COMMERCIAL.

The Wheat Market Firm and Slightly Advanced—Stocks Strong and Advanced—Aggregate Railway Earnings and Dividends Compared for a Succession of Years.

ST. PAUL, July 22, 1880.

Crop reports from all the spring wheat sections of the Northwest continue favorable and the large receipts of new winter wheat at St. Louis, now running up to near 200,000 bushels a day, also begins to have an effect on wheat markets—so that the firmness of the Chicago and Milwaukee markets yesterday, and their closing at advances, for August and September options, of ¾@1½c over the closing figures of the day proceeding are hardly explainable by the unconfirmed rumors of unfavorable weather in England, France and Russia. It is more than probable that the weather reports by cable were manufactured to serve the purpose of the day of speculators in options.

Armour & Co., if it is they who control the Chicago deal, gave the boys a rough twist on pork yesterday. The market opened at a small decline from Wednesday's closing, went up to $14.40 August, $14.32 September, and they dropped at the close to $14.22 August, $14.25 September, $13.92½ October, $10.15 November, $9.47 December and $10.00 January. It is understood up this way that Armour & Co. offer considerable concessions from board prices on cash pork, and are unloading a portion of their load at rates which would lay down in St. Paul lots of a thousand barrels or more at their Chicago prices.

The earnings of the Sioux City division of the Chicago, St. Paul & Omaha line for the second week of July show an increase of $7,425 over the corresponding week of last year.

A New York dispatch of last evening says: "The dry goods business is moderate with package houses and the jobbing trade continues quiet. Cotton goods in steady but limited demand. Prints doing fairly. Worsted dress goods more sought for. Flannels and Kentucky jeans in fair request, but woolens quiet. The *Bulletin* says a large trade sale of cotton handkerchiefs will be had next Tuesday."

Wheat cutting has been begun on several farms in the timber this side of Shakope, but the harvest will not be fairly opened, even in the southern part of the State, until about the last of next week, although the grain is said to be maturing fast.

The St. Paul trade in corn, oats, bran, shorts, and ground feed is quite active, there being a large demand, for the season, from the country, and an unexpectedly large demand for the city trade, and prices are accordingly quite steady. The butter trade continues active and best shipping and packing grades sell freely at an advance of 1@2c over the prices of last week. New potatoes have dropped to 50@55c per bushel, and the market is well supplied with home grown of best quality. Prices of fruit continue remarkably steady and the trade is only limited by supplies. Hides, etc., are very steady in prices here, the market appearing not to be affected by the fluctuations of eastern markets. Wool is arriving freely, and mostly of qualities which command the outside figures quoted below.

St. Paul Wholesale Market.

ST. PAUL, July 22.

BRAN—Incoming, on track, $8.0 @9.00 per ton.

BALED HAY—Incoming $6.50@7.00 on track per ton.

BARLEY—Extra No. 3, 60@65c; No. 3, 50@55c; rejected, 45@50c.

BEANS—Choice mediums $1.25@1.50; hand-picked navy $1.65@1.75.

BESWAX—Per lb, 18c.

BREWERS' SUPPLIES—Selling, malt, $1.25; hops '79, 43@45c; '78, 15c.

BUTTER—Choice 14@16c; fair to good 12@13c; common 7@8c.

CORN MEAL—Incoming, on track, coarse $13.50; fine $16 00 per ton

COCOANUTS—Per 100, $6.00@7.00.

CORN—Incoming, No. 2 mixed 34c; No. 3 33c.

EGGS—9@10c.

FLOUR—Patent process $6.50@7.00; straight $5.00 @5.75 clear $4.75@5.25.

FRUITS—Messina and Palermo lemons, $6.00@ 6.50; dates, 9@10c perlb; figs, in layers, 16@18c; bananas $3.00@4.00 per bunch; new apples, barrels 4.00; peaches, ½ bu boxes, $1.50; tomatoes, ½ bu boxes, 75c@$1.00; blueberries, $3.00 per bu crate; new grapes, 10-lb boxes, $1 75@2 00; oranges $5.50 @6 00 per box; Lawton blackberries, 16-quart cases, $3.50@3.75; Bartlett pears, ½ bu boxes, $2.00.

GROUND FEED—Incoming, on track, $14.00 per ton.

GINSENG—$1.00@1.10 per lb.

HIDES, ETC—Butchers', 8c; green salt, 9c; veal kip, 9c; veal calf, 12c; deacons, 40c; dry flint, 14c; dry salt 12c. No. 2 stock, two-thirds. Sheep pelts, shearlings, 10@40c; lamb skins, 30@50c. Tallow, No. 1, 5c; No. 2, 4c.

