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### BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

THURSDAY, May 20, 1875, }  
2 o'clock P. M.

The Board met in their chamber, No. 15 City Hall.

PRESENT:

Hon. SAMUEL A. LEWIS, President ;

ALDERMEN

Oliver P. C. Billings,	William H. McCarthy,
Andrew Blessing,	John J. Morris,
William L. Cole,	Robert Power,
George B. Deane, Jr.,	Henry D. Purroy,
Edward Gilon,	John Reilly,
Magnus Gross,	John Robinson,
John W. Guntzer,	Peter Seery,
Henry E. Howland,	Edward J. Shandley,
Patrick Lysaght,	Stephen N. Simonson,
	Chester H. Southworth.

The minutes of the last meetings, of May 13 and 17, were read and approved.

PETITIONS.

By Alderman Gross—

A petition of W. Schwaner, asking permission to erect a sign in front of No. 517 East Sixteenth street.

Which was referred to the Committee on Public Works.

By Alderman Gilon—

A petition of the officers of the Eleventh Regiment, N. G. S. N. Y., to have their armory repaired.

Which was referred to the Committee on County Affairs.

INVITATION.

An invitation was received from the Memorial Committee of the Grand Army of the Republic, to participate in the ceremony of decorating the graves of the deceased soldiers of the Union Army, on Decoration Day, May 31, 1875.

Which was accepted.

RESOLUTIONS.

By Alderman Morris—

Resolved, That the Commissioners of Public Parks be and are hereby requested to cause the sidewalks around the City Hall Park and Washington Square Park to be flagged full width, and all the walks in both parks to be flagged a space of four feet wide through the centre thereof, without delay, as the present condition of the walks in question, uncomfortably dusty in dry weather, and uncomfortably muddy in wet weather, renders some such improvement indispensably necessary for the comfort and convenience of those of our citizens who have occasion to use such walks.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative.

By Alderman Gross—

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be and is herewith discharged from the further consideration of the charges accruing and bills presented in connection with the reception of King Kalakaua of the Sandwich Islands.

MAGNUS GROSS,  
PATRICK LYSAGHT,  
JOHN J. MORRIS,  
WILLIAM L. COLE.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative.

Alderman Morris moved that the bills incurred in the reception of King Kalakaua be referred to the Committee on Markets.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said motion.

Which was decided in the affirmative.

By Alderman Howland—

Resolved, That the name of Benjamin T. Crane, heretofore appointed a Commissioner of Deeds, be corrected so as to read Benjamin F. Crane.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative.

By Alderman Gilon—

Resolved, That Walter L. Childs be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, in place of Abraham Webb, who has failed to qualify.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Blessing, Cole, Deane, Gilon, Gross, Guntzer, Howland, Lysaght, McCarthy, Morris, Power, Purroy, Reilly, Robinson, Seery, Shandley, Simonson, and Southworth—20.

By Alderman Power—

Resolved, That James P. Rogers be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County New York, in place of J. Hubert Webb, who failed to qualify.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Blessing, Cole, Deane, Gilon, Gross, Guntzer, Howland, Lysaght, McCarthy, Morris, Power, Purroy, Reilly, Robinson, Seery, Shandley, Simonson, and Southworth—20.

By the same—

Resolved, That Charles Conley be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, in place of Patrick White, who failed to qualify.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Blessing, Cole, Deane, Gilon, Gross, Guntzer, Howland, Lysaght, McCarthy, Morris, Power, Purroy, Reilly, Robinson, Seery, Shandley, Simonson, and Southworth—20.

By Alderman Cole—

Resignation of John R. D. Stott.

Which was accepted.

By the same—

Resolved, That Peter R. Gatens be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds, in and for the City and County of New York, in place of John R. D. Stott, resigned.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Blessing, Cole, Deane, Gilon, Gross, Guntzer, Howland, Lysaght, McCarthy, Morris, Power, Purroy, Reilly, Robinson, Seery, Shandley, Simonson, and Southworth—20.

By Alderman Lysaght—

Resolved, That Charles F. Walters be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, in place of Henry R. Conklin, who has failed to qualify.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Blessing, Cole, Deane, Gilon, Gross, Guntzer, Howland, Lysaght, McCarthy, Morris, Power, Purroy, Reilly, Robinson, Seery, Shandley, Simonson, and Southworth—20.

By Alderman McCarthy—

Resolved, John J. Lynch be and he is hereby reappointed a Commissioner of Deeds, in and for the City and County of New York, his term of office having expired.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Blessing, Cole, Deane, Gilon, Gross, Guntzer, Howland, Lysaght, McCarthy, Morris, Power, Purroy, Reilly, Robinson, Seery, Shandley, Simonson, and Southworth—20.

By Alderman Reilly—

Resolved, That a free drinking-hydrant, for man and beast, be placed at the southwest corner of Third avenue and Twelfth street, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets.

By the same—

Resolved, That his Honor the Mayor be and he is hereby requested to instruct the Commissioners of Accounts to report to this Board a statement in detail of the several amounts of moneys paid, respectively, to the several Commissioners of the Central Park, or of the Department of Public Parks, or their for benefit, or as salary, or as expenses incurred or allowed, or for any purpose, from the date of the organization of the Department up to and including December 31, 1874, with references to the laws or to the resolutions of the Board authorizing or claimed to authorize the same.

Alderman McCarthy moved to amend by inserting after the word "Parks" the words "and the Landscape Architect."

Which was accepted by Alderman Reilly.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative.

By Alderman Seery—

Resolved, That Sixty-third street, from First to Second avenue, be flagged four feet wide, through the centre thereof, where not already done, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public

Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets.

By Alderman Simonson—

Whereas, It is clear that no necessity exists for keeping the public offices of the City of New York open for the transaction of the public business for any greater number of hours each day than the offices of the General and State Governments and banking, insurance, and other prominent business institutions in this city; be it therefore

Resolved, That the resolution approved September 13, 1859, providing that the public offices of the City of New York be required to be open from the hours of 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. for the transaction of public business, be and is hereby amended by striking out the figure "4" before the letters "P. M." and inserting in lieu thereof the figure "3" so that said resolution when so amended shall read as follows:

Resolved, That the public offices of the City of New York be required to be open from the hours of 9 A. M. to 3 P. M. for the transaction of public business.

Which was referred to the Committee on Arts and Sciences.

By the same—

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Public Works be and he is hereby directed to cause the carriageway of the Eighth avenue, from Fifty-ninth to One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street, to be sprinkled, in the same manner in which the drives and boulevards north of the Central Park are now sprinkled.

Which was referred to the Committee on Public Works.

By Alderman Seery—

Resolved, That Avenue A, from Eighty-sixth street to Ninety-third street, be paved with Belgian or trap-block pavement, and that at the several intersecting streets and avenues crosswalks be laid where not now laid, and relaid where those now laid are, in the opinion of the Commissioner of Public Works, not in good repair, or are not upon a grade adapted to the grade of the proposed new pavement, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was referred to the Committee on Street Pavements.

By Alderman Simonson—

Resolved, That the lamp-post and lamp now in front of the entrance to the residence of John McGauran, on Highbridge avenue, north of Devoe street, be removed and placed twelve feet south of its present location, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Parks.

Which was referred to the Committee on Roads.

By the same—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to John McGauran to set the curb and gutter stones and flag the sidewalk in front of his premises on Highbridge avenue, commencing one hundred feet north of Devoe street, the work to be done at his own expense, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative.

(G. O. 281.)

By Alderman Simonson—

Resolved, That Ninth avenue, from Seventy-second to Eighty-first street, be regulated, graded, curb and gutter stones set, and sidewalks flagged, full width, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was laid over.

(G. O. 282.)

By Alderman Blessing—

Resolved, That Fifty-seventh street, from Eleventh avenue to the North river, be paved with Belgian or trap-block pavement, and that at the several intersecting streets and avenues crosswalks be laid where not now laid, and relaid where those now laid are, in the opinion of the Commissioner of Public Works, not in good repair, or are not upon a grade adapted to the grade of the proposed new pavement, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was laid over.

By Alderman Reilly—

AN ORDINANCE amending the ordinance entitled "An ordinance for the better protection of strangers and the traveling public, and to regulate and license steamboat runners."

Section 1. The Mayor of the City of New York may, from time to time, grant licenses as he shall think proper, to any runner or person acting for himself, or for and on behalf of or connected with any steamboat, railroad, or forwarding company, or emigrant boarding-house, or hotel, to exercise and carry on the business commonly known as steamboat runner, railroad runner, emigrant boarding-house runner, and hotel run-

ner, for the purpose of soliciting passengers or guests, and he may suspend or revoke any or all of such licenses at his pleasure.

Sec. II. Every person receiving such license shall pay therefor to the Mayor, for the use of the city, the sum of twenty-five dollars, and every such license shall expire, unless sooner revoked, one year from the date thereof, and it shall be lawful for the Mayor to renew and continue any of such licenses, provided that the applicant thereof continue in all things qualified as hereinbefore provided to hold such license, and the application to be made therefor prior to the expiration thereof, at such time as may be appointed by the Mayor, and every person upon the renewal of the license shall pay to the Mayor for the use of the city, the further sum of twelve dollars and fifty cents.

Sec. III. Every such licensed person whenever employed in soliciting passengers for steamboats, railroads, or employed or authorized by the keeper, proprietor, agent, or officer of any hotel, boarding-house, shall wear conspicuously on his coat, a metal badge containing the number of his license; and no person, except he be so licensed, shall wear such badge, or any badge purporting to be the badge of such licensed person, under a penalty of ten dollars for every such offense. The Mayor of this city shall determine the form and material of said badge.

Sec. IV. No person, except he be licensed as aforesaid, shall exercise or carry on the business commonly known as steamboat runner, railroad runner, hotel runner, and emigrant boarding-house runner, under a penalty of twenty-five dollars for every such offense.

Sec. V. Any forfeiture or penalty arising under the ordinance, may be enforced by the Mayor or recovered by an action in the name of the City and County of New York, prosecuted in any Court of Justice, as prescribed by the City Charter or by law; and the forfeiture so recovered shall be paid into the city treasury.

