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PROPOSALS FOR PRINTING AND DISTRIBUTING CITY RECORD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT PURSUANT to sections 91 and 111 of chap. 335, Laws 1873, proposals for printing and distributing THE CITY RECORD for one year, in accordance with the specifications filed in the office of the Mayor of the City of New York, in the City Hall in said city, will be received at the said office until Wednesday, June 3, prox., at 12 o'clock, m., at which hour the bids will be opened and read, and the award of the contract made as soon thereafter as practicable. Each proposal will be enclosed in a sealed envelope, indorsed "Proposals for Printing and Distributing THE CITY RECORD," and must be made in strict conformity to the specifications aforesaid. The security required on the contract will be ten thousand dollars.

Dated New York, May 19, 1874.

WM F. HAVEMEYER,
Mayor.
E. DELAFIELD SMITH,
Counsel to the Corporation.
GEO. M. VAN NORT,
Commissioner of Public Works.

SPECIFICATIONS FOR PRINTING AND DISTRIBUTING THE CITY RECORD.

1.—It must be published daily, Sundays and legal holidays excepted.

2.—It must be of four or more pages, each page in size one-eighth of a sheet 33 by 46.

3.—It must be printed on clear rag paper, sized and calendered, and of a weight of seventy-five pounds to each ream of 500 sheets, 33 by 46, as per sample hereto annexed.

4.—The type used must be new, copper-faced, and of the kind known as the "modern old style," in regular sizes ranging from nonpareil to pica, inclusive, with leading and display type to correspond; the columns to be twenty-seven ems nonpareil in width, and four to each page.

5.—The paper to be issued and distributed each day before 9 o'clock, A. M., and the copies for use and sale by the Supervisor of the CITY RECORD to be delivered at his office at such hour as he may designate from time to time.

6.—Bids must specify the price per 1000 ems for ordinary composition; the price per 1000 ems for standing matter; the price per 1000 ems for tables; the price per 1000 ems for rule and figure work, and all other matter not included in ordinary column or table work; and the price per hour for alterations. Also the price per ream for all paper used, and the price for press work, per token of 250 copies of four pages to the form.

7.—In the measurement of composition and standing matter, the rules of the trade will be strictly observed.

8.—The contractor will be required to distribute, free of charge, to the several departments and officers of the City Government, and to such persons, and in such manner as the Mayor shall direct, not more than 1,000 copies; and no greater number of copies of said paper shall be printed at any time than shall be directed by the Mayor or Supervisor, and every copy printed shall be delivered to the Supervisor, excepting those delivered under the direction of the Mayor, as herein provided.

9.—All composition, press-work, make-up of forms, supply of proofs, and other work, to be done in a first-class manner, under the direction and control of the Supervisor of the CITY RECORD. The composing-room to be within a convenient distance of the City Hall. No matter of any kind whatsoever to be printed in said paper unless by order of the Mayor or of the Supervisor.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

Report for the week ending May 23, 1874:

Licenses granted and amounts received for licenses and fines by First Marshal:

Licenses granted..... 379
Amount received..... \$3,603 75

Permits issued for street stands, signs, show cases, deliveries, &c., and amount received for same:

Permits issued..... 164
Amount received..... \$1,126

W. F. HAVEMEYER,
Mayor.

LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

STATED SESSION.

BOARD OF ASSISTANT ALDERMEN.

MONDAY, May 25, 1874. {
2 o'clock, P. M.

The Board met, pursuant to adjournment, in the chamber of the Board, No. 16 City Hall.

PRESENT THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS :

Jeremiah Murphy, William Wade,
Charles M. Clancy, John J. Kehoe,
Henry Wisser, Edward Brucks,
Michael Healy, George Kelly,
Thomas L. Thornell, Stephen N. Simonson,
John Theiss, Philip Cumisky,
Geo. F. Codington, Isaac Sommers,
Patrick Keenan, Benjamin Beyea.

In the absence of the President, on motion of Assistant Alderman Kelly, Assistant Alderman Clancy was called to the chair.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

By Assistant Alderman Clancy for Assistant Alderman Foley—

Resolved, That permission be, and the same is hereby given to Thomas E. Smith to erect a watering trough in front of his premises, situated on the corner of Canal, Varick, and Vestry streets, at his own expense, and under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, such permission to remain only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Which was adopted by the following vote :

Affirmative—Assistant Aldermen Murphy, Clancy, Wisser, Healy, Thornell, Theiss, Codington, Keenan, Wade, Kehoe, Brucks, Kelly, Simonson, Cumisky, Sommers, Beyea—16.

By Assistant Alderman Healy—

Resolved, That a joint committee of five of the Common Council be appointed to make the necessary arrangements for celebrating the coming Fourth of July, and that said committee, when appointed, to meet with the Commissioners of Parks, and that the Board of Estimate and Apportionment are hereby requested to appropriate the sum of \$15,000 for the purpose of defraying the expenses of such celebration.

Which was adopted.

G. O. 621.

By Assistant Alderman Healy—

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized and directed to lease from John C. Bailey the second and third floors of the building on the northwest corner of Bond street and Bowery, for the use and occupation of the Department of Buildings, for a term of five years from the day of , 1874, at the annual rent of \$3,500, to be paid quarterly by the Comptroller from the proper appropriation.

Which was laid over.

Assistant Alderman Thornell moved that the Committee on Law Department be directed to report upon all resolutions and ordinances in their possession relating to the Permit Bureau.

Which was agreed to by the following vote:

Affirmative—Assistant Aldermen Murphy, Wisser, Healy, Thornell, Theiss, Codington, Wade, Kehoe, Simonson, Sommers, Beyea—11.

Negative—Assistant Aldermen Clancy, Keenan, Brucks, Kelly, Cumisky—5.