LIVE STOCK—Choice steers, $4.00@4.50; butchers stock, $4.00@3.50; inferior stock, $2.50@3.00.

MAPLE SUGAR—New, 13@14c.

NEW ONIONS—$1.75@2.00; per box of one bu; 4.00 per barl.

NEW POTATOES—50@55 per bushel.

OATS—Incoming, No. 2 white 29c; mixed 28c; No. 3 27c.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork $14.00@14.50. Lard, barrels, 7¾c; kegs 8c. Hams 11@11½c; breakfast bacon 10½ @11c.

RAGS—Per lb, 1c.

RYE FLOUR—$2.37½ per sack.

SHORTS—Incoming, on track, $9.00@10.00 per ton.

SENECA ROOT—30c per lb.

SPRING CHICKENS—Good size per pair 30@35c.

WHEAT—No. 1 95c; No. 2 89c.

WOOL—Unwashed, fine, 18@20c; coarse, 20@22; medium, 22@26c. Fleece washed, fine, 27@30c; coarse, 30@33c; medium, 32@34c. Tub washed, 33@35c.

St. Paul Retail Markets

ST. PAUL, July 22.

BUTTER—Choice creamery 25c per lb.; fresh dairy 20@22c; cooking 14@18c.

CHEESE—Factory cream 20c per lb.; Edam cheese, $1.25 each; Pineapple cheese, $1.25 each.

EGGS—Fresh laid 15c.

EARLY VEGETABLES—Lettuce 25c per doz; radishes 25c; onions 25c; cucumbers 50c per doz.; peas 40 per peck; pie plant 2½c per bunch; string beans 40c per peck; tomatoes 50c per dozen.

FRUIT—Rodi oranges, per doz, 7-c@$1.00; lemons 25@40c per doz; pine apples 40@60c; bananas 75c per dozen; plums 25c per basket; peaches 75c per basket; raspberries 35c per quart; blackberries 20c per quart.

HONEY—In comb, 20@22c per lb.

MAPLE SUGAR—According to color and quality, 14 @20c.

POTATOES—New, 20c per peck.

POULTRY—Chickens, 12½@15c; turkeys, 15c.

SPRING CHICKENS—50c per pair.

Eastern and European Markets.

NEW YORK, July 22.—Money easy at 2@2½ per cent. Prime mercantile paper 3@4½ per cent. Sterling exchange, bankers' bills at $4.82½. Sight exchange on New York $4.84¼.

Governments quiet. Railroad bonds active but irregular; Texas Pacific incomes rose from 58 to 63. State securities steady.

Stocks—The stock market advanced from ⅛ to 1⅛ per cent. in early dealings, but subsequently lost the improvement. In the afternoon speculation assumed a strong tone and prices rapidly advanced till the close of business, the final sales being at the highest figure of the day, the advance from the lowest point ranging from ⅛ to 2½ per cent. in the general list. The coal and granger shares, Erie, Wabash, St. Louis & Pacific, the telegraph stocks, and Denver & Rio Grande show an improvement. In the elevated railroad shares Manhattan fell off 4⅛ and the Metropolitan 3 per cent. early in the day, but at the close the latter advanced 4, and the former recovered 4¼ per cent. The Railroad Manual for 1880 shows the number of miles of road in operation. At the close of 1879 there was 86,497, an increase for the year of 4,721. Thirteen of the principal lines in the country moved 45,557,002 tons of freight in 1873, and 67,092,549 in 1879, and earned from freights $112,004,648 in 1873 and 116,311,452 in 1879. It will be seen by the above, that while there has been an increase in freight moved of 47.27 per cent., and in miles of road operated of 20.83 per cent., the increase of earnings from that source has been only 3.84 per cent. The freight is now moved at a rate per ton per mile, which would five years ago have been regarded as impossible. The per centage of decrease has been 42.31 per cent., nearly equal to increase in tons of freight moved. The gross earnings of all the roads whose operations have been reported have equaled $529,012,229 against $490,193,351 for 1878; $472,909,272 for 1877; $497,257,959 for 1876, and $503,065,505 for 1875. The dividends paid during the year aggregated $61,681,470, being the largest amount divided amongst stockholders for any one year since 1876. The gross earnings of railroads of Western States were $232,379,646 against $209,852,275 for 1878 and $193,204,516 for 1877. The earnings were $98,961,906 against $77,958,229 for 1878 and $66,085,243 for 1877. The dividends paid amounted to $23,561,262 against $19,341,222 for 1878 and $14,555,462 for 1877. The earnings from freight, mails, etc., $77,930,875, and from passengers $54,448,771. The St. Louis & Iron Mountain earnings for the second week in July increase $27,400, and from January 1st to July 1st increase $748,716. The Texas Pacific earnings for the second week in July increase $55,841.

