overnment for $140,000, and subsequently sold to her present owners, Messrs. Garrison & Allan, for $148,000, government, after using the vessel for four years, realizing the handsome profit of eight thousand dollars on the sale. She was built at Wilmington, Delaware, in 1860, Allin & Hollinsworth, and is principally constructed of iron—the hull of the vessel as high as the main deck being composed of the best quality of iron, and all above this point, including the decks, being of wood. She was classified rated as an A No. 1 in Lloyd's, and was one hundred and seventy-one tons burden, new measurement. She was two hundred and seven feet long, thirty-three feet breadth of beam, and fourteen feet depth of hold.

Her machinery was also built at Wilmington, and was of the low pressure order, and of the following dimensions:—Fifty-six inch cylinder and eleven feet stroke of piston. She was furnished with a tubular boiler, and her paddles were thirty feet in diameter.

Inhuman and Disgraceful.

THE DEAD BODIES OF TWO SAILORS ALLOWED TO REMAIN IN THE RIGGING OF A WRECKED VESSEL FOR UPWARDS OF TWO MONTHS.

During the severe gales, which visited our coast last winter, very many lives were lost and much suffering experienced along the entire coast from Cape Florida to Maine. Probably one of the most heartrending cases that occurred at that time, was that of the crew of an eastern schooner that was wrecked on the night of the 7th or 8th of January, on Hatteras Cove. As the vessel was driven among the breakers, the waves swept the deck, and in order to save themselves from being washed overboard, the crew were obliged to take to the rigging, where for hours—subjected to the pitiless storm, which raged furiously at the time—they suffered terribly from the cold. The vessel, after thumping heavily upon the rocks, finally sank when a little over one mile from the land, and those on board of the ill fated schooner made their way to the upper rigging, where they lashed themselves to prevent the waves from washing them off. Fort Hatteras was but little more than a mile distant, and the unfortunate men had every reason to expect succor with the coming of the dawn. The long, dark night of agony was at length over; the sun arose clear and bright over the blue waves of the Atlantic, but succor came not. Some had been frozen to death during the night and others had been drowned; but some were yet alive, but too feeble to help themselves, and looked anxiously towards the shore and fort for help. But none was sent to them, and the remaining two were frozen to death in a few hours within plain sight of those on the beach.

It would have been a difficult as well as dangerous task for a boat to have attempted to reach the sunken schooner, while the wind blew so fresh and the waves were so high as upon that occasion; but we have often heard of, and in fact seen, similar attempts made to rescue fellow creatures from imminent peril, even in the face of death, and, as a general thing, success has always crowned such efforts. But we believe no such attempt was ever made to assist the poor fellows who were lashed in the rigging of this ill fated schooner, nor is any attempt even then made up to this time to remove the dead bodies from the masts, although more than two months have elapsed since they were first discovered. This certainly speaks well for the humanity of the North Carolina wreckers! We have heard many hard stories concerning the wreckers of that section of our coast, but never thought them so devoid of all Christian sympathy and human feeling as to allow the dead bodies of two fellow creatures to dangle in the rigging for two months and upwards—and that, too, under their very noses—to be picked to pieces by the gulls. If that is humanity and brotherly love we never want to experience any of it. This is a crying shame and a disgrace, and almost every vessel that passes that way reports the bodies as still in the rigging.

The Fifty-third Street Tragedy.

INQUISITION BEFORE CORONER WILDEY.

Coroner Wildey yesterday held an inquest at Bellevue Hospital on the body of Charles Zech, the man who attempted to murder his wife in Fifty-third street, near Seventh avenue, on Monday last, and subsequently placed the muzzle of a pistol to his forehead and discharged it, he ball passing into his brain, inflicting a wound from the effects of which he died in Bellevue Hospital some hours afterwards. Mrs. Zech has so far recovered from the effects of the wound in her face that she was able to appear before the Coroner and give her evidence. Two other witnesses were examined, and subjoined may be found a copy of the testimony elicited:—

TESTIMONY OF ALBERTINI ZECH.

Albertini Zech, being duly sworn, says—I reside in Fifty-third street, near Tenth avenue; deceased was my husband; on Monday, at a little after twelve, he came to my house and proposed to me that he should come back and live with me; he had been away from me for eight weeks; I told him if he would go to work and help to take care of his family I would do so; I said that I would like to see him do something, however, to show that he had changed his habits before I would consent to do it; he asked me if I really meant what I said; I told him I did, when he gave the children a penny each and sent them out for some candy; he afterwards sat down and ate something; the children came back, when he gave them some money to get some tobacco; he told me he had a shop in the Bowery, and wanted me to make some paper boxes there; I refused to go with him; shortly afterwards he took hold of me saying, "You won't take me!" and fired a revolver at me; I caught hold of him, when he broke away and fired a second shot; he then went off; he had been drinking very hard as long as I have known him; we have been married eleven years; I have three children.