By Assistant Alderman Simonson for Assistant Alderman Kreps—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Benjamin Gurney to erect a portico in front of his premises, No. 872 Broadway, he having obtained the consent of the owners of the adjoining property, the same to be done under the direction of the Commissioners of Public Works, and such permission to remain only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Assistant Alderman Simonson moved to adopt.

Which was lost by the following vote:

Affirmative—Assistant Aldermen Murphy, Healy, Keenan, Kehoe, Kelly, Cumisky, Sommers, Beyea—8.

Negative—Assistant Aldermen Clancy, Wisser, Thornell, Theiss, Codington, Wade, Brucks, Simonson—8.

And the motion of Assistant Alderman Theiss was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Assistant Aldermen Murphy, Wisser, Thornell, Theiss, Codington, Wade, Kehoe, Brucks, Simonson, Cumisky, Sommers, Beyea—12.

Negative—Assistant Aldermen Murphy, Healy, Keenan, Kelly—4.

By Assistant Alderman Keenan—
NEW YORK, May 25, 1874.

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

GENTLEMEN:—I herewith tender you my resignation as a Commissioner of Deeds.

Yours, respectfully,

E. C. BOARDMAN.

Which was accepted.

In connection therewith Assistant Alderman Keenan offered the following:

Resolved, That John S. McNulty be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, in place and stead of E. C. Boardman, resigned.

Which was adopted by the following vote:
Affirmative—Assistant Aldermen Murphy, Clancy, Wisser, Codington, Keenan, Wade, Kehoe, Brucks, Kelly, Simonson, Cumisky, Sommers, Beyea—13.

Negative—Assistant Aldermen Healy, Thornell, Theiss—3.

By Assistant Alderman Wade—

Whereas, By resolution approved October 25, 1872, Twenty-fourth street, from the Eleventh avenue to the North River, was ordered to be regulated, graded, &c., and on the 16th day of December, 1873, a contract was entered into for the performance of the work, the contractor stipulating to complete the same in fifty days; and

Whereas, Although the time fixed in the contract for the completion of the work has long since expired, the contractor has failed to comply with a single stipulation of the contract, not having yet commenced the work, nor is there any indication of his intention to comply with its conditions, thereby inflicting loss and damage upon the owners of property who desire to improve their land, and upon the City, which would be benefited by increased valuation on the property, and an increased revenue from its pier property at the foot of said street. The neglect on the part of the contractor effectively prevents any further improvement whatever of the said street, and renders nugatory an ordinance for paving the street, recently passed by the Common Council, an improvement that is greatly needed, as the street has become a great thoroughfare, caused principally by reason of the pier at the foot thereof being used as a landing place for steam-boats; be it therefore

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Public Works be and he is hereby requested to report to this Board, at his earliest convenience, the cause of the failure of the contractor for regulating, grading, &c., of Twenty-fourth street, from the Eleventh avenue to the North River, to comply with the conditions of his contract, and if any steps have been taken to hold his sureties to an account for such failure; also, if violations of contract for public work is of common occurrence on the part of other contractors, together with such suggestions or recommendations as in the judgment of the said Commissioner may be necessary to prevent like violations of contracts in the future, if in his opinion the present laws or ordinances are defective, or inoperative, in providing for the accountability of contractors or their sureties.

Which was adopted.

By Assistant Alderman Brucks—

To the Honorable the Common Council:

GENTLEMEN:—I hereby tender my resignation as Commissioner of Deeds in and for the city and county of New York.

Respectfully yours,

GEORGE BOUCSEIN.

Which was accepted.

In connection therewith Assistant Alderman Brucks offered the following:

Resolved, That John J. Healy, Jr., be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York in place and stead of George Boucsein, resigned.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Assistant Aldermen Murphy, Clancy, Wisser, Thornell, Theiss, Codington, Keenan, Wade, Kehoe, Brucks, Kelly, Simonson, Cumisky, Sommers, Beyea—15.

Negative—Assistant Alderman Healy—1.

G. O. 622.

By Assistant Alderman Sommers—

Resolved, That Sixty-third street, from Second to Third avenues, be paved with Belgian or trap-block pavements, 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.

G. O. 623.

By Assistant Alderman Beyea—

Resolved, That two Boulevard lamps be placed on the lamp-post now standing in front of the Second Baptist Church, situated in One Hundred and Eleventh street, between the Third and Fourth avenues, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

Which was laid over.

G. O. 624.

By Assistant Alderman Beyea—

Resolved, That gas mains be laid, lamp-post erected, and street lamp lighted in One Hundred and Thirty-third street, from the Eighth avenue to the Harlem River, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

Which was laid over.

Assistant Alderman Cumisky moved that the Committee on Arts and Sciences be discharged from further consideration of the following:

G. O. 625.

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized and directed to draw a warrant in favor of J. O'Neil, for the sum of two hundred and eleven (\$211) dollars, to be in full for the annexed bill for duplicating the "Greeley Album," and charge the amount to the appropriation for "City Contingencies."

Which was agreed to and the paper laid over.

G. O. 626.

Assistant Alderman Keenan moved that the Committee on Law Department be discharged from further consideration of the following:

AN ORDINANCE to establish a Public Pound in the Twenty-fourth Ward of the city of New York.

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

Sec. 1. The premises situated on the Kingsbridge road, or Broadway, about two hundred yards above the Kingsbridge, in the 24th ward of the city of New York, owned by Benj. H. Seeley, being the premises formerly known as and occupied by the "Exchange Hotel," be and are hereby designated as and for a public pound, and that a pound-master be appointed therefor, and assigned thereto, by the Mayor, without any compensation or salary to be paid by the corporation.

Sec. 2. The Mayor of the city of New York is hereby empowered and directed to assume control of the public pound hereby created.

Sec. 3. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

Which was agreed to and the paper laid over.

REPORTS.

