LVTH CONGRESS CONTESTS.

TESTIMONY ALREADY RECEIVED BY THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE.

A TYPICAL CASE FROM ONE OF THE ALABAMA "SHOESTRING" DISTRICTS—HOW DEMOCRATIC MAJORITIES ARE ROLLED UP DOWN THERE—STARTLING DEVELOPMENTS PROMISED.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

Washington, Feb. 20.—The Clerk of the House of Representatives has already begun to receive batches of testimony in some of the contested election cases that will be brought before that body for its decision in the LVth Congress. One of the cases in regard to which some testimony has already been filed with Clerk McDowell is that of Aldrich (Rep.) against Plowman (Dem.), of the IVth Alabama District. This is a district with a political history which, for a period of twenty years or more, has been chiefly distinguished by election frauds, followed by contested election cases in the House of Representatives. After the Democratic party obtained control of Alabama in 1874 the State was redistricted, and all the stronger Republican counties were thrown into the IVth District in order to make the other Congress districts reasonably safe for the Democrats. This IVth District was composed of a tier of counties in the southern-central portion of the State, known as the "Black Belt." This name was bestowed upon it for two reasons: First, because the lands of that portion of the State are of a rich, black loam, especially suited to the production of cotton; and second, because, cotton being the staple product, the land was held before the war in large plantations, upon which there were from 200 to 600 slaves, and accordingly the population of these counties was and is more than three-fourths black.

But after awhile the Alabama Democrats, like their brethren in other States, became greedy, and concluded that they could so gerrymander the State as to prevent the Republicans from electing a single Congressman. It had been tacitly agreed that the Democrats should control the local and county offices in all the counties composing the IVth District, but that the Republicans, having a majority of more than 20,000 voters in the district, should have the Congressman. This was lived up to for several years, the district being two or three times represented in Congress by a colored man. In the gerrymander a lot of "shoestring" districts were created, by which one or two black counties were tacked on to a number of white counties, thus, as the Democrats believed, making it impossible for the Republicans to elect a single Congressman from the State.

The IVth District, as at present constituted, consists of the counties of Calhoun, Cleburne, Chilton, Shelby, Talladega and Dallas, the first five named being what are known locally as "white" counties, and Dallas, whose county seat is Selma, a strong "black" county, in the very centre of the "Black Belt." This district is a splendid specimen of a "shoestring" district, starting in with Cleburne County, away up in the northeast part of the State, and trailing down to Dallas County, in the southwest, the district extending two-thirds of the distance across the State east and west and over one-half the distance across the State north and south, and at no point exceeding forty miles in width, while its total length is nearly 200 miles.

A THEORY THAT DIDN'T WORK.

In adopting this gerrymander, the argument was used that the white vote would thus outnumber the colored vote, and Democratic supremacy should readily be maintained without having to resort to "shotgun" or "tissue-ballot" methods. While that was true in theory, it has not worked well in practice. Beginning with 1890, hundreds and even thousands of the white men of Alabama and of the IVth Congress District, who had previous to that time allied themselves with the Democratic party, became tired of "brass-collar" rule and the frauds and the infamy of the old Bourbon Democracy and broke away, allying themselves with the People's party. Finding themselves left with a minority of the white vote, the Democratic party adopted a new plan to carry the district, this plan being to count the Republican votes in the "black counties" as though cast for the Democratic candidate.

For instance, in the contest of Mr. Aldrich against Mr. Robbins for the seat in the present Congress, **the returns showed that Mr. Aldrich received a majority in every one of the five white counties, while** Dallas County, which was honestly Republican by several thousand majority, rolled up such a big "majority" for Mr. Robbins, according to the official returns, that it completely overcame Aldrich's majority given by the white counties. So outrageous and glaring were the frauds in this case that even the Democratic members of the Elections Committee of the House in discussing the case in the House of Representatives admitted that over 3,000 fraudulent votes had been counted for Mr. Robbins.

So it will be shown again in the contest which Mr. Aldrich is making against Mr. Plowman, his Democratic opponent, who received the certificate of election on the face of the returns. Mr. Aldrich goes down to Dallas County, which is the Republican stronghold of the district, with a good, safe majority on the face of the returns from the other five counties, but Mr. Plowman receives a sufficient majority from Dallas County to overcome Aldrich's majority received in the rest of the district, and thus is certified as being the duly elected Representative in Congress from the IVth District.