TESTIMONY OF GEORGE ACKERMAN.

George Akerman, being sworn, says—I reside in Fifty-second street, between Tenth and Eleventh avenues; on Monday about one o'clock I was in my house, when I heard a pistol shot; I ran out and looked towards Seventh avenue, when I saw deceased with his pistol, I believe putting caps on; he aimed the pistol at me; I ran for my father, when we both ran after him; he ran, and when he got to Fiftieth street he put the pistol to his forehead and shot himself; he dropped to the ground; I went down and found he had made paper boxes; wards gave it to a policeman; deceased did not speak a word to any one that I saw.

TESTIMONY OF WOOSTER BEACH, JR., M. D.

Wooster Beach, Jr., M. D., being sworn, says—I have made an external examination of the body of deceased, and found a pistol shot wound in the forehead, about midway between the eyebrows; from the testimony in the case, and the appearance of the body, I am of opinion death was caused by the wound mentioned.

The case was then submitted to the jury, and, after a short deliberation, they rendered the following verdict:—"That the deceased, Charles Zech, came to his death by suicide, by shooting himself in the head with a pistol, at the corner of Tenth avenue and Fiftieth street, on the 12th day of March, 1866." Deceased was thirty-six years of age, and a native of Germany.

MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS.

Board of Aldermen.

OFFICIAL.

STATED SESSION, Monday, March 12—2 P. M.

Present—John Brice, Esq., President, in the chair, and the following members:—

Aldermen Moore, Coman, Norton, McBrien, Shannon, Gedney, Ely, Byers, Reilly, Loew, Masterson, Varnum, O'Brien, McGinnis and Van Voorhis—15.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

PETITIONS.

By Alderman VAN VOORHIS—

Petition of the Methodist church corner of Second avenue and 119th street for remission of assessments.

Which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

By the PRESIDENT—

Petition of Trinity church for permission to curb and gutter and flag the north side of Vestry street, between Hudson and Greenwich streets.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets.

By the same—

Petition of the New York Soldiers' Depot, to be released from paying water rent.

Which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

By Alderman VAN VOORHIS—

Petition of Church of the Annunciation, of Manhattanville, for relief from assessment.

Which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

By the same—

Petition of the Methodist Episcopal church of Harlem for relief from tax.

Which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

By Alderman VARNUM—

Petition of the New York Magdalene Benevolent Society for a donation.

Which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

By Alderman RYERS—

Petition of John Armstrong for loss of horse.

Whereupon the following resolution was presented:—

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized to draw his warrant in favor of John Armstrong for the sum of $500, the same to be in full for loss of horse, and all claim for damages against the city by reason of said loss, the same to be charged to the appropriation of city contingencies or any other appropriate appropriation.

Which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

By Alderman MCGINNIS—

Petition of the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Alban's church for remission of assessments.

Which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

By Alderman VARNUM—

Petition of the New York Ophthalmic Hospital for $5,000.

Which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

By the PRESIDENT—

Remonstrance of property owners on Thirty fourth street, between Tenth and Twelfth avenues, against grading the street.

Alderman REILLY moved to refer the remonstrance, together with General Orders Nos. 129 and 121 to Committee on Streets.

Which was carried.

By Alderman RYERS—

Bill of Drs. Brown and Alexander for embalming bodies of Colonel Bull and Captain Dodge.

Which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

By the PRESIDENT—

Remonstrance of Lawrence & Cohen and sixty others, property owners on William street, against further proceedings for enlarging Fulton and Ann streets.

Which was laid over.

RESOLUTIONS.

By Alderman RYERS—

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby requested to submit to this Board at the earliest practicable moment, a detailed statement of all piers owned by the city; the leases of which expire this year, the time for which they were leased and by what authority; the amount paid per annum by the leases for such piers or bulkheads, and the names of the lessee or lessees in each case; also of any temporary leases made by persons or the non-fulfilment of or failure of any and all parties to comply with any terms had at any sale, leasing or renting of any piers or bulkheads, with the names of the parties originally asking for said leases; the prices bid by them, and the amount, terms and conditions for which they were subsequently leased to others, with the names of such parties.

Alderman NORTON moved to insert the word "ferries" after the word "piers."

Which was accepted by Alderman Ryers.

The resolution as amended was then adopted.