The transactions aggregated 240,000 shares, of which 3,400 were Atlantic & Pacific Telegraph; 1,000 Chicago, Columbus & Indiana Central; 25,000 Delaware, Lackawanna & Western; 3,600 Delaware & Hudson; 42,000 Erie; 3,000 Hannibal & St. Joe; 5,000 Missouri, Kansas & Texas; 13,000 Lake Shore; 2,000 Michigan Central; 16,000 Manhattan Elevated; 10,000 Chicago & Northwestern; 1,200 Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis; 14,000 New Jersey Central; 2,000 Northern Pacific; 32,000 Ohio & Mississippi; 660 Ontario & Western; 4,000 Pacific Mail; 3,400 Philadelphia & Reading; 22,000 Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul; 3,400 Union Pacific; 2,600 Wabash, St. Louis & Pacific; 53,000 Western Union and 2,500 Denver & Rio Grande.

MORNING QUOTATIONS.

Rock Island	107⅞	Ind. Bloom'n & W.	27
Panama	178	M. & C. 1st pfd	8
Fort Wayne	121	do 2d preferred	5½
Pittsburgh	130¼	B. C. R. & N.	61½
Illinois Central	106¾	Alton & Terre Haute	18
C. B. & Q.	124½	do preferred	57½
Chicago & Alton	112	Wabash, St. L. & P.	38½
do preferred	122	do preferred	67
New York Central	130⅝	Hannibal & St. Joe.	33¾
Harlem	175	do preferred	70¾
Lake Shore	106¼	Iron Mountain	80½
Canada Southern	63	St. L. & S. F.	36½
Michigan Central	91¾	do preferred	47½
Erie	42¼	do 1st preferred	71½
do preferred	70¼	C. St. L. & N. O.	29
Northwestern	93⅝	Kansas & Texas	37
do preferred	113	Union Pacific	90¾
Mil. & St. Paul	81	Central Pacific	69
do preferred	105½	Northern Pacific	27¼
Del. & Lackawanna	83½	do preferred	49¼
Morris & Essex	106¾	C. L. & N. A.	100
Delaware & Hudson	80½	Houston & Texas	63½
New Jersey Central	73	Denver & Rio Gra'de	66⅞
Reading	17⅝	St. Paul & Omaha	41
Ohio & Mississippi	32	do preferred	76
do preferred‡	73	Western Union Tel.	106¼
Chesapeake & Ohio	18½	Atlantic & Pacific	43¾
do 1st preferred	24	Pacific Mail	41⅛
do 2d preferred	21	Adams Express	113¼
Mobile & Ohio	21½	Wells & Fargo	105¾
C. C. C. & I.	68½	American	58
C. C. & I. C.	19¾	United States	48½
Ohio Central	21¼	Quicksilver	12½
Lake Erie & West'n	29¼	do preferred‡	59½
Peoria & Evansville	23½		

‡Offered. †Bid.

EVENING QUOTATIONS.

GOVERNMENTS.

Coupons, '81	104	New 4 per cents	109
New 5s	103½	Pacific 6s, '95	125
New 4½s	119		

STATE BONDS.

Louisiana consols	46	Virginia 6s, old	20
Missouri 6s	107¾	Virginia 6s, new	20
St. Joe	105	Consols	85
Tennessee 6s, old†	36¼	Deferred	6½
Tennessee 6s, new	30		

STOCKS.

C. P. Bonds	112	Lake Erie & West'n	29¾
U. P. Bonds, firsts	112¾	Ontario & Western	27¾
U. P. land grant	113¼	B. C. R. & N.	62
Sinking fund	119	Alton & Terre Haute	18
Lehigh & Wilksb're	100	do preferred	60
St. P. & S. C. firsts	103¾	Wabash, St. L. & P.	40½
C. C. & I. C. firsts	....	do preferred	68⅞
do seconds	....	Hannibal & St. Joe	34¾
Erie seconds	90½	do preferred	71
Rock Island	108	Iron Mountain	52⅛
Panama	178	St. L. & S. F.	36½
Fort Wayne	123	do preferred	47
Pittsburgh	120½	do 1st preferred	72
Illinois Central	106¾	C. St. L. & N. O.	33
C. B. & Q.	124	Kansas & Texas	38½
Chicago & Alton	112	Union Pacific	91¼
do preferred	122	Central Pacific	69
New York Central	131½	Northern Pacific	27½
Harlem	180	do preferred	49¾
Lake Shore	107⅝	Louisville & Nash'l	118½
Canada Southern	62	N. C. & St. L.	66
Michigan Central	92⅝	C. L. & N. A.	100
Erie	43⅜	Houston & Texas	60
do preferred	71⅛	Denver & Rio Gra'de	66⅞
Northwestern	93⅞	Western Union Tel.	107½
do preferred	113	Atlantic & Pacific	46½
Mil. & St. Paul	82¼	Pacific Mail	41⅞
do preferred	105½	Adams Express	114
St. Paul & Omaha	43	Wells & Fargo	105¾
do preferred	76¼	American	57¾
Lackawanna	81½	United States	47½
Morris & Essex	105¾	Quicksilver	12¼
Delaware & Hudson	81	do preferred	59½
New Jersey Central	73¾	Caribou	2½
Reading	18⅛	Leadville	1¼
Ohio & Mississippi	33	Central Arizona	5¾
do preferred	71½	Homestake	34
Chesapeake & Ohio	18¼	Standard	26⅞
Mobile & Ohio	21½	Excelsior	17
Cleveland & Col	68	Little Pittsburgh	4
C. C. C. & I. C.	17¾	Outar o	33
Ohio Central	20½		

