MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS.

Board of Aldermen.

OFFICIAL.

STATED SESSION—JAN. 22—1 P. M.

Present—John T. Henry, Esq., President; Aldermen Fox, Jones, McMahon, McCool, Chipp, McKnight, Ryers, Jeremiah, Hardy, Kelly and Ottiwell—13.

Report of Committee on Repairs and Supplies in favor of adopting resolution that the Comptroller be directed to lease the upper floors of the building Nos. 115 and 117 Nassau street, for a term of ten years for the accommodation of the First District Court, at the annual rental of three thousand dollars.

Which was adopted by the following vote, viz:—

Affirmative—Aldermen Fox, Jones, the President, McMahon, McCool, Chipp, McKnight, Ryers, Jeremiah, Hardy, Kelly, Masterson, Ottiwell, Farley and Long—15.

Resolution by Board of Councilmen that the Comptroller be directed to draw his warrant in favor of George Schiebel and J. Stewart, each for the amount charged for services rendered at the funeral of Brigadier General Michael Corcoran (as will be seen from the annexed bill), and charge the same to its appropriate account.

STATEMENT OF BILLS.

George Scheibel, music, &c., for Father Matthew's United Benevolent Total Abstinence Society, New York, on occasion of funeral of Brigadier General Michael Corcoran $152 00

Father Matthew Temperance Society of South Brooklyn, for music, &c., on occasion of funeral of Brigadier General Michael Corcoran 145 00

Total $297 00

Which was lost by the following vote, viz:—

Affirmative—Aldermen Fox, Jones, the President, McMahon, McCool, Chipp, McKnight, Ryers, Jeremiah, Hardy, Kelly, Masterson and Ottiwell—13.

Resolution of Board of Councilmen that the Comptroller be directed to draw his warrant in favor of the annexed bill of E. Van Ranst, for carriages furnished on the occasion of the funeral of Brigadier General Corcoran, and charge the same to its appropriate account.

STATEMENT OF BILL.

E. Van Ranst, carriages furnished for funeral of General M. Corcoran $282 50

Which was lost by the following vote, viz.:—

Affirmative—Aldermen Fox, the President, McCool, Chipp, McKnight, Ryers, Jeremiah, Hardy, Kelly and Masterson—10.

Negative—Aldermen McMahon and Ottiwell—2.

Subsequently reconsidered and laid over.

Resolution of Board of Councilmen that the Comptroller be directed to draw his warrant in favor of W. Carroll for the sum of $1,106 25, for funeral expenses of Brigadier General Corcoran and Col. T. O'Meara, as per annexed bill, and charge the same to its appropriate account:—

W. Carroll, for articles furnished for funeral of Colonel T. O'Meara $422 50

W. Carroll, for articles furnished for funeral of Brigadier General M. Corcoran 683 75

Total $1,106 25

Which was referred to Committee on Finance.

Resolution of Board of Councilmen that the Comptroller be directed to draw his warrant in favor of the annexed bill of Conklin and Butts, for carriages furnished on the occasion of the funeral of Brigadier General Corcoran, and charge the same to its appropriate account.

STATEMENT OF BILL.

George W. Butts and R. Conklin, for carriages furnished for funeral of Brigadier General Corcoran, six hundred and eighteen dollars and fifty cents.

Which was laid over.

PAPERS FROM BOARD OF COUNCILMEN.

Bill of John Reddy, amounting to ten dollars, for fitting up poll of Sixth election district, Twenty-second ward.

(By Board of Councilmen ordered to be paid.)

Which was concurred in.

Resolution that the name of Robert Wakeman, in the list of commissioners of deeds, recently appointed, be altered to read Robert Wakefield.

Which was concurred in.

Resolution that permission be given to John Gorman to exhibit goods in front of his premises, No. 7 Catherine street, the same to remain only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Which was concurred in.

Report of Committee on Fire Department, with resolution that a portion of the house now occupied by the Exempt Engine Company be set apart as a wood and coal depot for the supply of stoves in engine houses doing duty in the Seventh and Eighth districts.

Which was referred to the Committee on Fire Department.

Resolution that the Comptroller be directed to procure a temporary location for Lafayette Engine Company No. 19, during the time that their present house is in process of repair; such temporary location to be within the district in which they are now doing duty.

Which was referred to the Committee on Fire Department.

Resolution that the Comptroller be directed to draw his warrant in favor of W. Carroll, for the sum of two hundred and eighty dollars, for burial expenses of John F. Culligan, late messenger of the Board of Councilmen, as per accompanying bill.

Which was laid over.

Bill of A. T. Stewart & Co., amounting to $192 20, for articles furnished for the funeral of General Corcoran.

(By Board of Councilmen ordered to be paid.)

Which was laid over.