G. O. 627.

The Committee on Salaries and Offices of the Board of Assistant Aldermen, to whom was referred the annexed resolution from the Board of Aldermen, in favor of re-appointing Patrick Collins a Commissioner of Deeds, respectfully

REPORT:

That, having carefully examined the applicant, they believe him to be a proper person. They are, therefore, in favor of concurring with the Board of Aldermen in adopting said resolution, and accordingly respectfully recommend that such action be had thereon by this Board.

Resolved, That Patrick Collins be and he is hereby re-appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York.

EDWARD BRUCKS,
HENRY WISSE,

JOHN J. KEHOE,

Committee on Salaries and Offices.

Which was laid over.

The Committee on Salaries and Offices of the Board of Assistant Aldermen, to whom was referred two lists of names for Commissioner of Deeds, respectfully

REPORT:

That they have carefully examined the lists and made the necessary alterations on the list previously made by the Board of Assistant Aldermen, and respectfully ask that the names as presented by the Committee be approved.

Resolved, That the persons whose names are set down in the first column, be and are hereby appointed Commissioners of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, in place of those set down in the second column whose term of office have expired, viz:

John P. McLaughlin, vice William T. Ames.

Henry A. Beatty,

Bernard Kieran, vice Wm. J. Finigan.
 D. A. Schierenback, vice Bernard J. Gallagher.
 Wm. A. Ballantine, vice Dennis Galvin.
 Henry G. Klugh, vice John Gorman.
 George W. Morton, vice John H. Gross.
 Arthur J. Delancy, vice Henry C. Hope.
 Thomas J. Miller, vice H. D. Hoyt.
 James M. Smith, vice Harmon H. Hart.
 M. M. Friend, vice Joseph Hartman.
 Malcolm Snowden, vice John N. Hayward.
 Daniel M. O'Brien, vice J. Frederick Hatch.
 Hiram R. Buchanan, vice Philip L. Hoffman.
 Charles R. Deutsch, vice Eugene M. Jerome.
 Adam E. Schatz, vice Judson Jarvis.
 Philip F. Hoffman, vice Delancy W. Knevals.
 Willis P. Miner, vice John Kerr.
 Theodore Feldstein, vice Patrick H. Kearney.
 Hugo Gorsh, vice Isaiah Keyser.
 Charles McManus, vice Bernard Kieran.
 Austin V. Pettit, vice J. C. J. Langbein.
 Henry A. Munker, vice Edward N. Lafley.
 Peter Radley, vice Henry J. Lynch.
 John H. Cusick, vice Frederick R. Lee.
 James Dollard, Jr., vice Henry McCloskey.
 Joseph L. Cottrell, vice Charles J. McDermott.
 David L. Beckwith, vice William F. McNamara.
 John W. Crump, vice James McGinnis.
 Samuel Kreiser, vice John J. McArdle.
 Isaac Schreiber, vice Daniel McCabe.
 Frederick Reineeman, vice P. McAleer.
 Henry Smith, vice Henry Murphy.
 Patrick Collins, vice James Mahon.
 Daniel McCabe, vice Joseph F. Murphy.
 John Bush, vice John J. Macklin.
 Philip A. Bird, vice George W. Morton.
 William H. Crolius, vice James A. Monaghan.
 Charles E. Boland, vice Wm. Montgomery, Jr.
 Henry L. Robertson, vice A. J. Mathewson.
 John C. Wilson, vice John Nugent.
 John R. Farrington, vice George W. Oakley.
 Philip Waldheimer, vice James O'Hara.
 J. Percival Michelbacher, vice Edward J. O'Brien.
 Jacob Fleischauer, vice Gonzalo Poey.
 John H. Gross, vice Austin V. Pettit.
 Ferdinand Levy, vice Charles H. Patterson.
 Jacob Johann, vice James Reynolds.
 Lawrence E. Burke, vice Warren H. Reynolds.
 John C. Keating, vice James Reilly.
 Edward J. Shandley, vice Martin L. Ranney.
 Patrick McMullin, vice Richard B. Roche.
 Michael Sullivan, vice George W. Relyea.
 Oscar J. Strauss, vice Thomas Reilly.
 Nicholas Langdon, vice James W. Rowe.
 Thomas C. Wales, vice Henry L. Robertson.
 William Hayes, vice Joseph Shaw.
 Wm. E. Birkhead, vice Charles E. Satterlee.
 Michael G. Murray, vice John B. Sweat.
 Harson H. Smith, vice Francis Sheridan.
 Walter C. Wooley, vice Thomas E. Smith.
 John E. Fitzgerald, vice George Schreimer.
 James A. Chrystie, vice Daniel P. Smith.
 Jacob Rosenfeld, vice John W. Thorp.
 Benjamin F. Carpenter, vice Alonzo Truesdell.
 George W. Bogert, vice George F. Taylor.
 Pascal T. Southern, vice Jacob F. Valentine.
 James N. Worden, vice Daniel M. Van Cott.
 Wm. L. Wiley, vice Thomas C. Vache.
 James S. Reilly, vice George Wilson.
 George W. Relyea, vice Henry T. Wilson.
 Thomas S. Sullivan, vice James H. Wynne.
 William Dealing, vice William L. Wiley.
 Joseph T. Webster, vice Richard J. Walsh.
 George Ashforth, vice James H. Wessels.
 William Burke, vice John White.
 Joseph Fitzgerald, vice John N. Williams.
 Hiram H. Lowenthal, vice Harris Wines, Jr.
 Edward Downy.
 John Dunn.

EDWARD BRUCKS,
 HENRY WISER,
 JOHN J. KEHOE,
 Committee on Salaries and Offices.

Which was adopted by the following vote:
 Affirmative—Assistant Aldermen Murphy, Clancy, Wisser, Healy, Thornell, Theiss, Codington, Keenan, Wade, Kehoe, Brucks, Kelly, Simonson, Cumisky, Sommers, Beyea—16.