....No sales. †Offered. §Ex. coupon. *Ex. div.

LONDON, July 22—5 P. M.

CONSOLS.

Money	98 1-16	Account	98 3-16

UNITED STATES SECURITIES.

New 5s	105¾	Pennsylvania Centr'l	57¼
New 4½s	114½	Erie	43⅞
New 4s	112⅝	Erie seconds	93½
Illinois Central	110	Reading	9¼

Nearly £200,000 in gold has been bought in the open market during the last few days for shipment to New York.

PARIS, July 22.

RENTES—85f 45c.

M. DORAN'S REPORTS.

The following quotations giving the range of the markets during the day were received by M. DORAN, commission merchant:

LIVERPOOL, July 22, 10:00 A. M.—Spot wheat inactive. Floating cargoes quiet but steady. Cargoes on passage very dull. Weather in England showery. Seventy-five thousand quarters increase to United Kingdom.

NEW YORK, 11:00 A. M.—Cables say London *Times* of this morning states Russian crops are very bad and deficient. French crops below average. Indications are that European demand will exceed last year.

12:30 P. M.—Spring wheat inactive; No. 2 nominally $1.09; No. 3 scarce; winter wheat dull and easier.

1:30 P. M.—Better feeling; closes firm; fair export of winter wheat; considerable spring sold at $1.09.

WHEAT

	MILWAUKEE.		CHICAGO.	
	Aug.	Sept.	Aug.	Sept.
9:30 A. M.	....	....	89	....
9.45 "	....	88	89⅝	86⅞
10:00 "	92⅞	88⅛	89½	87¼
10:15 "	92⅝	87¾	....	....
10:30 "	92¾	88	89¾	87⅛
10:45 "	92⅞	88⅛	89⅞	87¼
11:00 "	92⅞	88⅛	90	87⅝
11:15 "	93	88⅛	89¾	87¼
11:30 "	92⅞	88	89⅞	87½
11:45 "	93	88¼	90	87⅜
12:00 M	93¼	88⅛	90¼	87⅝
12:15 P. M.	93⅛	88¼	90⅛	87⅛
12:30 "	93½	88¼	90¼	87⅝
12:45 "	93	88¼	90⅛	87⅜
1:00 "	93⅛	88¼	90⅛	87⅜
C'll b'd	....	....	90⅛	87⅜

Wheat receipts in Chicago 68,748 bushels; shipments 175,648 bushels.

Wheat receipts in Milwaukee 3,865 bushels; shipments 24,710 bushels.

Stock of wheat in Milwaukee 264,000 bushels.

CORN. Chicago. A. M.	Aug.	Sep	PORK. Chicago. A. M.	Aug.	Sep.
9.30	36	....	9:30	14.25	....
9.45	....	35⅞	11:00	....	14.30
10:00	36⅛	....	11:15	14 40	....
11:00	36	35⅞	11:30	14.30	14.22½
11:30	35	....	11:45	14.35	14.25
P. M.			P. M.		
12:15	35⅞	35¼	12:15	....	14.27½
12:45	35	....	12:3	....	14 30
1:00	35⅞	35⅝	1:00	14.32½	14.22½
C'll b'd	35¾	35⅝	C'll b'd	14.32½	14.25

Corn receipts in Chicago 443,880 bushels; shipments 324,205 bushels.

LARD.

	CHICAGO. Aug.	Sep.
9:30 A. M.	6.82½	6 87½
11:00 "	6.82½	6.85
12:00 M.	6.85	6.87½
12:30 P. M.	....	6 90
1:00 "	6.85	6.90

ASSOCIATED PRESS REPORTS.

