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REGULAR MEETING.

CITY HALL, NEW ORLEANS, Tuesday, January 16, 1872.

The Council met in regular session at noon.

Present—Mayor Benj. F. Flanders in the chair, and Administrators John Cockrem (Improvements), Alfred Shaw (Public Accounts), L. T. Delassize (Waterworks and Public Buildings), James Lewis (Police), F. C. Remick (Commerce), John S. Walton (Finance), and H. Bonzano (Assessments).

Monthly Reports.

By Mr. Cockrem:

DEPARTMENT OF IMPROVEMENTS, January 16, 1872.

Hon. Benj. F. Flanders, Mayor:

SIR—I have the honor to submit the following as monthly report of this department for December, 1871:

EXPENDITURES.

Department Proper—		
Salaries	$416 67	
Expenses	126 00—	$542 67
Bureau of Streets—		
Salaries	$3,046 66	
Wages	28,899 39	
Repairs	10,192 57	
Expenses	165 50—	42,303 72
Bureau of Wharves and Landings—		
Salaries	$400 00	
Wages	3,276 35	
Repairs	5,717 83—	9,394 18
Bureau of City Drainage—		
Salaries	$125 00	
Wages	7,216 32	
Repairs	19,583 24—	26,924 56
Total		$79,165 13

The very bad weather of last month served to make the business of keeping the streets in good order arduous. This was especially the case with macadamized roads and unpaved streets in the vicinity of the levee and the New basin; and I deem it proper here to repeat that in my opinion nothing but square block pavement will afford permanent relief in those localities.

A plank road was constructed on Calliope street, from Franklin to Liberty street, and Calliope street generally placed in good condition.

A plank road is also being laid on Gravier street, from Front to Delta.

General repairs were rendered to all classes of streets throughout the city. Bridges were kept in good order, and the routine work of the department efficiently performed.

Slight repairs were made on the wharves wherever such became necessary, and the new wharf at the foot of Calliope street is rapidly progressing.

The various draining machines are in good working order.

24,907 cubic yards of earth were excavated in the Orleans canal, between Bayou St. John, the lake and Taylor avenue canal, in the rear of City park.

11,760 cubic yards of earth were excavated in the upper draining canal at Metairie road and near the lake.

6399 cubic yards were excavated on Marigny canal.

2378 cubic yards were excavated on Metairie road levee.

5859 cubic yards were excavated on Upper protection levee, near the lake shore.

JOHN COCKREM, Administrator.

By Mr. Lewis:

DEPARTMENT OF WATERWORKS AND Public Buildings, January 1, 1871.

To Hon. Benj. F. Flanders, Mayor of the city of New Orleans:

There was nothing done in this department during the past month, outside the ordinary routine.

In the Waterworks bureau, the collections during the past month were as follows:

First and Fourth Districts	$11,879 00
Second and Third Districts	8,981 50
Total	$20,860 50
For labor	200 00
Total	$21,060 50

The collections for the first quarter of the fiscal year amount to $82,323 59.

The number of hours worked was 34714: the number of barrels of coal consumed, 1944; the number of gallons of water pumped, 164,623,714.

INSANE ASYLUM.

I give below a statement of the number of patients that were in the Insane Asylum on the first of January, 1871, and the number admitted, discharged and died, each month up to January 1, 1872:

ADMISSIONS, ETC.

	Men.	Women.	Total.
January 1, 1871	52	72	124
January	13	7	20
February	12	4	16
March	9	8	17
April	19	6	25
May	15	6	21
June	20	9	29
July	7	9	16
August	11	11	22
September	4	5	9
October	11	5	16
November	9	6	15
December	12	6	18
Total	194	154	348

DISCHARGED.

	Men.	Women.	Total.
January	3	8	11
February	9	6	15
March	7	8	15
April	8	8	16
May	17	1	18
June	12	8	20
July	13	8	21
August	14	6	20
September	4	9	13
October	8	6	14
November	8	4	12
December	8	4	12
Total	111	76	187

DEATHS.

	Men.	Women.	Total.
February	3	—	3
April	—	2	2
May	1	—	1
June	1	1	2
July	2	5	7
August	1	—	1
September	1	1	2
October	1	1	2
November	1	1	2
December	1	2	3
Total	12	13	25

The expenditures on account of the insane asylum during the year were as follows:

Salaries	$5620 00
Groceries	2459 11
Beef	2718 40
Bread	2864 15
Vegetables	594 00
Drugs	171 38
Wood and coal	392 00
Clothing	3959 55
Repairs	228 30
Sundries	393 79
Total	$19,400 68

The average number of inmates in the institution, during the year, was 136; the total cost of the institution, as above shown, $19,400 68—making the average annual cost to the city, per patient, about $143.