GLARING FRAUDS SHOWN.

A large amount of the testimony taken in Mr. Aldrich's behalf has already been filed. Testimony from two other counties will soon be filed, which, it is said, contains more startling developments than are set forth in testimony from Dallas County. It is shown in this testimony, however, that not only were dead men and non-residents voted, but that in many precincts the returns showed a larger vote for Plowman than there were ballots cast in the precinct. For instance, in the testimony of William J. Gilmer, the chairman of the People's Party Executive Committee of Dallas County, it is shown that the name No. 269 on the poll list of Union Precinct No. 23 of that county was that of Nathan Lewis, a colored man, who had died on July 3, 1896, yet he is recorded as having voted on November 3, 1896. Mr. Gilmer, when asked how he knew that Lewis was dead at the time of the election, said: "Because I was doing business for him and had him to bury. I have a receipt for his coffin, and have it with me now."

In Summerfield Precinct the vote returned was 78 for Plowman and 20 for Aldrich, a total of 98. L. W. Mason, himself a Democrat, testified that he was at the polling-place all day, and that only thirty white men, and not over forty colored men, entered the polling-place. Mr. Mason was asked if he knew N. G. Barker, a white man in that precinct, whose name appears at No. 86 on the certified copy of the poll-list, and, if so, to state whether Barker was living or dead. His answer was: "I do not know of but one N. G. Barker, and he has been dead about five or six years."

"What was his Christian name?"

"Norwood G. Barker."

"Are you well acquainted with the Barker family in that precinct?"

"I have been knowing them all my life."

Union Precinct showed on the returns 244 for Plowman and 32 for Aldrich, while John P. Logan and Edward Gilmer, watchers at the precinct, testified that only thirty-one colored and about twenty-five white voters entered the polling-place on Election Day.

Frank Jackson, the Republican inspector at Mitchell's Beat No. 35, in Dallas County, testified that Mr. Marshall, one of the Democratic inspectors, tore up about eighty of the ballots that were cast for Aldrich, but did not tear up any that were cast for Plowman. Richard Minter, who was the official marker to mark ballots for illiterate voters at River Precinct No. 10, testified that he marked between 130 and 140 ballots on Election Day for Mr. Aldrich, and yet the returns from that precinct show 188 votes for Plowman and only 97 for Aldrich.

VOTING ON DEAD MEN'S NAMES.

A. Douglas, who was the Republican election manager at Pleasant Hill Precinct and who has helped to hold elections there for more than twenty years, testified that forty-four colored men whose names appear upon the certified poll list as having voted did not appear at the polling-place at all that day. He was asked:

"Did you know Anderson Vassar and William Hunter? If so, state whether or not they went into that polling-place that day."

"They are both dead. I knew them when they were alive, and I helped dig the grave for old man William Hunter, and helped put him in the ground. I think old man William Hunter has been dead mighty nigh five years. Anderson Vassar went to Liberia about twenty years ago, and died there."

E. M. Riley testified that he was present at the voting place in Old Town Precinct during the whole time of the election, and counted every man that went into the polling place that day, including the election officers, and that only sixty-three entered. The vote returned, however, was 134 for Plowman and 7 for Aldrich.

In the city of Selma subpoenas were issued by the Commissioner before whom the testimony was taken for seventy-seven witnesses whose names appeared upon the polling list as having voted on November 3. These subpoenas were given to a Democratic constable to serve, and he made a sworn statement before the Commissioner showing that out of the seventy-seven he was able to find no more than three; that one was sick in bed; that he had information that six others had been in the city at one time, and, granting that ten should be produced, the other sixty-seven were fictitious characters, unknown in the community.

The proprietor of the Albert Hotel, in the city of Selma, was directed to bring his hotel register before the Commissioner, and his register showed the following names, with residence on the dates given: November 1—J. J. Williams, Liverpool, England. November 2—Claude N. Jones, Louisville, Ky. November 3—Irby Morgan, Baltimore. The hotel proprietor was then asked to look at a certified copy of the poll list for City Precinct No. 26 and state what names appeared at Nos. 557, 704 and 890, respectively. His answer was: "At No. 557, Irby Morgan; No. 704, Claude Jones; No. 890, J. J. Williams."