MILWAUKEE, July 22.—Flour quiet and unchanged. Wheat opened firm, ⅝c higher, and closed strong: No. 1 hard nominal; No. 1, 1 05; No. 2, 93c; July 93c; August 93½c; September 88½c; No. 3, 83c; No. 4, 72c; rejected nominal. Corn higher; No. 2, 37½c. Oats; No. 2, 22½c. Rye scarce and higher; No. 1, 78c. Barley scarce; No. 2, 74½c. Provisions higher; mess pork firm at $14.38 cash and August; 14.30 September. Lard, prime steam $6.85 cash and August; 6.88 September. Live hogs firm at $4.40@4.50. Freights: wheat to Buffalo, 3½c. Receipts, 59,520 bushels wheat; 6,900 bushels barley. Shipments, 509 bushels wheat; 1,350 bushels barley.

CHICAGO, July 22.—Flour quiet but firm. Wheat strong and higher, except cash, which was easier; No. 2 red winter 96c; No. 2 Chicago spring 91½c cash; 90c bid August; 87⅞c September; No 3 Chicago spring 81@84c. Corn steady; in fair demand; 32c cash; 35¾@35⅞c August; 35⅝c September. Oats stronger; cash higher; options steady; 26c cash; 26¼c July; 22½c August and September. Rye steady and unchanged. Barley steady and unchanged. Pork active, firm and higher; 14.00 @14.25 cash; 14 30@14.35 July; 14.32½@14.35 August; 14 22½@14.25 September. Lard fairly active and a shade higher; 6.82½ cash; 6.82½@6.85 August; 6.87½@6.90 September. Bulk meats fairly active and a shade higher; shoulders 4.40; bulk short rib 7.20; do clear 7.35. Whisky steady and unchanged; 1.08. Freights, corn to Buffalo 3c. Receipts 600 barrels flour; 6,800 bushels wheat; 483,000 bushels corn; 41,000 bushels oats; 6,000 bushels rye; 1,600 bushels barley. Shipments 7,000 barrels flour; 4,100 bushels oats; 6,500 bushels rye; 1,600 bushels barley.

The Drover's Journal reports hog receipts 15,000; shipments 5,500; higher; good; active; most all sold; common to choice mixed packing 4.25@4.65, choice heavy 4.70@4 90; light 4.40@4.65. Cattle, receipts 6,500; shipments 3,300; desirable grades steady; rough shipping 4.00@4 25; corn fed western 4.10@4.40; native butchers firm; bulls 2.00 @2.90; cows 2.30@3.50; steers 3.00@4.00; canners strong and higher; grass Texans 2 60@2.80; steers, common to choice 2.90@3.35. Sheep, receipts 1,000; shipments 500; quiet; all sold; 3.50@4.60 for common to good.

NEW YORK, July 22.—Cotton quiet and easy at 11 11-16@11 13-16c; futures steady. Flour strong; receipts 13,000 barrels; superfine state and western $3.80@4.40; common to good extra 4.25@4 60; good to choice 4 70@7.00; white wheat extra 4.50@5.00; extra Ohio 4.50@7.25; Minnesota patent process, 6.00 @8.50. Wheat in good demand; receipts 407,000 bushels; ungraded spring $1.00; No. 2 Chicago 1.09¾; No. 2 Milwaukee 1.08@1.09; ungraded red 90c@$1.08¼; No. 3 do 1 07¼@1.08; No. 2 do 1.10¾@ 1.11¼; mixed winter 1.07¼@1.08; steamer No. 2 red 1.07½@1.08; No. 3 white 1 05; No. 2 do 1.08@1.09; No. 1 do sales 7,000 bushels at 1.11@1.12; No. 2 red, July, sales 318,000 bushels at 1 10¼@1.11⅛; August, sales 452,000 bushels at 1.08⅛@1 09¼. September, sales 96,000 bushels at 1.08¼@1.09. October, sales 24,000 bushels at 1.08⅛@1.09¼. Corn fairly active; receipts 727,000 bushels; ungraded 45@48½c; No. 3, 46c; steamer 46½c; No. 2, 48@48½c; No. 2 July 48@48½c; August 48¼@48½c; September 48⅝c. Oats, receipts 28,000 bushels; mixed western 35@37c; white western 37@42c. Hay in fair demand at 85@1.05 as to quality. Hops dull and nominal. Coffee quiet and unchanged. Sugar quiet but firm; fair to good refining at 7 11-16@7 15-16c. Molasses quiet and unchanged. Rice in fair demand. Petroleum dull and lower: united at 90c; crude 7@7½c; refined 9½c. Tallow, demand fair and market firm at 6⅛@6 7-16c. Rosin quiet but steady. Turpentine stronger at $1.28@1.28½. Eggs steady at 14@15½c. Pork moderately active and higher; new mess $14.00 @14.12½. Beef dull and unchanged. Cut meats quiet but firm; long clear middles quoted at 7.50; short clear middles $7.75. Lard moderately active and higher; prime steam $7.30@7 35, the latter for fancy. Butter in good demand at full prices at 14@28c. Cheese, demand fair and market firm at 6½@9c. Whisky nominal.