G. O. 628.

The Committee on Streets of the Board of Assistant Aldermen, to whom was referred the annexed petition of owners of property on Seventy-first street, between the Ninth avenue and the Boulevard, for a change of grade, respectfully report:

REPORT:
 That they have examined the petition referred to, and find a large majority of the property owners are in favor of the proposed change of grade, and that all the forms of law applicable to the changing the grade of streets, in this city, have been complied with. Your committee are therefore in favor of granting the prayer of the petitioners, and respectfully offer for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That the grade of Seventy-first street, from the Ninth avenue to the Boulevard, be changed so as to conform to the red lines and figures on the annexed diagram, and the Commissioner of Public Works is hereby authorized and directed to give effect to the provisions of this resolution.

EDWARD BRUCKS,
 JOHN THEISS,
 Committee on Streets.

Which was laid over.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Being a communication from the Comptroller, as follows:

CITY OF NEW YORK, DEPARTMENT OF
 FINANCE, COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, }
 May 16, 1874.

To Board of Assistant Aldermen:

Weekly Statement, showing the appropriations made under the authority contained in sec. 112, chap. 335, Laws of 1873, for carrying on the Legislative Department, from January 1 to December 31, 1874, both days inclusive, and of the payments made up to and including the date hereof for and on account of each appropriation:

Title of Appropriations.	Amt. of Appropriations.	Payments.
City Contingencies.	7,000 00	1,294 36
Contingencies, Legislative Dep't....	1,500 00	99 65
Salaries, Legislative Department....	185,000 00	60,121 67

AND H. GREEN,
 Comptroller.

Which was ordered on file.

Being a communication from the Mayor as follows:

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
 NEW YORK, May 25, 1874.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

GENTLEMEN:—I return herewith without my approval an Ordinance to flag sidewalks both sides of Thirty-fifth street from First avenue to East river, for the reason, that the street in question, is neither curbed, guttered or paved, and the sidewalks on both sides of the streets being exclusively occupied for the storage of lumber, and it appearing that the street is not used as a thoroughfare, I do not see that the public convenience requires that the proposed work shall now be done.

W. F. HAVEMEYER.

Which was laid on the table.

Being a communication from the Mayor as follows:

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
 New York, May 25, 1874.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

GENTLEMEN:—I return herewith, without my approval, an Ordinance to pave Forty-second street from Second avenue to East river, for the reason that said street, from Second avenue to a point about one hundred feet west of First avenue, is about thirty-five feet above the grade of First avenue, and which latter avenue can only be reached by a stairway, and that portion of Forty-second street between First avenue and the East river is already paved, and I therefore return the ordinance for your further consideration.

W. F. HAVEMEYER.

Which was laid on the table.

PAPERS FROM THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

G. O. 629.

Being a resolution as follows:

Resolved, That the grade of Eighty-first street, from the Ninth to the Tenth avenue, be changed so as conform to the red lines and figures on the annexed diagram, and the Commissioner of Public Works is hereby authorized and directed to give effect to the provisions of the resolution.

Which was laid over.

G. O. 630.

Being a resolution as follows:

Resolved, That Twenty-ninth street, between First avenue and East 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 thereto be adopted.

Which was laid over.

Resolution to appoint Isaac Unter Meyer a Commissioner of Deeds.

Assistant Alderman Kelly moved to refer to the Committee on Salaries and Offices.

Which was lost.

And the resolution was concurred in by the following vote:

Affirmative—Assistant Alderman Murphy, Clancy, Wisser, Healy, Thornell, Theiss, Codington, Keenan, Wade, Kehoe, Brucks, Kelly, Simonson, Cumisky, Sommers, Beyea—15.

Negative—Assistant Alderman Kehoe—1.

A resolution to re-appoint John H. Brady a Commissioner of Deeds.

Which was concurred in by the following vote:

Affirmative—Assistant Aldermen Murphy, Clancy, Wisser, Healy, Thornell, Theiss, Codington, Keenan, Wade, Kehoe, Brucks, Kelly, Simonson, Cumisky, Sommers, Beyea—16.

COMMUNICATIONS RESUMED.

Being a communication from the Mayor as follows:

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
 NEW YORK, May 25, 1874.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

GENTLEMEN:—Through the agency of those mysterious influences so potent in and around our legislative halls, a bill was passed by both the Senate and Assembly in the expiring hours of the last session, entitled "An act to incorporate the New York Warehouse and Railway Company, and to improve the commercial facilities of New York," which is now before his Excellency the Governor, for his action thereon.

To the provisions of this bill I invite your attention and the earnest attention of the public.

The bill is pre-eminently the most objectionable of all the legislation attempted or enacted during the last session in reference to the city of New York. It embodies the scheme of a few political and needy adventurers, by which, if consummated, they shall be able to perpetuate, under the guise of legislative sanction, a most gigantic act of confiscation of the public property than their Tammany predecessors ever dreamt of.

Under the specious plea of improving the commercial facilities of the city, a company is proposed to be organized, authorized to contract and maintain piers, to build warehouses, to construct an elevated railway along the entire waterfront around the Island. Upon the company no restrictions of any character are proposed to be imposed; their piers, warehouses and railway are

to be built and constructed upon the property of the city.

By statutes already in force the city is directed to proceed with certain works, in building a new river front, with piers, extending from a new bulkhead line, and the space covered by or embraced within the area of the works bounded by the bulkhead line, it is proposed by the bill in question to hand over, so far as may be determined, to the adventurous directors of this pretentious company, ostensibly for improving the commercial facilities of the city, but really to improve their own pecuniary facilities by transferring the property of the city to themselves.

As is well known, part of the plan of the new works along the river front, now being proceeded with by the Department of Docks, is the formation of a new street, intended for improving the commercial facilities of the harbor.