It is further shown by a large mass of testimony that Democrats who had only moved into the State a few months pervious to the election registered and voted on Election Day in direct violation of the laws, which require one year's residence in the State.

REPUDIATED ONCE BY HIS OWN PARTY.

But this is not the first time that Mr. Plowman has endeavored to profit by frauds upon the ballot. Under the title, "There is Danger Ahead," "The Selma Times" of October 9, 1894, when Mr. Plowman was first nominated for Congress and compelled to withdraw because of the manner in which he secured that nomination, said:

"'The Times' is Democratic, warp, woof and filling. It believes that the principles of Democracy are eternal and will not die. It believes that the faults, follies, the vices of the white man's party are preferable to the virtues, the best intentions and wisest capabilities of the black man's party in the South. A primary election, so-called, to nominate a Democratic candidate for Congress in this district, has just been held. The frauds in that election were patent, gross, palpable and indefensible. The nominee's best friend dares not try to defend them on the stump; the parties most devoted adherent is powerless to condone them on the hustings. The means by which Mr. Plowman was nominated are not irregularities—they are the preconcerted, predetermined, preconceived, prearranged plans to nominate a certain candidate at every hazard, and without regard to the party's good. We appeal to party authority to save the Democracy of this district from a danger more imminent than has threatened it in many long years. We hoist no name at our masthead. We wish we could do so without the blush of shame. We await Mr. Plowman's decision. We are listening for the party's command."

The result of this declaration by "The Times" and of the attitude of other fair-minded Democrats of the district was the withdrawal of Mr. Plowman as the candidate for Congress and the substitution of Mr. Robbins. But the frauds on the ballot thus inaugurated by the Democratic workers of that district again bore fruit in the November election, and Mr. Robbins was returned as having received a majority of the votes cast. So it was again in the election last November, wherein Mr. Plowman is certified as having been legally elected.

General Sherman, as far back as 1880, pointed out the fact that the continued recurrence of Democratic frauds at elections would eventually react upon those who committed them. General Longstreet, enunciated the same truths in a public address in Georgia a few years ago, and it has been clearly shown that these men spoke wisely. A case in point is the recent election in the XIth District of Tennessee. Josiah Patterson, than whom no more loyal and consistent Democrat ever lived, was defrauded of his certificate of election by the very methods which he himself defended no less than eight years ago, and he is now a contestant for a seat in the next House of Representatives.

CHANGES IN THE GAME LAW.

AMENDMENTS PROPOSED BY THE STATE FISH AND GAME PROTECTORS.

Albany, Feb. 20.—The forty fish and game protectors in the employ of the State Fisheries, Game and Forestry Commission have just ended a session of several days' duration. The meeting was called to discuss the best means for forest preservation and the protection of fish and game in the State. The following suggested amendments to the Fish and Game law were approved by the protectors, and the Fisheries, Game and Forestry Commission will be asked to cause the amendments to be introduced in the Legislature:

That no device except angling shall be used for the capture of any fish in New-York and Raritan bays, nor in any of the waters of the State adjacent to the county of Richmond or the county of Kings, except that shad may be taken by shad nets between March 15 and June 15.

That deer shall not be hunted with a dog for five years from June 1, 1897.

That all transportation companies must keep books showing the receipt and delivery of such packages of fish and game as they may handle, and dealers shall keep books showing the number of game fish, birds and animals received, sold or delivered, and must at all times permit any protector to examine the same.

That the laws relating to the shipping of woodcock and partridges be amended to provide that no person or persons of the same hunting party shall be allowed to carry a greater number than fifteen birds at any one time in a private or public conveyance or common carrier.

That the season of brook trout shall close on July 15 in the southern-tier counties and in Wyoming County.

That no black bass shall be taken from any waters of this State between October 15 and June 30, nor in the open season between 9 p. m. and sunrise.

That a uniform date shall be made for the opening and closing of the season for partridge, squirrels, hares, rabbits and woodcock.

That muskallonge shall not be fished for, except from June 15 to December 15.

Prohibiting the use of snares or traps of any kind for the catching of hares and rabbits.

Entirely prohibiting the killing of deer in Sullivan County, as well as the other counties in the Catskill Park region, and in the counties of Otsego, Albany, Schoharie, Broome, Chenango, Rockland and Orange.