LONDON, July 22.—Tallow, fine American 41s. Sugar, centrifugal 26s 6d@27s; Muscovado, at at 23s 6d@24s. Spirits petroleum 8s@8s 2d; refined 7s 7½d.

The Beaver Falls *Times* says grasshoppers in countless numbers filled the air in that locality July 13, flying in a southerly direction.

OFFICIAL.

Proceedings of the Common Council.

Regular Meeting.

ST. PAUL, July 20, 1880.

President Rhodes in the Chair.

Present—Ald. Allen, Dowlan, O'Connor, Grace, Bell, Ringwald, Cornish, Griggs, Brennan, Minea, Mr. President—11.

COMMUNICATIONS.

From B. Michel and others—

Asking that Martin street be graded between Rice street and Park avenue.

Referred to Aldermen of Third ward.

From Horace R. Bigelow and others—

For sewer on Exchange street from a point 50 feet east of Sherman street to a connection with the Eagle street sewer.

Accepted. (See order to Board of Public Works to investigate, etc.)

From Frederick Emmert and others—

Protest against the construction of sewer as asked for by Horace R. Bigelow and others, as above.

Referred to Board of Public Works.

From Fred Althen—

Asking that a grade for Cherry street be established from Hoffman avenue to the bluff.

Referred to the City Engineer to report grade therefor.

From Emil Geist—

Proposing to put two clocks in the new market hall without expense to the city, etc.

Referred to Committee on New Market.

From I. V. D. Heard—

Stating that he is attorney for certain real estate owners whose property is effected by the petition of the St. Paul & Sioux City Railroad Company for vacation of streets, etc., and that before action is taken thereon by the Council he desires to be heard in opposition to such vacation, etc.

Referred to Committee on Streets.

From Chester Hitchcock—

For permission to grade Fifth street in the Sixth ward.

Granted. (See resolution.)

From John D. Estabrook and others—

For a three plank walk on Ashland avenue from Western avenue to Dale street, and street lamps at various points on said street.

Referred to the Alderman of the precinct.

From Thomas Breen and others—

Asking that a beat be established in the district bounded by Fort, Eagle and Sherman streets, and that a policeman be stationed thereon.

Referred to Committee on Police and Mayor.

From J. Rowe—

Asking for the construction of a sewer on De Bow street.

Referred to Committee on Sewers.

From J. H. Schurmeier—

For the construction of a trough from Northwest corner of Hoffman avenue and Sixth street, along the northerly side of Sixth street, to protect private property from damage by water, etc.

Referred to Aldermen of Fifth ward and Committee on Streets.

From M. Imhoff—

For transfer of liquor license No. 52 from Number 30 to Number 14 Mississippi street.

From E. H. Bradshaw—

Asking that liquor license No. 161 and pool table licenses Numbers 83 and 121 be transferred to Leigh and Esch, same premises.

Referred to Committee on License.

From F. F. Wilde and others—

For the removal of obstructions on Livingston avenue, between East John and Wood streets in the Sixth ward.

Referred to Alderman of the ward and City Attorney.

From Jas. Flanagan and others—

Asking that the cattle market be removed from Minnesota street.

Referred to Aldermen of Second ward.

From the St. Paul City Railway Company—

Notice of new lines laid and repairs to old lines, etc., and asking that the Council inspect and accept the same, as provided by ordinance in regard thereto.

Referred to Committee on Streets, City Attorney and Engineer.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS.

Of City Treasurer—

Presenting pay rolls of upper and lower district street force for the month of June, 1880, amounting to $1,930.48 and sewer force pay roll for same month amounting to $144 87.

Referred to Comptroller.

Of City Comptroller—

Presenting audited claims, viz: Die Volkszeitung, $25.40; Sherwood Hough, $5.95; J. H. Briedert, $4.60; A. Richter, $25; House of Good Shepherd, $204, A. Richter, $5.60; R. O'Connor, $32.50; Prendergast Brothers, $29.24; August Ohmann, $78 90; John Jessrang, $36.28, H. P. Hall, $532.46; Jas. King, Sheriff, $191.57; Ingham & Corlies, 85 cents; H. S. Saroni, $480.75.