It will be the unanimous opinion of the gentlemen connected with the commerce of the harbor, that of all the streets in the City this one should be kept the freest from obstructions. A different opinion is entertained by the directors of this company. The restrictions in their bill, that the line of their proposed railway must be located within 200 feet of the bulkhead line, authorizes them to take possession of this new street, as fast as completed by the Dock Department, and to monopolize the same by constructing thereon their elevated railway, with four tracks, stations, side-tracks and depots, and for this use of the street the bill expressly provides that "no compensation shall be awarded or demanded."

Further, the bill authorizes the City "to acquire such real estate and property as may be necessary for the company to carry out its objects and purposes," and the company is authorized to issue to the city "full paid stock in payment thereof." This stock the bill directs to be paid into the Sinking Fund of the City and County of New York.

This railway the company is authorized to connect with their warehouses and their wharves, and upon the property taken from the City, in exchange for full paid stock of the company, they are authorized to provide facilities for receiving and discharging the cargoes of ships and vessels at the wharves of the city.

In what manner this four-track railway is to be built is left entirely to the discretion of the directors. They may build it as they please, and as high as they please. The space covered by the arches the bill authorizes the company to use for warehouse purposes, or any other purpose they may think proper. The water front of the city is about 17 miles in extent, and to give some idea of the importance of the value of the land thus given to the use and benefit of this company I have had an estimate made of the value of a small section of the same, extending from the Battery to West Eleventh street, along the North River.

The distance is 11,400 feet, about one-tenth the length of the railway. This space used as this company is authorized to occupy it, would be a good investment at a valuation of eleven millions of dollars, and this is merely the surface under the railway used and leased for market stalls, stores, shops, &c., and this without interfering with the revenue of the railway at all. The railway built as the directors of the company may determine, will form a wall around the city, separating it from its water front. This wall is to be pierced by loop holes in front of every pier or wharf twenty-five feet in width for a cart-way. No provision is made for foot passengers. Imagine the access to Fulton ferry for vehicles and foot passengers being restricted to twenty-five feet, and what a scene of danger and confusion and scrambling would exist.

It requires very little penetration to see that the rights, franchises, privileges and immunities proposed to be conferred by this bill would create in this company the most gigantic monopoly of modern times. It will place the entire commerce of the harbor under the absolute control of these irresponsible speculators. Almost the entire carriage of goods will be in their hands, and with the privilege of charging for transportation upon their railway whatever rates they please, and discriminating in whatever manner they may think proper; to their warehouses all property must of necessity be consigned and the facilities provided by them for loading and unloading will alone be patronized. The inevitable result would be that a company incorporated under the false pretence of improving the commercial facilities of the city would be instrumental in destroying its commerce and at the same time would rob it of its sources of revenue.

I must confess that I look upon this bill as of so iniquitous a character in all its provisions that I entertain no fear of its ever receiving the approval of our present Governor. Still, as the influences which secured its passage through both houses of the Legislature, continue at work to manufacture a false public opinion in its favor, the subject is one which ought to receive your immediate attention. That such a bill as this, so infamous in its provisions, so barefaced in its scheme of plunder, should have passed so far on its passage to become a law, suggests a state of public morals of an exceedingly disheartening character.

The commercial interests of the city, appear to be wholly unaware, of the attempt made to injure their interests through the instrumentality of this bill, and the Press of the City, with one exception has been unaccountably silent on the subject. The exception to which I refer has been more of a misfortune, than a benefit; for the indiscriminate condemnation which has of late characterized the action of this journal, its puerile malignity, its inability to see anything to approve, except what accords with the worst tactics of party action, and its readiness to condemn, whatever is not strictly in accordance therewith, or calculated to promote its interests, has rendered whatever this journal says of little weight and commands but little attention.

While the public are thus apparently indifferent, the promoters of this Bill are prosecuting actively their measures, to have it placed upon the Statute book. Agents are, I am informed, engaged at a fixed and certain price per name to obtain signatures with a view of influencing the action of the Governor in this matter. The facility with which such signatures have been obtained considering the character of the measure they are given to endorse, show the little reliance which can be placed upon such representations of public opinion. Second mortgage bonds of the company, have, I am informed, been given promissory, or promised to be given to secure the same object, and whether the silence of the press, and the inertness of the commercial interest are immediately or remotely attributable to this cause must be a matter of conjecture. But inasmuch as the project is engineered by the persistent adventurer, who attempted the swindle of the Industrial Exhibition, you may rely upon it, that no stone will be left unturned to make this Bill a law.

This adventurer has not the manhood to come forward and publicly defend his scheme, but like a ground mole is working his way silently and as he thinks effectively to accomplish his object. If successful, he and his co-adjudicators boast that they will procure from the Legislature, which they will then be able to command, a bill authorizing the immediate completion of the stone bulkhead, and for this purpose, they confidently hope to invest the Department of Docks with the power to issue untrammeled by the Department of Finance, all bonds necessary to complete this undertaking within two years.

All the facts demonstrate, that the entire scheme has been manipulated in the pattern of the Industrial Exhibition bill. Finding among the incorporators of the present bill the name of Mr. Abram S. Hewitt, a gentleman for whose judgment and patriotism I entertain the highest respect, I addressed him a note to ascertain his views regarding this bill, when he informed me, that his name had been used without his consent, that he was opposed to the whole project, and that he had written the Governor to veto the bill.

I have looked in vain for the name of the projector of this and the Industrial Exhibition scheme among the list of incorporators and directors, but true to his instincts he has withheld it, lest the use of it in this connection, as indeed with any other project, with which it might be brought in contact, might prove fatal to the final success of the present fraud.

W. F. HAVEMEYER.

Assistant Alderman Kelly moved to refer to the Committee on Railroads.

