Benevolent Association are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from the house of Charles R. Dermott, 128 Mercer street, this (Monday) afternoon, at one o'clock.

QUIN.—On Saturday, January 28, MARY, the beloved wife of Daniel Quin, a native of Ireland, in the 55th year of her age.

The friends of the family, and those of her son, John McTerney, are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from her late residence, 67 Mulberry street, this (Monday) afternoon, at two o'clock. Her remains will be taken to Calvary Cemetery for interment.

RIVERS.—On Sunday afternoon, January 29, after a lingering illness, WILLIAM RIVERS, aged 56 years.

His relatives and friends, and also those of his brother-in-law, Alpheus Underhill, are respectfully requested to attend the funeral, from his late residence, 162 Wooster street, on Tuesday afternoon, at half-past one o'clock.

SICKEL.—Suddenly, on Sunday, January 29, Dr. JOHN SICKEL, in the 75th year of his age.

The relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral, which will take place on Tuesday morning at eleven o'clock, from his late residence, First avenue and 118th street, Harlem.

SARGENT.—At Parrippany, N. J., on Saturday, January 28, Mrs. MARGARET SARGENT, aged 74 years.

She was a kind friend and faithful mother. Her memory is blessed.

SMITH.—On Sunday, January 29, of burns, HENRY C. SMITH, aged 2 years and 5 months.

The relatives and friends are invited to attend the funeral, from the residence of his parents, at Bergen Wood avenue, corner Clinton avenue, Hudson City, N. J., on Tuesday morning, at eleven o'clock.

THOMPSON.—At 8 Yaphank, L. I., on Thursday, January 26, SOPHIA SANDS, wife of Colonel Samuel L. Thompson, aged 55 years and 9 months.

The funeral will take place on Tuesday afternoon, at one o'clock, from the house. The friends of the family are requested to attend without further invitation.

THOMAS.—In Brooklyn, on Saturday, January 28, of dropsy, after a long and tedious illness, WM. J. THOMAS.

Notice of funeral in Tuesday's paper.

TULLY.—On Friday, January 27, JOSEPH B. TULLY, after a short illness.

The funeral will take place this (Monday) morning, at ten o'clock. The remains will be conveyed from his late residence, 102 East Forty-ninth street, to the Church of St. John the Evangelist, in Fiftieth street, where a requiem mass will be said, and from thence to Calvary Cemetery. His friends and relatives, as also those of his father-in-law, Charles Devlin, are respectfully invited to attend.

WILLIAMS.—On Sunday, January 29, JAMES WEAVER, youngest son of the late F. B. Williams.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, on Tuesday afternoon, at one o'clock, from the residence of his mother, 65 South Eighth street, Williamsburg.

WARNER.—On Saturday, January 28, Mrs. MARIA WARNER, wife of George H. Warner.

The funeral will take place from St. Paul's church, corner of Broadway and Vesey street, on Tuesday, at twelve o'clock, noon. The friends and relatives are invited to attend without further notice.