Allowed and ordered paid.

Yeas—Ald. Allen, Dowlan, O'Connor, Grace, Bell, Ringwald, Cornish, Griggs, Minea, Brennan, Mr. President—11.

Of City Attorney—Condemnation of Streets—

To the President and Common Council.

GENTLEMEN: I herewith transmit a copy of the petition of the St. Paul & Sioux City railroad company to the District Court of Ramsey county, asking for the condemnation of certain streets and lots owned by the City for railroad purposes in the Fifth Ward.

I respectfully ask that it may be referred to a committee of the Common Council, who shall be authorized to advise what action is necessary upon the part of the city. Respectfully,

July 20, 1880. W. P. MURRAY, City Attorney.

Accepted and referred to Committee on Railroad Crossings.

Also,

Sewer Inspector—

In regard to the pay of Sewer Inspector, and transmitting a letter of the City Engineer in regard thereto, that his pay should be raised the same as the Street Inspectors' have been, etc.

Communications accepted, and recommendations adopted. (See resolution.)

Of City Engineer—Owatonna Road—

A map showing the location of the Owatonna road, etc., in the Sixth ward, and recommending that the road be straightened.

Referred to Committee on Streets.

Also,

Sewer Inspector—

A communication in reference to the pay of the Sewer Inspector.

Accepted and adopted. (See resolution.)

Of City Engineer of the Fire Department—Nominations—

To the Honorable, the President and the Common Council of the city of Saint Paul:

GENTLEMEN: I herewith nominate the following named persons to positions in the fire department as specified, the same to take effect August 1st, next:

Foreman Hook and Ladder, A. Betz.
Foreman Hose No. 1, A. Francois.
Foreman Hose No. 2, John Jackson.
Foreman Hose No. 3, John Churchill.
Foreman Hose No. 4, A. Martin.
Tillerman, in place of A. Francois, appointed foreman hose No. 1, H. Brady.
Ladderman, in hook and ladder, John O'Brien.
Hoseman, in hose No. 2, Timothy Murphy.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

R. C. STRONG, Chief of Dept.

July 20, 1880,

Communication accepted, and nominations confirmed.

Yeas—Ald. Allen, Dowlan, O'Connor, Grace, Bell, Ringwald, Cornish, Griggs, Brennan, Minea, Mr. President—11.

Also,

Steam Fire Alarm Whistle—

A communication accompanied by propositions for the running of a steam fire alarm whistle, as follows:

John Wann, for running whistle per year, $150. H. P. Hall for running whistle per year, $52. The Chief Engineer recommends that the proposition of H. P. Hall be accepted.

Referred to committee on Fire Department.

REPORT OF BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS.

Maria Avenue grading—

To the Common Council of the City of St. Paul:

The Board of Public Works have had under consideration the resolution or order of the Common Council, approved May 8th, 1880, relative to the grading of Maria avenue, from North to Cherry street, and having investigated the proposed improvement, respectfully report that said improvement is necessary and proper, that the estimated expense thereof is ten thousand and fifty ($10,050) dollars, one-half of which should be paid into the City Treasury before the contract is let; that real estate to be assessed therefor can be found benefited to the extent of the damages, costs and expenses necessary to be incurred thereby; that said improvement is not asked for by a petition of a majority of the owners of property to be assessed therefor, and we herewith send a plan of profile of said improvement, and an order for your adoption, if you desire us to make the improvement.

GEO. L. BECKER, President.

R. L. GORMAN, Clerk Board of Public Works.

July 20, 1880.

Adopted. (See order to Board of Public Works.)

Also,

Sewers in the Fifth Ward north of Grove street—

The Board present a report with plan or profile and an order for adoption by the Council for the construction of sewers on Neill, Eighth, Ninth and other streets.

Referred to Aldermen of Fifth Ward and Committee on Streets.

Also,

Sidewalks—

The Board transmit two communications, addressed to said Board by the City Engineer, in regard to defective sidewalks.

Referred to Committee on Streets.

Also,

Claim—

The Board transmit the following claim, viz.: I. Staples, $367.76.

Referred to Committee on Claims.

[See report of Board of Public Works under head of reports of standing committees.]

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Of Committee of Ways and Means—Committee on Fire Department report—

To the Honorable the President and Common Council of the City of St. Paul.

GENTLEMEN: The Committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred the report of the Committee on the Fire Department of date July 6th, 1880, respectfully report that the Committee on Fire Department be authorized to purchase the 2,000 feet of Fire Hose and two Suctions as recommended by said report.

That the force of each Hose Company be increased one man; that of the Hook and Ladder Company be increased two men; the appointments of the additional men as aforesaid to date from the 1st day of August next.