Of the patients in the institution on the first of January, 1871, and admitted during the year 1872, there were sixty-nine cases of mania potu, of which forty-five were men and twenty-four women—one-fifth of all the patients brought into the institution through the direct influence of ardent spirits.

HOME OF AGED AND INFIRM.

The average number of inmates in the above named institution during the year 1871 was about twenty. The cost, as given below ($4390 68) shows an average annual cost of $217 per inmate. This institution has to bear a rental of $1500—an expense not incident to any other city institution.

EXPENSES.

Salary	$500 00
Groceries	739 81
Beef	[illegible]
Bread	349 15
Drugs	94 55
Wood and coal	190 75
Clothing	305 00
Rent	1500 00
Repairs	35 00
Sundries	81 17
Total	$4390 68

The expenses in the department during the month of December, 1871, were as follows:

Waterworks:		
Office salaries	$1411 60	
Waterworks proper, salaries	1796 00	
Expenses	462 55—	3670 15
Insane Asylum:		
Salaries	470 00	
Expenses	1100 35—	1570 35
Home of Aged and Infirm:		
Salary	50 00	
Expenses	294 74—	344 74
Courthouses:		
Salaries	200 00	
Expenses	866 70—	1066 70
City Hall		246 35
Public sinks		208 33
Total		$7106 62

L. T. DELASSIZE, Administrator.

By Mr. Delassize:

DEPARTMENT OF POLICE, January 16, 1871.

Hon. Benj. F. Flanders, Mayor:

I have the honor to submit the following report of this department for the month ending thirty-first day of December, 1871:

RECORDERS' COURTS.

Number of cases arraigned before each court during the month:

First District	1416
Second District	1014
Third District	235
Fourth District	158
Fifth District	46
Sixth District	41
Total	2910

Of this number 412 were committed to the Parish Prison; 184 to the Workhouse; 109 to the First District Court, and 11 to the Insane Asylum; 97 were released on peace bonds; 575 were fined, 1447 were dismissed, and 75 were miscellaneously disposed of by being continued, etc.

RECEIPTS.

First District	$1551 25
Second District	927 00
Third District	166 00
Fourth District	192 00
Fifth District	54 50
Sixth District	36 40
Total	$2927 15

EXPENDITURES.

First District—		
Pay rolls	$673 33	
Expenses	137 70—	$811 03
Second District—		
Pay rolls	633 33	
Expenses	125 75—	759 08
Third District—		
Pay rolls		533 33
Fourth District—		
Pay rolls	473 33	
Expenses	25 00—	498 33
Fifth District—		
Pay rolls		373 33
Sixth District—		
Pay rolls	373 33	
Expenses	10 20—	383 53
Total		$3358 63

CITY WORKHOUSE.

The average number of prisoners in this institution per day during the month was 99 3-6; number subsisted during the month, males, 1650; females, 1436; total, 3086.

EXPENDITURES.

Pay rolls	$608 31
Groceries and provisions, fresh beef and vegetables	524 20
Fuel	98 00
Hardware	41 10
Forage	225 40
Total	$1497 01

EARNINGS.

As per report of work performed for other branches of the city government:	
Burying indigent dead and conveying sick to hospital, coffins furnished, horses cared for, repairs to wagons, etc	$273 00
Prison wagons, care of horses, etc	215 00
Boys' House of Refuge—hire of horse and wagon for delivery of bread, hire of female prisoners for washing, etc	116 25
City Hall, washing towels, etc	21 70
Fire Alarm Telegraph	1 50
Cash receipts	60 00
Total	$687 45

The total cost of subsistence, including bread furnished by the Boys' House of Refuge, was $728 50.

The total average number of officers and prisoners subsisted per day during the month was 114. During that period 109 destitute people applied for shelter and subsistence, which made the average number per day in the institution 117, at a cost of about twenty cents each.

I wish to call the attention of the Council to the importance of speedily providing some place for the temporary shelter of homeless people. Our stationhouses are nightly besieged by this class, and while many of them are doubtless able to work, but too lazy, some are really unfortunate and deserving. I had some doubts as to the propriety of admitting these applicants, but upon witnessing their distress and receiving assurances from the Young Men's Christian Association that they were only poor, I instructed the warden of the Workhouse to receive them temporarily and provide them with prison fare, taking care, however, to preserve them from contact with the prisoners. During their stay they are kept under sufficient restraint so as not to impair the discipline of the institution, and by this temporary shelter they have been kept from the commission of crime, no doubt, and were enabled eventually to secure respectable employment. I trust the Council will approve of my action in admitting them.