Which was referred to the Committee on Law Department.

By Alderman Simonson—

Resolved, That the resolutions and ordinances passed for fencing vacant lots between Fifty-ninth and Sixtieth streets, Ninth and Tenth avenues, one approved May 12, 1875, and the other became adopted May 13, 1875, be and the same are hereby repealed.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative.

By Alderman Blessing—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Thomas Fenton to regulate, grade, curb and gutter stones set and sidewalks flagged in front of his premises in One Hundred and Sixty-first street, running westerly one hundred feet from Tenth avenue, the work to be done at his own expense, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative.

By Alderman McCarthy—

Resolved, That Fifty-sixth street, from Fourth to Fifth avenue, be paved with granite-block pavement, and that at the several intersecting streets and avenues crosswalks be laid where not now laid, and relaid where those now laid are, in the opinion of the Commissioner of Public Works, not in good repair, or are not upon a grade adapted to the grade of the proposed new pavement, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was referred to the Committee on Street Pavements.

By the same—

Resolved, That Eighty-second street, from Second to Third avenue, be paved with granite-block pavement, and that at the several intersecting streets and avenues crosswalks be laid where not now laid, and relaid where those now laid are, in the opinion of the Commissioner of Public Works, not in good repair, or are not upon a grade adapted to the grade of the proposed new pavement, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was referred to the Committee on Street Pavements.

By the same—

Resolved, That Seventy-sixth street from Second to Third avenue, be paved with granite-block pavement, and that at the several intersecting streets and avenues crosswalks be laid where not now laid, and relaid where those now laid are, in the opinion of the Commissioner of Public Works, not in good repair, or are not upon a grade adapted to the grade of the proposed new pavement, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was referred to the Committee on Street Pavements.

By Alderman Howland—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Benjamin S. Welles to construct and keep two bay-windows on the building about to be erected at the northeast corner of Fourth avenue and Fortieth street, as shown on the accompanying diagram, the work to be done at his own expense, under the direction of the Com-

missioner of Public Works; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolution. Which was decided in the affirmative.

By Alderman Purroy—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to William L. Burke to retain the show-case now in front of his store, No. 214 Broadway, provided such show-case does not extend outwardly beyond the stoop or area line; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative, on a division called by Alderman Simonson:

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Blessing, Cole, Deane, Gilon, Gross, Guntzer, Lysaght, McCarthy, Power, Purroy, Reilly, Robinson, Seery, Shandley, and Southworth—16.

Negative—Aldermen Billings, Howland, Morris, and Simonson—4.

By Alderman McCarthy—

Resolved, That a sewer, with the necessary receiving-basins and culverts, be built in Fourth avenue (east side), between Eighty-eighth and Eighty-ninth streets, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was referred to the Committee on Roads.

By Alderman Lysaght—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to F. Schneider to place an ornamental lamp on the lamp-post now in front of No. 68 Bowery, the work to be done and gas to be supplied at his own expense, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Alderman Gilon moved to refer to the Committee on Public Works.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said motion.

Which was decided in the affirmative.

By Alderman Southworth—

Resolved, That the curb and gutter stones be set and reset, and the sidewalk flagged and re-flagged four feet wide, where not already done, on the east side of Avenue A, between One Hundred and Sixteenth and One Hundred and Seventeenth streets, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was referred to the Committee on Roads.

By Alderman McCarthy—

Resolved, That the premises situated on the northeast corner of One Hundred and Thirtieth street and Tenth avenue be and is hereby designated as and for a public pound; and a pound-keeper shall be assigned therefor by the Mayor, without any compensation or salary to be paid by the Corporation.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative.

By Alderman Reilly—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Patrick J. Burke to erect a watering-trough in front of his premises on Broome street, at southeast corner of Broome and Sullivan streets, the work to be done at his own expense, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative.

By the President—

Resolved, That the resolution and ordinance for building sewer in One Hundred and Fortyninth street, from Harlem river to two hundred and thirty feet west of Eighth avenue, which became adopted May 13, 1875, be and are hereby repealed, the said street not yet having been opened according to law.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative.

By Alderman Reilly—

Resolved, That receiving-basins and culverts be built on the northeast and southeast corners of Avenue A and Sixty-first street, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was referred to the Committee on Public Works.

By Alderman Shandley—

Resolved, That John J. Blair be and is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, in place of Henry E. Lynch, who failed to qualify.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Blessing, Cole, Deane, Gilon, Gross, Guntzer, Howland, Lysaght, McCarthy, Power, Purroy, Reilly, Robinson, Seery, Shandley, Simonson, and Southworth—19.

By Alderman Robinson—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Samuel C. Smith to erect a portico on the platform of his stoop, in front of the entrance of the hotel at No. 58 Chatham street, the work to be done at his own expense, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative.

REPORTS.

(G. O. 283.)

The Committee on Streets, to whom were referred the annexed resolution and ordinance in favor of flagging sidewalks in Thirty-third street, from First avenue to the East river, respectfully

REPORT:

That, having examined the subject, they believe the proposed improvement to be necessary. They therefore recommend that the said resolution and ordinance be adopted.

Resolved, That the sidewalks on both sides of Thirty-third street, from First avenue to the East river, be flagged four feet wide, through the centre thereof, where not already done, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

JOHN W. GUNTZER, PATRICK LYSAGHT, S. N. SIMONSON, Committee on Streets.

Which was laid over.

(G. O. 284.)

The Committee on Streets, to whom was referred the annexed resolution in favor of erecting lamps in front of church south side of Fifth street, from Broadway to Eighth avenue, respectfully

REPORT:

That, having examined the subject, they believe the proposed improvement to be necessary. They therefore recommend that the said resolution be adopted.

Resolved, That boulevard-lamps be placed on the two lamp-posts now standing in front of German Church, on the south side of Fifth street, between Broadway and Eighth avenue, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

JOHN W. GUNTZER, PATRICK LYSAGHT, S. N. SIMONSON, Committee on Streets.

Which was laid over.

(G. O. 285.)

The Committee on Streets, to whom were referred the annexed resolution and ordinance in favor of flagging sidewalk south side of Thirty-fourth street, from First avenue to East river, respectfully

REPORT:

That, having examined the subject, they believe the proposed improvement to be necessary. They therefore recommend that the said resolution and ordinance be adopted.

Resolved, That the sidewalk on the south side of Thirty-fourth street, from First avenue to the East river, be flagged four feet wide through the centre thereof, where not already done, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

JOHN W. GUNTZER, PATRICK LYSAGHT, S. N. SIMONSON, Committee on Streets.

Which was laid over.

(G. O. 286.)

The Committee on Roads, etc., to whom was referred the annexed resolution in favor of laying gas, etc., in One Hundred and Tenth street, from Eighth to Ninth avenue, respectfully

REPORT:

That, having examined the subject, they believe the proposed improvement to be necessary. They therefore recommend that the said resolution be adopted.

Resolved, That gas-mains be laid, lamp-posts erected, and street-lamps lighted in One Hundred and Tenth street, from the Eighth to Ninth avenue, and under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

WM. H. MCCARTHY, JOHN REILLY, Committee on Roads, etc.

Which was laid over.

(G. O. 287.)

The Committee on Roads and Bridges, to whom was referred the annexed resolution in favor of gas-laying in Seventy-fourth street, from Boulevard to East river, respectfully

REPORT:

That, having examined the subject, they believe the proposed improvement to be necessary. They therefore recommend that the said resolution be adopted.

Resolved, That gas-mains be laid, lamp-posts erected, and street-lamps lighted in Seventy-fourth street, from Boulevard to the East river, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

WM. H. MCCARTHY, JOHN REILLY, Committee on Roads and Bridges.

Which was laid over.

(G. O. 288.)

The Committee on Roads, Bridges, and Tunnels, to whom was referred the annexed resolution in favor of laying gas-mains in One Hundred and Sixth street, from Eighth to Ninth avenue, respectfully

REPORT:

That, having examined the subject, they believe the proposed improvement to be necessary. They therefore recommend that the said resolution be adopted.

Resolved, That gas-mains be laid, lamp-posts erected, and street-lamps lighted, in One Hundred and Sixth street, from the Eighth to the Ninth avenue, and under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

WM. H. MCCARTHY, JOHN REILLY, Committee on Roads, etc.

Which was laid over.

(G. O. 289.)

The Committee on Street Pavements, to whom were referred the annexed resolution and ordinance in favor of paving Sixty-fifth street, from First to Third avenue, respectfully

REPORT:

That, having examined the subject, they believe the proposed improvement to be necessary. They therefore recommend that the said resolution and ordinance be adopted.

Resolved, That Sixty-fifth street, from First to Third avenue, be paved with Belgian or trap-block pavement, and that at the several intersecting streets and avenues crosswalks be laid where not now laid, and relaid where those now laid are, in the opinion of the Commissioner of Public Works, not in good repair, or are not upon a grade adapted to the grade of the proposed new pavement, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

PETER SEERY, WM. H. MCCARTHY, Committee on Street Pavements.

Which was laid over.

(G. O. 290.)

The Committee on Street Pavements, to whom were referred the annexed resolution and ordinance in favor of paving Sixty-third street, from Second to Third avenue, with Belgian or trap-block pavement, respectfully

REPORT:

That, having examined the subject, they believe the proposed improvement to be necessary. They therefore recommend that the said resolution and ordinance be adopted.

Resolved, That Sixty-third street, from Second to Third avenue, be paved with Belgian or trap-block pavement, and that at the several intersecting streets and avenues crosswalks be laid where not now laid, and relaid where those now laid are, in the opinion of the Commissioner of Public Works, not in good repair, or are not upon a grade adapted to the grade of the proposed new pavement, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

PETER SEERY, WM. H. MCCARTHY, Committee on Street Pavements.

Which was laid over.

(G. O. 291.)