That the foreman of each Hose and the Hook and Ladder Company receive the same compensation as the drivers of steamers, in consideration of full time service.

That the Chief of Police cause all signs and obstructions extending over and across the streets and sidewalks of the city to be removed without delay.

That the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department cause a steam whistle to be placed on some manufacturing building as recommended by said Fire Department Committee.

As to the purchase of the Fire Alarm boxes and cisterns, your Committee will ascertain the cost, and hereafter, in making up the tax levy for the year, will have the amount added, after which steps may be taken for their purchase.

C. W. GRIGGS, Chairman.

July 20, 1880.

Adopted.

Yeas—Ald. Allen, O'Connor, Grace, Bell, Ringwald, Cornish, Griggs, Brennan, Minea, Mr. President—10.

Nays—Ald. Dowlan—1.

Also,

Humphrey erroneous assessment—

Committee on Ways and Means report by resolution on the petition of J. K. Humphrey, in regard to assessment for damages in opening Como avenue.

Adopted. (See resolution.)

Of Committee on Streets, Sewers and Bridges—Sewer on Minnesota and Eleventh streets—

The Committee on Streets, Sewers and Bridges to whom the following report of the Board of Public Works was referred, report in favor of the passage of the order for the construction of the sewers, named therein.

The following is the report of the Board of Public Works in the matter.

To the Common Council of the City of St. Paul:

The Board of Public Works have had under consideration the resolution or order of the Common Council, approved June 16, 1880, relative to the construction of a sewer on Minnesota street from center of Eleventh street to a connection with the Minnesota street sewer as now completed, and on Eleventh street, from a point fifty feet east of Cedar street to a connection with the Minnesota street sewer, and having investigated the proposed improvement respectfully report that said improvement is necessary and proper, that the estimated expense thereof is $2,700, one-half of which should not be paid into the City Treasury before the contract is let, the same being necessary for sanitary reasons; that real estate to be assessed therefor can be found benefited to the extent of the damages, costs and expenses necessary to be incurred thereby; that said improvement is not asked for by a petition of a majority of the owners of property to be assessed therefor, but we herewith send a plan of profile of said improvement, and an order for your adoption, if you desire us to make the improvement.

Yeas 2, nays 0.

GEO. L. BECKER, President.

R. L. GORMAN, Clerk of Board of Public Works.

June 28, 1880.

Adopted. (See order to Board of Public Works.)

Also,

DeBow street Grading—

To the Honorable the President and the Common Council of the City of St. Paul.

GENTLEMEN: The Committee on Streets, Sewers and Bridges, to whom was referred the petition of J. W. Cooper and several other property owners on DeBow street asking to have DeBow street from Olmstead street to Williams street graded, respectfully report,

That after having examined a map of said street, your committee came to the unanimous conclusion that before said street was ordered graded it should be ordered widened and straightened at the north-east corner of block one (1), Shurmeier's addition, as indicated on a map made by the City Engineer and herewith submitted. Your committee recommend that the grading be postponed until after said street shall have been opened and widened as indicated.

Your committee submit herewith a preliminary order to the Board of Public Works for the widening and straightening of DeBow street.

JOHN DOWLAN, Chairman.

July 20, 1880.

Adopted. (See order to Board of Public Works to investigate and report.)

Also,

Change of grade, College avenue and St. Peter street—

The committee present the papers in communication therewith, and state that they have requested the City Engineer to report a compromise grade.

Accepted and the papers recommitted.

Of Committee on Police—

On Printing Annual Report of Chief of Police.

To the Honorable, the President and Common Council of the City of St. Paul.

GENTLEMEN: The Committee on Police, to whom the report of the Chief of Police for the year ending April 30, 1880, was referred, respectfully report that your Committee are of the opinion that it should be printed in the official proceedings of the Common Council, and that one hundred copies be printed in pamphlet form for exchange with other cities,

Very respectfully, JOHN DOWLAN, Chairman Committee of Police.

Adopted.

Yeas—Ald. Allen, Dowlan, O'Connor, Grace, Bell, Ringwald, Cornish, Griggs, Brennan, Minea, Mr. President—11.

Of Committee on Public Buildings and City Attorney—On Jno. Beyer petition—

The Committee report adverse to the request of the petitioner for the reason that the place where the petitioner desires to erect a building, is on one of the public streets of the city, and the Common Council have no authority to grant permits for the use of streets for any such purpose. JNO. O'CONNOR, Chairman Committee on Public Buildings, W. P. MURRAY, City Attorney.

Adopted.

Of Committee on Public Accounts—On reports of officers—

The Committee on Public Accounts to whom were refer