On motion Board adjourned, and the President announced that it stood adjourned to meet on next Tuesday, the 26th instant, at two o'clock P. M.

D. T. VALENTINE, Clerk.

STATED SESSION—TUESDAY, Jan. 26, 1864, Two o'Clock P. M.

Present—John T. Henry, Esq., President, and the following members:—

Aldermen Fox, Jones, McMahon, McCool, Shannon, Chipp, McKnight, Ryers, Jeremiah, Hardy, Masterson, Ottiwell, Farley and Long—15.

The minutes of the last two meetings were read and approved.

PETITIONS.

By Alderman CHIPP—

Petition of the Trustees of the Leake and Watts Orphan House, for an appropriation sufficient to pay the assessment on their grounds for the extension of the Central Park, &c.

Whereupon Alderman CHIPP presented the following resolution:—

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized and directed to draw his warrant in favor of John T. Hoffman, President of the Trustees of the Leake & Watts Orphan House, in the city of New York, for six thousand four hundred and fifty dollars and forty cents ($6,450 40) to be by him applied to the payment and release in full of the assessment, and interest thereon, on the grounds of the said Orphan House for the extension of the Central Park, with the interest due at the time of such payment on said assessment; and then to pay to the said trustees, or their treasurer, the sum of $1,185, paid by them to release former assessments for the Central Park, as appears from the books in said Comptroller's office, and that the Comptroller be and he is further authorized and directed to charge the sums so paid to the account of Donations.

Which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

By Alderman GAYNOR—

Petition of the Twenty third street Calvary Baptist church to be relieved from an assessment.

Which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

By Alderman FOX—

Petition of Gardner G. Yevin, Jesse Oakley, Storm, Smith & Co., Stokes, Tale & Macfarlane, J. Gould & Sons, Adrance, Platt & Co., H. V. Bush, N. A. Knapp, Terhune & Edwards, and other owners of property and merchants in Vesey, Fulton, Dey and Cortlandt streets, for the extension of Church street to Morris street.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets.

By Alderman FARLEY—

Resignation of Carleton M. Herrick as Commissioner of Deeds.

Which was accepted.

Whereupon Alderman FARLEY presented the following resolution:—

Resolved, That Elias J. Patterson be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the city and county of New York, to fill vacancy caused by the resignation of Carle on M. Herrick.

Which was adopted.

By the PRESIDENT—

Petition of the members of the Yorkville Baptist church for a lot of ground.

Which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

By Alderman HARDY—

Petition of Thomas C. Treadwell & Co. and others, owners and occupants of stores on Broadway, for the opening of Church street to Morris street and widening Trinity place.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets.

INVITATION.

Invitation from the Mutual Base Ball Club to attend their first annual invitation ball at the City Assembly Rooms.

Which was accepted.

RESOLUTIONS.

By Alderman FARLEY—

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized and directed to draw his warrant in favor of Charles Paulen and William S. Lyons, for the sum of $10 each, for services rendered to the Committee on Russian Reception, and charge the same to the account of City Contingencies.

Which was laid over.

By Alderman RYERS—

Resolved, That the vacant lots on the northeast corner of Twenty fifth street and Ninth avenue be fenced in under the direction of the Street Commissioner.

Which was referred to the Committee on Public Health.

By Alderman MASTERSON—

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized and directed to draw his warrant in favor of John M. Helsse (assignee) for the sum of one hundred and forty-six dollars, being the amount for excess of Inspector's fees on the work for building a house for the use of Hook and Ladder Company No. 9, in Twenty-eighth street, between Second and Third avenues, and charge the same to its appropriate account.

Which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

By Alderman McKNIGHT—

Resolved, That the Croton Aqueduct Board be and they are hereby directed to cause the T rails of the Belt Railroad Company, now laid in West, South, Front and other streets, to be taken up and the grooved rails now in use by the various other city railroad companies to be laid in their places, in order to remove a serious obstruction to the free use of said street by loaded trays, carts, &c., to which the said T rails—which are in some places from two to four inches above the surface of said street—presents an insurmountable obstacle.

Which was referred to the Committee on Railroads.

By Alderman MASTERSON—

Resolved, That the ordinance directing a trap block pavement to be laid on Forty ninth street, between Seventh and Eighth avenues, passed November 9, 1863, be and it is hereby amended by striking out the words "eighth avenue" and inserting in place thereof the word "Broadway," an ordinance having previously passed the Common Council for paving said street, from Eighth avenue to Broadway, with similar pavement.

Which was referred to the Committee on Roads.

By Alderman RYERS—

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized and directed to advertise and sell at public auction a lease of a ferry at the foot of Houston street, New York, over and across the East river to the foot of Grand street, Williamsburg, for a term of ten years from 1st day of May, 1864, and return said lease to the Common Council for approval.