INDIGENT SICK AND DEAD.

During the month there were 69 sick removed to the hospital, and 26 burials. The city physician of the Fifth District attended 14 cases of indigent sick.

BOYS' HOUSE OF REFUGE.

The average number of inmates in this institution per day during the month was 105. The cost of subsistence for this number, and thirteen officers and employes, including bread furnished by themselves, amounted to $749 73, or about twenty cents per day each.

EXPENDITURES.

Pay rolls	$145 00
Groceries and provision, fresh beef, vegetables and milk	517 35
Fuel	75 00
School books and medicines	34 00
Hardware	12 50
Flour	556 00
Total	$1339 85

EARNINGS.

By bread furnished other institutions, as follows:

Boys' House of Refuge	$232 38
City Workhouse	204 30
Insane Asylum	283 95
Home of Aged and Infirm	33 48
Girls' House of Refuge	19 44
Total	$773 55

GIRLS' HOUSE OF REFUGE.

On the first of December there were seventeen inmates. During the month two were released and two was committed.

EXPENSES.

Pay rolls	$75 00
Groceries and provisions, fresh beef and vegetables	137 55
Fuel	19 50
Total	$232 05

PUBLIC SQUARES.

Thirteen hundred dollars were realized to the city during the month by renting Tivoli circle to John Robinson's circus for thirteen days.

CITY CEMETERIES.

The receipts from sales of lots and burials during the month amounted to $292 75.

SUMMARY

Of the cash expenditures of this department for the month, which includes salaries and expenses of every other character:

Administrator's office	$461 75
City Workhouse	1,523 01
Boys' House of Refuge	1,639 85
Girls' House of Refuge	232 05
City cemeteries	30 00
Public pounds	843 96
Recorders' Courts	3,358 63
Public squares	281 00
Burying indigent dead, etc	257 58
Parish Prison, medical supplies	52 95
Lighting city	21,048 04
Total	$29,728 82

JAMES LEWIS, Administrator.

Financial Business.

Mr. Shaw called up an ordinance providing for the payment of various expenses of the Department of Improvements, read twice last week, commencing John W. Madden, $76.

Adopted.

An ordinance appropriating $2820 for the monthly expenses of the Department of Waterworks and Public Buildings, read twice last week, was adopted.

An ordinance appropriating $21,048 for the monthly expenses of the Department of Police, read twice last week, was adopted.

A miscellaneous cash ordinance, read twice last week, commencing W. A. Weed, $34 25, was adopted, with the exception of the items "J. Timony, professional services in the case of State vs. E. Merle, $50," and "L. H. Walsh, serving notices to delinquent taxpayers, approved by City Attorney, $60," which, on motion of Mr. Remick, were laid over.

Mr. Shaw called up claims of P. Creagh, coroner, $1306, and J. T. Jackson, coroner, $898, and Taylor & McConnell, $10,000, read twice last week, and moved their passage, with a reference of the first two to committee of the whole.

Mr. Walton objected to the reference to committe of the whole. He thought the auditing of these accounts ought to be done before they were passed by the Council, and not afterwards.

Mr. Shaw asked the committee of the whole to meet immediately after the adjournment of the regular session to dispose of these matters.

The motion of Mr. Shaw was adopted, Mr. Walton voting nay.

By Mr. Shaw:

An ordinance authorizing Lafitte, Dufilho & Co. to be subrogated to the rights of the city of New Orleans, in City vs. Harris, Fifth District Court, No. 2030.

SECTION 1. Be it ordained by the City Council, That upon the receipt of $292 70 from Lafitte Dufilho & Co., the City Attorney be and is hereby authorized and directed to subrogate the said Lafitte, Dufilho & Co. to all the rights, privileges and claims of the city in and to the judgment in favor of the City vs. Harris, No. 2030, Fifth District Court, and the tax bill upon which said judgment was rendered; provided, the city of New Orleans shall in no way nor manner be held bound to said subrogee, or liable under any circumstances, to return the money thus to be received, or any part thereof.

SEC. 2. Be it further ordained, That this ordinance shall take effect from and after its passage.

Read twice and laid over.

By Mr. Shaw:

An ordinance authorizing W. Wat Divine to be subrogated to the rights of the city of New Orleans, in case of City vs. Estate of Mrs. W. B. Poole, Fifth District Court, No. 16,644; City of New Orleans vs. N. B. Poole, Sixth District Court, No. 14,977; City of New Orleans vs. N. B. Poole, Second and Seventh District Courts, Nos. 4799 and 23,405; City of New Orleans vs. Heirs of V. B. Poole, Fifth District Court, No. 15,376; City of New Orleans vs. B. V. Poole, Seventh District Court, No. 5555; City of New Orleans vs. Estate of Mrs. V. B. Poole, Third District Court, No. 9070.