The Committee on Street Pavements, to whom were referred the annexed resolution and ordinance in favor of paving Ninety-second street, from Eighth avenue to Boulevard, respectfully

REPORT:

That, having examined the subject, they believe the proposed improvement to be necessary. They therefore recommend that the said resolution and ordinance be adopted.

Resolved, That Ninety-second street, from Eighth avenue to the Boulevard, be paved with Belgian or trap-block pavement, and that at the several intersecting streets and avenues crosswalks be laid where not now laid, and relaid where those now laid are, in the opinion of the Commissioner of Public Works, not in good repair, or are not upon a grade adapted to the grade of the proposed new pavement, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

PETER SEERY, WM. H. MCCARTHY, Committee on Street Pavements.

Which was laid over.

(G. O. 292.)

The Committee on Street Pavements, to whom were referred the annexed resolution and ordinance in favor of paving Fifty-ninth street, between First avenue and Avenue A, respectfully

REPORT:

That, having examined the subject, they believe the proposed improvement to be necessary. They therefore recommend that the said resolution and ordinance be adopted.

Resolved, That Fifty-ninth street, between First avenue and Avenue A, be paved with Belgian or trap-block pavement, and that at the several intersecting streets and avenues crosswalks be laid where not now laid, and relaid where those now laid are, in the opinion of the Commissioner of Public Works, not in good repair, or are not upon a grade adapted to the grade of the proposed new pavement, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

PETER SEERY, WM. H. MCCARTHY, Committee on Street Pavements.

Which was laid over.

(G. O. 293.)

The Committee on Street Pavements, to whom were referred the annexed resolution and ordinance in favor of paving Bogart street, from West street to Thirteenth or Exterior avenue, with Belgian or trap-block pavement, respectfully

REPORT:

That, having examined the subject, they believe the proposed improvement to be necessary. They therefore recommend that the said resolution and ordinance be adopted.

Resolved, That Bogart street, from West street to Thirteenth or Exterior avenue, be paved with Belgian or trap-block pavement, and that at the several intersecting streets and avenues crosswalks be laid where not now laid, and relaid where those now laid are, in the opinion of the Commissioner of Public Works, not in good repair, or are not upon a grade adapted to the grade of the proposed new pavement, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

PETER SEERY, WM. H. MCCARTHY, Committee on Street Pavements.

Which was laid over.

(G. O. 294.)

The Committee on Street Pavements, to whom were referred the annexed resolution and ordinance in favor paving Bloomfield street, from West street to Thirteenth or Exterior avenue, with Belgian or trap-block pavement, respectfully

REPORT:

That, having examined the subject, they believe the proposed improvement to be necessary. They therefore recommend that the said resolution and ordinance be adopted.

Resolved, That Bloomfield street, from West street to Thirteenth or Exterior avenue, be paved with Belgian or trap-block pavement, and that at the several intersecting streets and avenues crosswalks be laid where not now laid, and relaid where those now laid are, in the opinion of the Commissioner of Public Works, not in good repair, or are not upon a grade adapted to the grade of the proposed new pavement, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

PETER SEERY, WM. H. MCCARTHY, Committee on Street Pavements.

Which was laid over.

Alderman Purroy, Chairman of the Special Committee appointed to wait upon the Governor with instructions to request him to approve the bill providing for rapid transit recently passed by the Legislature of this State, known as the "Moore" bill, reported verbally that the Committee had performed the duty assigned them, laid before his Excellency the papers adopted by the Common Council in relation thereto, that his Excellency promised to give the subject due consideration, and, if necessary, would again confer with the Committee.

Report accepted and the Committee discharged.

MESSAGES FROM HIS HONOR THE MAYOR.

The President laid before the Board the following message from his Honor the Mayor:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CITY HALL, NEW YORK May 20, 1875.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

GENTLEMEN—I herewith transmit for your consideration a communication from the Commissioner of Public Works, upon the suggestions made in which I recommend you to take proper and prompt action.

WM. H. WICKHAM, Mayor.

(G. O. 295.)

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, ROOM 19, CITY HALL, NEW YORK, May 19, 1875.

Hon. WILLIAM H. WICKHAM, Mayor of the City of New York:

SIR—Frequent complaints are made to this Department that persons are sprinkling the streets of this city without license from this Department. This is an infringement on the rights of persons who hold licenses for sprinkling, and who have paid the established rates therefor. It is also liable to create nuisance by too much sprinkling, as unlicensed sprinklers are not under the supervision of the Department, while licensed sprinklers are required to conform to established rules and regulations, on pain of having their licenses revoked.

To remedy this evil I would respectfully request you, if it accords with your judgment, to recommend the early action of the Common Council on the inclosed draft of an ordinance, prohibiting sprinkling in the streets, except by persons licensed by this Department.

Very respectfully, FITZ JOHN PORTER, Commissioner of Public Works.

AN ORDINANCE to amend sections 51 and 64 of chapter 6 of the Revised Ordinances of 1866.

The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, in Common Council convened, do ordain as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 51 of chapter 6 of the Revised Ordinances of 1866, is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

§ 51. The Department of Public Works exclusively shall have power and authority to grant licenses for the sprinkling streets, avenues, or places with water, and to such person or persons as it, in its judgment, from time to time, may deem proper, and who will comply with the conditions of this ordinance, it being hereby expressly provided that, for the protection and health of the citizens, Croton water only shall be used for the purpose of sprinkling said streets, avenues, or places, taken from such of the public hydrants as shall be designated in writing by said Department.

No person or persons other than those authorized by license as above shall be allowed to sprinkle the streets, avenues, or places of the city, under the penalty of ten dollars for each and every such offense.

SEC. 2. Section 64 of chapter 6 is hereby amended by inserting the number fifty-one between the word "sections" and the number "fifty-eight."

Alderman Gilon moved that the communication be referred to the Committee on Streets.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said motion.

Which was decided in the negative.

Alderman Deane moved its reference to the Committee on Law Department.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said motion.

Which was decided in the negative, on a division called by Alderman Gilon:

Affirmative—Aldermen Gilon, Power, and Simonson—3.

Negative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Blessing, Cole, Deane, Gross, Guntzer, Howland,

Lysaght, McCarthy, Morris, Purroy, Reilly, Robinson, Seery, Shandley, and Southworth—17.

Alderman Gilon moved that the communication be laid on the table.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said motion.

Which was decided in the negative. The communication was laid over.

The President laid before the Board the following message from his Honor the Mayor :

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CITY HALL, NEW YORK, May 20, 1875.

To the Honorable the Common Council :

GENTLEMEN—I herewith transmit for your consideration a communication from the Commissioner of Public Works, upon the suggestions made in which I recommend you to take proper and prompt action.

WM. H. WICKHAM, Mayor.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, ROOM 19, CITY HALL, NEW YORK, May 19, 1875.

Hon. WM. H. WICKHAM, Mayor of the City of New York :

SIR—To aid in establishing in this Department a proper system of accountability, the Common Council enacted (Revised Ordinances of 1866, sec. 9, art. 2, chap. 4) that all vouchers should be made in triplicate. The system of responsibility which this ordinance establishes and experience approves will be crippled, if not destroyed, by the enforcement of the single-voucher policy now demanded by the Comptroller.

To the present time the practice has been to retain one of the triplicate vouchers in this office and to send two to the Department of Finance, and one of these, after payment and receipt, is returned, enabling this Department to compare the amount actually paid with the amount charged in the voucher, and to make a record of any error or reduction in payment. Thus, a complete record is established—one copy of the voucher being filed in the Bureau where it originated, one in the office of the Department which drew the requisition for its payment, and one in the Department which makes the payment—and each is a check upon the other. The Bureau is protected, and is, as it should be, a place of reference. If fraud occur, it can be more easily traced, and guilt sufficient to warrant legal action more promptly established, under the triplicate voucher system than under a single voucher system.

As additional security against fraud or error, certificates of various kinds are placed by responsible officers on the face of each voucher. Thus, from their origin until they reach the chief of this Department, each subordinate officer certifies according to his personal knowledge, and the Commissioner certifies on the necessary confidence reposed in his subordinate, "that he believes the facts shown on the voucher are correct."

Without these triplicate checks the best reputation could be greatly tarnished, if not ruined, by an unscrupulous employee, if one such should be employed. Their propriety and usefulness will be apparent by recalling to mind the disappearance, in a notable instance, from the Comptroller's office, of certain county records of which there were no duplicates or triplicates in existence. The loss here, sustained has ever been deemed a most serious one. With the system of triplicates now in use in this Department, the public interests are best protected, and no injustice can occur to officers through the negligence of careless men, or design of bad ones.

Perhaps no briefer mode of demonstrating to you the necessity of a most complete system of checks and balances between the Department of Finance and the Department of Public Works can be had than will be found in the annexed illustration, "B."

It is here plain, that through the negligence or carelessness of employees in the Comptroller's office, receipts were taken by the Comptroller for moneys never paid out by him. This error was detected by a comparison of the receipted vouchers returned by the Finance Department with the copy retained in this Department, and could not have been detected without the triplicate voucher system. No fair-minded person would seek through this occurrence to make the charge of intent or improper motive upon the present Comptroller; but there should be no system in use, in my judgment, that would permit such errors to remain uncorrected. The door should be closed as well against unintentional error as against fraud or malicious mischief.

Deductions on vouchers are occasionally made after they leave this Department. Impecunious claimants, in order to receive prompt payment and avoid litigation, will sometimes acquiesce in deductions where no fraud is charged or charge of excessive prices admitted. This is at least stated. It is not necessary for my point that I should indorse or reject the statement. The fact is fully established that vouchers are reduced in amount and paid, and that this Department receives no information of such reduction, and has no opportunity to correct such errors by the Finance Department as above mentioned, if the recent action of the Comptroller is maintained.

Desiring to co-operate in the fullest degree in any system of accountability that gives ample guards and checks, I object to any that merely gives power to annoy faithful and efficient officers, or permits unnecessary and unwarranted interference with the successful working of this Department for the public interest.