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NEW YORK CENTRAL MINING AND MINERAL Company, January 19, 1865.
The annual meeting of the stockholders of this company, for the election of directors for the ensuing year, will be held on Tuesday, the 5th day of January, 1865, at the office of the company, at 10 A. M. GEO. R. KEELER, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE ATLANTIC MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY.
NEW YORK, January 24, 1865.
The Trustees, in conformity to the charter of the company, submit the following statement of its affairs on the 31st of December, 1864:—
Premiums received on marine risks, from 1st of January, 1864, to 31st December, 1864 ..... $7,558,437 25
Premiums on policies not marked off 1st January, 1864 ..... 2,407,334 61
Total amount of marine premiums $9,965,771 86
No policies have been issued upon life risks, nor upon fire risks disconnected with marine risks.
Premiums marked off from 1st January, 1864, to 31st December, 1864 ..... $7,954,369 14
Losses paid during the same period $3,816,615 67
Returns of premiums and expenses 1,353,209 63
The company has the following assets:—
United States and State of New York Stock, City Bank and other stocks $4,974,715 00
Loans secured by stocks, and otherwise 2,187,950 00
Real estate and bonds and mortgages 143,700 00
Dividends on stocks, interest on bonds and mortgages and other loans, sundry notes, reinsurance and other claims due the company, estimated at 170,812 89
Premium notes and bills receivable 2,876,018 99
United States gold coin 541,899 63
Cash in bank 288,432 91
Total amount of assets $11,133,599 42
Six per cent. interest on the outstanding certificates of profits will be paid to the holders thereof, or their legal representatives, on and after Tuesday, the 7th of February next.
After reserving three and one-half million dollars of profits the outstanding certificates of the issue of 1863 will be redeemed and paid to the holders thereof, or their legal representatives, on and after Tuesday, the 7th of February next, from which date all interest thereon will cease. The certificates to be produced at the time of payment and cancelled.
A dividend of forty per cent is declared on the net earned premiums of the company for the year ending 31st December, 1864, for which certificates will be issued on and after Tuesday, the 4th of April next.
The profits of the company, ascertained from the 1st of July, 1852, to the 1st of January, 1864, for which certificates were issued, amount to $16,961,030
Additional from 1st January, 1864, to 1st January, 1865 2,740,000
Total profits for 22½ years $19,691,030
The certificates previous to 1853 have been redeemed in cash 12,653,750
Net earnings remaining with the company on 1st January, 1865 7,037,280
By order of the Board.
J. H. CHAPMAN, Acting Secretary.
TRUSTEES.
John D. Jones, Daniel S. Miller, Cornelius Grinnell,
Charles Dennis, Joshua J. Henry, C. A. Hand,
W. H. H. Moore, Geo. G. Hobson, Watts Sherman,
Henry Coit, David Lane, B. J. Howland,
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Lewis Curtis, Wm. Sturgis, Jr., Fletcher Westray,
Charles H. Russell, Henry K. Bogert, Rob. B. Minturn, Jr.,
Lowell Holbrook, William E. Dodge, Gordon W. Burnham,
R. Warren Weston, Dennis Perkins,
Royal Phelps, Joseph Gaillard, Jr., Frederick Chauncey,
Caleb Barstow, J. Henry Burgy, James Low,
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Board of Aldermen.
[OFFICIAL.]
JAN. 2, 1865.

ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD.

Under the amended charter, which passed the Legislature of the State April 14, 1857, the following Aldermen, representing their respective districts, appeared at roll call and answered to their names, having previously taken the oath of office prescribed by law, the Aldermen representing the districts having an even designation, and elected December 1, 1863, continuing in office until the first Monday in January, 1865, and those having an odd numerical designation, elected December 6, 1864, continuing to represent such districts until the first Monday in January, 1867, as appears from the following certificate from David T. Valentine, Esq., Clerk of the Common Council:—

OFFICE OF CLERK OF THE COMMON COUNCIL, No. 8 CITY HALL, NEW YORK, Dec. 22, 1864.

I, David T. Valentine, Clerk of the Common Council of the city of New York, do hereby certify, that at an election held in said city, on Tuesday, December 6, 1864, pursuant to the provisions of an act entitled "An Act to amend the charter of the city of New York," passed April 14, 1857, the following named persons were duly elected Aldermen in the Aldermanic districts having an odd numerical designation, viz:—
John Moore—First Aldermanic district.
Michael Norton—Third Aldermanic district.
Ignatius Flynn—Fifth Aldermanic district.
William H. Gedney—Seventh Aldermanic district.
Lewis R. Ryers—Ninth Aldermanic district.
John Brice—Eleventh Aldermanic district.
Peter Masterson—Thirteenth Aldermanic district.
James O'Brien—Fifteenth Aldermanic district.
Barton W. Van Voorhis—Seventeenth Aldermanic district.
—for a period of two years each, from the first Monday in January, 1865; and that
Morgan Jones—Second Aldermanic district.
Joseph Shannon—Sixth Aldermanic district.
Peter McKnight—Eighth Aldermanic district.
George A. Jeremiah—Tenth Aldermanic district.
Bernard Kelly—Twelfth Aldermanic district.
John D. Ottiwell—Fourteenth Aldermanic district.
Terence Farley—Sixteenth Aldermanic district—
—elected at the charter election, 1863, are entitled to represent their respective Aldermanic districts in the Board of Aldermen (being from Aldermanic districts having an even numerical designation), until the first Monday in January, 1866; and that in the Fourth Aldermanic district a vacancy exists, occasioned by the decease of James McMahon.
D. T. VALENTINE, Clerk of Common Council.