By Alderman O'BRIEN—

Whereas it must be obvious to the most superficial observer that the total absence of public markets in the upper and now most densely populated sections of the city is the cause of much inconvenience, and results in great loss in time and money to a majority of the people of the city who now reside north of Fourteenth street; it causes inconvenience, as all who desire to avoid extortion or paying greatly enhanced prices for the common necessaries of life to retailers up town, are by necessity compelled to trade in one of the two principal markets located at the opposite end of the island, and in the most densely packed business portion of the metropolis; and it causes a loss of time and money, as the distance to be travelled renders it necessary to use some public conveyance; it also causes an addition of thousands of pedestrians, encumbered in most cases with baskets or bundles, and hundreds, if not thousands, of empty and loaded vehicles of every description daily to the narrow and ordinarily overcrowded streets in the lower and business portion of the city, to the serious annoyance and not unfrequently a absolute interruption of business in the vicinity of those markets; and

Whereas it must be equally obvious that the establishment of public markets in the upper part of the city, while it would greatly relieve the lower or wholesale business part from the insufferable annoyances to which it is now subjected by gorging its narrow streets with those who could enjoy the opportunity much more satisfactorily to transact their business in the neighborhood of their residences up town, it would also greatly reduce the cost of the common necessaries of life by diminishing the price, loss of time and inconvenience now experienced in obtaining them; be it, therefore,

Resolved, That the Committee on Markets be and hereby is directed to investigate and report to this Board the most efficacious method of causing to be erected a public market on the ground bounded by Thirty-third and Thirty-fifth streets, the First avenue and the East river, the report to contain such suggestions and recommendations as will tend at the earliest practicable period to the completion of the project indicated in this preamble and resolution.

Whereupon Alderman ELY, in connection with the above, presented the following:—

Resolved, That the said Committee on Markets be and hereby is also directed to inquire into and report as soon as possible the best and most expeditious method of securing the erection of a public market on the ground bounded by East, Broome, Tompkins and Delancey streets.

The preamble and both resolutions were adopted.

By the PRESIDENT—

Resolved, That the sidewalk of Thirty-second street, on the south side, between Tenth and Eleventh avenues, be flagged four feet wide, under the direction of the Street Commissioner, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was laid over.

By Alderman NORTON—

Resolved, That the Clerk of the Common Council be and he is hereby directed to cause to be placed to the desk of each member of the Common Council, in their respective chambers, one of Johnson's rotary drawer locks, at a sum not to exceed $30; the expense of the same to be taken from appropriations for city contingencies.

Which was laid over.

By Alderman MCGINNIS—

Resolved, That the Second Avenue Railroad Company be and hereby is required to pave the space between their tracks in Second avenue, from Forty-second street to their depot, as provided for in their grant from the city, the work to be done immediately, under the direction of the Croton Board.

Which was adopted.

By Alderman FLYNN—

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner be and he is hereby authorized and directed to rebuild the under portion of pier 51 North river, the same to be done immediately.

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

By Alderman O'BRIEN—

Resolved, That the sidewalks of Thirty-eighth street, between First and Second avenues, be flagged full width, under the direction of the Street Commissioner.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets.

By the PRESIDENT—

Resolved, That the salary of the City Librarian be increased to $1,800 per annum, the same to take effect from the passage of this resolution.

Which was referred to the Committee on Salaries and Offices.

By Alderman COMAN—

Resolved, That John A. Godfrey be and is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds, in place of James Dumphy, who has failed to qualify.

Which was adopted.

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

By Alderman MASTERSON—

Resolved, That a sewer, with the necessary receiving basins, be built in Fifty-seventh street, between Sixth and Seventh avenues, under the direction of the Croton Aqueduct Department.

Which was referred to the Committee on Sewers.

By Alderman MASTERSON—

Resolved, That the Counsel to the Corporation be and he is hereby authorized and directed to take the necessary legal measures to open Seventy-fourth street, between the Eighth and Ninth avenues.

Which was referred to the Committee on Roads.

By Alderman VAN VOORHIS—

Resolved, That the gas mains be laid and lamp-posts set and lamps lighted in 124th street, between Third and Fourth avenues, under the direction of the Street Commissioner.

Which was adopted.

By Alderman LOEW—

Resolved, That permission be and is hereby given to John G. Aldridge to connect premises No. 32 avenue B with sewer in Third street, at his own expense, the same to be done under the direction of the Croton Aqueduct Department.

Which was adopted.

By Alderman REILLY—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to J. Cavalli to exhibit Carroll's Patent Observatory Dial for establishing a standard of true time in front of the City Hall, said permission to remain only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Which was adopted.

By Alderman VARNUM—

Resolved, That Belgian pavement be laid in West Twenty-fourth street, between the Fifth and Sixth avenues, under the direction of the Croton Aqueduct Board, one half the expenses to be paid by the property holders and the other half by the city.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets.

By Alderman SHANNON—

Resolved, That a sewer be constructed in that portion of Spring street lying between Elizabeth street and Bowery left unsewered, the same being necessary for the health of the inhabitants of that portion of the street, the same to be done under the direction of the Croton Aqueduct Department.