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized and directed to advertise and sell at public auction a lease of a ferry at the foot of Christopher street, in the city of New York, across the North river to Hoboken, in the State of New Jersey, for a term of ten years from the first day of May, 1864, and return said lease to the Common Council for approval.

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized and directed to advertise and sell at public auction a lease of a ferry at the foot of Hoboken street, North river, New York, to Hoboken, in the State of New Jersey, for a term of ten years from the first day of May, 1864, and return said lease to the Common Council for approval.

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized and directed to advertise and sell at public auction a lease of a ferry at the foot of Highty-seventh street, East river, to Astoria, Queens county, Long Island, for a term of ten years from the first day of May, 1864, and return said lease to the Common Council for approval.

Which was referred to the Committee on Ferries.

By Alderman McMAHON—

Resolved, That permission be and is hereby granted to Messrs. A. W. Lewis & Co. to remove and display goods at their premises, Nos. 21 and 23 South street, the same to remain during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Which was adopted.

By Alderman CHIPP—

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and is hereby directed to draw his warrant to the order of Mrs. Cochran, Treasurer of the Sick Assistance Society, for $500, and charge the same to its appropriate account.

Which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

By Alderman RYERS—

Resolved, That permission be and is hereby given to Lewis P. Phillips to construct an elevated railway over bulkhead between Twentieth and Twenty-first streets, North river, for the purpose of conveying coal from vessels, without obstructing the bulkhead, to continue during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Alderman JONES moved to refer to the Committee on Railroads.

Which was lost.

The paper was then adopted.

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR A CONTINUANCE OF THE BOUNTY GRANTED TO THE FAMILIES OF VOLUNTEERS DRAWN FROM THE CITY OF NEW YORK, ENGAGING IN THE ARMY OF THE UNION.

THE MAYOR, ALDERMEN AND COMMONALTY OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:—

Section 1. The sum of $6,000 is hereby appropriated for the purpose of continuing the aid heretofore granted by the Corporation to the families of soldiers from this city, who are now or may hereafter be mustered or be ordered to serve in the army of the United States, engaged in defending the integrity of the national Union.

Sec. 2. The Comptroller, who shall be treasurer of the fund hereby created, shall have power to appoint one Assistant Treasurer for each Senatorial district of the city, which assistant shall make payments to those persons entitled to relief under the provisions of this ordinance, residing in the several wards comprising such Senatorial districts. The compensation of the Assistant Treasurers shall not exceed one hundred dollars per month each, which the Comptroller is authorized to pay out of the fund hereby created and appropriated.

Sec. 3. The Comptroller is hereby authorized to borrow on the credit of the Corporation of the city of New York the sum of five hundred thousand dollars, and to issue bonds of the Corporation therefor, in the usual form, which shall be designated and known as the "Volunteer Family Aid Fund Bonds number Eight," and the same shall be transferable at the pleasure of the holders thereof, either in person or by attorney, only upon the books of the Corporation, at the office of the Comptroller, and certificates of such transfer shall be endorsed thereon by the Stock Clerk.

Sec. 4. The said bonds shall be signed by the Comptroller, countersigned by the Mayor, sealed with the common seal of the Corporation, and attested by the Clerk of the Common Council. They shall bear interest at a rate not exceeding seven per cent per annum, payable semi-annually, on the first day of May and November in each year, and the principal shall be redeemable on the first day of November, 1872.

Sec. 5. For the payment of the principal of said bonds, and the interest to accrue thereon, the faith of the corporation of the city of New York, and also all sums which may hereafter be received from the United States or from the State of New York, for the purpose of reimbursing the city for the moneys distributed in pursuance of this ordinance, are hereby solemnly pledged, and the Comptroller is hereby authorized and required to redeem and cancel the same, from time to time, at or before their maturity.

Sec. 6. The assistant treasurers shall pay over the moneys placed in their hands for that purpose only to persons presenting orders signed by a majority of the members of the committee acting for the ward in their respective districts; said committees shall consist of four members each, including the Aldermen and Councilmen, as acting for the several wards, together with a citizen or citizens, to be appointed by the Aldermen and Councilmen, which citizens must be residents of the wards for which they are to act, except that, for the purpose of this ordinance, the Second and Third wards shall be deemed and treated as belonging to and forming a part of the First ward.

Sec. 7. The monthly allowance to the head of each family shall not exceed six dollars; for each child of the soldier under fourteen years of age one dollar and fifty cents; provided that not more than twelve dollars per month be paid to any one family. Payments shall be made semi-monthly, and, for the purpose intended by this section, four weeks shall constitute a month. The oldest child of the soldier shall be considered the head of the family in case the wife is not living. In the case of widowed mothers having sick children, allowances may be made to such children the same as children of the soldier, in the discretion of the Committee.