I may here observe that, though the practice has been to have the third voucher perform its mission of regulating the others, there is no law compelling the Comptroller to return it, and of late it has not been returned, nor receipt taken upon it. Nor is there any law requiring him to inform this Department of any change made from

the sum of the voucher after leaving this Department, and when he has been called upon for a verification of reported differences, he has persistently failed to respond—"A," "C."

The recent change from the triplicate system of vouchers to that of single ones, and the substitution for the subordinate's certificates of a personal certificate from the head of the Department, directed by the Comptroller, is, I understand, claimed by him as within the power conferred upon him under the Charter (sec. 29, chap. 335, Laws of 1873).

The Counsel to the Corporation has assented to the Comptroller's view, though, I am confident, without having had presented to him the full effect of his indorsement.

The language of section 29 of the Charter in this respect is, "It (the Department of Finance) shall prescribe the forms of keeping and rendering all city accounts."

My impression has been, and still is, that though under the law quoted the Comptroller has the right to regulate the "form" of vouchers required by him, it does not confer upon him the power to change the principle which underlies the present system of triplicate vouchers and certificates, viz., the principle of strict accountability of all officers, subordinates as well as chiefs. Nor could the law have contemplated giving the Comptroller the power of reducing the number of safeguards which costly experience had shown to be essential to the fullest protection of the public interests; and the triplicate system has this merit, that each Department is a check upon the other, and absolute collusion must occur before fraud by change in the face of the voucher can be successful.

Whether the construction of the Charter be right or wrong is not just now pertinent to my purpose. The Comptroller believes his construction to be right, and acts upon his belief. I believe it to be wrong—and certainly unsafe, right or wrong.

It is in the power of the Common Council to provide a remedy in such cases, and to obviate all possibility of misconstruction, or a variety of constructions of the law in this respect. This power is conferred in the following language of section 90 of the Charter: "Whatever provisions and regulations, other than those herein specially authorized, may become requisite for the fuller organization, perfecting, and carrying out of the powers and duties prescribed to any department by this act, shall be provided for by ordinance of the Common Council, who are hereby authorized to enact such ordinances."

I deem it my duty, therefore, now, in the incipency of this new order of things, to request of you, as the head of the city government, and as my superior officer, the indorsement of an ordinance I have caused to be drafted, and ask you to present the same to the Common Council. It will almost certainly secure the public treasury against fraud, will place and fix responsibility on wrongdoers, and relieve officials whose time is, and should be, wholly given to the public service, from vexatious and unprofitable interference.

Very respectfully, FITZ JOHN PORTER, Commissioner of Public Works.

"A." DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, ROOM 19, CITY HALL, NEW YORK, September 27, 1873.

To the Department of Finance :

Upon examining the paid vouchers returned by the Finance Department, I find Voucher No. 415 of Requisition No. 1737, dated November 19, 1872, for cobble-stone delivered to this Department by Thos. L. Butler, amounting to \$460.00, accompanied by a memorandum signed by "D. Jackson," making a deduction of \$230.00; also, a memorandum written across the face of said voucher, as follows, "Amount audited and allowed, \$230.00," while the receipt is in full for the sum of \$460.00.

In view of these circumstances, this Department is unable to determine what is the amount actually paid out on this voucher, and to be charged against the proper appropriation. Many similar cases have occurred, and in order to enable this Department to ascertain correctly the amounts paid out from appropriations set apart for its use, I have to request that it be informed officially whenever any deduction is made in the payment of any of its vouchers.

Respectfully, GEO. M. VAN NORT, Commissioner of Public Works.

"B."

Statement of Deductions made in the Department of Finance on Sundry Bills of the Westchester County Gas-light Co.

Table with 7 columns: No. of Requisition, No. of Voucher, Amount of Bill, Correct Deduction, Amount Deducted, Excess, Deficiency. Includes a summary row at the bottom: Total excess of Deduction \$44 49, Less deficiency 1 00, Balance in excess \$43 49.

"C."

(Copy) DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, ROOM 19, CITY HALL, NEW YORK, October 17, 1873.

To the Department of Finance :

Referring to my communication of 27th ult., I have to call attention again to the fact that vouchers issued by this Department are returned as paid by the Finance Department, with memoranda or alterations, indicating that they have been paid at a reduction from the amounts for which they were issued, while no official information is furnished to this Department of the correct amount of such reductions. Under these circumstances it is impossible to keep a correct account of the amounts paid out and to be charged against the appropriations.

I have to renew my request, therefore, that this Department be officially informed of all deductions heretofore made, or that will hereafter be made, in the payment of its vouchers.

Respectfully, GEO. M. VAN NORT, Commissioner of Public Works.

AN ORDINANCE directing the mode of rendering accounts by the several Departments and Officers of the City of New York.

The Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of New York, in Common Council convened, do ordain as follows:

SECTION 1. No payment shall be made by the Comptroller, for work done or supplies furnished, except upon proper vouchers rendered by the head of the appropriate Department, or other proper officer, board or commission, for whom such work was done or supplies furnished. Such vouchers shall be made out in triplicate, and shall contain the certificates of such subordinate officers as the head of the Department may require, and of such form and purport as he shall prescribe, and also a certificate of the head of the Department. One of the triplicate vouchers shall be retained in the Department or office, by which the vouchers are rendered, and the other two shall be transmitted to the Department of Finance for payment.

A receipt for the amount paid shall be taken upon each of the two vouchers sent to the Department of Finance, and after payment one copy of the voucher shall remain on file in the Department of Finance, and the other copy shall within five days be returned to the Department or office whence it emanated, where it shall be placed on file. Either of the vouchers shall be of equal value, as evidence of work done or supplies furnished.

SEC. 2. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately.

While the communication was being read, Alderman Simonson moved that the reading thereof be suspended, and the communication printed at length in the minutes.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said motion.

Which was decided in the affirmative.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE DEPARTMENTS AND CORPORATION OFFICERS.

The President laid before the Board the following communication from the Department of Finance :

CITY OF NEW YORK—DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, May 15, 1875.

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen :

Weekly statement, showing the appropriations made under the authority contained in section 112, chapter 335, Laws of 1873, for carrying on the Common Council, from January 1 to December 31, 1875, both days inclusive, and of the payments made up to and including the date hereof for and on account of each appropriation :

Table with 3 columns: Title of Appropriations, Amount of Appropriations, Payments. Includes rows for City Contingencies, Contingencies, Clerk of the Common Council, Salaries, Common Council.

ABM. L. EARLE, Deputy Comptroller.

Which was ordered on file.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Alderman Blessing called up G. O. 263,

being a resolution and ordinance, as follows :

Resolved, That the vacant lots on the east side of Tenth avenue, between Fifty-ninth and Sixtieth streets, be fenced in, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Alderman Blessing moved to amend by inserting after the words "Sixtieth streets," the words, "and in Fifty-ninth and Sixtieth streets, between Ninth and Tenth avenues, in the resolution and ordinance.

Alderman Morris moved to refer to the Committee on Streets.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with the said motion.

Which was decided in the affirmative.

The President then put the question whether the Board would agree with amendment of Alderman Blessing.

Which was decided in the negative on a division called by Alderman Morris, viz. :

Affirmative—Aldermen Billings and Morris—2.

Negative—The President, Aldermen Blessing, Cole, Deane, Gilon, Gross, Guntzer, Lysaght, McCarthy, Power, Purroy, Reilly, Robinson, Seery, Shandley, Simonson, and Southworth—17.

Alderman Blessing called up G. O. 217,

being a resolution and ordinance, as follows :

Resolved, That the vacant lots on the north side of Fifty-ninth street, between Eighth and

Ninth avenues, be fenced in, where not already done, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolution and ordinance.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote (three-fourths of all the members elected voting in favor thereof) :

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Blessing, Cole, Deane, Gilon, Gross, Guntzer, Lysaght, McCarthy, Morris, Power, Purroy, Reilly, Robinson, Seery, Shandley, Simonson, and Southworth—19.

Alderman Morris called up G. O. 266,

being a resolution, as follows :

Resolved, That an improved iron drinking-fountain, for man and beast, be placed on the southeast corner of Eleventh avenue and Eighty-first street, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote (three-fourths of all the members elected voting in favor thereof) :

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Blessing, Cole, Deane, Gilon, Gross, Guntzer, Lysaght, McCarthy, Morris, Power, Purroy, Reilly, Robinson, Seery, Shandley, Simonson, and Southworth—19.

Alderman Morris called up G. O. 234,

being a resolution, as follows :

Resolved, That two public lamps be placed and lighted in front of the entrance to the Sheltering Arms, corner of One Hundred and Twenty-ninth street and Tenth avenue, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote (three-fourths of all the members elected voting in favor thereof) :

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Blessing, Cole, Deane, Gilon, Gross, Guntzer, Lysaght, McCarthy, Morris, Power, Purroy, Reilly, Robinson, Seery, Shandley, Simonson, and Southworth—19.

Alderman Reilly called up G. O. 246,

being a resolution and ordinance, as follows :

Resolved, That a receiving-basin and culvert be built at the northeast corner of Second avenue and Eighth street, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolution and ordinance.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote (three-fourths of all the members elected voting in favor thereof) :

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Blessing, Cole, Deane, Gilon, Gross, Guntzer, Lysaght, McCarthy, Morris, Power, Purroy, Reilly, Robinson, Seery, Shandley, Simonson, and Southworth—19.

Alderman Reilly called up G. O. 245,

being a resolution and ordinance, as follows :

Resolved, That the vacant lots on the northeast corner of One Hundred and Fifty-first street and the Eleventh avenue Boulevard be fenced in, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution and ordinance.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote (three-fourths of all the members elected voting in favor thereof) :

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Blessing, Cole, Deane, Gilon, Gross, Guntzer, Lysaght, McCarthy, Morris, Power, Purroy, Reilly, Robinson, Seery, Shandley, Simonson, and Southworth—19.