Which was referred to the Committee on Sewers.

By Alderman MASTERSON—

Resolved, That the Croton mains be laid in Fifty-seventh street, between Sixth and Seventh avenues immediately, under the direction of the Croton Aqueduct Department.

Which was adopted.

By the same—

Resolved, That the sidewalks of Forty second street, between the Ninth avenue and Hudson river, be flagged to their full width, where not already done, under the direction of the Street Department.

Which was referred to the Committee on Roads.

By the same—

Resolved, That Fifty-seventh street, between Sixth and Seventh avenues, be lighted with gas forthwith, under the direction of the Street Commissioner.

Which was adopted.

By Alderman GEDNEY—

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby respectfully requested to furnish this Board with a transcript of the assessed valuation and description of property described below as found in the books in the Tax Commissioners' office for the years 1860, 1861, 1862, 1863, 1864 and 1865, at his earliest convenience, viz:—Fifth avenue, from Thirty-first to Thirty-second street; east and west side of Madison avenue, Thirty-third to Thirty-fourth street; east and west side block bounded south side of Forty-fourth street, east side of Fifth avenue, north side of Forty-fifth street and west side of Madison avenue; also Greenwich street, from Cedar to Liberty, both sides.

Which was adopted.

By Alderman REILLY—

Resolved, That the sidewalks in front of No. 110 East Thirteenth street be flagged full width, under the direction of the Street Commissioner.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets.

By Alderman MASTERSON—

Resolved, That Forty-eighth street, from the easterly side of Seventh avenue to Broadway, be paved with Belgian pavement, under the direction of the Croton Aqueduct Department.

Which was referred to the Committee on Roads.

By Alderman NORTON—

Resolved, That a crosswalk be laid across Laurens street, at the easterly intersection of Grand street; also across Grand street, at the easterly intersection of Laurens street, under the direction of the Croton Board.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets.

By Alderman VARNUM—

Resolved, That the eleventh rule of this Board be amended by adding at the end thereof the words "during the year, except by unanimous consent."

Which was laid over.

By Alderman VAN VOORHIS—

Resolved, That George Obert be permitted to flag sidewalk and set curb and gutter stones in front of the property north side of 124th street, between Second and Third avenues, said walk to be done within six months, at his own expense, and under the direction of the Street Commissioner.

Which was adopted.

REPORTS.

The Committee on Finance presented a report in favor of building a new court house for the Second District Police Court and Third District Civil Court, together with a place of detention for prisoners, appropriating eighty thousand dollars therefor.

Which was laid over.

The Committee on Finance presented a report in favor of making a donation to the pastor of the Church of St. Boniface, sufficient to pay taxes, assessments, &c.

Which was laid over.

The Committee on Finance presented a report in favor of leasing plot of ground to the Patriot Orphans' Home.

Which was laid over.

The Committee on Finance presented a report in favor of paying Peter I. Murtha for extra work on contract for flagging, &c., 125th street, from Third avenue to the Harlem river.

Which was laid over.

The Committee on Finance presented a report in favor of amending the ordinance from the Board of Councilmen making appropriations for the support of the city government, &c., for the year 1866.

Which was laid over.

The Committee on Lands and Places presented a report in relation to the street cleaning contract.

Pending the reading,

Alderman SHANNON moved that the further reading be dispensed with and the report be laid over and printed at length in the minutes.

Which was carried.

The Committee on Streets presented a report to pave Bank street, from Bleecker street to Greenwich avenue, one-half of the expense to be paid by the property owners and the remaining half by the city.

Which was laid over.

The Committee on Public Health presented a report to fill and fence lots on the southeast corner of Broadway and Thirty-first street.

Which was laid over.

The Committee on Streets presented a report to flag the sidewalks in front of 35 Bedford street.

Which was laid over.

The Committee on Roads presented a report to curb, &c., Seventieth street, from First to Second avenue.

Which was laid over.

MESSAGES FROM HIS HONOR THE MAYOR.

A message was received from his Honor the Mayor, vetoing resolution fixing the actual opening of Ninetieth street.

Which was received, laid on the table, directed to be printed at length in the minutes, and published in the newspapers employed by the Corporation.

A message was received from his Honor the Mayor, transmitting an invitation from the Irish military and civic societies to review a parade of said societies on the 17th instant, the anniversary of the birthday of St. Patrick.

Which was accepted.

COMMUNICATIONS.

A communication was received from the Street Commissioner, transmitting apportionment of assessment for sewer in Third avenue, between 120th and 121st streets.

Which was ordered on file.

PAPERS FROM THE BOARD OF COUNCILMEN.

Resolved, That the resolution approved by the Mayor, December, 1865, granting certain portion of Burling slip to the Metropolitan Fire Commissioners for the purpose of erecting a building thereon, be and the same is hereby repealed, rescinded and annulled, and declared to be of no force and effect whatever.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets.