SECTION 1. Be it ordained by the City Council, That upon the receipt of the sums due on said judgments, from W. Wat Divine, the City Attorney be and he is hereby authorized and directed to subrogate the said W. Wat Divine to all the rights privileges and claims of the city in and to the judgments in favor of the City vs. estate of Mrs. W. B. Poole, No. 16,648, Fifth District Court; and N. B. Poole, Sixth District Court, No. 14,977; and N. B. Poole, Second District Court and Seventh District Court, Nos. 4,799 and 23,405; and heirs of V. B. Poole, Fifth District Court, No. 15,376; and Mrs. B. V. Poole, Seventh District Court, No. 5555; and estate of Mrs. V. B. Poole, Third District Court, No. 9070, and the tax bills upon which said judgments were rendered; provided the city of New Orleans shall in no way nor manner be held bound to said subrogee, or be liable under any circumstances to return the money thus to be received, or any part thereof.

SEC. 2. Be it further ordained, That this ordinance shall take effect from and after its passage.

Read twice and laid over.

By Mr. Shaw:

An ordinance providing for the payment of the several accounts therein named.

Be it ordained, That the following appropriations be and are hereby made, and that the Administrator of Public Accounts warrant on the Administrator of Finance in payment of the same:

BUREAU OF STREETS.

Henry Ellerman, use of pile driver	$80 00
M. Condran, oyster shells	957 90
New Orleans Republican Printing Company, printing	89 50
Total	$1127 40

BUREAU OF WHARVES AND LANDINGS.

Samuels & Oliver, lumber	$210 30
Total	$1337 70

Read twice and laid over.

By Mr. Shaw:

An ordinance providing for the payment of the several accounts therein named.

Be it ordained, That the following appropriations be and are hereby made, and that the Administrator of Public Accounts warrant on the Administrator of Finance in payment of the same:

SURVEYOR'S DEPARTMENT.

J. W. Madden, stationery	$70 25
Folger & Co., hardware	30 45
A. Hero, copies of contract	16 00
J. F. Braun, material for maps	48 50
Total	$165 20

Adopted.

By Mr. Shaw:

An ordinance providing for the payment of the several accounts therein named.

Be it ordained, That the following appropriations be and are hereby made, and that the Administrator of Public Accounts warrant on the Administrator of Finance in payment of the same:

C. H. Luzenberg, District Attorney, for twenty convictions in the month of January, 1872, $300.

W. H. Seymour, for one month's services as expert, $300.

A. Hero, Jr., for various copies of contracts, $163 75.

New Orleans Republican Printing Company, printing for the Mayor's office, $115.

J. Buckley, stationery for the City Council, $41 75.

New Orleans Republican Printing Company, printing for the Department of Finance, $41.

New Orleans Republican Printing Company, printing for the Department of Improvements, $21.

New Orleans Times, advertising for Department of Public Accounts, $3.

New Orleans Commercial Bulletin, advertising for Department of Public Accounts, $7 50.

C. E. Girardey, for rent of premises known as the "Orleans ballroom" from September 21, 1871, to December 21, 1871, $180.

C. S. Sauvinet, Civil Sheriff, for extra commission of five per cent on collection of taxes in suit for the years 1866 and 1867, $14 90.

New Orleans Republican Printing Company, printing for City Council during the month of December, 1871, $1143 60.

J. Klein & Co., jury warrants, $408.

J. Klein & Co., coroner's jury warrants, $28.

P. H. Quinlan, repairing gas fixtures, $20 30.

German Gazette, one year subscription, for Department of Public Accounts, $16.

C. S. Samuel, jury warrants, $118.

W. R. Fish, Register of Conveyances, for certificates of transfers of real estate, as per receipts of Department of Assessments, $1826.

J. L. & E. H. Levy, jury warrant, $63.

M. Holtgrave, jury warrant, $42.

M. Lyons, jury warrant, $51.

L. Abrams, jury warrants, $370.

A. McCarthy, jury warrant, $51.

New Orleans Republican Printing Company, printing for Department of Public Accounts, $364.

J. W. Madden, stationery for Deparcment of Finance, $150 75.

New Orleans Times, advertising for Department of Finance, $18 75.

German Gazette, advertising for Department of Finance, $47 75.

J. Senn, license plates for Department of Finance, $343 50.

Chapsky & Teetzel, one card stamp, Department of Public Accounts, $20.