Alderman Seery called up G. O. 247,

being a resolution and ordinance, as follows :

Resolved, That the vacant lots between Thirty-third and Thirty-fourth streets, and First avenue, and south side of Thirty-fourth street, from First avenue to East river, and north side of Thirty-third street, from First avenue to the East river, be fenced in, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolution and ordinance.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote (three-fourths of all the members elected voting in favor thereof) :

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Blessing, Cole, Deane, Gilon, Gross, Guntzer, Lysaght, McCarthy, Morris, Power, Purroy, Reilly, Robinson, Seery, Shandley, Simonson, and Southworth—19.

Alderman Seery called up G. O. 231,

being a resolution as follows :

Resolved, That gas-mains be laid, lamp-posts erected, and street-lamps lighted in Sixty-third street, from First to Second avenue, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote (three-fourths of all the members elected voting in favor thereof) :

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Blessing, Cole, Deane, Gilon, Gross, Guntzer, Lysaght, McCarthy, Morris, Power, Purroy,

Reilly, Robinson, Seery, Shandley, Simonson, and Southworth—19.

Alderman Purroy called up  
G. O. 173,

being a resolution, as follows:  
Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized and directed to release the premises in Ninety-ninth street, between Ninth and Tenth avenues, now used as a reception hospital, for the period of five years, from the first day of May, 1875, at a rent of eighteen hundred dollars per annum, said premises to be used as a reception hospital, under the charge of the Commissioners of Charities and Correction. Said rentals to be paid from the amounts appropriated for the maintenance and support of the Department of Charities and Correction.

Alderman Purroy moved to amend by striking out the word "eighteen" before the word "hundred," and inserting in lieu thereof the word "fifteen," and by striking out the last sentence of the resolution.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said motion.

Which was decided in the affirmative.

The President then put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolution as amended.

Which was decided in the negative by the following vote (three-fourths of all the members elected not voting in favor thereof):

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Blessing, Cole, Gilon, Gross, Guntzer, Lysaght, McCarthy, Morris, Power, Purroy, Reilly, Seery, Shandley, and Simonson—16.

Negative—Aldermen Robinson and Southworth—2.

Alderman Morris moved a reconsideration of the above vote.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said motion.

Which was decided in the affirmative.

The paper was then again laid over.

Alderman Purroy called up  
G. O. 251,

being a resolution and ordinance, as follows:

Resolved, That One Hundred and Thirty-first street, between Sixth and Eighth avenues, be regulated and graded, and sidewalks flagged four feet wide, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolution and ordinance.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote (three-fourths of all the members elected voting in favor thereof):

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Blessing, Cole, Gilon, Gross, Guntzer, Lysaght, McCarthy, Morris, Power, Purroy, Reilly, Robinson, Seery, Shandley, Simonson, and Southworth—18.

Alderman Power called up  
G. O. 252,

being a resolution and ordinance, as follows:

Resolved, That a receiving-basin and culvert be built at the southeast corner of Seventh avenue and Forty-first street, to connect with the sewer, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolution and ordinance.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote (three-fourths of all the members elected voting in favor thereof):

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Blessing, Cole, Gilon, Gross, Guntzer, Lysaght, McCarthy, Morris, Power, Purroy, Reilly, Robinson, Seery, Shandley, Simonson, and Southworth—18.

Alderman Power called up  
G. O. 264,

being a resolution and ordinance, as follows:

Resolved, That the sidewalk in front of No. 236 West Forty-seventh street be flagged full width, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution and ordinance.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote (three-fourths of all the members elected voting in favor thereof):

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Blessing, Cole, Gilon, Gross, Guntzer, Lysaght, McCarthy, Morris, Power, Purroy, Reilly, Robinson, Seery, Shandley, Simonson, and Southworth—18.

Alderman Gilon called up  
G. O. 248,

being an ordinance, as follows:

AN ORDINANCE to amend sections 23 and 24 of article 2, chapter 4, of the Revised Ordinances of 1866.

Be it ordained by the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonality of the City of New York, in Common Council convened, as follows:

Section 1. Section 23, article 2, chapter 4, of the Revised Ordinances of 1866, is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Sec. 23. For the purpose of defraying any expense which may be incurred in pursuance of the last section, the Commissioner of Public Works may, by a requisition, draw upon the Comptroller for a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars. He may, in like manner, renew the draft as often as may be deemed necessary, to the extent of the appropriation set apart for that specific purpose; but no such renewal shall be made until the money paid upon the preceding draft shall be accounted for to the Comptroller by the transmittal of a voucher or vouchers, certified by the Commissioner of

Public Works, covering the expenditure of the money paid thereon.

For the further purpose of defraying any other minor or incidental expenses contingent to the Department of Public Works, as cannot be conveniently accounted for on separate vouchers, the Commissioner of Public Works may, by a requisition, draw upon the Comptroller for a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars, which shall be deemed separate and independent of the appropriation for removing obstructions.

The Commissioner of Public Works may, in like manner, renew the draft as often as may be deemed necessary, to the extent of the appropriation set apart for the contingencies of the Department of Public Works; but no such renewal shall be made until the money paid upon the preceding draft shall be accounted for to the Comptroller by the transmittal of a voucher or vouchers, certified by the Commissioner of Public Works, covering the expenditure of the money paid thereon.

Sec. 2. Section 24, article 2, chapter 4, of the Revised Ordinances of 1866 is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Section 24. The Commissioner of Public Works shall keep separate accounts with the two appropriations, one for the removal of incumbrances, and the other for contingencies of the Department of Public Works, and the several drafts shall be made upon the Comptroller charging each appropriation with the respective drafts designated in section 23, and the Comptroller shall draw his warrant in each case in favor of the Commissioner of Public Works for the amounts thereof.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with the said ordinance.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote (three-fourths of all the members elected voting in favor thereof):

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Blessing, Cole, Gilon, Gross, Guntzer, Lysaght, McCarthy, Morris, Power, Purroy, Reilly, Robinson, Seery, Shandley, Simonson, and Southworth—18.

Alderman Gilon called up

G. O. 269,

being a resolution and ordinance, as follows:

Resolved, That a receiving-basin and culvert be built on the northwest and southwest corners of Broadway and Forty-first street, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolution and ordinance.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote (three-fourths of all the members elected voting in favor thereof):

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Blessing, Cole, Gilon, Gross, Guntzer, Lysaght, McCarthy, Morris, Power, Purroy, Reilly, Robinson, Seery, Shandley, Simonson, and Southworth—18.

Alderman Cole called up

G. O. 249,

being a resolution, as follows:

Resolved, That the Board of Estimate and Apportionment be and is hereby requested to transfer from any appropriation of former years, having a balance unexpended of nine hundred dollars, that amount being the sum required to pay certain bills hereto annexed, for expenses incurred on the occasion of the obsequies of the late Mayor William F. Havemeyer; and the Comptroller, after such transfer shall have been made, is hereby authorized and directed to draw warrants in favor of Benjamin F. Brady for engraving and framing resolutions for presentation to the family of Mayor Havemeyer, for the sum of four hundred and fifty dollars; and of Koster & Green, decorators, for the sum of three hundred and fifty dollars, and charge the same to the appropriation for that purpose when made, as above requested, by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote (three-fourths of all the members elected voting in favor thereof):

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Blessing, Cole, Gilon, Gross, Guntzer, Lysaght, McCarthy, Morris, Power, Purroy, Reilly, Robinson, Seery, Shandley, Simonson, and Southworth—18.

Alderman Cole called up

G. O. 276,

being a resolution and ordinance, as follows:

Resolved, That the sidewalks on the east side of First avenue, between Thirty-second and Thirty-fourth streets, be flagged four feet wide through the centre thereof, where not already done, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution and ordinance.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote (three-fourths of all the members elected voting in favor thereof):

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Blessing, Cole, Deane, Gilon, Gross, Guntzer, Lysaght, McCarthy, Morris, Power, Purroy, Reilly, Robinson, Seery, Shandley, Simonson, and Southworth—19.

Alderman McCarthy called up

G. O. 270,

being a resolution, as follows:

Resolved, That Croton water-mains be laid in Sixtieth street, from the First avenue to the East river, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the

following vote (three-fourths of all the members elected voting in favor thereof):

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Blessing, Cole, Deane, Gilon, Gross, Guntzer, Lysaght, McCarthy, Morris, Power, Purroy, Robinson, Seery, Shandley, Simonson, and Southworth—18.

Alderman McCarthy called up

G. O. 271,

being a resolution and ordinance, as follows:

Resolved, That Eighty-first street, from Second avenue to the East river, be regulated and graded to conform to the new grade established under authority of chapter 528, Laws of 1873, in such manner as the Commissioner of Public Works may deem expedient, and for the best interest of the city and property-owners, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolution and ordinance.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote (three-fourths of all the members elected voting in favor thereof):

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Blessing, Cole, Deane, Gilon, Gross, Guntzer, Lysaght, McCarthy, Power, Purroy, Reilly, Robinson, Seery, Shandley, Simonson, and Southworth—17.

Negative—Alderman Morris—1.

Alderman Robinson called up

G. O. 267,

being a resolution and ordinance, as follows:

Resolved, That a receiving-basin and culvert be built on southwest corner of Seventh avenue and Forty-first street, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolution and ordinance.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote (three-fourths of all the members elected voting in favor thereof):

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Blessing, Cole, Deane, Gilon, Gross, Guntzer, Lysaght, McCarthy, Morris, Power, Purroy, Reilly, Robinson, Seery, Shandley, Simonson, and Southworth—19.

Alderman Robinson called up

G. O. 226,

being a resolution and ordinance, as follows:

Resolved, That a sewer, with the necessary receiving-basins and culverts, be constructed in Scammel street, between Madison and Monroe streets, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolution and ordinance.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote (three-fourths of all the members elected voting in favor thereof):

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Blessing, Cole, Deane, Gilon, Gross, Guntzer, Lysaght, McCarthy, Morris, Power, Purroy, Reilly, Robinson, Seery, Shandley, Simonson, and Southworth—19.

Alderman Shandley called up

G. O. 216,

being a resolution, as follows:

Resolved, That gas-mains be laid, lamp-posts erected, and street-lamps lighted in Corleas street, from South to Water street, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote (three-fourths of all the members elected voting in favor thereof):

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Blessing, Cole, Deane, Gilon, Gross, Guntzer, Lysaght, McCarthy, Morris, Power, Purroy, Reilly, Robinson, Seery, Shandley, Simonson, and Southworth—19.