At twelve M. precisely the Board was called to order by the Clerk of the Common Council, and the roll of members having been called, the following answered to their names:—

Dist.	Aldermen.	Dist.	Aldermen.
1.	John Moore.	10.	George A. Jeremiah.
2.	Morgan Jones.	11.	John Brice.
3.	Michael Norton.	12.	Bernard Kelly.
4.	——.	13.	Peter Masterson.
5.	Ignatius Flynn.	14.	John D. Ottiwell.
6.	Joseph Shannon.	15.	James O'Brien.
7.	W. H. Gedney.	16.	Tereence Farley.
8.	Peter McKnight.	17.	Barton W. Van Voorhis.
9.	Lewis R. Ryers.		

Alderman SHANNON moved that, for the purpose of organization, Alderman Farley be appointed temporary chairman.
Which was carried.
Alderman KELLY moved that the Board now proceed to ballot for the election of President of the Board for the ensuing year.
Alderman OTTIWELL moved as an amendment that Alderman Jones be appointed President by acclamation.
Which was accepted by Alderman Kelly.
The question was then put and unanimously adopted, and the Chairman pro tem. subsequently appointed Aldermen Ottiwell and Van Voorhis as a committee to conduct the President elect to the chair.
The PRESIDENT elect, having assumed the chair, addressed the Board as follows:—
GENTLEMEN OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN—To say that I feel highly honored by being selected by you to preside over your deliberations, and to assure you that I am deeply sensible of the distinction your kind preferences have imposed, or rather conferred, upon me in being thus selected, but faintly expresses my sense of the confidence you have reposed in me, and but inadequately conveys my appreciation of the unmerited honor and dignity to which I have been elevated by this manifestation of your partiality for me. In accepting the honor, gentlemen, I am not unmindful of the responsibilities, cares and solicitudes incident to the position, and will cordially admit that I fully realize their existence. If they exist, and are inseparably connected with the duties of presiding officer in even the most insignificant legislative bodies, what must be their magnitude when considered in connection with the duties devolving upon the President of the Board of Aldermen of the great city of New York, composed as it is of gentlemen the most intelligent and influential in the community, who are entrusted with the well being and good government of over one million of people, with their multifarious, diversified and conflicting interests? It is fearful to contemplate; and yet, gentlemen, to be fully apprised of their character and extent, and to be prepared to meet them as they appear, with a conscious honesty of purpose, a determination to conform, in all my rulings, to the plain directions and conditions of the organic law of our city government, and at the same time relying upon your kind indulgence, and feeling confident of your counsels and support, I have an abiding faith in my ability to meet and overcome them. I will not, gentlemen, further consume the time of the Board, by calling your attention to more than one or two of the principal subjects that will be likely to engross your attention during the ensuing year—subjects which I conceive to be the most intimately identified with the interests of every citizen; they are taxation, and the evils arising from encroachments upon our chartered rights. I have compiled, with great care, the following exhibit from the books in the Department of Finance, and will vouch for its accuracy:—

TAXATION IN 1864.