Which was agreed by the following vote:

Affirmative—Assistant Aldermen Murphy, Clancy, Keenan, Kehoe, Brucks, Kelly, Cumisky, Sommers, Beyea—9.

Negative—Assistant Aldermen Wisser, Healy, Thornell, Theiss, Codington, Wade, Simonson—7.

MOTIONS RESUMED.

Assistant Alderman Thornell moved that the Committee on Railroads be instructed to report on the last communication from the Mayor at the next meeting of the Board.

Which was lost by the following vote:

Affirmative—Assistant Aldermen Murphy, Clancy, Keenan, Kehoe, Brucks, Kelly, Cumisky, Sommers, Beyea—7.

Negative—Assistant Aldermen Murphy, Clancy, Keenan, Kehoe, Brucks, Kelly, Cumisky, Sommers, Beyea—9.

PAPERS FROM THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN RESUMED.

A resolution to re-appoint Michael H. Cordero a Commissioner of Deeds.

Which was concurred in by the following vote:</

GENERAL ORDERS.

Assistant Alderman Murphy called up
G. O. 583,

being a resolution as follows:

Resolved, That on both sides of Forty-third street, between Madison avenue and the Grand Central Railroad Depot, curb and gutter stones be set, and the sidewalks be flagged and re-flagged full width, where not already done, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was ordered on file.

Assistant Alderman Murphy called up
G. O. 580,

Resolved, That the lot of land owned by the city on the south side of 67th street, commencing 170 feet westerly from the northwesterly corner of Third avenue and 67th street, being 25 feet front and rear by half the block in depth, be and is hereby assigned for the use and occupation of the Commissioners of the New York Fire Department, as a location for a steam fire engine and full company of men; that the said Commissioners be and are hereby authorized and directed to cause a building suitable for the use and occupation of the said fire engine and company to be erected on the said lot of land, the cost thereof not to exceed fifteen thousand dollars, and to be taken from and charged to the appropriations for the present year of \$50,000, made for the said Department for "New Buildings."

Which was concurred in by the following vote:

Affirmative—Assistant Aldermen Murphy, Clancy, Wisser, Healy, Thornell, Theiss, Codington, Keenan, Wade, Kehoe, Brucks, Kelly, Simonson, Cumisky, Sommers, Beyea—16.

Assistant Alderman Clancy called up
G. O. 620,

being an ordinance as follows:

AN ORDINANCE to provide for the killing of Dogs in the City of New York.

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

Section 1. Hereafter it shall not be lawful to permit any dog to go abroad loose, or at large, in any of the streets, lanes, alleys, where not enclosed, highways, parks, piers or public places within the corporate limits of the City of New York, unless the head of every such dog shall be encased in a wire muzzle sufficiently large to cover the head entirely, but so constructed as to admit of the dog opening its mouth to the fullest extent, and in no case to permit the nose of the dog to protrude; the muzzle to be securely fastened around the throat and behind the ears of every such dog, under a penalty of three dollars for each offence, to be recovered against the owner, possessor, or person who harbored such dog within three days previous to the time of such dog being so found going abroad loose or at large.

Sec. 2. The Mayor of the City of New York is hereby authorized and empowered to take such measures as he may deem most efficient to carry into effect the provisions of Section 1 of this Ordinance; and for that purpose is further authorized and empowered to appoint persons, or direct any person now attached to his office, to capture all such dogs found running abroad, loose or at large, paying for every such dog so captured and delivered at a place to be provided and designated by the Mayor, the sum of fifty cents, and a like sum shall be paid at the place so designated to any person, whether appointed by the Mayor or not, for the capture and delivery of any and every such dog. Such dogs, when so captured and delivered as aforesaid, if not claimed by the owner thereof, or any other person, within a period of 48 hours thereafter shall, within six hours after the expiration of the time, be killed and destroyed in such manner as may be determined upon by the Mayor. Any owner or other person who may claim such dog shall, before being placed in possession thereof, pay therefor the sum of three dollars.

Sec. 3. The person authorized to pay for the capture of such dogs shall render under oath, semi-monthly, a statement of all dogs so captured and killed, and the amount paid therefor, to the Mayor of this city, who shall thereupon certify the same to the Comptroller, when a warrant for the amount shall be drawn in favor of the said the Mayor for the sum thus expended, which shall be paid, until otherwise ordered, from the appropriation for "City Contingencies."

Sec. 4. All money paid for fines for violation of Section 1 of this Ordinance, and for redemption of dogs as provided in Section 2, shall be retained by the Mayor and applied to the payment of the expenses of enforcing the provisions of this ordinance, but a statement showing the aggregate amount thus received shall be submitted quarterly to the Comptroller of the City of New York.

Sec. 5. The provisions of this Ordinance shall apply only to dogs owned or claimed by residents of this city, and any person who shall present any such dog and claim payment for the capture thereof which shall not be owned or captured within the corporate limits of this city shall thereby incur a penalty of ten dollars. This Ordinance shall apply only to any such dogs of the age of six months and upwards.

Sec. 6. Chapter XLIV. of the Revised Ordinances of 1866, and all other ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent or conflicting with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Sec. 7. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

Which was lost by the following vote:

Affirmative—Assistant Aldermen Clancy, Wisser, Healy, Thornell, Theiss, Codington, Keenan, Wade, Kehoe, Brucks, Kelly, Cumisky, Sommers, Beyea—14.

Negative—Assistant Alderman Murphy, Simonson—2.

Subsequently reconsidered and again laid over.

Assistant Alderman Healy called up
G. O. 542,

being a resolution as follows:

Resolved, That gas-mains be laid, lamp-posts erected, and street lamps lighted in One hundred and thirty-eighth street, from Bloomingdale Road to the Hudson River, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Assistant Aldermen Murphy, Clancy, Wisser, Healy, Thornell, Theiss, Codington, Keenan, Wade, Kehoe, Brucks, Kelly, Simonson, Cumisky, Sommers, Beyea—16.