R. H. Newlan, for two months' services as expert, $250.

German Gazette, one year's subscription, for Mayor's office, $16.

J. A. Masicot, for repairs to Parish Prison, $167.

Drs. Cooper, Beach and Berthelot, for medical examination of D. F. Leschinski, ordered by the Judge of the First District Court, each $25.

Pickles & Albers, for chemicals supplied by order of the Board of Health, $854 50.

A. Shelley, for medicines supplied, free dispensary under Sickles bequest, as per bills approved by the Mayor and Administrator of Police, August, $179 35; September, $188 25; October, $189 45; November, $189 05; December, $203 80.

Read twice and laid over.

By Mr. Shaw:

Resolved, That the Administrator of Finance be and is hereby authorized to issue improvement bonds at the rate of seventy-five cents on the dollar in settlement of the following claim:

Dennis Cronan, for city's portion of square-block paving on Bourbon street from St. Louis to Toulouse street, as per ordinance No. 1134, administration series, $4471 75.

Mr. Bonzano said he was told the work was badly done, and suggested that the Administrator of Improvements notify the contractor that the job must be better done or it would not be accepted.

Mr. Cockrem stated that this notice had already been given.

Adopted.

General Business.

By Mr. Walton:

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, January 16, 1872.

To the City Council of New Orleans:

In answer to official notice for proposals for the sale to the city of eight wharf improvement bonds of one thousand dollars each, Richard Jones offered the following, viz:

Four bonds at 73 95-100 cents on the dollar.

Four bonds at 74 25-100 cents on the dollar

And his bid being the lowest, was accepted, and in accordance therewith the bonds were purchased and duly canceled.

JOHN S. WALTON, Administrator.

Adopted.

By Mr. Cockrem:

DEPARTMENT OF IMPROVEMENTS, January 16, 1872.

To the City Council of New Orleans:

The undersigned respectfully submits the following bids, received in answer to the advertisement inviting "proposals for coal:"

W. G. Wilmot & Co. bid, per ton, in cash, $9 50; in appropriation certificates, $11 50.

Chauncey Tyler bid, per ton, in cash, $10 50; in appropriation certificates, $12.

Beals & Laine bid, per ton, in cash, $10 50; in appropriation certificates, $12 50.

J. & R. DeVerges bid, per ton, in cash, $10 60.

Spencer Field, Jr., bid, per ton, in cash, $11; in appropriation certificates, $12 50.

And the bid of W. G. Wilmot & Co., being the lowest, it is recommended that the accompanying resolution be adopted, adjudicating the contract to, and accepting such security as may be offered by them, satisfactory to the Mayor and Administrator of Improvements.

JOHN COCKREM, Administrator.

Resolved, That the proposal of W. G. Wilmot & Co., for furnishing and delivering coal at the various draining machines of the city of New Orleans, at $10 50 per ton in cash, or $11 50 in appropriation certificates, and offering security satistactory to the Mayor and Administrator of Improvements in the sum of $5000, be and the same is hereby accepted, and the Mayor authorized to enter into contract, on behalf of the city, per notarial act before the city notary, for the faithful performance of the same.

Laid over to be printed.

By Mr. Delassize:

Resolved, That the Administrator of Waterworks and Public Buildings be and he is hereby authorized to advertise, by ten days' notice in the official journal, for one flatboat load of Pittsburg coal, for the use of the city Waterworks, the same to be paid for in cash, under special order of the Council.

Adopted.

By Mr. Remick:

Resolved, That the Firemen's Charitable Association of New Orleans be and is requested to consent to an extension of time within which to complete the repairs upon the enginehouses belonging to the city, as required by the fire contract, until the thirty-first day of March, 1872.

Adopted.

By Mr. Lewis:

DEPARTMENT OF POLICE, January 16, 1872.

To the City Council of New Orleans:

I have the honor to return herewith the bill of Dr. M. C. Comer for surgical attendance and medical treatment of an orphan boy named Henry Yard, who was injured in a cutting broil in the Sixth District last fall.

I fail to see any valid reason why the city should be expected to pay this bill, but as the call was made upon Dr. Comer by Captain Woodruff, in charge of the precinct, I suppose that he had at least a shadow authorizing the claim. I recommend that but $20 be allowed, and approve it for that amount, with a suggestion that it be referred to the Administrator of Public Accounts.

JAMES LEWIS, Administrator.

Adopted.

Mr. Lewis moved the adoption of an ordinance to prevent the landing of torpedoes in the city, referred to himself and the Administrators of Assessments and Public Accounts, December 26, 1871.

Adopted.

Mr. Lewis called up an ordinance fixing the rate of charges for hacks, etc.