The amount of tax levied in this county for the expenses of the year 1864, was $13,705,092 86.
This sum was for the following purposes, viz:—
For the use of the State $2,737,080 15
For the support of the Metropolitan Police in this county 2,062,720 67
For interest on the county debt 544,368 17
For redemption of the county debt 20,000 00
For general expenses of the county 839,844 00
For use of the Board of Education 1,767,036 00
For care and maintenance of the Central Park 180,000 00
For the Department of Public Charities and Correction 700,000 00
For interest on the city debt, which by law is payable from taxation $1,059,037 95
For redemption of the city debt 907,227 36
For general expenses of the corporation 3,668,399 47
Total $14,685,702 77
To this sum the Board of Supervisors added, to supply deficiencies in the levy for erroneous assessments, insolvencies, &c., as provided for by section 6, of chapter 303, laws of 1861 ..... 389,390 09
Total $15,275,092 86
From this sum was deducted the revenues of the general funds of the city and county, viz:
Revenues of the county $240,000 00
Revenues of the city 1,430,000 00
..... 1,670,000 00
Total levy for 1864 ..... $13,705,092 86
By the above statement it will be seen that only $3,988,309 47 was under the immediate supervision of the Common Council, and this sum embraced a number of items included in the Tax Levy by the Legislature, which were not asked for by the city authorities. The amounts raised for purposes not controlled by either the Common Council or the Board of Supervisors are rapidly increasing. I have obtained information respecting the amounts required for the following purposes for the year 1865, which shows a large increase over the amounts raised for the purposes in 1864:—
For the use of the State, say $287,000
For the Metropolitan Police, say 148,000
For the Board of Education, say 60,000
For Public Charities and Correction, say 138,500
Increase $635,000
A large increase will also be exhibited in the sum required to pay the interest on the city and county debt, occasioned by the extraordinary loans to provide means for the payment of bounties and for aid to the families of volunteer soldiers serving in the army of the Union. The probable amount required for this service, I understand, will be between $800,000 and $900,000. These purposes are the ones which entail upon us such an enormous extent, and for which the Common Council are held responsible, while in reality they have no voice whatever in the matter, excepting so far as the law makes it obligatory to make the appropriations, to enable the Comptroller to draw his warrants in payment of said sums called for by the different departments and commissions having charge of the respective matters. This is certainly a singular exhibit. It shows that of the total amount of moneys disbursed on city, county and State accounts for the year 1864, in the aggregate $15,275,092 86, the corporate or city authorities have expended only the sum of $3,988,309 47; or, in other words, that $11,286,783 39 of the moneys realized by taxation levied upon the people of this city, during the past year, was disbursed by other agencies over which the authorities of this city have no control, and for which they should in no way be held to an accountability. I regret to be compelled to say that, by the great mass of our citizens, including many of the intelligent and enlightened, the city authorities are, notwithstanding, held responsible for the late unparalleled increase in the amount of taxation levied upon their property. The consideration of this appalling exhibit must force itself upon the attention of every member of the city government, as well as every taxpayer in the city, and sooner or later some effectual measures must be taken by the corporate authorities to stay the extravagant and irresponsible expenditures of public money that has characterized the several boards and commissions created at Albany during the past few years. The fearful increase in taxation in our city can be traced directly to these irresponsible boards and commissions. Not being accountable for the moneys they disburse, the most lavish expenditure is the inevitable consequence; and, although created ostensibly to diminish the patronage and power of the corporate authorities, with a view to reduce the expenses of the city government, their creation has resulted only in securing the former very questionable advantages; while in the latter case the excesses practiced by them in the expenditure of moneys taxed upon our citizens, caused by the total absence of any accountability for their acts, has only tended more firmly to establish the principle that, without direct responsibility to the people, there is no guarantee for a faithful, honest and efficient administration of the trusts necessary, in a republican form of government, to be confided to public officials. I feel confident that proper representations of the evils of the existing mode of administering some of the most important city trusts, by commissions appointed by the State Legislature, if made by the city authorities to that body, with the proofs that can be produced, of their extravagance and inefficiency, would result in again securing to the people of this city the right of selecting their public servants; that they would thereby be held to a strict accountability, as we now are, and that, as a consequence, a very material reduction would be made in the present rate of city taxation. As these commissions have proved more extravagant and irresponsible than would likely be the case were they chosen directly by the people, and for a limited period only, it is to be hoped that the time is not far distant when the experiment of attempting to govern this city by such commissions will be abandoned, and that our people will have restored to them the inalienable right of selecting their own agents. I have also compiled the following statement, exhibiting the present indebtedness of the city and county, in the belief that it will be of special interest to the members of the Board.

DEBT OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, DEC. 20, 1864.

The debt of the city and county of New York was incurred for the following purposes:—

CITY DEBT.