Sec. 8. No order for relief shall be given to any person who is not, at the time of making the application, a resident of this city, and who was not a resident at the date of the enlistment of the soldier on whose behalf the application for relief is made. Relief shall only be allowed to the families of such soldiers as have been mustered into the service of the United States, and are actually doing duty in camp or garrison; excepting that the families of those who are sick or wounded, or have been killed, or died from the effects of wounds received, or diseases contracted while in the service of the government, shall be entitled to the same allowance as they would if the soldier were in actual service. No such relief be allowed to the family of any soldier who belongs to the Invalid corps, unless such soldier is counted and allowed on the quota of New York, under the proclamation of the President of the United States.

Sec. 9. All persons applying for relief shall be required to produce a certificate from the colonel or lieutenant colonel of the regiment, or the officer commanding the corps to which the soldier belongs, that he is a member of such regiment or corps; and the Ward Committee shall endorse, on the back of the certificate or other evidence of enlistment, the date, name of applicant, relation to soldiers, and the monthly allowance, which endorsement must be signed by a member of the committee. No payment shall be made to or on behalf of the families of commissioned officers, or of soldiers who have deserted.

Sec. 10. The only persons entitled to participate in the distribution of stores appropriated by this ordinance are the wives, children and widowed mothers, and infirm and unmarried or widowed sisters and aged and infirm fathers of such soldiers as supported them prior to their enlistment. But nothing contained herein shall be understood to authorize the giving aid from the fund hereby created to those able to support themselves without it.

Sec. 11. Each Ward Committee is hereby authorized to employ a visitor, who must be a resident of the ward for which he is appointed, whose duty it shall be to visit all applicants at their residences, and to ascertain, by careful investigation, the truth of the statements made by such applicants, and no order of relief shall be paid by either of the Assistant Treasurers, unless the Visitor of the Ward in which the applicant resides shall certify the same to be correct. Whenever the applications in any ward shall have reached six hundred the Comptroller may appoint an Assistant Visitor. Whenever the number of the applicants in any ward shall exceed one thousand two hundred the Comptroller may, if he deem it necessary, employ an additional Assistant Visitor, and it shall be the further duty of the Visitors to attend the meetings of and perform such clerical duties as may be prescribed by the ward committees, and also to attend at the distribution offices of their Senatorial districts on the days assigned for paying persons from their respective wards.

The compensation of the Visitors shall be two dollars per day each.

Sec. 12. Each Ward Committee may expend for rent, gas, and other necessaries a sum not exceeding twenty five dollars per month, which the Comptroller is authorized to pay out of the fund hereby created and appropriated, on bills certified to be correct by a majority of the committee.

Sec. 13. Each Assistant Treasurer shall, at the expiration of every second week, make out a detailed statement of his disbursements during the preceding fortnight, and the Comptroller shall transmit a summary of such statements to the Common Council, together with an account showing the condition of the fund.

Sec. 14. In case the Assistant Treasurer shall discover that the party to whom an order for relief has been given is not entitled by this ordinance to the allowances named thereon, he shall withhold further payment, and immediately notify the ward committee by which it was issued of the fact and reasons therefor. If no payment has been made on the ticket, he shall at once return it to the committee. Every person who shall willfully make a false cause to be made, any false statements or representations, for the purpose of obtaining a larger sum than that to which they are entitled under this ordinance, shall thereby be deemed to have forfeited all claims to participation in its benefits.

Sec. 15. Payment shall be made directly to the party in whose favor the ticket is given, but if by sickness or other unfavorable circumstances such person is unable to make persons' application, the Assistant Treasurer shall require a satisfactory authority for making payment to his or her representative, in no case shall payment be made, or be upon more than one ticket to the same person. If, in the opinion of the ward committee it is advisable, in consequence of intemperate habits, or from other causes on the part of any person entitled to the aid hereby provided, to pay the amount in groceries or other necessaries instead of money, then an order to that effect on the Assistant Treasurer, signed by a majority of the ward committee, shall be given to some person authorized by the committee to furnish such necessaries.

Sec. 16. The Comptroller is hereby authorized to procure, fit up and keep in order a suitable room for the accommodation of each of the Assistant Treasurers and the applicants in their respective districts; and also to appoint, not exceeding two clerks, one interpreter and one janitor for each district, the compensation of the clerks shall not exceed thirty dollars per month each, and the interpreter and janitor shall each be allowed for their services at the rate of forty-five dollars per month.

Sec. 17. The Comptroller is hereby requested to solicit the aid of the police in assisting in carrying out the provisions of this ordinance.

Which was laid over.

MOTIONS.

Alderman MASTERSON moved to discharge the Committee on Sewers from further consideration of a petition of Chas. M. Connelly and others, against the further construction of a sewer in Fifty-ninth street, between Seventh and Eighth avenues.