At the request of Mr. Remick the ordinance was referred to committee of the whole.

Mr. Bonzano offered the following ordinance as a substitute for the one read twice some time ago:

An ordinance granting the right of way for a street railroad from the river along the trunk road on Canal street to the lower line of Carrollton.

Be it ordained by the Council of the city of New Orleans, That the right of way and privilege is hereby granted to J. H. Keller and his associates, and their assigns and successors, for thirty years, of laying out, constructing and working a street railroad for passengers and freight cars, the freight cars as far as the Poydras Market, with the necessary turnouts, turntables and switches, through the following named streets, to wit: Commencing at the common starting point of Canal street, near the river, with such station and turning point as may be assigned by the City Surveyor, and running thence by the common trunk along Canal to Dryades street, subject to the conditions and penalties for running on said trunk road, and returning to the point of departure along said trunk, and connecting at the intersection of Dryades street with a double track road running along said Dryades street to Triton walk, along Triton walk on the neutral ground along the New Basin to Locust street in front of the Keller Market; thence continuing the route along Locust street to Harmony, to the lower line of Carrollton, all according to plans to be submitted to and approved by the City Surveyor, and that the said right of way is granted and to be accepted by the said J. H. Keller and his associates upon the following terms and conditions:

ARTICLE I.

That the rails used shall be of a pattern similar to those now in use by other city railroads. The timber used shall be of the best quality, free from sap, and of such dimensions as may be designated by the City Surveyor.

ARTICLE II.

That the cars shall be of like construction with first class cars as used upon other city railroads, carrying at night colored lights different from those already used by the present street cars, to be easily distinguished at night time, and the cars to be painted a color different from any in use this day.

ARTICLE III.

That the lines and levels for the road shall be fixed by the City Surveyor, and its material and construction shall be subject to the approval of the City Surveyor and Administrator of Improvements.

ARTICLE IV.

That the said railroad may be completed in two sections. The first section to comprise that part commencing from the common starting point on Canal street, front of the iron house near the river, along Dryades street to Triton walk, along Triton walk on the neutral ground, along the upper side of the New Basin or Florida landing, continuing along Locust street to where Harmony street intersects; and this first section must be completed and opened for public use on or before the first day of January, 1874.

The second section to comprise that part of the road commencing where Harmony street intersects Locust street, along Locust street to the lower line of Carrollton. And this second section must be completed and opened for public use on or before the first of January, 1878.

ARTICLE V.

That the rate of fare for the whole and intermediate distance for each section shall not exceed five cents for each passenger between the hours of 5 A. M. till 11 P. M., and after 11 P. M. till 5 A. M. the fare must not exceed ten cents. The cars upon said road shall be run at such intervals as may be required to accommodate passengers who may desire to travel thereon. Such intervals to be not more than thirty minutes each way from between 5 A. M. and 11 P. M., and not more than one hour each way between 11 P. M. and 5 A. M. The cars to be provided with lights, as appointed in article two, and subject to the same police regulations as other city railroads, and the cars shall not be run at a speed exceeding six miles an hour.

ARTICLE VI.

The contractor shall pay annually into the city treasury, upon the assessed value of said roads and fixtures, the annual tax levied upon real estate, and the value of said roads and fixtures shall be assessed by the usual mode of assessment.

ARTICLE VII.

The term of thirty years is to be computed as commencing at the day of completion of the first section.

ARTICLE VIII.

That the said grantee shall agree to all the provisions of this ordinance within sixty days after its passage, by act before any competent notary public, or, failing therein, this ordinance to be null and void; but nothing in the provisions of this ordinance shall be construed into an obligation on the part of said grantees to repair said streets until the completion of said railroad.

ARTICLE IX.

The streets through which said grant extends, as well as the bridges thereon, being already prepared and made in good order by the city, shall be kept in the same good order during the term of this privilege.

ARTICLE X.

That whenever the Administrator of Improvements may become aware that said grantees have failed to keep any street in repair according to the provisions of the foregoing articles, the said Administrator may issue a written notice to them at their domicile, requiring said repairs to be done, and if the said work is not begun within forty-eight hours from the service of said notice, then said Administrator may cause said work to be done at the charge and risk of said grantees, who shall be liable for all costs and expenses which may be incurred in executing said repairs, and shall reimburse the same to the city on demand.

ARTICLE XI.

The said J. H. Keller, his associates and their assigns and successors, shall have the right of employing and using any motive power in running cars which may be adopted by other roads or found practicable, subject to the police regulations of the city.

ARTICLE XII.