Water stocks, issued on account of introducing water into the city and distributing the same	$10,340,800 00
Central Park stocks, issued on account of Central Park, and improvements of the same	9,080,571 00
Fire Indemnity stocks, issued for payment of damages for blowing up buildings, December, 1835	402,703 00
Building Loan stocks, issued on account of building work house on Blackwell's Island	360,000 00
Real Estate bonds, issued in settlement with State lessees of Washington Market property, and in payment for Fort Gansevoort property	1,133,057 50
Stocks for dock and slips, issued for rebuilding and repairing public docks and slips	800,000 00
Floating Debt Fund stock, issued for liquidating and funding floating debt in 1860	2,748,000 00
Public Education stock, issued for payment of debt of Public School Society	154,000 00
Public Building stock, issued on account of the erection of public buildings	100,000 00
Stock for Rebuilding Tompkins Market, issued as its title indicates, for rebuilding Tompkins Market	85,000 00
Volunteer Soldiers' Family Aid Fund bonds, issued to provide for the families of soldiers in the United States army	4,000,000 00
Volunteer Soldiers' Bounty Fund Repemption Bonds, issued for redemption of a like amount of bonds, for payment of bounties to volunteer soldiers	400,000 00
Revenue Bonds of 1864, issued in anticipation of collection of tax of 1864	700,800 00
Street Improvement Fund Bonds, issued to pay contractors for improving the streets, in anticipation of the collection of assessments therefor	1,292,400 00
Assessment Bonds, issued to pay for opening, widening, &c., of streets, in anticipation of the collection of assessments therefor	400,000 00
Total amount of city debt, December 20, 1864	$31,656,332 50

COUNTY DEBT.

Harlem Bridge Bonds, issued for erecting a bridge across Harlem river, at McComb's dam	$20,000 00
County Courthouse Stock, issued, as its title indicates, for the erection of the new county courthouse on Chambers street	1,400,000 00
Soldiers' substitute bounty redemption bonds	3,000,000 00
Soldiers' substitute and relief redemption bonds $46,700 00	
Soldiers' bounty fund bonds, No. 1 ..... 4,600,000 00	
Soldiers' bounty fund bonds, No. 2 ..... 226,100 00	7,912,800 00
The above were issued to provide means for the payment of bounties and for substitutes for the armies of the Union.	
Riot damages redemption bonds $1,000,000 00	
Riot damages indemnity bonds 442,100 00	1,442,100 00
Issued to provide means for payment of damages occasioned by the riot in July, 1863.	
Total county debt December 20, 1864	10,804,900 00

RECAPITULATION.

City Debt.	
Amount payable from Sinking Fund $21,156,576 50	
Amount payable from taxation 8,777,500 00	
Amount payable from assessments 1,692,100 00	
.....	$31,626,676 50
County Debt.	
Amount payable from taxation	10,804,900 00
Total	$42,431,576 50
The Commissioners of the Sinking Fund hold, on account of the above debt, the sum of	8,329,201 00
Net amount of city and county debt, Dec. 20, 1864	$34,102,175 50

Various other subjects of interest might be here alluded to by me, and the attention of the members of the Board directed to a multiplicity of interests that will, no doubt, be brought to your notice during the present year; but as I am apprehensive that by so doing, I might possibly be trenching upon the prerogatives of some, if not all, the heads of departments of the city government, I will forbear, for the present, until their annual reports shall have been presented to the Common Council, and we hear and determine upon the suggestions and recommendations usually contained in these documents. Gentlemen, a jealous and watchful care over the mighty interests entrusted to our keeping by our constituents will be expected from us. Let us not disappoint them. The trusts confided to our care are more weighty and more varied than are reposed in the representatives of the people of any other city on this continent, or, I think I may safely say in the world. Its annual expenditures are greater, its commercial importance, as the great mart of the country, as well as being the great financial centre of the nation, combine to render important and responsible the office of representative in the highest branch of its local government. Let us be equal to the duties imposed upon us, and the distinguished positions we occupy. More than all, let us by a faithful, conscientious, intelligent and honorable desire to discharge every duty; to protect intact, to cherish and foster every trust reposed in us, to so conduct the business of the Board during the ensuing year, as to merit the approval of our own consciences, and the commendations of those who never fail to reward the faithful, while they are equally certain to condemn the negligent or treacherous public servant—the people. In conclusion, gentlemen, I fervently hope that in our official and personal intercourse with each other we may ever observe those civilities and amenities that produce feelings of good will and friendship that become perpetual. My most anxious desire is to secure by impartiality and a determination to do justice to all, the good will and kind regards of every member of this Board; and while I shall endeavor strictly to discharge the duties of the Chair, and will exact a rigid compliance with the rules and orders of the Board, I sincerely trust that my rulings will be as acceptable and satisfactory as my desire now is, and ever will be, that they should be so. Gentlemen, I am truly grateful for this expression of your preferences for me, and you will accept my thanks for the distinguished honor you have conferred upon me. What is the further pleasure of the Board?