Alderman Shandley called up

G. O. 215,

being a resolution and ordinance, as follows:

Resolved, That a crosswalk be laid across Gouverneur street, from the northeast to the northwest corner of Monroe street, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution and ordinance.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote (three-fourths of all the members elected voting in favor thereof):

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Blessing, Cole, Deane, Gilon, Gross, Guntzer, Lysaght, McCarthy, Morris, Power, Purroy, Reilly, Robinson, Seery, Shandley, Simonson, and Southworth—19.

Alderman Southworth called up

G. O. 250,

being a resolution and ordinance, as follows:

Resolved, That Sixty-first street, from Eighth to Tenth avenue, be paved with Belgian or trap-block pavement, and that at the several intersecting streets and avenues crosswalks be laid where not now laid, and relaid where those now laid are, in the opinion of the Commissioner of Public Works, not in good repair, or are not upon a grade adapted to the grade of the proposed new pavement, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution and ordinance.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote (three-fourths of all the members elected voting in favor thereof):

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Blessing, Cole, Deane, Gilon, Gross, Guntzer, Lysaght, McCarthy, Morris, Power, Purroy,

Reilly, Robinson, Seery, Shandley, Simonson, and Southworth—19.

Alderman Southworth called up

G. O. 258,

being a resolution, as follows:

Resolved, That two lamps of the Bartlett pattern be placed on the lamp-posts now standing in front of the Church of the Congregation Sharaah Rachmim, in Norfolk street, between Houston and Stanton streets, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote (three-fourths of all the members elected voting in favor thereof):

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Blessing, Cole, Deane, Gilon, Gross, Guntzer, Lysaght, McCarthy, Morris, Power, Purroy, Reilly, Robinson, Seery, Shandley, Simonson, and Southworth—19.

Alderman Deane called up

G. O. 259,

being a resolution and ordinance, as follows:

Resolved, That the vacant lot on the north side of Fifty-seventh street, known as number five hundred and fifty-seven (557), be fenced in, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolution and ordinance.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote (three-fourths of all the members elected voting in favor thereof):

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Blessing, Cole, Deane, Gilon, Gross, Guntzer, Lysaght, McCarthy, Morris, Power, Purroy, Reilly, Robinson, Seery, Shandley, Simonson, and Southworth—19.

Alderman Deane called up

G. O. 256,

being a resolution, as follows:

Resolved, That lamp-posts be erected and street-lamps lighted on the west side of West street, between Gansvoort and Bloomfield streets, and on the south side of Little West Twelfth street, between the Tenth avenue and the Hudson river, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote (three-fourths of all the members elected voting in favor thereof):

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Blessing, Cole, Deane, Gilon, Gross, Guntzer, Lysaght, McCarthy, Morris, Power, Purroy, Reilly, Robinson, Seery, Shandley, Simonson, and Southworth—19.

Alderman Guntzer called up

G. O. 265,

being a resolution and ordinance, as follows:

Resolved, That the vacant lots on the north side of One Hundred and Twenty-sixth street, commencing two hundred and fifty feet west of Fifth avenue, and extending westerly seventy-five feet, be fenced in, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolution and ordinance.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote (three-fourths of all the members elected voting in favor thereof):

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Blessing, Cole, Deane, Gilon, Gross, Guntzer, Lysaght, McCarthy, Morris, Power, Purroy, Reilly, Robinson, Seery, Shandley, Simonson, and Southworth—19.

Alderman Guntzer called up

G. O. 260,

being a resolution and ordinance, as follows:

Resolved, That on the south side of Twenty-sixth street, from the Tenth avenue to the Hudson river, and on the north side, from the Eleventh avenue to the Hudson river, the curb and gutter stones be set and reset, and the sidewalks be flagged a space four feet wide through the centre thereof, where not already done, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolution and ordinance.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote (three-fourths of all the members elected voting in favor thereof):

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Blessing, Cole, Gilon, Gross, Guntzer, Lysaght, McCarthy, Morris, Power, Purroy, Reilly, Robinson, Seery, Shandley, Simonson, and Southworth—18.

Alderman Gross called up

G. O. 244,

being an ordinance, as follows:

AN ORDINANCE to prevent bears, and other noxious or dangerous animals, from going at large or being led through any streets, avenues, or public places in the City of New York.

The Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonality of the City of New York do ordain as follows:

SECTION 1. Any person who shall permit any bear, or other noxious or dangerous animal, to run at large, or who shall lead any such animal, with a chain or rope or other appliance, whether such animal be muzzled or unmuzzled, in any street, avenue, lane, highway, or public place within the corporate limits of this city, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof shall be punished pursuant to the provisions of sections 20 and 21, of an act relative to the powers of the Common Council of the City of New York and the Criminal Courts of said

City, passed by the Legislature of the State of New York, January 23, 1833, and to the provisions of section 5, of article 4, of an act in relation to the Police Department of the City and County of New York, passed April 13, 1853.

SEC. 2. The Commissioners of Police are hereby required to enforce, rigidly, the provisions of this ordinance.

SEC. 3. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SEC. 4. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with the said ordinance.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote (three-fourths of all the members elected voting in favor thereof):

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Blessing, Cole, Gilon, Gross, Guntzer, Lysaght, McCarthy, Morris, Power, Purroy, Reilly, Robinson, Seery, Shandley, Simonson, and Southworth—17. Negative—Alderman Gilon—1.

Alderman Gross called up G. O. 229,

being a resolution, as follows:

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Public Works be and is hereby authorized and directed to have Pitt, Willett, and Sheriff streets, from Rivington to Houston street, immediately repaired, the pavement being in a condition that vehicles can scarcely pass, and no proper cleaning can be had.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote (three-fourths of all the members elected voting in favor thereof):

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Blessing, Cole, Gilon, Gross, Guntzer, Lysaght, McCarthy, Morris, Power, Purroy, Reilly, Robinson, Seery, Shandley, Simonson, and Southworth—18.

Alderman Billings called up G. O. 176,

being a resolution, as follows:

Resolved, That gas-mains be laid, lamp-posts erected, and street-lamps lighted in One Hundred and Twenty-sixth street, between Sixth and Seventh avenues, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote (three-fourths of all the members elected voting in favor thereof):

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Blessing, Cole, Gilon, Gross, Guntzer, Lysaght, McCarthy, Morris, Power, Purroy, Reilly, Robinson, Seery, Shandley, Simonson, and Southworth—18.

Alderman Billings called up G. O. 240,

being a resolution and ordinance, as follows:

Resolved, That Forty-fourth street, from the Eleventh avenue to the Hudson river, be paved with Belgian or trap-block pavement, and that at the several intersecting streets and avenues crosswalks be laid where not now laid, and relaid where those now laid are, in the opinion of the Commissioner of Public Works, not in good repair, or are not upon a grade adapted to the grade of the proposed new pavement, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolution and ordinance.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote (three-fourths of all the members elected voting in favor thereof):

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Billings, Blessing, Cole, Gilon, Gross, Guntzer, Lysaght, McCarthy, Morris, Power, Purroy, Reilly, Robinson, Seery, Shandley, Simonson, and Southworth—18.

Alderman Simonson called up G. O. 275,

being a resolution, as follows:

Resolved, That Croton-mains be laid in the Eleventh avenue, between Forty-ninth and Fiftieth streets, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolution.

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote (three-fourths of all the members elected voting in favor thereof):

Affirmative—The President, Alderman Billings, Blessing, Cole, Gilon, Gross, Guntzer, Lysaght, McCarthy, Morris, Power, Purroy, Reilly, Robinson, Seery, Shandley, Simonson, and Southworth—18.

Alderman Simonson called up G. O. 280,

being a resolution and ordinance, as follows:

Resolved, That the sidewalk on the north side of Forty-ninth street, commencing one hundred feet east of Ninth avenue, and extending east two hundred and twenty-five feet, be flagged full width, where not already done, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Alderman Blessing moved to amend by striking out the words "full width," and inserting in lieu thereof the words "four feet wide."

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with the said motion.

Which was decided in the affirmative on a division called by Alderman Simonson, viz.:

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Blessing, Cole, Gilon, Gross, Guntzer, Lysaght, Power, Purroy, Reilly, and Seery—11.

Negative—Aldermen Billings, McCarthy, Morris, Robinson, Shandley, Simonson, and Southworth—7.

The President then put the question whether the Board would agree with the said resolution and ordinance as amended.

Which was decided in the negative by the following vote (three-fourths of all the members elected not voting in favor thereof):

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Blessing, Cole, Gilon, Gross, Guntzer, Lysaght, McCarthy, Power, Purroy, Reilly, Seery, and Shandley—13. Negative—Aldermen Billings, Morris, Robinson, Simonson, and Southworth—5.

Alderman Billings moved that the Board do now adjourn.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said motion.

Which was decided in the affirmative.

And the President announced that the Board stood adjourned until Thursday next, the 27th instant, at 2 o'clock P. M.

FRANCIS J. TWOMEY, Clerk.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

Abstract of the Proceedings of the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks, for the week ending May 15, 1875.

The President was instructed to forward to the Legislature, with the approval of this Department, a draft of an act authorizing this Department to set apart a site for a building for the "American College of Music," on the Central Park, between Seventy-ninth and Eighty-fifth streets, opposite Fifth avenue.

A map establishing the lines of the surface construction on Eighth avenue, for three hundred and fifty feet north of the Central Park, was adopted.

The following resolutions in reference to maintenance and government of the Parks were adopted:

I.

Resolved, That the maintenance working force be reduced as rapidly as practicable without injury to the parks, to such a point that after a month from this time the amount of the pay-rolls, together with the value of the tools and materials used, except for lighting parks, shall not exceed, fortnightly, the average sum of \$9,000, and that in no case shall the maximum exceed \$11,000.

II.

