the controller on the 12th ult., of the contract to collect the revenues of the St. Bernard Market for the year 1869, to Pierre Delord, security J. Cleris and L. Crouzeilles, for the sum of fifty-one hundred dollars ($5100), be and the same is hereby approved.

*Resolved further*, That the mayor be and he is hereby authorized to enter into contract, by notarial act, in behalf of the city of New Orleans, with Pierre Delord as principal and J. Cleris and L. Crouzeilles as securities, for the farming of the St. Bernard Market, for and in consideration of the sum of five thousand one hundred dollars ($5100).

*Resolved further*, That the approval of the sureties be referred to the finance committees, by whose report to the mayor he shall be guided.

(Signed) ALFRED KEARNY, President Board Assistant Aldermen.
(Signed) THOMAS MARKEY, President Board Aldermen.
Approved Dec. 30, 1868.
(Signed) JOHN R. CONWAY, Mayor.
A true copy:
JOHN W. OVERALL, Secretary.

MAYORALTY OF NEW ORLEANS, City Hall, Dec. 30, 1868.

[No. 1196—N. S.]

*Resolved*, That the adjudication by the controller on the 12th ultimo, of the contract to collect the revenues of the Fruit Market for the year 1869, to Joseph Batte, security N. Frechaux and J. Michel, for the sum of fifteen thousand dollars, be and the same is hereby approved.

*Resolved further*, That the mayor be and he is hereby authorized to enter into contract by notarial act, in behalf of the city of New Orleans, with Joseph Batte as principal and N. Frechaux and J. Michel as securities, for the farming of the Fruit Market, for and in consideration of the sum of fifteen thousand dollars ($15,000).

*Resolved further*, That the approval of the sureties be referred to the finance committees, by whose report to the mayor he shall be guided.

(Signed) ALFRED KEARNY, President Board Assistant Aldermen.
(Signed) THOMAS MARKEY, President Board of Aldermen.
Approved Dec. 30, 1868.
(Signed) JOHN R. CONWAY, Mayor.
A true copy:
JOHN W. OVERALL, Secretary.

MAYORALTY OF NEW ORLEANS, City Hall, Dec. 30, 1868.

[No. 1197—N. S.]

*Resolved*, That the adjudication by the controller, on the 12th ult. of the contract to collect the revenues of the Sorapanu Market for the year 1869 to L. Redon, security O. M. Redon, for the sum of eight thousand and fifty dollars, ($8050) be and the same is hereby approved.

*Resolved further*, That the mayor be and he is hereby authorized to enter into contract by notarial act, in behalf of the city of New Orleans, with L. Redon as principal and O. M. Redon as security, for the farming of the revenues of the Sorapanu Market, for and in consideration of the sum of eight thousand and fifty dollars, ($8050.)

*Resolved further*, That the approval of the sureties be referred to the finance committees, by whose report to the mayor he shall be guided.

(Signed) ALFRED KEARNY, President Board Assistant Aldermen.
(Signed) THOMAS MARKEY, President Board Aldermen.
Approved Dec. 30, 1868.
(Signed) JOHN R. CONWAY, Mayor.
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JOHN W. OVERALL, Secretary.

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