Which was carried.

He then presented the following resolution:—

Resolved, That the Croton Aqueduct Board be and they are hereby directed to discontinue the construction of the sewer in Fifty-ninth street, between the Seventh and Eighth avenues, at a point four hundred feet from the Eighth avenue, providing the same can be done without detriment to the city.

Which was adopted.

Alderman JONES moved to discharge the Committee on Salaries and Offices from the further consideration of the resolution to pay persons and laborers in the Croton Aqueduct Department the sum of two dollars per day as wages; also authorizing the Street Commissioner to appoint a keeper for the Fourth District Police Court, at an annual salary of $1,000, payable monthly.

Which was carried.

And the papers were laid over.

REPORTS.

The Committee on Roads presented a resolution in favor of regulating Nineteenth street, from Broadway to Ninth avenue.

Which was laid over.

The Committee on Roads presented a resolution in favor of opening Ninetieth street.

Which was laid over.

The Committee on Finance presented a resolution in favor of remunerating James Skuse for loss of horse, cart and harness.

Which was laid over.

MOTIONS RESUMED.

Alderman OTTIWELL moved to discharge the Committee on Streets from further consideration of a resolution permitting James Cook to build a portico in front of his building on Fourteenth street, between Third and Fourth avenues.

Which was carried.

And the resolution was adopted.

Alderman MASTERSON moved to discharge the Committee on Fire Department from further consideration of a resolution to procure a temporary location for Engine Company No. 19.

Which was carried.

And the paper concurred in by unanimous consent, as follows:—

Affirmative—Aldermen Fox, Jones, Henry, McMahon, McCool, Shannon, Chipp, McKnight, Ryers, Jeremiah, Hardy, Masterson, Ottiwell and Long—13.

PAPERS WITH NO ONE LAID OVER.

Resolution that permission be given to Messrs. Masterson & Steele to place a small sign on the lamp post on the southeast corner of Pine and William streets, the same to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Which was adopted.

Resolution of Board of Councilmen that the Comptroller be directed to draw his warrant in favor of the annexed bill of Conklin & Butt for carriages furnished on the occasion of the funeral of Brigadier General Corcoran, and charge the same to its appropriate account.

STATEMENT OF BILL.

George W. Butt and R. Conklin, for coaches furnished for funeral of Brigadier General M. Corcoran $112 50

Which was laid over.

Resolution of Board of Councilmen, that the Comptroller be directed to draw his warrant in favor of W. Carroll, for the sum of $280, for burial expenses of John F. Culligan, late Messenger of the Board of Councilmen, as per accompanying bill.

Which was concurred in by the following vote:—

Affirmative—Aldermen Fox, Jones, Henry, McMahon, McCool, Shannon, Chipp, McKnight, Ryers, Jeremiah, Hardy, Ottiwell, Farley and Long—13.

Negative—Aldermen Masterson—1.

Bill of A. T. Stewart & Co., amounting to $192 20, for articles furnished on funeral of General Corcoran.

(By Board of Councilmen ordered to be paid.)

Which was laid over.

Report of Committee on Fire Department, with resolution amending resolution granting Engine Company No. 31 a new engine, the same to be a steam fire engine.

Which was adopted by the following vote:—

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen McMahon, McCool, Shannon, Chipp, McKnight, Masterson, Ottiwell and Long—9.

Negative—Aldermen Fox, Jones, Ryers, Jeremiah and Hardy—5.

Subsequently reconsidered and laid over.

PAPERS WITH NO ONE ON THE TABLE.

Petition of property owners on the line of Eighty-sixth street to have said street, from avenue A to the East river, graded, with resolution that Eighty-sixth street, from avenue A to the East river, be regulated and graded in accordance with the map which is hereto annexed, under the direction of the Street Commissioner, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets.

Resolution that the Comptroller be directed to draw his warrant in favor of Thomas Curran for the sum of sixty-five dollars and fifty cents, being arrears of salary as Inspector of Incumbrances, from the 1st day of August, 1863, to December 31, 1863, he receiving at the rate of two dollars and fifty cents per diem, in lieu of three dollars, the salary fixed by ordinance of the Common Council, July 24, 1861, the same to be taken from the appropriation for City Contingencies.

Which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Resolution that Thirtieth street, between the First and Second avenues, be paved with Belgian pavement, the property owners to pay one-half the expense and the city the remainder, under the direction of the Croton Aqueduct Department, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets.

Resolution that the sunken lots between 123d and 124th streets, and First avenue and avenue A be filled in on the same footing as the lots on the street Commissioner's assessment roll, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets.

Resolution that the sidewalks in Tompkins street, between Rivington and Stanton streets, be regulated, graded and flagged, full width, under the direction of the Street Commissioner, and the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets.