Assistant Alderman Thornell called up
G. O. 532,

being a resolution as follows:

Resolved, That One hundred and thirteenth street, from Sixth to Eighth avenues, be regulated and graded, the curb and gutter stones set, and the sidewalks flagged, where not already done, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was ordered on file.

Assistant Alderman Theiss called up
G. O. 509,

being a resolution as follows:

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Charles F. Kopf to place and keep an ornamental lamp post and lamp opposite his premises, No. 189 Bowery, provided the said lamp post shall not exceed the dimensions of an ordinary street lamp post, the work to be done at his own expense, and gas supplied from his own metre, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, and the permission hereby granted shall continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Which was concurred in by the following vote:

Affirmative—Assistant Aldermen Murphy, Clancy, Wisser, Healy, Thornell, Theiss, Codington, Keenan, Wade, Kehoe, Brucks, Kelly, Simonson, Cumisky, Sommers, Beyea—16.

Assistant Alderman Codington called up
G. O. 611,

being a resolution as follows:

Resolved, That the vacant lots on south-side of Fifty-fourth street, commencing 150 feet west of Ninth avenue, be fenced in, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was lost by the following vote:

Affirmative—Assistant Aldermen Clancy, Wisser, Healy, Thornell, Theiss, Codington, Keenan, Wade, Kehoe, Brucks, Kelly, Simonson, Cumisky, Sommers, Beyea—15.

Negative—Assistant Alderman Murphy—1.

Subsequently reconsidered and again laid over.

Assistant Alderman Keenan called up
G. O. 615,

being a resolution as follows:

Resolved, That a Boulevard Lamp be placed and lighted opposite the entrance to the Twentieth Precinct Police Station House, in Thirty-seventh street, near the Eleventh avenue; also in front of the entrance to the Twenty-ninth Precinct Police Station House, in Thirtieth street, between Sixth and Seventh avenues, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

Which was concurred in by the following vote:

Affirmative—Assistant Aldermen Murphy, Clancy, Wisser, Healy, Thornell, Theiss, Codington, Keenan, Wade, Kehoe, Brucks, Kelly, Simonson, Cumisky, Sommers, Beyea—16.

Assistant Alderman Wade called up
G. O. 612,

being a resolution as follows:

Resolved, That permission be and is hereby given to Charles Collins to erect a bay window on the Park avenue side of the building No. 46 East 35th street, as shown in the annexed petition and diagram; the work to be done under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works and the permission hereby given to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Which was lost by the following vote:

Affirmative—Assistant Aldermen Wisser, Healy, Thornell, Theiss, Codington, Wade, Simonson, Cumisky, Sommers, Beyea—10.

Negative—Assistant Aldermen Murphy, Clancy, Keenan, Kehoe, Brucks, Kelly—6.

Subsequently reconsidered and again laid over.

Assistant Alderman Kehoe called up
G. O. 464,

being a resolution as follows:

Resolved, That One Hundred and Twentieth street, from First to Second avenues, be paved with Belgian or trapblock 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.

Assistant Alderman Kehoe moved to amend by striking out "First and Second avenue," and inserting "Third avenue to the East River."

Which was agreed to.

And the General Order as amended was again laid over.

Assistant Alderman Kehoe called up
G. O. 603,

being a resolution as follows:

Resolved, That the vacant lots on east side of Fifth avenue, between Eighty-third and Eighty-fourth streets be fenced in, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was lost by the following vote:

Affirmative—Assistant Aldermen Clancy, Wisser, Healy, Thornell, Theiss, Codington, Keenan, Wade, Kehoe, Brucks, Kelly, Simonson, Cumisky, Sommers, Beyea—6.

Negative—Assistant Alderman Murphy, Simonson—2.

Subsequently reconsidered and again laid over.

Assistant Alderman Brucks called up
G. O. 554,

being a resolution as follows:

Resolved, That two gas lamps be placed and the same lighted in front of the German Reform Dutch Church, situated 242 and 246 West Forty-third street, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

Which was adopted by the following vote:

Affirmative—Assistant Aldermen Murphy, Clancy, Wisser, Healy, Thornell, Theiss, Codington, Keenan, Wade, Kehoe, Brucks, Kelly, Simonson, Cumisky, Sommers, Beyea—16.

Assistant Alderman Kelly called up
G. O. 620,

being an ordinance as follows:

AN ORDINANCE to provide for the killing of Dogs in the City of New York.

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

Section 1. Hereafter it shall not be lawful to

permit any dog to go abroad loose, or at large, in any of the streets, lanes, alleys, where not enclosed, highways, parks, piers or public places within the corporate limits of the City of New York, unless the head of every such dog shall be encased in a wire muzzle sufficiently large to cover the head entirely, but so constructed as to admit of the dog opening its mouth to the fullest extent, and in no case to permit the nose of the dog to protrude; the muzzle to be securely fastened around the throat and behind the ears of every such dog, under a penalty of three dollars for each offence, to be recovered against the owner, possessor, or person who harbored such dog within three days previous to the time of such dog being so found going abroad loose or at large.

Which was lost by the following vote:

Affirmative—Assistant Aldermen Murphy, Clancy, Wisser, Healy, Thornell, Theiss, Codington, Keenan, Wade, Kehoe, Brucks, Kelly, Simonson, Cumisky, Sommers, Beyea—15.

Negative—Assistant Alderman Theiss—1.

Subsequently reconsidered and again laid over.

Assistant Alderman Cumisky called up
G. O. 557,

being a resolution as follows:

Resolved, That on both sides of Thirty-third street, from First avenue to the East River, curb and gutter-stones be re-set, where not already done, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was lost by the following vote:

Affirmative—Assistant Aldermen Murphy, Clancy, Wisser, Healy, Thornell, Codington, Keenan, Wade, Kehoe, Brucks, Kelly, Simonson, Cumisky, Sommers, Beyea—13.