Resolved, That the office of Design and Superintendence shall be furnished, within four days after the close of each pay term, with a statement of the actual expenditure which has been made during that term for services or labor paid and to be paid for under each of the subdivisions of and service of the Department on parks and places.

III.

Resolved, That the President be requested to enquire whether any, and if so what, changes of the present arrangements are necessary to establish the responsibility of the Property Clerk for the custody and care of all tools and materials of the Department which have not been issued for use, and for which the receipts of foremen or other responsible agents of the Department are held, and to enable him to estimate and report within three days after the close of each pay period, an approximate valuation of the tools and materials actually expended on each of the subdivisions of work during that pay period.

IV.

Resolved, That hereafter the men employed on maintenance duties in the ordinary and regular way, shall be required to give one hour's actual work for each hour of time returned for the payroll, and shall not be paid for the time used in going to and from their work, or in the care of horses at the yards or stable before and after their regular day's work.

V.

Resolved, That the force shall hereafter be worked as nearly as may be practicable and economical, eight hours a day, and that when the amount of work needed to keep the parks in good order or to meet the requirements of the Board is delayed by the occurrence of unfavorable weather, and it becomes specially desirable that any part of the force shall be kept at work more than eight hours in any day, the foreman in charge of the same shall so keep them at work, returning their time accordingly, but that such occasional extension of the regular hours of work shall not be more than enough to make up for the time in which work is suspended on account of rain or other unfavorable circumstances.

VI.

Resolved, That with a view, if found practicable, of placing a part of the force needed for steady employment, and whose duties cannot always be well performed within the regular hours of the main force or a system of work by the week, a list be prepared of employees engaged in maintenance duties of a regular and stated character not interrupted on account of bad weather, with a statement of the character of the work of each, whether light or heavy, and whether requiring the exercise of special skill or unusual care and discretion, and of the number of hours daily in which, under ordinary circumstances, said services are needed.

VII.

Resolved, That the time of all men now acting under orders of the Director of the Menagerie be kept and returned by him.

VIII.

Resolved, That pending the reconstruction of the cottage near the East Green of the Central Park, the ball ground may be made use of as a croquet ground under such directions of the Superintendent as may be necessary to prevent its injury, and at such times as will not conflict with its regular use by the public school boys.

METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATORY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS CENTRAL PARK, NEW YORK.

Latitude 40° 45' 58" N. Longitude 73° 57' 58" W. Height of Instruments above the Ground 53 feet; above the Sea, 97 feet.

ABSTRACT OF REGISTERS FROM SELF-RECORDING INSTRUMENTS, For the Week Ending May 15, 1875.

Barometer.

Table with columns: DATE, 7 A.M., 2 P.M., 9 P.M., MEAN FOR THE DAY, MAXIMUM, MINIMUM. Rows for Sunday through Saturday.

Mean for the week... 29.889 inches. Maximum " at 9 A.M., May 14... 30.170 " Minimum " at 5 A.M., May 10... 29.520 " Range " .. .650 "

Thermometers.

Table with columns: DATE, 7 A.M., 2 P.M., 9 P.M., MEAN, MAXIMUM, MINIMUM, MAXIMUM. Rows for Sunday through Saturday.

Mean for the week... 58.9 degrees. Maximum for the week, at 10 A.M., 10th... 78. " at 3 P.M., 9th... 63. " Minimum " " 5 A.M., 14th... 46. " at 12 P.M., 15th... 42. " Range " " .. .32. " .. .21. "

Wind.

Table with columns: DATE, DIRECTION, VELOCITY IN MILES, FORCE IN POUNDS PER SQUARE FOOT. Rows for Sunday through Saturday.

Distance traveled during the week... 942 miles. Maximum force " " .. .10 pounds.

Table with columns: DATE, Hygrometer, Clouds, Rain and Snow. Rows for Sunday through Saturday.

Total amount of water for the week... .05 inches.

DANIEL DRAPER, Director.



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION, CORNER OF THIRD AVENUE AND ELEVENTH ST., NEW YORK, May 20, 1875.

PROPOSALS FOR DRY GOODS, STRAW HATS, POTATOES, STRAW, MEAL, HOMINY, OATS.

PROPOSALS, SEALED AND INDORSED AS above, will be received by the Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction, until 10 o'clock A. M., of the 2d day of June, 1875, at which time they will be publicly opened...

250 dozen Men's Straw Hats; 750 barrels Potatoes, good and sound, Peerless or Jackson, to weigh 168 lbs to the barrel net, to be delivered in quantities as may be required; 250 bales Long Rye Straw; 200 bags Coarse Meal, 200 bags Fine Meal.

The award of the contract will be made as soon as practicable after the opening of the bids. No proposal will be considered unless accompanied by the consent, in writing, of two householders or freeholders of the City of New York...

ISAAC H. BAILEY, THOMAS S. BRENNAN, TOWNSEND COX, Commissioners.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION, CORNER OF THIRD AVE. AND ELEVENTH ST., NEW YORK, May 19, 1875.

PROPOSALS FOR REPAIRS, TO STEAMBOAT

Minnahtonck's boiler, engine, painting, hauling out and ship carpenter and joiner work. Proposals sealed, and indorsed as above, will be received by the Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction...

No proposal will be considered unless accompanied by the consent, in writing, of two householders or freeholders of the City of New York, with their respective places of business or residence...

ISAAC H. BAILEY, THOMAS S. BRENNAN, TOWNSEND COX, Commissioners.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION, CORNER OF THIRD AVENUE AND ELEVENTH ST., NEW YORK, May 19, 1875.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL

In relation to the burial of strangers or unknown persons who may die in any of the public institutions of the City of New York, the Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction report as follows:

At New York City Asylum for Insane, Ward's Island, May 18, 1875—John K. Gray; age 50 years; 5 feet 7 inches high; brown hair; hazel eyes.

JOSHUA PHILLIPS, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION, CORNER OF THIRD AVENUE AND ELEVENTH ST., NEW YORK, May 18, 1875.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL

In relation to the burial of strangers or unknown persons, who may die in any of the public institutions of the City of New York, the Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction report as follows:

At Work-house, Blackwell's Island, May 18, 1875—Andrew Springman; age 33 years; committed April 16, 1875; destitute. Nothing known of his friends or relatives.

JOSHUA PHILLIPS, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION, CORNER OF THIRD AVENUE AND ELEVENTH ST., NEW YORK, May 11, 1875.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL

In relation to the burial of strangers or unknown persons who may die in any of the public institutions of the City of New York, the Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction report as follows:

At Penitentiary, Blackwell's Island, May 9, 1875—Christopher Stitzel, age 27 years. Has no friends or relatives.

JOSHUA PHILLIPS, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION, CORNER OF THIRD AVENUE AND ELEVENTH STREET, NEW YORK, May 18, 1875.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL

In relation to the burial of strangers or unknown persons who may die in any of the public institutions of the City of New York, the Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction report as follows:

At New York City Asylum for Insane, Ward's Island, May 15, 1875—Henry Lohring; age 30 years; 5 feet 9 inches high; brown hair; blue eyes.

JOSHUA PHILLIPS, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION, No. 66 Third Avenue, NEW YORK, May 15, 1875.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL

In relation to the burial of strangers or unknown persons who may die in any of the public institutions of the City of New York, the Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction report as follows:

At New York City Asylum for Insane, Ward's Island, May 12, 1875—Charles Howard; aged 35 years; 5 feet 9 1/2 inches high; black hair and eyes.

JOSHUA PHILLIPS, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION, No. 66 Third Avenue, NEW YORK, May 15, 1875.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL

In relation to the burial of strangers or unknown persons who may die in any of the public institutions of the City of New York, the Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction report as follows:

At Morgue, Bellevue Hospital, from Pier No. 35 East river—Unknown man; aged about 40 years; 5 feet 7 inches high; black hair and beard.

JOSHUA PHILLIPS, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION, CORNER OF THIRD AVE. AND ELEVENTH STREET, NEW YORK, May 12, 1875.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL

In relation to the burial of strangers or unknown persons who may die in any of the public institutions of the City of New York, the Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction report as follows:

At Lunatic Asylum, Blackwell's Island, May 11, 1875—Sarah, alias Charlotte Kinney; age 37 years; 5 feet 6 inches high; black hair and eyes.

JOSHUA PHILLIPS, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION, CORNER OF THIRD AVENUE AND ELEVENTH STREET, NEW YORK, May 17, 1875.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL

In relation to the burial of strangers or unknown persons who may die in any of the public institutions of the City of New York, the Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction report as follows:

At Morgue, Bellevue Hospital, from Pier 46, North river—Unknown man; age about 50 years; 5 feet 8 inches high; sandy hair.

JOSHUA PHILLIPS, Secretary.

At New York City Asylum for Insane, Ward's Island, May 15, 1875—John Hoop; age 30 years; 5 feet 9 inches high; brown hair; gray eyes.

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JOSHUA PHILLIPS, Secretary.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, BUREAU FOR THE COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS, ROTUNDA, COURT-HOUSE, NEW YORK, May 11, 1875.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY-HOLDERS.

PROPERTY-HOLDERS ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the following Assessment List was received this day in this Bureau for collection:

CONFIRMED APRIL 22, 1875.

Outlet sewer in Ninety-sixth street, between Tenth avenue and Hudson river.

All payments made on the above assessment on or before July 10, 1875, will be exempt (according to law) from interest.

The Collector's office is open daily, from 9 A. M. to 2 P. M. for the collection of money, and until 4 P. M. for general information.

SPENCER KIRBY, Collector of Assessments.

PROPOSALS FOR \$350,000 STOCKS AND BONDS OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED AT the Comptroller's Office, until Thursday, May 27, 1875, at 2 o'clock P. M., when the same will be publicly opened...

Additional Croton Water Stock, authorized by chapter 56, amended by chapter 328, Laws of 1871, payable November 1, 1891... \$100,000 00

The proposals will state the amount of Bonds desired, and the price per one hundred dollars thereof; and the persons whose proposals are accepted will thereupon be required to deposit with the Chamberlain the sums awarded to them...

