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REGULAR MEETING. CITY HALL, NEW ORLEANS, Tuesday, March 10, 1868.

The Board met pursuant to adjournment. Present: Mr. W. H. Hepp, President; and Messrs. Sterry, Sampson, Perkins, Mary, Flood, Thean, Dunn, Straight, Sullivan, and Joubert—12.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The motion of Mr. Sauvintet that he be appointed to show that he had voted as the resolution offered by Mr. Davis was referred to the Committee on Streets and Landings.

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By Mr. Woolley: Resolved, That section five of ordinance No. 118, series '67, to establish a railroad on the Canal and Magazine streets, and to provide for the construction, maintenance, and operation of the same, be and he is hereby amended so as to read as follows: Every theatre, amphitheatre, opera house, or place used for public theatrical entertainment, seven hundred and fifty dollars.

Which was adopted upon its first reading. Mr. Woolley in offering it stated by way of personal explanation that since a similar resolution had been laid on the table at a recent meeting of the Board, he had been shown a full exhibit by Mr. De Bar of the receipts and expenditures of the theatre, showing conclusively that the present license was excessive and disproportionate to their profits in comparison with those of other callings.

By Mr. Woolley: Resolved, That the Surveyor be authorized to have the necessary repairs made to the wooden sidewalks on Hancock and De la Salle streets, east up from the foot thereof does not exceed two hundred dollars.

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A petition from R. W. Salter for permission to erect a steam engine on Dauphin street, between Montegut and Claiborne streets, was referred to the Committee on Improvements and Buildings.

Of John Messin, offering to sell to the city 100,000 barrels of oyster shells, was referred to the Committee on Streets and Landings.

A number of inhabitants and property holders on Clara, Poydras, and Lafayette streets, protesting against the conversion of St. Proteus's Junk shop into a cotton pickery, was referred to the Committee on Improvements and Buildings.

Of the inhabitants in the vicinity of Galvez canal and Bienville streets, praying for sidewalks and bridges, was referred to the Committee on Streets and Landings.

Of John Hanly, praying to be refunded the taxes of 1867, was referred to the Finance Committee.

Of police officers, asking to be reimbursed the amount expended by them in the purchase of their uniforms, was referred to the same committee.

A petition from I. N. Marks, president of the Agricultural Fair Association, asking a donation of the old posts and chains formerly used by the city, and now lying in one of the depots, was referred to the Committee on Streets and Landings, with a request to report at the next meeting the disposition that could be made of the old iron posts, etc.

Of the inhabitants in the vicinity of St. Ann, Front, and Bayou St. John, praying for repairs of streets, and sidewalks, was referred to the Committee on Streets and Landings.

FROM THE BOARD OF ASSISTANT ALDERMEN. The following resolution was taken up and amended, on motion of Mr. Sullivan, so as to read as follows: Resolved, That the Controller be and he is hereby authorized, after a 60 days notice in the official journal, to advertise to the highest bidder the right to lease a building at the head of Canal street for the term of two years.

The purchaser of the lease to furnish his eight several promissory notes for the price of the adjudication, payable at three, six, nine, twelve, fifteen, eighteen, twenty-one, and twenty-four months, having the execution of the contract, and indorsed to the satisfaction of the Finance Committee of the Common Council.

Resolved, That the lease shall have the right to use said iron building for all lawful purposes, and he shall keep