Resolved, That the Harlem Gas Light Company be and they are hereby directed to place gas lamps in Sixtieth street, between Third and Fourth avenues, under the direction of the Street Commissioner.

Which was concurred in.

Resolved, That Croton mains be laid in Delancey street, between Tompkins and East streets, under the direction of the Croton Aqueduct Department.

Which was referred to the Committee on Croton Aqueduct Department.

Resolved, That the Croton Board be and they are hereby authorized and directed to repair culvert on the northwest corner of Fourth street and Avenue B, immediately, the same being in a very dangerous condition.

Which was referred to the Committee on Croton Aqueduct Department.

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner be and he is hereby directed to remove a gate or lattice-work erected across the head of pier 14 East river, forthwith, the parties erecting the same having no permission from the Common Council, and that the Counsel to the Corporation be and he is hereby directed to take legal proceedings against said parties for a violation of the corporation ordinance.

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

Report of Committee on Roads, with resolution as follows:—

Resolved, That 118th street, between the Third and Fourth avenues, be regulated, graded, curb and gutter stones set therein and flagged where necessary, and also that gas lamps be placed therein and the same lighted, the said work to be done under the direction of the Street Commissioner, and the accompanying ordinance therefor adopted.

Which was referred to the Committee on Roads.

Report of Committee on Roads, with resolution as follows:—

Resolved, That the sidewalks in Eighty-fifth street, between Fourth and Fifth avenues, be flagged and reflagged, regulated and the curb and gutter stones reset where necessary, under the direction of the Street Commissioner, and the accompanying ordinance therefor adopted.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets.

Report of Committee on Roads, with resolution as follows:—

Resolved, That Eighty-eighth street, from Third avenue to avenue A, be regulated, graded, the curb and gutter stones set, and the sidewalks flagged a space four feet through the centre of the same, under the direction of the Street Commissioner, and the accompanying ordinance therefor adopted.

Committee on Roads.

Which was referred to the Committee on Roads, with resolution as follows:—

Report of Committee on Roads, with resolution as follows:—

Resolved, That Third avenue, between Sixty-fifth and Seventy-ninth streets, be relayed where necessary, under the direction of the Street Commissioner, and the accompanying ordinance therefor adopted.

Which was referred to the Committee on Roads.

Report of Committee on Sewers, with resolution as follows:—

Resolved, That a sewer, with the necessary receiving basins and culverts, be built in 110th street, from Second to First avenue.

Which was referred to the Committee on Sewers.

Report of Committee on Sewers, with resolution as follows:—

Resolved, That culverts and receiving basins be placed on the northwest and southwest corners of avenue D and Fourth street, the same to be done by and under the direction of the Croton Aqueduct Board.

Which was referred to the Committee on Sewers.

Report of Committee on Sewers, with resolution as follows:—

Resolved, That a sewer be constructed in Forty-third street, between Third and Lexington avenues, under the direction of the Croton Aqueduct Board.

Which was referred to the Committee on Sewers.

Report of Committee on Sewers, with resolution as follows:—

Resolved, That a culvert to connect with the sewer on Third avenue be constructed at the southeast corner of Fifty-first street and Third avenue, under the direction of the Croton Aqueduct Board.

Which was laid over.

Report of Committee on Sewers with resolution as follows:—

Resolved, That a sewer be constructed in Seventy-seventh street, between Second and Fourth avenues, under the direction of the Croton Aqueduct Board.

Which was laid over.

Report of Committee on Wharves, Piers and Slips, with resolution as follows:—

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner be and he is hereby authorized and directed to dredge out Fulton Market Slip, between piers Nos. 22 and 23 East river.

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

Resolved, That the sidewalk on the north side of Fourteenth street, between First and Second avenues, be flagged where necessary, under the direction of the Street Commissioner.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets.

Resolved, That Croton mains be laid in Sixty-second street, between Ninth and Tenth avenues, under the direction of the Croton Aqueduct Board.

Which was concurred in.

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner be and he is hereby authorized and directed to place gas lamps and cause the same to be lighted, on the northwest and southwest corners of Fifth avenue and Twenty-third street, and also on the southeast corner of Broadway and Twenty-third street.

Which was referred to the Committee on Lamps and Gas.

Resolved, That the action of the President of the United States in returning to the Congress his veto of the bill known as the Freedmen's Bureau bill was, in the opinion of the representatives of the people of the city of New York, in Common Council, not only justifiable, but a wise exercise of the restraining power lodged with the Chief Magistrate of the nation by the constitution, to be exercised in such emergencies, and that the Common Council of the city of New York most sincerely thank the President for this salutary assertion of his high prerogative, believing, as they do, that this act will meet with the hearty approbation and solid support of the American people.