A committee from the Board of Councilmen here appeared and announced to this Board that the Board of Councilmen was duly organized and prepared for the transaction of public business.

The PRESIDENT congratulated the committee on the part of this Board, and informed them that this Board would communicate with the Board of Councilmen by a committee.

RESOLUTIONS.

By Alderman O'BRIEN—
Resolved, That David T. Valentine be appointed Clerk to the Board for the ensuing year.
Which was unanimously adopted.
By Alderman MCKNIGHT—
Resolved, That Henry L. Wright be appointed Sergeant-at-arms of this Board for the ensuing year.
Which was unanimously adopted.
Alderman VAN VOORHIS moved that a committee of three be appointed to wait upon his Honor the Mayor, to inform him that the Board of Aldermen was duly organized and prepared for the transaction of business.
Which was carried, and the President appointed Aldermen Van Voorhis, Jeremiah and Ryers as such committee, who, having performed the duties assigned them, subsequently appeared and reported that his Honor the Mayor would communicate with the Board.
The report was accepted and the committee discharged.
Alderman BRICE moved that a committee be appointed to wait upon the Board of Councilmen and inform them that the Board of Aldermen was duly organized and prepared to transact business.
Which was carried.
The President appointed Alderman Brice, Shannon and Ottiwell as such committee.
The committee, having performed the duty assigned them, subsequently appeared and reported, and was discharged.

RESOLUTIONS RESUMED.

By Alderman MCKNIGHT—
Resolved, That William Walsh be appointed Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms to this Board for the ensuing year.
Which was unanimously carried.

COMMUNICATION FROM HIS HONOR THE MAYOR.

The following message was received from his Honor the Mayor:—

MAYOR'S OFFICE, NEW YORK, Jan. 2, 1865.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COMMON COUNCIL:—
GENTLEMEN—To-day being observed as a festival, I do not desire to trespass on your time by transmitting a formal communication. I avail myself of the occasion to congratulate the members of the Common Council on the organization of the respective Boards, and to express my best wishes for their health and happiness.
C. GODFREY GUNTHER.

Which was received and ordered on file.

RESOLUTIONS AGAIN RESUMED.

By Alderman FLYNN—
Resolved, That the rules and orders of the late Board of Aldermen be adopted as the rules and orders of the Board until otherwise ordered.
Which was unanimously adopted.
By Alderman GEDNEY—
Resolved, That all papers now in the hands of the clerk be referred to the appropriate committees for the ensuing year when appointed.
Which was adopted.
Alderman RYERS moved that when the Board adjourn it do adjourn to meet on the 9th inst., at 1 o'clock P. M.
Which was carried.
By Alderman RYERS—
Resolved, That the President of the Board be and he is hereby requested to announce the Finance Committee of this Board for the ensuing year before the adjournment of the Board.
Which was concurred in.
Whereupon the President announced Aldermen Ryers, Ottiwell and Masterson as the Finance Committee for this year.
On motion of Alderman FARLEY the Board then adjourned, and the President announced that the Board stood adjourned until the 9th instant, at 1 o'clock P. M.
D. T. VALENTINE, Clerk.

STATED SESSION—MONDAY, Jan. 9, 1865.

Present—Morgan Jones, Esq., President; Aldermen Moore, Norton, Flynn, Gedney, McKnight, Ryers, Jeremiah, Brice, Kelly, Ottiwell, O'Brien, Farley and Van Voorhis.
The minutes of January 2, 1865, were read and approved.

PETITIONS.