Preamble reciting that the bills of the New York World, for publishing the advertisements of the Assessors' Department, were recently ordered paid by the Common Council, has, in the opinion of the Comptroller, failed to receive the requisite number of votes in the Board of Aldermen, with resolution that the Comptroller be directed to draw his warrant in favor of the publishers of the New York World for the sum of three hundred and eighty-three dollars and seventy-five cents, and take their receipt in full for publishing advertisements of the Assessors' Department, and charge the same to its appropriate account.

Which was laid over.

Resolution that the Comptroller be directed to draw his warrant in favor of the within named persons for the amounts set opposite their names, being for expenses incurred in the celebration of the Anniversary of our National Independence, July 4, 1863, the same to be taken from any unexpended appropriation in the City Treasury.

Which was laid over.

Report of Committee on Fire Department, with resolution that the Street Commissioner be directed to advertise for proposals for building a new hose carriage for Hose Company No. 47, the same to be similar in all respects to the one now in use by Hose Company No. 60.

Which was referred to the Committee on Fire Department.

Report of Committee on Fire Department, with resolution that the Street Commissioner be directed to advertise for proposals for a new hose carriage for Hose Company No. 51, to be similar in all respects to the one now in use by Hose Company No. 42.

Which was referred to the Committee on Fire Department.

Report of Committee on Fire Department, with resolution that the premises known as No. 5 Duane street, jointly occupied by Hose Company No. 2 and Engine Company No. 13, be given for the exclusive use of Hose Company No. 2, as soon as the premises are vacated by Engine Company No. 13, and that the Street Commissioner be and he is hereby authorized and directed to cause the necessary alterations to be made to said house.

Which was referred to the Committee on Fire Department.

Report of Committee on Fire Department, with resolution that the Street Commissioner be directed to advertise for proposals to build a steam fire engine and tender for Engine Company No. 17, to be similar to the one now used by Engine Company No. 13.

Which was referred to the Committee on Fire Department.

Report of Committee on Streets, with resolution that West street, from Hammond street to the south side of Hoboken street, be curbed and guttered where necessary, under the direction of the Street Commissioner, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets.

Resolution that permission be given to S. A. Lane to receive and deliver goods in front of his premises, No. 163 Bowery, the same to remain during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Which was concurred in.

Report of Committee on Streets, with resolution that West street, between Hammond and Hoboken streets, be regulated and graded where necessary, under the direction of the Street Commissioner, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets.

Communication from the President of the New York Fire Department, nominating Thomas Flanders to fill the vacancy in the Board of Representatives made vacant by the resignation of Henry Wilson.

(The Board of Councilmen nomination confirmed.)

Which was concurred in by the following vote:—

Affirmative—Aldermen Fox, Jones, Henry, McMahon, Shannon, Chipp, McKnight, Ryers, Jeremiah, Hardy, Masterson, Ottiwell and Long—13.

Report of Committee on Wharves, Piers and Slips, with resolution that the Street Commissioner be directed to advertise for proposals and contract for the repairing of pier No. 42 North river, the repairing of the bulkheads between Fifty-one and Fifty-two, and bulkheads between Fifty-two and Fifty-three, and for rebuilding and extending pier No. 55 to the exterior line, and for completing the L, the said work to be done as soon as possible.

Which was referred to the Committee on Wharves, Piers and Slips.

Resolution that the sum of $500 be appropriated for putting and keeping in repair the fire telegraph of the city of New York, the same to be done under the direction of the Street Commissioner.

Which was referred to the Committee on Fire Department.

Subsequently the above action was reconsidered and the paper referred to the Committee on Finance.

Resolution that the Street Commissioner be directed to have a new fire engine, of the first class, built for Engine Company No. 35, the cost thereof not to exceed the sum of $3,500, which sum is hereby appropriated therefor.

Which was referred to the Committee on Fire Department.

Resolution that the Comptroller be directed to hire the premises in Eighty-four street, near Third avenue and west of the same, for the temporary use of Engine Company No. 45, at an annual rent not to exceed the sum of $250.

Which was laid over.

On motion, the Board then adjourned, and the PRESIDENT announced that it stood adjourned until next Friday, the 29th inst., at two o'clock P. M.

D. T. VALENTINE, Clerk.

Board of Councilmen.

OFFICIAL.

STATED SESSION—THURSDAY, Jan. 21—1 P. M.

The Board met pursuant to adjournment, in their chamber, No. 6 City Hall.

Present—James Hayes, Esq., President, in the chair, and the following members:—

Councilmen Healy, Keenan, Riley, Brophy, Hagerty, Webster, Heffernan, Ryan, Gross, Repper, Koster, Houghtalin, Schaefer, Opdyke, Haviland, Jaques, McGrath, Russell and Fitzgerald—24.