Alderman NORTON presented the following preamble and resolution, as an amendment:—

Whereas, in the present crisis in the affairs of our country, when the enlightened and Christian policy of Andrew Johnson, President of the United States, is brought violently in conflict with the vindictive, revolutionary and destructive policy as indicated by the acts of the present Congress, it is eminently fitting and proper that the people of this, the most important city on the American continent, should speak through their direct representatives in their municipal government, and that the views, aspirations and opinions entertained by the President, and contained in his message vetoing the Freedmen's Bureau bill, being strictly in accord with those entertained by them, should, at once, in the most impressive and energetic manner, receive their clear and unequivocal ratification and endorsement; and

Whereas the action of President Johnson, in interposing to save the defenceless and despairing people of the Southern States (lately in rebellion against the government, but who have now renounced the notions of returning to their allegiance) from the dreaded results of the vindictiveness of the dominant faction in the present Congress, who were seemingly determined to change the relative positions of the freedmen and their late masters, must commend itself to every liberal-minded conservative citizen of the republic, and especially to the people of this city. Be it therefore

Resolved, That the people of the city of New York, speaking through their representatives in the Common Council, do hereby unqualifiedly ratify and endorse the act of Andrew Johnson, President of the United States, in vetoing the Freedmen's Bureau bill, that obnoxious and portentous emanation of the most fanatical spirit of malevolence and cruelty so characteristic of the violent and malignant spirit of vengeance which seems to actuate and govern the thoughts, words and actions of the sectional party now unhappily dominant in our national councils, in legislating for the lately rebellious, but now happily, peaceable and repentant people of the Southern States; and we beg to be permitted to assure him that, in the eminently wise and patriotic national measures he has inaugurated or indicated in his speeches and in his messages to Congress, tending to a full restoration of those States to their former status in this Union of States, he has the most fervent and sincere wishes of nearly all classes of our citizens for their final and triumphant success; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of the foregoing preamble and resolution be appropriately engrossed, duly authenticated by the Clerk of the Common Council, and transmitted to his Excellency Andrew Johnson, President of the United States.

Alderman NORTON moved the previous question.

The PRESIDENT put the question; "Shall the main question now be put?"

Which was decided in the negative by the following vote:—

Affirmative—Aldermen Moore, Coman, Norton and McBrien—4.

Negative—Aldermen Shannon, Gedney, Ely, Reilly, Brice, Loew, Masterson, Varnum, O'Brien, McGinnis and Van Voorhis—11.

The PRESIDENT then put the question on the motion of Alderman NORTON to amend, as follows:—

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:—

Affirmative—Aldermen Moore, Coman, Norton, McBrien, Shannon, Loew, Masterson, O'Brien, McGinnis and Van Voorhis—10.

Negative—Aldermen Gedney, Ely, Reilly, Brice and Varnum—5.

The PRESIDENT then stated the question to be on the adoption of the amendment.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:—

Affirmative—Aldermen Moore, Coman, Norton, McBrien, Shannon, Ely, Brice, Loew, Masterson, O'Brien, McGinnis and Van Voorhis—12.

Negative—Aldermen Gedney, Reilly and Varnum—3.

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

Resignation of S. Newell as a Commissioner of Deeds, with resolution as follows:—

Resolved, That Hugh Masterson be and he is hereby appointed Commissioner of Deeds in and for the city and county of New York, to fill vacancy caused by the resignation of S. Newell.

(By Board of Councilmen resignation accepted and resolution adopted.)

Which was concurred in.

Report of Committee on Wharves, Piers and Slips, with resolution as follows:—

Resolved, That the Street Commissioner be and he is hereby authorized and directed to advertise for proposals to repair and raise the sunken part of the pier at the foot of 114th street and Harlem river, also to fill with good and wholesome earth the width of 114th street, from avenue A to the commencement of the pier at the foot of 114th street and Harlem river.

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

Resolved, That the vacant lots on 121st street, between Second and Third avenues, be enclosed by a board fence, immediately, and that the following ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was laid over.

Report of Committee on Belgian Pavement, with resolution as follows:—

Resolved, That Catharine street be paved with Belgian pavement, under the direction of the Croton Aqueduct Department, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was laid over.

Report of special committee appointed to consider a resolution directing an improved system of heating the City Hall, with resolution as follows:—

Resolved, That the sum of $50,000 be and the same is hereby appropriated for furnishing the City Hall with a suitable steam heating apparatus, the said work to be done under the direction of the Street Commissioner, in conformity with the charter of 1857, and that the said sum of $50,000 be inserted in the tax levy of 1866 to be expended specifically for the purpose aforesaid.

Which was laid over.