By the PRESIDENT—
Petition of Mary Ann Masterson, to be relieved from the matter of widening, &c., Worth street.
Which was referred to the Committee on Streets, when appointed.
By Alderman FARLEY—
Bill of P. F. Magunn for fitting up Poll of the Third election district, Ninteenth Ward, ten dollars.
Which was referred to the Comptroller with power.
By Alderman MCKNIGHT—
Bill of Michael Quinn for fitting up the Eighth election district of the Thirteenth ward, $10.
Which was referred to the Comptroller, with power.
By the PRESIDENT—
Bill of Joseph P. Kelly for fitting up poll in Tenth Aldermanic district, Twenty-second ward, $10.
Which was referred to the Comptroller, with power.
By Alderman JEREMIAH—
Bill of Lawrence Kelly for fitting up the election poll in the Eleventh district of the Seventeenth ward.
Which was referred to the Comptroller, with power.

RESOLUTIONS.

By Alderman RYERS—
Resolved, That the Committee on Ordinances (when appointed) be and hereby is directed to take into consideration the question of dividing the city into more convenient election districts, and, if deemed expedient or necessary, to report to this Board the necessary ordinance for this purpose.
Which was adopted.
By Alderman FARLEY—
Resolved, That Terence P. Smith be and he is hereby appointed a messenger to the President, and to perform such other duties as the Clerk may direct, at a salary of $1,250 per annum.
Which was laid over.
By Alderman FARLEY—
Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized and directed to draw his warrant in favor of the Treasurer of the Northeastern Dispensary for the sum of $589, as their semi-annual donation to the first day of October last, and that he also draw his warrant for a like amount in favor of said treasurer, on the first day of April next, and continue the half yearly payment on the first day of April and first of October of each year, until otherwise ordered by the Common Council.
Which was laid over.
By Alderman NORTON—
Resolved, That permission be and hereby is given to Frederick Pfeffer, to erect and keep a barber's pole in front of his premises No. 428 Canal street, such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.
Which was adopted.
By Alderman KOOKE—
Resolved, That the salary of the Clerk of Fulton Market be and it is hereby increased to the sum of $600 per annum, commencing Jan. 1, 1865.
Which was laid over.
By Alderman KELLY—
Resolved, That the salaries of the Inspectors of Manure be and the same are hereby increased to the sum of $4 per day from January, 1865.
Which was referred to the Committee on Salaries and Offices.
By Alderman OTTIWELL—
That permission be and the same is hereby given to Philip Van Valkenburg & Brother, to lay a drain from their premises in Fifth avenue, between Forty-seventh and Forty-eighth streets, to connect with the sewer in Forty-seventh street, such work to be done under the direction of the Croton Aqueduct Department.
Which was referred to the Committee on Sewers when appointed.
By Alderman BRICE—
Whereas the Battery place, from Broadway to the North river, is much obstructed from the presence of merchandise and other incumbrances being left in the carriage way; and
Whereas it is essential for the proper transacting of business in this section of the city that this carriage way be clear for the transit of the large number of vehicles carrying merchandise through it; and
Whereas such obstructions in the streets are contrary to the ordinance of the Common Council and should be removed; therefore be it
Resolved, That the Street Commissioner be and he is hereby directed to cause to be removed forthwith all the obstructions in Battery place, between Broadway and West street.
Which was laid over.
By Alderman JONES—
Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to James Turney to erect a recruiting tent in Roosevelt slip, the same to remain during the pleasure of the Common Council.
Which was referred to Committee on Ordinances when appointed.
By Alderman FARLEY—
Resolved, That the Clerk of the Common Council be and he is hereby directed to procure and furnish each member of the Common Council with a suitable badge, together with three staves of office, stationery, maps and such books as may be necessary to aid them in the discharge of their official business.
Which was laid over.
By Alderman MOORE—
Resolved, That permission be and it is hereby given to Leopold Apple to erect and keep a recruiting tent in the Battery during the pleasure of the Common Council.
Referred to Committee on Lands and Places, when appointed.
By Alderman FARLEY—
Resolved, That Fifteth street, between Fifth and Sixth avenues, be graded, curbed and guttered where not already done, under the direction of the Street Commissioner, and the accompanying ordinance therefor be accepted.
Referred to Committee on Roads, when appointed.
Resolved, That Twenty-third street, from the Third avenue to the East river, be paved with Belgian pavement, under the direction of the Croton Board.
Which was referred to Committee on Streets, when appointed.