The question recurring on the amendment of Councilman Gross,

The same was lost.

The question then recurring on the original resolution.

The same was adopted by the following vote:—

Affirmative—Councilmen Hayes, Healy, Keenan, Riley, Brophy, Hagerty, Heffernan, Ryan, Gross, Repper, Koster, Houghtalin, Schaefer, Opdyke, Haviland, Jaques, McGrath, Russell and Fitzgerald—15.

Negative—Councilmen Ryan, Gross, Repper, Opdyke, Jaques, Brice, Cook and Brandon—8.

The Committee on the Fire Department presented a report in favor of granting a portion of the Exempt Engine house for a coal and wood depot.

Which was adopted.

The Committee on the Fire Department presented a report in favor of granting Hose Company No. 47 a new hose carriage.

Which was laid over.

The Committee on the Fire Department presented a report in favor of granting a steam fire engine to Engine Company No. 17.

Which was adopted.

The Committee on Streets presented a report recommending that West street, from Hammond street to the north side of Hoboken street, be curbed and guttered, where necessary, under the direction of the Street Commissioner.

Which was laid over.

The Committee on Streets presented a report recommending that West street, between Hammond and Hoboken streets, be regulated and graded where necessary, under the direction of the Street Commissioner.

Which was laid over.

The Committee on Wharves, Piers and Slips presented a report in favor of repairing and rebuilding piers Nos. 51, 52 and 53 North river.

Which was laid over.

MESSAGE FROM HIS HONOR THE MAYOR.

A message was received from his Honor the Mayor, transmitting a letter from Major General John A. Dix, relative to the cleansing of the Park Barracks, &c.

Which was received and referred to the Committee on Lands and Places.

A message was received from his Honor the Mayor, transmitting petition from the Managers of the Central Park and North and East River Railroad Company begging the dirt and ice from their tracks piled on the sides of the street, &c.

Which was received and referred to the Committee on Railroads.

A message was received from his Honor the Mayor, recommending that the Legislature be memorialized to authorize the issue of five million dollars of stock for the purpose of paving the city with Belgian pavement.

Which was received and referred to the Committee on Streets.

COMMUNICATIONS.

A communication was received from the Comptroller, transmitting statement of treasury balance to January 19, 1864.

Which was received and ordered to be printed in the minutes.

A communication was received from the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, relative to the accommodations for Engine Company No. 19.

In connection therewith, Councilman Webster presented the following resolution:—

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized and directed to procure a temporary location for Lafayette Engine Company No. 19, during the time that their present house is in process of repair, such temporary location to be within the district in which they are now doing duty.

Which was adopted by the following vote:—

Affirmative—Councilmen Hayes, Healy, Keenan, Riley, Brophy, Hagerty, Webster, Heffernan, Ryan, Gross, Repper, Koster, Houghtalin, Schaefer, Opdyke, Haviland, Jaques, McGrath, Brice, Joyce, Russell, Fitzgerald, Cook and Brandon—24.

And the same was directed to be sent to the Board of Aldermen for concurrence.

A communication was received from the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, relative to repairs to the Fire Telegraph.

In connection therewith, the President presented the following resolution:—

Resolved, That the sum of five hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for putting and keeping in repair the Fire Telegraph of the city of New York, the same to be done under the direction of the Street Commissioner.

Which was laid over.

INVITATION.

An invitation was received to attend the ball of the McClellan Sociable, at the City Assembly Rooms, February 5.

Which was accepted.

MOTIONS.

Councilman FITZGERALD moved to discharge the Committee on Printing and Advertising from the further consideration of the annual message of his Honor the Mayor.

Which was carried.

Councilman GROSS moved that the same be laid on the table, and that five thousand copies be printed in document form.

Which was carried.

Councilman McGRATH moved that the Committee on Fire Department be discharged from the further consideration of resolution that the Street Commissioner be directed to have a new fire engine of the first class built for Engine Company number Thirty-five, the cost thereof not to exceed the sum of three hundred dollars, which sum is hereby appropriated therefor.

Which was carried.

And the same was laid over.

RESOLUTIONS RESUMED.

By Councilman RUSSELL—

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he hereby is authorized and directed to hire the premises in Eighty-fourth street, near Third avenue, and west of the same for the temporary use of Engine Company number Forty-five, at an annual rent not to exceed the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars.

Which was laid over.

By Councilman JAQUES—

Resolved, That so much of the message of his Honor the Mayor communicated to this Board on January 4, 1864, as relates to city taxation, collection of arrears of personal taxes and issue of revenue bonds, be referred to the Committee on Taxes.

So much thereof as relates to excise licenses, to the Committee on Law Department.

So much thereof as relates to the construction of stone piers, to the Committee on Wharves, Piers and Slips.