That the city of New Orleans reserves the right to lay gas and water pipes in the streets named as the route of this railroad, and the said city, in executing said work, shall use as much of said streets as may be necessary without becoming liable for damages to said Keller and his associates, and the city of New Orleans shall not be held liable for costs or damages in any controversy between owners of property along the route of said road and the said grantee and his assigns and successors which may arise from any dispute or litigation between said parties.

ARTICLE XIII.

Upon the acceptance of this ordinance by act before the City Notary, as prescribed in article eight, then the same shall have all the force of a valid contract between the grantee and his assigns and successors, and the city of New Orleans.

Read twice and laid over.

By Mr. Remick:

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, January 16, 1872.

To the City Council of New Orleans:

I return herewith the petition of Lewis Johnson, who asks permission to erect a steam engine in his machine shop and foundry, at the foot of Julia street, opposite the New Orleans, Mobile and Chatanooga Railroad Company depot, and respectfully offer the following resolution:

F. C. REMICK, Administrator.

Resolved, By the City Council of New Orleans, That permission be and is hereby given to Lewis Johnson to erect and operate a steam engine in his foundry and machine shop, on square No. 17, bounded by Delta, Water, Julia and Notre Dame streets; provided, that this permission is revocable at the pleasure of the Council.

Adopted.

By Mr. Lewis:

An ordinance providing for the lighting by gas of the Fifth District of the city of New Orleans, right bank of the Mississippi river, and granting for that purpose special and exclusive privileges, and authorizing the construction and maintenance of gasworks and appurtenances in said district, and authorizing the vending of gas to the inhabitants thereof.

SECTION 1. Be it ordained by the Mayor and Common Council of the city of New Orleans, That Adam Thomson, Joseph Ellison, E. A. Tyler, D. B. Penn, L. D. Towsley, John Sinnott, E. Rigney, and such others as they may associate with themselves, and their assigns, under the name and style of the Algiers Gaslight Company, be and are hereby granted the right and privilege of constructing and maintaining gasworks and appurtenant buildings in the Fifth District of the city of New Orleans, and of vending gas therein to such persons or bodies corporate as may voluntarily choose to contract for the same, for the term and period of twenty years from and after the passage of this ordinance.

SEC. 2. Be it further ordained, That in order to enable the said Algiers Gaslight Company to carry into effect the foregoing section hereof, the exclusive authority and right are hereby granted to said company to lay such gas pipes, mains, conduits, etc., as may be necessary, at their own expense, in any of the streets or highways of said district as may be required; the same to be done in such manner as may produce the least possible inconvenience to the inhabitants of said district; provided, that said company shall afterward repair the streets and highways which they may have broken up for said purpose within the least possible delay, it being well understood that the said company shall be bound to commence the work of pipe-laying necessary for the lighting of said district with gas within one year from and after the passage of this ordinance, and that said works shall be prosecuted by said company according to the wants, requirements and limits of said district and of the inhabitants thereof, whenever the consumption of gas will justify the laying of pipes in particular localities.

SEC. 3. Be it further ordained, That in order to properly light the said Fifth District the company shall be bound to furnish the most modern style of cast iron lamp-posts and glass lanterns, and set them on all the streets wherever mains may be laid, and at no greater intervals, inclusive of intersections, than 150 feet; the lamps so put up to be kept in repair at the company's expense, and shall be lighted every night from one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise, at the price and sum of $50 per lamp per annum.

SEC. 4. Be it further ordained, That in order to further stimulate and extend this work of public improvement the said city of New Orleans obligates itself to pay to said company the cost price of each lamp-post and lantern so erected and lighted; provided, that the said price and sum shall not be exigible before fifty such lamps and lanterns shall have been erected and lighted, and thereafter settlements for all such further erections of posts and lanterns shall be made monthly, with the settlement for lighting the said lamps.

SEC. 5. Be it further ordained, That the sum of one dollar shall be deducted from the company's monthly bills for each and every lamp reported as not lighted or found burning during the night, between the period from one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise, except in cases of unavoidable accident, then and in that event a pro rata amount shall be deducted.

SEC. 6. Be it further ordained, That said company obligates itself to furnish gas to private consumers in the said Fifth District at no greater rates than three dollars per thousand cubic feet; and that no charge or deposit shall be made for, or upon, gas meters, by said company.

SEC. 7. Be it further ordained, That in the event of said Algiers Gas Company failing to commence work within twelve months from and after the date of this ordinance, then and in that event this ordinance shall be considered as repealed, and as conferring no rights or privileges upon said company.

SEC. 8. Be it further ordained, That the light to be furnished by the said company shall be equal in quality and efficiency to that furnished by the New Orleans Gaslight Company.