That every person killing deer in the State shall report the same to the Town Supervisor where the deer is killed within ten days.

That no person shall catch or take from any of the inland waters of the State in any one season more than forty pounds of brook trout, brown trout, rainbow trout, land-locked salmon or lake trout, the section relating to lake trout to apply only to the counties of Herkimer, Hamilton, Fulton, Warren, Franklin, St. Lawrence, Essex and Clinton.

The following resolution was adopted:

"Resolved, That our personal observation of the condition of the forests in Northern New-York and the extensive timber-cutting now carried on there by the lumbermen and pulp-wood operators leads us to firmly believe that, unless the State acquires immediate ownership of that region, these lands will cease to be of value as a reservoir for water supply, and that the thinning out and removal of the woods must result in the gradual extinction of game and disappearance of fish from our lakes and streams."

MEETINGS AND ENTERTAINMENTS.

Lectures are to be given at Teachers' College, on Morningside Heights, at 2 p. m. to-morrow and next Tuesday, by Miss Minnie Glidden, of Pratt Institute, upon her extensions to the Froebel gifts.

A large and enthusiastic meeting of the Retail Dealers' Board of Trade was held yesterday morning, at No. 241 Fifth-ave., and resulted in permanent organization being effected. The following were elected officers for the ensuing year: C. C. Shayne, president; J. A. Heckman, vice-president; Thomas O'Denny, secretary, and William H. Lent, treasurer. The organization is composed of manufacturers and dealers in wearing apparel and other personal effects.

The midwinter dinner of the Marine and Field Club will be held next Saturday evening at the Manhattan Hotel, Forty-second-st. and Madison-ave. The Transportation Club has courteously tendered the entire use of its rooms for that evening, and the dinner promises to be largely attended.

The Omega Chapter of the fraternity of Phi Gamma Delta will celebrate its thirty-first anniversary by a dinner at the Hotel Savoy on March 12. Among the invited guests are General Lew Wallace, John Clarke Ridpath, Senator-elect Charles W. Fairbanks, Charles W. Dabney, Assistant Secretary of Agriculture; Leon J. Benoit, of the Cuban Junta, and Eugene L. Bush.

The Rev. Dr. Wilton Merle Smith will deliver an address on the work of the Look-Out Committee on Thursday, at 8 p. m., in the Second Church of the Disciples, East One-hundred-and-sixty-ninth-st. and Franklin-ave., under the auspices of the Look-Out Committee of the Sixth District Local Union Y. P. S. C. E.

The allied political clubs, which met on January 8 and appointed a committee to draft a bill for the prevention of frauds at primaries, will meet again on Tuesday evening at the rooms of the Yorkville Republican Club, No. 1,319 Lexington-ave., to hear the report of the committee.

The first meeting of the Women's Auxiliary of the University Settlement Society will be held Wednesday at 2:30 p. m. at the house of Mrs. Alfred L. Loomis, No. 19 West Thirty-fourth-st. The general plan of work will be discussed and committees announced.

The County Medical Society, No. 17 West Forty-third-st., meets to-morrow at 8 p. m. to hear a paper by Dr. William Osler, on "The Diagnosis of Malaria."

At the request of many members, a meeting of the Reform Club has been called for 8 p. m. on Thursday, to consider the arbitration treaty.

A benefit performance will be given at the Academy of Music this evening by the Foresters' League of America, in aid of its benevolent fund. A number of well-known vaudeville actors are to appear.

Mrs. Esther J. Ruskay will speak on "Some Aspects of Present-Day Judaism" before the Young Men's Hebrew Association on Thursday, at 8 p. m., in the vestry-rooms of Temple Israel, One-hundred-and-twenty-fifth-st. and Fifth-ave.

The Rev. Dr. Newland Maynard will deliver the second parlor illustrated matinee lecture, at Mrs. H. L. Horton's, No. 144 West Fifty-seventh-st., next Tuesday morning, at 11 o'clock. His subject will be "The South of France."

Emanuel Lodge, No. 654, F. and A. M., will give a complimentary reception to-morrow evening in the Commandery Room of the Masonic Temple, Twenty-third-st. and Sixth-ave.

CHARGED WITH INFANTICIDE.