Resolved, That Fifty-fifth street, from Eleventh avenue to North river, be repaired, under the direction of the Street Commissioner, the expense thereof to be charged to road expenses.

Which was concurred in.

Whereas, in the list of Commissioners of Deeds approved by the Mayor in November, 1865, Moses B. Maclay was appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in place of T. J. Brown, through a clerical error; it should have read J. Hosford Smith; therefore be it

Resolved, That the name of T. J. Brown, opposite the name of Moses B. Maclay, be stricken out, and J. Hosford Smith inserted.

Alderman REILLY moved that said paper be referred to the Committee on Salaries and Offices.

Which was lost by the following vote:—

Affirmative—Aldermen Moore, Coman, Gedney, Reilly, Loew and McGinnis—6.

Negative—Aldermen Norton, McBrien, Shannon, Ely, Brice, Masterson, Varnum, O'Brien and Van Voorhis—9.

The paper was then concurred in.

And the same was directed to be sent to his Honor the Mayor for approval.

GENERAL ORDERS.

Report of Committee on Streets in favor of adopting resolution as follows:—

Resolved, That a crosswalk be laid across West street, opposite No. 57, under the direction of the Croton Aqueduct Board, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was adopted by the following vote:—

Affirmative—Aldermen Moore, Coman, Norton, McBrien, Shannon, Gedney, Ely, Reilly, Brice, Loew, Masterson, Varnum, O'Brien, McGinnis and Van Voorhis—15.

Preamble of Board of Aldermen relative to the exhaustion of the published edition of the Revised Ordinances of 1859, with resolution as follows:—

Resolved, That David T. Valentine, Clerk of the Common Council, be and is hereby directed to compile a complete edition of all Corporation ordinances in force to the date of this resolution, and that three thousand copies of the same be printed under the direction, and that the sum of ——dollars be and is hereby appropriated to David T. Valentine for the compilation, and the Comptroller is hereby authorized and directed to draw his warrant for the same on presentation of the proper vouchers.

(By Board of Councilmen, February 8, 1866, amended by inserting in the blank the sum of $3,000.)

Which was concurred in by the following vote:—

Affirmative—Aldermen Moore, Coman, Norton, McBrien, Shannon, Gedney, Ely, Reilly, Brice, Loew, Masterson, Varnum, O'Brien, McGinnis and Van Voorhis—15.

Report of Committee on Streets, in favor of adopting resolution as follows:—

Resolved, That Franklin street, from Broadway to West Broadway, be paved with belgian pavement, under the direction of the Croton Aqueduct Board, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Alderman NORTON moved to amend by inserting in the resolution and ordinance the following words:—"The property owners to pay one-half the expenses and the city the remaining half."

Which was carried.

And the paper, as amended, was then laid over.

Resolution of Board of Councilmen, as follows:—

Resolved, That a receiving basin and culvert be built on the northeast corner of Monroe and Market streets, under the direction of the Croton Board, and that the accompanying ordinance be adopted.

Which was concurred in by the following vote:—

Affirmative—Aldermen Moore, Coman, Norton, McBrien, Shannon, Ely, Reilly, Brice, Loew, Varnum, O'Brien, McGinnis and Van Voorhis—13.

Preamble, with resolutions as follows:—

Resolved, That the City Inspector be and he is hereby authorized and requested to retain for the present, and until he has entirely closed up the business of his Department, the possession and use of the offices now occupied by him, as well as the furniture therein necessary for that purpose.

Resolved, That the special committee appointed by this Board to inquire how far the new law affects the duties hitherto devolved upon the City Inspector's Department, acting with a like committee of the Board of Councilmen, be directed to ascertain what clerical or other assistance may be thereof, necessary to enable the City Inspector to close up the said business, and that with their authority he be empowered to employ such assistance, the expense thereof to be paid out of city contingencies.

Which was adopted by the following vote:—

Affirmative—Aldermen Moore, Coman, Norton, McBrien, Shannon, Gedney, Ely, Reilly, Brice, Loew, Masterson, Varnum, O'Brien, McGinnis and Van Voorhis—15.

MOTIONS.

Alderman ELY moved that when the Board adjourn it do so to meet on Wednesday, the 14th inst., at two o'clock P. M., and that the consideration of the Annual Appropriation ordinance be made the special order for that day.

Which was carried.

GENERAL ORDERS RESUMED.

Resolution of Board of Councilmen as follows:—

Resolved, That the salaries of the Redemption Clerk, Bureau of Arrears, Department of Finance, be increased to $1,800, the same to take effect from the passage of this resolution.

Which was concurred in by the following vote:—

Affirmative—Aldermen Moore, Coman, Norton, McBrien, Shannon, Gedney, Ely, Reilly, Brice, Loew, Masterson, Varnum, O'Brien, McGinnis and Van Voorhis—15.