SEC. 9. Be it further ordained, That the rights and privileges conferred upon the Algiers Gaslight Company, by the terms of this ordinance, shall not, in any manner, render the city of New Orleans liable to the Crescent City Gaslight Company, or any other organization to whom similar franchises may have been granted by legislative enactment; and the Algiers Gaslight Company accepts the privilege herein given with the understanding that the city of New Orleans is not to be made a party to any legal action which may be brought by the Crescent City Gaslight Company, or any other organization, against the Algiers Gaslight Company.

SEC. 10. Be it further ordained, That the Mayor of the city of New Orleans is hereby authorized and instructed to enter into notarial contract with said Algiers Gaslight Company, under the terms and conditions of this ordinance.

Laid over to be considered with the Girardey ordinance on the same subject.

Petitions, Etc.

A petition of C. W. Gilley, to erect a steam engine to gin cotton, was referred to the Administrator of Assessments.

A petition of citizens, to have waterpipes laid on Greatmen street, was referred to the Administrator of Waterworks.

A petition of property owners, for a brick sidewalk on First street, was referred to the Administrator of Improvements.

A protest of property owners on Eighth and Coliseum streets, against the extension of the Carondelet and Carrollton railroad, was referred to the Administrator of Commerce.

Bills of William Weber, as Recorder of the Fourth District, were referred to the Administrator of Police.

The Mobile and Texas Railroad.

A communication from the secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, inclosing report and recommendations of a special committee appointed to consider the proposed levee grants to the New Orleans, Mobile and Texas railroad, was received.

The following petition was read:

To the Honorable Mayor and the Administrators of the City of New Orleans:

The petition of the New Orleans, Baton Rouge and Vicksburg Railroad Company respectfully ask that they be entitled to the same privileges asked from your honorable body for the New Orleans, Mobile and Texas Railroad Company (formerly Chattanooga) in regard to privileges on the levee, use of streets and public places, for the accommodation of travel and traffic of said railroad company.

The petitioners represent that, they as a company, are the grantees from the United States government of a land grant of the public lands of the State of Louisiana, which grant is so far executed that all the lands comprised within twenty miles each side of the line of railroad, from New Orleans to Shreveport, are by direction of the United States government withdrawn from public sale and entry under any law, and set aside for the benefits and uses of said company on its construction.

The said petitioners represent that they have been and are now active in taking the necessary steps to at once commence and continue the construction of said railroad, and respectfully ask your honorable body the same rights, privileges and immunities as are accorded to any other corporation or person having the same object to accomplish.

All of which is repectfully submitted.

GEORGE W. COCHRAN,
Vice President New Orleans, Baton Rouge and Vicksburg Railroad Company.
Dated at New Orleans, January 18, 1872.

On motion of Mr. Lewis, all those matters connected with the railroad grant were referred to the committee of the whole for action next Tuesday.

Mr. Remick asked if there was any objection known to the Mayor why the ordinance granting certain rights to the Mobile and Texas railroad should not now be taken up on final passage.

The Mayor said he knew of none.

Mr. Remick and Mr. Bonzano stated they understood an injunction was to be taken out to prevent the passage of the ordinance.

The Mayor replied that he had received no such injunction.

Mr. Lewis' motion to refer all these railroad matters to the committee of the whole was reconsidered, but after a brief discussion was re-adopted:

Yeas—Shaw, Delassize, Lewis and Walton.

Nays—Cockrem, Remick and Bonzano.

Mr. Lewis stated that whatever ordinance was agreed upon in committee of the whole he would be prepared to vote for next week.

The Mayor asked the Council to name an early day for a meeting of the committee of the whole to consider this question.

Mr. Lewis suggested that the meeting be held this evening.

The Council then adjourned.

H. CONQUEST CLARKE.
Secretary.

DEBATES IN THE SENATE.

WEDNESDAY, January 10, 1872.

[CONCLUDED.]

Mr. Gallup suggested an addition to the resolution that the President be advised that the quorum is broken by the interference of the federal officials, and be requested to call upon them to desist from that interference.

Mr. Hunsaker supported the motion. It would give the President an opportunity to disavow the acts of these officials. He desired the President to have an opportunity of placing himself on record before the country.

Mr. Campbell—What has been said by Senators in the course of this discussion has suggested to me some other points which I ought to have stated in describing the situation. I wish to refer first to the fact that in furtherance of their designs these United States officials arrested a number of Senators and Representatives as "Ku-Klux"—to use the common parlance—as violators of what is known as the enforcement act of Congress. I have charged upon the floor of the Senate that these arrests were made insincerely, and with a perfect