James Mulligan, forty years old, of No. 3 Mott's Lane, was locked up in the West Forty-seventh-st. police station last night, charged with having caused the death of his one-day-old baby. He had been drinking for some time. He went home Friday night in an angry mood, and threw a pan of ashes over his sick wife and the baby. The child died yesterday morning, from the effects of the ashes, it is supposed.

SMOKER AT THE TRANSPORTATION CLUB.

The Transportation Club held its first smoker last evening. Judging from the number of members who attended and the enjoyment derived, the meeting will not be the last. The handsome rooms of the club, on the top floor of the Manhattan Hotel Building, were decorated for the occasion, and there was a plentiful supply of pipes and the other accessories necessary to a successful gathering of the kind. A vaudeville programme was given, and it was late before the guests left the club. The committee in charge of the smoker was composed of Edwin Hollis Low, Charles A. Seymour, George W. Porter, Rufus L. MacDuffie, Clarence Morgan, George R. Bidwell, Daniel W. Tears, George Debevoise and Marshall L. Bacon.

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PUBLIC NOTICE.

Office of the Clerk of the Common Council, Room 8, City Hall, New-York City.
February 17, 1897.

Pursuant to directions given me in the following resolution, which was adopted by the Common Council February 9th, 1897, and approved by the Mayor February 13th, 1897, viz:

Resolved, That Monday, March 22, 1897, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, at the Chamber of the Board of Aldermen, be and they hereby are designated as the time and place when and where the application of the Forty-second Street, Manhattanville and St. Nicholas Avenue Railway Company to the Common Council of the City of New York for its consent and permission to the construction, maintenance and operation by the said petitioner of the street-surface railroad extensions or branches mentioned in the petition of said company for such consent and permission through, along and upon the surface of Kingsbridge road, or Broadway, and other streets, avenues, boulevards and highways set forth in said petition, and therein designated, will be first considered; and that public notice be given by the Clerk of this Board by publishing the same daily for at least fourteen days in two daily newspapers published in the City of New York, to be designated therefor by his Honor the Mayor, according to the provisions of section 92 of the Railroad Law, as amended, such advertising to be at the expense of the said petitioner.

Public notice is hereby given that at the time and place mentioned in the resolution the following application of the Forty-second Street, Manhattanville and St. Nicholas Avenue Railway Company will be considered, as is required by the provisions of the Railroad Law.

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

The petition of the Forty-second Street, Manhattanville and St. Nicholas Avenue Railway Company respectfully shows:

That said railroad company is a corporation organized under the laws of the State of New York, and for many years owning and operating a street surface railroad on Forty-second street, from the Hudson river to East river, and to Thirty-fourth Street Ferry, and upon Tenth avenue, the Boulevard and Manhattan street to Fort Lee Ferry, and also upon St. Nicholas avenue, from Manhattan street to One Hundred and Tenth street, and along One Hundred and Tenth street to the easterly terminus thereof. That said company also transfers passengers with the Third Avenue Railroad Company, and also with the Second Avenue Railroad Company at One Hundred and Tenth street, and at Forty-second street, thereby enabling passengers, by means of these two great railroad lines of the east side of the city, to reach the Grand Central Depot and the central and upper western portions of the city, and to the Fort Lee Ferry at One Hundred and Thirtieth street, by one continuous ride, if so desired, from the City Hall and from Fulton and Peck Slip ferries.

The said company proposes to extend its system by constructing a railroad, as branches or extensions of its present line, through, upon and along the following streets, avenues, roads and highways, as follows:

Commencing at the intersection of Manhattan street and the Eleventh avenue, or Boulevard, and there connecting by suitable curves, switches and appliances with the company's existing railroad on Manhattan street; running thence northerly, with double tracks, through, upon and along the said Boulevard to the Kingsbridge road, or Broadway; thence through, upon and along the Kingsbridge road, or Broadway, to and across the bridge over the ship canal; thence through, upon and along the Kingsbridge Road, or Broadway; from the bridge over the ship canal to and across the bridge or proposed new bridge over Spuyten Duyvil creek at Broadway; thence northerly from said bridge over Spuyten Duyvil creek at Broadway through, upon and along Broadway to the city line.

Also from the junction of the Kingsbridge road, or Broadway, and Riverdale avenue, running thence northwesterly and northerly through, upon and along Riverdale avenue to the city line.