Report of Committee on Finance, in favor of adopting resolution as follows:—

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized and directed to draw a warrant in favor of Joseph Hilliey, for the sum of $900, to be in full payment for loss of horses and carriage from the bulkhead on East street, between Delancey and Rivington streets, caused by the absence of a "string-piece" from said bulkhead; the amount to be charged by the Comptroller to the account of city contingencies.

Which was adopted by the following vote:—

Affirmative—Aldermen Moore, Coman, Norton, McBrien, Shannon, Gedney, Ely, Reilly, Brice, Masterson, O'Brien, McGinnis and Van Voorhis—13.

Negative—Aldermen Loew and Varnum—2.

Resolution of the Board of Councilmen, as follows:—

Resolved, That the compensation of the sweepers employed in the various markets in the city of New York be and the same is hereby fixed at the rate of $60 per month, the same to take effect from and after the passage of this resolution.

Which was concurred in by the following vote:—

Affirmative—Aldermen Moore, Coman, Norton, McBrien, Shannon, Gedney, Ely, Reilly, Brice, Loew, Masterson, O'Brien, McGinnis and Van Voorhis—14.

Negative—Alderman Varnum—1.

Resolved, That the sidewalks in Thirty-fifth street, between Tenth and Eleventh avenues, be flagged and reflagged where necessary, under the direction of the Street Commissioner, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was adopted by the following vote:—

Affirmative—Aldermen Moore, Coman, Norton, McBrien, Gedney, Ely, Reilly, Brice, Loew, Masterson, Varnum, O'Brien, McGinnis and Van Voorhis—14.

Negative—Alderman Shannon—1.

Resolution of Board of Councilmen, as follows:—

Resolved, That the salary of the Stock Clerk in the Finance Department be and the same is hereby fixed at the rate of three thousand dollars per annum, the said increase to take effect from and after the passage of this resolution.

Which was lost by the following vote:—

Affirmative—Aldermen Coman, McBrien, Shannon, Gedney, Ely, Reilly, Brice, Loew, O'Brien, McGinnis and Van Voorhis—11.

Negative—Aldermen Moore, Masterson and Varnum—3.

Resolved, That the salary of Fourth Clerk in the office of the Common Council be increased to $1,000 a year, the same to take effect after the approval of this resolution.

Which was adopted by the following vote:—

Affirmative—Aldermen Moore, Coman, McBrien, Shannon, Gedney, Ely, Reilly, Brice, Loew, Masterson, Varnum, O'Brien, McGinnis and Van Voorhis—14.

Whereas the ordinance directing a stone-block pavement to be laid in Thirty-fourth street, from Third avenue to East river, cannot be carried into effect in consequence of the curb and gutter not having been set east of First avenue, and of certain parts of the present curb and gutter requiring resetting; therefore,

Resolved, That the curb and gutter be set and reset where necessary in Thirty-fourth street, from Third avenue to East river, forthwith, the same to be done under the direction of the Street Commissioner, and the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was adopted by the following vote:—

Affirmative—Aldermen Moore, Coman, Norton, McBrien, Shannon, Ely, Reilly, Brice, Loew, Masterson, Varnum, O'Brien, McGinnis and Van Voorhis—14.

Report of Committee on Finance in favor of adopting resolution as follows:—

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized and directed to draw a warrant in favor of Augustus Schell, President of the New York Institution for the Blind, for the sum of $9,253 70, with accrued interest to date, as a donation, in order to enable the said institution to pay taxes and assessments now due on its property, the amount to be charged to the account of donations.

Which was lost by the following vote:—

Affirmative—Aldermen Moore, McBrien, Shannon, Ely, Reilly, Brice, Loew, Varnum, O'Brien, McGinnis and Van Voorhis—11.

Negative—Aldermen Norton, Gedney and Masterson—3.

Subsequently reconsidered and laid over.

Subsequently the same was again taken up for consideration.

The resolution was then adopted by the following vote:—

Affirmative—Aldermen Moore, Coman, Norton, McBrien, Shannon, Ely, Brice, Loew, Masterson, Varnum, O'Brien, McGinnis and Van Voorhis—14.

Negative—Alderman Gedney—1.

Report of Committee on Roads in favor of adopting resolution as follows:—

Resolved that the Counsel to the Corporation be and he is hereby authorized and directed to take the necessary legal measures to have Seventy-second street, from Third to Fourth avenues, opened according to law.

Which was adopted by the following vote:—

Affirmative—Aldermen Moore, Shannon, Gedney, Ely, Reilly, Loew, Varnum, O'Brien, McGinnis and Van Voorhis—10.

Negative—Aldermen Norton, McBrien, Brice and Masterson—4.

Subsequently,

Alderman NORTON moved that such action be reconsidered.

Which was carried by the following vote:—

Affirmative—