On presenting to the Comptroller the receipts of the Chamberlain for such deposit, the parties will be entitled to receive certificates for equal amounts of the par value of the sums awarded to them...

Each Proposal should be sealed and indorsed "Proposals for Stocks and Bonds of the City of New York," and inclosed in a second envelope addressed to the Comptroller.

The right is reserved on the part of the Comptroller to reject any or all of the bids, if, in his judgment, the interests of the Corporation require it.

ANDREW H. GREEN, Comptroller.

CITY OF NEW YORK, DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, May 18, 1875.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, BUREAU FOR THE COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS, ROTUNDA, COURT-HOUSE, NEW YORK, May 8, 1875.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY-HOLDERS.

PROPERTY-HOLDERS ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the following Assessment List was received this day in this Bureau for collection:

CONFIRMED APRIL 22, 1875.

Paving First avenue, from Sixty-first to Ninety-second street, with Belgian pavement.

All payments made on the above assessment on or before July 8, 1875, will be exempt (according to law) from interest.

The Collector's office is open daily from 9 A. M. until 2 P. M. for the collection of money, and until 4 P. M. for general information.

SPENCER KIRBY, Collector of Assessments.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, BUREAU FOR THE COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS, ROTUNDA, COURT-HOUSE, NEW YORK, March 25, 1875.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY-HOLDERS.

PROPERTY-HOLDERS ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the following assessment lists were received this day in this Bureau for collection:

CONFIRMED MARCH 9, 1875.

Regulating, grading, setting curb and gutter stones, and flagging Eighth street, from the Eighth avenue to the River Drive (except from Eighth to Ninth avenue).

Regulating, grading, setting curb and gutter, and flagging One Hundred and Thirteenth street, from Third avenue to Harlem river.

Flagging south side of St. Mark's place, between Second avenue and No. 48.

Flagging Tenth avenue, from Fifty-second to Fifty-third street.

Curb, gutter, and flagging north side of Eleventh street, from Avenue D to the East river; also, on east side of Avenue D, from Eleventh to Thirteenth street.

Curb, gutter, and flagging Third street, from Goerck street to East river.

Paving, with stone blocks, Bank street, from West street to Thirteenth avenue.

Eleventh street, paving, from 100 feet east of Avenue D to the East river.

Paving (with stone blocks) Twenty-fourth street, from Eleventh avenue to North river.

Paving Thirty-first street, between Fourth and Lexington avenues, with Belgian pavement.

Paving Fifty-second street, between Fourth and Fifth avenues, with Belgian pavement.

Paving Thirteenth or Exterior, avenue, between Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth streets (half the block), with Belgian pavement.

Paving One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street, from Eleventh avenue or Boulevard to Hudson River Railroad, with Belgian or granite-block pavement.

Fencing vacant lots on Fifty-seventh street, between Fifth and Sixth avenues.

Sewers in Lewis street, between Houston and Sixth streets.

Sewer in Fifty-sixth street, between Sixth and Seventh avenues.

Sewer in Lexington avenue, between Sixty-seventh and Sixty-eighth streets.

All payments made on the above assessments on or before May 24, 1875, will be exempt (according to law) from interest.

The Collector's office is open daily from 9 A. M. to 2 P. M. for the collection of money, and until 4 P. M. for general information.

SPENCER KIRBY, Collector of Assessments.

REAL ESTATE BELONGING TO THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, to be leased at auction, May 18, 1875.

The leases of the following described property belonging to the Corporation of the City of New York will be sold at Public Auction at the New County Court-house, on Tuesday, May 18, 1875, at 11 o'clock A. M., for the term of one year and eleven months from the first day of June next:

VACANT LOTS—FORT GANSEVOORT MAP. Nos. 1 to 7. East side of Thirteenth avenue, between Gansevoort and Bogart streets.

No. 8. North side of Gansevoort street.

Nos. 15 to 23. North side of Gansevoort street, west side of West street, and south side of Bogart street.

No. 30. South side of Bogart street.

Nos. 51 and 52. Southwest corner of West and Bloomfield streets.

Nos. 61 to 72. East side of Thirteenth avenue, between Bloomfield and West Twelfth streets.

HAMILTON SQUARE MAP. Nos. 1, 2, and 6, 7. West side Third avenue, between Sixty-seventh and Sixty-eighth streets.

Nos. 9 to 17. South side Sixty-eighth street, between Third and Lexington avenues.

Nos. 18 to 25. East side Lexington avenue, between Sixty-seventh and Sixty-eighth streets.

Nos. 26 to 30, 31, 32. North side Sixty-seventh street, between Lexington and Third avenues.

HARLEM MARKET MAP. No. 4. North side One Hundred and Twentieth street, near Third avenue.

Nos. 13 to 15. South side One Hundred and Twenty-first street, near Third avenue.

EIGHTEENTH WARD MARKET BUILDING. East side of Avenue C, between Sixteenth and Seventeenth streets, lot, 18x368.6, building, 164.4x347.1.

MISCELLANEOUS. No. 61. Thompson street, lot, 25x100.

Washington Market, cellar, No. 2.

Franklin Market, balance of main floor, 65x26.8.

TERMS OF SALE. Twenty per cent. on the yearly rent bid for each parcel to be paid to the Collector of the City Revenue at the time and place of sale; and the successful bidder will be required, at the same time, to have an obligation executed by two sureties, to be approved by the Comptroller, for carrying into effect the terms of sale.

The twenty per cent., when paid, will be credited on the first quarter's rent; or forfeited, if the lessee does not execute the lease and bond within fifteen days after the sale; and the Comptroller shall be authorized, at his option, to resell the premises bid off by those failing to comply with the terms as above; and the party so failing to comply to be liable for any deficiency that may result from such resale.

No person will be received as lessee or surety who is delinquent on any former lease from the Corporation. No bid will be accepted from any person who is in arrears to the Corporation upon debt or contract, or who is a defaulter, as security or otherwise, upon any obligation to the Corporation. (Sec. 99 of Charter of 1873.)

The leases will contain the usual covenants and conditions, reserving to the Corporation the right to cancel the lease whenever the premises may be required by them for public purposes.

All repairs will be made at the expense of the lessees, and no deduction whatever will be allowed for damage by reason of any sickness or epidemic that may prevail in the city during the continuance of the lease.

The lessees will be required to give a bond for double the amount of the annual rent, with two sureties, to be approved by the Comptroller, conditioned for the payment of the rent quarter-yearly, and the fulfillment on their part of the covenants of the lease.

Should the Corporation sell, lease, rebuild, or remove any of the Markets during the term for which the lease is granted, the leases of the property so sold or of the cellars and other premises in or under the Markets so sold, leased, rebuilt, or removed, are to be canceled at the option of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, and no deduction or award for damages will be made by the Corporation therefor.

By order of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund. ANDREW H. GREEN, Comptroller.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, NEW YORK, May 3, 1875.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, BUREAU FOR THE COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS, ROTUNDA, COURT-HOUSE, NEW YORK, April 1, 1875.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY-HOLDERS.

PROPERTY-HOLDERS ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the following assessment lists were received this day in this Bureau for collection:

CONFIRMED MARCH 24, 1875.

Regulating, grading, curb, gutter, and flagging Madison avenue, from One Hundred and Twenty-fourth street, to Harlem river.

Paving Eighty-first street, between Second and Fourth avenues, with Belgian pavement.

Paving Eighty-fourth street, from Avenue A to Third avenue, and from Fourth to Fifth avenue, with Belgian granite pavement.

Sewer in Spring street, between Broadway and Crosby streets.

Receiving-basin on the southeast corner of Thirty-third street and First avenue.

Receiving-basin on the northeast corner of Thirty-third street and First avenue.

All payments made on the above assessments on or before May 31, 1875, will be exempt (according to law) from interest. After that date interest will be charged at the rate of (7) seven per cent. from the date of confirmation.

The Collector's office is open daily from 9 A. M. to 2 P. M. or the collection of money, and until 4 P. M. for general information.

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DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, BUREAU FOR THE COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS, ROTUNDA, COURT-HOUSE, NEW YORK, May 3, 1875.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY-HOLDERS.

PROPERTY-HOLDERS ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the following assessment lists were received this day in this Bureau for collection:

CONFIRMED MARCH 26, 1875.

Outlet sewer in Seventeenth street, from Hudson river to and through Eleventh avenue and Twenty-third street to near Tenth avenue, and Seventeenth street, from Eleventh avenue to and through Tenth avenue to Fourteenth street, with branches.

CONFIRMED APRIL 22, 1875.

Sewer in Attorney street, between Grand and Broome streets.

Basin on the northwest corner of One Hundred and Sixteenth street and St. Nicholas avenue.

Flagging sidewalks on south side of One Hundred and Twenty-first street, between First avenue and Avenue A.

Paving Third street, from Goerck street to the pier foot of Third street, with Belgian pavement.

Paving Fifty-sixth street, between First avenue and East river, with Belgian pavement.

Regulating, grading, setting curb, gutter, and flagging Seventy-seventh street, between Ninth avenue and Boulevard.

Regulating, grading, setting curb and gutter stones, and flagging eight feet wide in Seventy-third street, from Eighth avenue to the Hudson river.

All payments made on the above assessments on or before the second day of July, 1875, will be exempt (according to law) from interest. After that date interest will be charged at the rate of seven (7) per cent. from the several dates of confirmation.

The Collector's office is open daily from 9 A. M. to 2 P. M. for the collection of money, and until 4 P. M. for general information.

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DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, BUREAU FOR THE COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS, ROTUNDA, COURT-HOUSE, NEW YORK, March 26, 1875.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY-HOLDERS.

PROPERTY-HOLDERS ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the following Assessment List was received this day in this Bureau for collection:

CONFIRMED MAY 14, 1875.

Third instalment of the Third avenue, Morrisania, assessment.

All payments made on the above assessment on or before May 31, 1875, will be exempt (according to law) from interest. After that date interest will be charged at the rate of (7) seven per cent. from April 1, 1875.

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