So much thereof as relates to the revenue and expenditure of the City Inspector's Department, to the Committee on Finance.

So much thereof as relates to paving and repaving the streets of the city with trap blocks, to the Committee on Belgian Pavement.

So much thereof as relates to the authority under the charter to regulate, grade and pave streets, to the Committee on Law Department.

So much thereof as relates to the construction of abattoirs and to the sale of the markets, to the Committee on Markets.

So much thereof as relates to the city railroads, to the Committee on Railroads.

So much thereof as relates to the Central Park and other parks, to the Committee on Lands and Places.

So much thereof as relates to public printing, to the Committee on Printing and Advertising.

So much thereof as relates to the increase of salaries, to the Committee on Salaries and Offices.

So much thereof as relates to the city government and charter reform, to the Committee on the Law Department.

Which was laid over.

PAPERS FROM BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

Resignation of Simon Meyer, as a Commissioner of Deeds, with resolution that Jesse O. Vanderpool be appointed a Commissioner of Deeds, in and for the city and county of New York, in place of Simon Meyer, resigned.

(By Board of Aldermen, resignation accepted and resolution adopted.)

Which was concurred in.

Resolution that permission be granted to John O'Donohue & Son to deliver goods in front of their place of business, number two hundred and thirty-nine Front street, and permission to continue during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Which was referred to Committee on Streets.

Resolution that permission be granted to John Gaynor to receive and deliver goods in front of the store of business, number five hundred and fifty-four Grand street, said permission to continue during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Which was concurred in.

GENERAL ORDERS.

Resolution that the Comptroller be directed to draw his warrant in favor of W. Carroll, for the sum of two hundred and eighty dollars, for burial expenses of John F. Culligan, late messenger of the Board of Councilmen, as per accompanying bill.

Which was adopted by the following vote:—

Affirmative—Councilmen Hayes, Healy, Keenan, Riley, Brophy, Hagerty, Webster, Heffernan, Ryan, Gross, Repper, Koster, Houghtalin, Schaefer, Opdyke, Haviland, Jaques, McGrath, Brice, Joyce, Russell, Fitzgerald, Cook and Brandon—21.

And the same was directed to be sent to the Board of Aldermen for concurrence.

Bill of A. T. Stewart & Company, amounting to one hundred and ninety two dollars and twenty cents, for articles furnished for funeral of General Corcoran.

Which was ordered to be paid by the following vote:—

Affirmative—Councilmen Hayes, Healy, Keenan, Riley, Brophy, Hagerty, Webster, Heffernan, Ryan, Gross, Repper, Koster, Houghtalin, Schaefer, Opdyke, Haviland, Jaques, McGrath, Brice, Joyce, Russell, Fitzgerald, Cook and Brandon—24.

And the same was directed to be sent to the Board of Aldermen for concurrence.

APPOINTMENT OF READER.

The President announced that he had appointed Joseph A. Scoville Reader to the Board.

On motion, the Board then adjourned.

Whereupon the President declared that the Board stood adjourned until Monday, the 25th inst., at one o'clock P. M.

JAS. M. SWEENY, Clerk.

STATED SESSION—MONDAY, Jan. 25, 1864, One o'clock P. M.

The Board met pursuant to adjournment, in their chamber, No. 6 City Hall.

Present—James Hayes, Esq., President, in the chair, and the following members:—

Councilmen, Healy, Keenan, Riley, Brophy, Hagerty, Webster, Heffernan, Gross, Repper, Koster, Houghtalin, Schaefer, Opdyke, Haviland, Jaques, McGrath, Brice, Joyce, Russell, Fitzgerald, Cook and Brandon—23.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved.

PETITIONS.

By Councilman JOYCE—

Petition of property owners on Eighty-first street, between Third and Fourth avenues, to have the same graded.

Which was referred to the Committee on Roads.

RESOLUTIONS.

By Councilman FITZGERALD—

Resolved, That crosswalks be laid in avenue A at the intersections of One Hundred and Sixteenth, One Hundred and Seventeenth and One Hundred and Nineteenth street, under the direction of the Croton Aqueduct Department.

Which was referred to the Committee on Roads.

By Councilman RYAN—

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized and directed to draw his warrant in favor of the Treasurer of the Congregation Ahavath Chesed, for the sum of one hundred and thirty nine dollars and sixty cents, the same to be a donation, to be applied in payment of assessments against said congregation, for regulating and grading Eighty-ninth street, between Fourth and Fifth avenues and opening of Madison avenue, between Forty second and Eighty-ninth streets, the same to be charged to account of "Donations."

Which was referred to the Committee on Donations and Charities.

By Councilman JOYCE—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to James Curry to erect an awning in front of his premises, No. 840 Ninth avenue, the same