Also from the intersection of the Boulevard and the Kingsbridge road, or Broadway, at or near West One Hundred and Sixty-ninth street, through, upon and along the said Kingsbridge road, or Broadway, to its junction with Amsterdam avenue, at or near West One Hundred and Sixty-second street.

Also from the intersection of the Eleventh avenue, or the Boulevard, and the Kingsbridge road, at or near One Hundred and Sixty-ninth street, running thence northerly through, upon and along the Eleventh avenue to Naegle avenue; thence through, upon and along said Naegle avenue to its intersection with Academy street; thence northwesterly through, along and upon Academy street to the Kingsbridge road, there to connect by suitable curves, switches and appliances with the said proposed railroad upon Kingsbridge road.

That said proposed extensions will supply much needed facilities for public travel and intercommunication between widely separated portions of the city, and will also give a new impetus and encouragement to the development of an important section thereof, the proper growth of which has been retarded by the want of railroad accommodation.

That the said railroad on said branches or extensions is to form a part of its present railroad, and be operated in connection therewith, so as to give a passenger for a single fare of five cents one continuous ride over and upon said existing railroad of the company and said extensions or branches.

That the length of said railroad on said proposed branches or extensions is twelve and one-half miles, or thereabouts, and the same is to be operated by animal power, cable or electric motive power, or by any other power other than locomotive steam power which the same company may be lawfully authorized to use.

Therefore your petitioner prays that the Common Council of the City of New York may grant its consent and permission to said company to extend its existing railroad tracks and construct, maintain and operate an extension or branches of the railroad of said company in the City of New York upon the streets, avenues and highways above mentioned, together with all necessary connections, turnouts, sidings and switches necessary for the proper working and accommodation of the cars to be run over such extension or branches in connection with the present existing railroad of said company.

Dated New York, January 29, 1897.

(Seal.) THE FORTY-SECOND STREET, MANHATTANVILLE AND ST. NICHOLAS AVENUE RAILWAY COMPANY, by ALBERT J. ELIAS, President.

State of New York, City and County of New York, ss.:

Albert J. Elias, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is the President of the Forty-second Street, Manhattanville and St. Nicholas Avenue Railway Company, the petitioner named in the foregoing petition; that he has read the foregoing petition by him subscribed, and knows the contents thereof; that the same is true to the knowledge of the deponent, except as to those matters stated to be alleged on information and belief, and as to those matters he believes it to be true; and, further, that he signed said petition as President of said company, and affixed the corporate seal of said company thereto by the like authority.

ALBERT J. ELIAS.

Sworn to before me, this 8th day of February, 1897.

JOHN BROLLES,
Notary Public, N. Y. Co., No. 110.

State of New-York, City and County of New-York, ss.:

Albert J. Elias, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is the President of the Forty-second Street, Manhattanville and St. Nicholas Avenue Railway Company, the petitioner named in the foregoing petition by him subscribed, and knows the contents thereof; that the same is true to the knowledge of the deponent, except as to the matters therein stated to be alleged on information and belief, and as to those matters he believes it to be true; and, further, that he signed said petition as President of said company, and affixed the corporate seal of said company thereto by the like authority.

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Sworn to before me, this 8th day of February, 1897.

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All persons interested in the foregoing application are hereby notified to be present at the time and place mentioned in said resolution.

WM. H. TEN EYCK,
Clerk of the Common Council.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Office of the Clerk of the Common Council, Room 8, City Hall, New-York City.
February 19th, 1897.

Pursuant to directions given me in the following resolution, which was adopted by the Common Council February 9th, 1897, and approved by the Mayor February 13th, 1897, viz:

Resolved, That Monday, the 22d day of March, 1897, at 2 P. M. o'clock in the afternoon, and the Chamber of the Board of Aldermen, be and they are hereby designated as the time and place when and where the application of the Third Avenue Railroad Company and the Forty-second Street, Manhattanville and St. Nicholas Avenue Railway Company to the Common Council of the City of New-York for its consent and permission for the construction, maintenance and operation by the said petitioning companies of the extension and connection between their respective lines of street surface railroad, as in their said petition particularly recited, they the said petitioning companies desiring to unite, as provided in Section 93, as amended, of the Railroad law, their two said street surface street railroads, in the city of New-York, in manner and form as set forth in their said petition, and to the construction and operation by the said petitioners of the said extension and