INVITATIONS.

From Engine Company No. 7, to attend the annual ball at Irving Hall, Monday evening, January 16, 1865.
Which was accepted.

COMMUNICATIONS.

A communication was received from his Honor the Mayor, transmitting a certified copy of resolutions of the Board of Directors of the New York and Westchester Railroad Company, accepting the permission or grant made to that company on the 20th day of December, 1864.
Which was ordered on file.
A communication was received from the Comptroller transmitting his financial estimates or budget for the year 1865, together with draft of an ordinance, making the annual appropriation for said year.
Alderman RYERS moved that the same be referred to the Committee on Finance, and that two thousand copies be printed in document form.
A communication was received from the Acting City Inspector, nominating Charles Warnock as assistant health warden of the Sixteenth ward, to fill vacancy, to date from the 1st instant, and James McCloskey as assistant health warden of the Third ward, in place of John J. Crothy.
Which were confirmed on a division:—
Affirmative—Alderman Moore, the President, Aldermen Norton, Flynn, Gedney, McKnight, Ryers, Jeremiah, Brice, Kelly, Ottiwell, O'Brien, Farley and Van Voorhis—14.

MESSAGE FROM HIS HONOR THE MAYOR.

A message was received from his Honor the Mayor, being his annual communication to the Common Council.
While the same was being read,
Alderman RYERS moved that the reading be suspended.
Which was carried.
Alderman FARLEY moved that five thousand copies be printed in document form.
Which was carried.
A communication was received from the County Committee on Volunteering in relation to recruiting tents, &c., with an ordinance for the better protection of the citizens of New York in raising the quota under the call for three hundred thousand men.
Alderman JEREMIAH moved to amend the ordinance by striking out all relating to imprisonment.
Which was carried.
The proposition was then laid over.
A communication was received from the Croton Aqueduct Department, transmitting their Annual Report for the year 1864.
Received and the usual number of copies be printed in document form.
A communication was received from the Street Commissioner, transmitting his fourth quarterly report for the year 1864.
Received, and the regular number of copies be printed in document form.
Which was referred to the Committee on Public Documents.
A communication was received from the Comptroller transmitting the fourth quarterly report of the Auditor of Accounts for the year 1864.
Received, and the usual number of copies ordered to be printed in document form.
The PRESIDENT then announced the standing committees for the year 1865.
The PRESIDENT announced that he had appointed as reader of the Board, Noah Ingersoll, Jr., for the year 1865.
Alderman RYERS moved that when this Board adjourn it does so to meet on next Monday, the 16th instant, at two o'clock.
Which was carried.
On motion, the Board then adjourned, and the PRESIDENT announced that the Board stood adjourned till the 16th inst., at two o'clock P. M.
D. T. VALENTINE, Clerk.

The following are the Standing Committees for the year:—

ALMSHOUSE DEPARTMENT.
Alderman Van Voorhies, Alderman Gedney,
Alderman Shannon.

ARTS AND SCIENCES.
Alderman Brice, Alderman Gedney,
Alderman Flynn.

ASSESSMENTS.
Alderman Norton, Alderman Flynn,
Alderman Masterson.

CLEANING STREETS.
Alderman Moore, Alderman Ryers,
Alderman McKnight.

CROTON AQUEDUCT.
Alderman Shannon, Alderman Farley,
Alderman Kelly.

FERRIES.
Alderman Kelly, Alderman Norton,
Alderman Ottiwell, Alderman Jeremiah,
Alderman Gedney.

FINANCE.
Alderman Ryers, Alderman Ottiwell,
Alderman Masterson.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.
Alderman O'Brien, Alderman Van Voorhis,
Alderman Flynn.

LAMPS AND GAS.
Alderman Ryers, Alderman O'Brien,
Alderman Van Voorhis, Alderman Shannon,
Alderman Norton.

LANDS AND PLACES.
Alderman Moore, Alderman Jeremiah,
Alderman Farley.