Negative—Assistant Alderman Murphy, Theiss—1.

Subsequently reconsidered and again laid over.

Assistant Alderman Sommers called up
G. O. 552,

being an ordinance as follows:

Resolved, That the vacant lots on West side of Madison avenue, between Sixty-ninth and Seventieth streets, be fenced in, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was lost by the following vote:

Affirmative—Assistant Aldermen Murphy, Clancy, Wisser, Healy, Thornell, Codington, Keenan, Wade, Kehoe, Brucks, Kelly, Simonson, Cumisky, Sommers, Beyea—13.

Negative—Assistant Aldermen Murphy, Theiss—3.

Subsequently reconsidered and again laid over.

QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE.

Assistant Alderman Beyea asked unanimous consent to call up four General Orders relating to the same subject.

Which was granted.

GENERAL ORDERS RESUMED.

Assistant Alderman Beyea called up
G. O. 239,

being a resolution as follows:

Resolved, That Avenue A, from One Hundred and Sixth to One Hundred and Sixteenth street, be regulated and graded, the curb and gutter stones set, and the sidewalks flagged, where not already done, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, the work to be done otherwise than by public letting, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was concurred in by the following vote:

Affirmative—Assistant Aldermen Murphy, Clancy, Wisser, Healy, Thornell, Theiss, Codington, Keenan, Wade, Kehoe, Brucks, Kelly, Simonson, Cumisky, Sommers, Beyea—16.

Assistant Alderman Beyea called up
G. O. 243,

being a resolution as follows:

Resolved, That Ninety-seventh street, from First to Fifth avenue, be regulated and graded, the curb and gutter stones set, and the sidewalks flagged where not already done, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was concurred in by the following vote:

Affirmative—Assistant Aldermen Murphy, Clancy, Wisser, Healy, Thornell, Theiss, Codington, Keenan, Wade, Kehoe, Brucks, Kelly, Simonson, Cumisky, Sommers, Beyea—16.

Assistant Alderman Beyea called up
G. O. 269,

being a resolution as follows:

Resolved, That One Hundred and Eighteenth street, from Fourth to Fifth avenue, be regulated and graded, the curb and gutter stones set, and the sidewalks flagged where not already done, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was concurred in by the following vote:

Affirmative—Assistant Aldermen Murphy, Clancy, Wisser, Healy, Thornell, Theiss, Codington, Keenan, Wade, Kehoe, Brucks, Kelly, Simonson, Cumisky, Sommers, Beyea—16.

Assistant Alderman Beyea called up
G. O. 270

MOTIONS RESUMED.

Assistant Alderman Kehoe moved to adjourn. Which was lost.

GENERAL ORDERS RESUMED.

Assistant Alderman Thornell called up
G. O. 612,

being a resolution as follows:

Resolved, That permission be and is hereby given to Patrick Collins to erect a bay window on the Park avenue side of the building No. 46 East 35th street, as shown in the annexed petition and diagram; the work to be done under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, and the permission hereby given to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Which was lost the by following vote:

Affirmative—Assistant Aldermen Wissner, Healy, Thornell, Theiss, Codington, Wade, Simonson, Cumisky, Sommers, Beyer—10.

Negative—Assistant Aldermen Murphy, Clancy, Keenan, Kehoe, Brucks, Kelly—6.

Subsequently reconsidered and again laid over.

Assistant Alderman Theiss called up
G. O. 547,

being a resolution as follows:

Resolved, That the vacant lots on the south side of 112th street, commencing a little east on Third avenue, be fenced in, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was lost by the following vote:

Affirmative—Assistant Aldermen Clancy, Theiss, Codington, Keenan, Wade, Kehoe, Simonson, Sommers—8.

Negative—Assistant Aldermen Murphy, Wissner, Healy, Thornell, Brucks, Kelly, Cumisky, Beyer—8.

Subsequent reconsidered and again laid over.

MOTIONS RESUMED.

Assistant Aldermen Simonson moved to adjourn.

Which was agreed to,

And the Chairman pro tem announced that the Board stood adjourned until Friday next, the 29th, at 2 o'clock P. M.

WILLIAM H. MOLONEY,
Clerk.

LAW DEPARTMENT.

OPINIONS OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION.

The act to consolidate the governments of the City and the County of New York, is constitutional. A consolidation is thereby effected of the property of the city and the county and of their respective charges and liabilities.

The consolidated property must be managed, and the charges and liabilities dealt with pursuant to the laws and ordinances of the city.

The scope and bearing of the act as affecting the powers of the Aldermen and Supervisors considered.

OPINION OF JOHN H. STRAHAN AND OF JOHN K. PORTER, WITH CONCURRING NOTE OF E. DELAFIELD SMITH, COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION.

OPINION.

A resolution adopted by the Board of Aldermen on the 7th instant, directs the law committee of the Board to obtain our opinion as to the powers and duties of the Board under the statute known as the Consolidation Act.

The statute referred to is chapter 304 of the laws of 1874, entitled "an act to consolidate the government of the City and County of New York and further to regulate the same."

By the first section of this statute "the County of New York, and the Corporation known by the name of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York," are declared to be one body corporate and politic by the same name; and all the rights, property, interest, claims and demands of the county and of the supervisors or Board of Supervisors of the county are vested in and declared thenceforth to belong to said corporation. The second section enacts that all charges and liabilities of the county should thenceforth be charges against or liabilities of the city, and be defrayed or answered unto by it, and that all bonds, stocks, contracts and obligations of the county shall be deemed and held to be bonds, stocks, contracts and obligations of and against the city; and in future all such bonds, contracts and obligations are to be issued and entered into by and in the name of the city.

There is no ambiguity in the language and no doubt as to the effect of these provisions, when considered in connection with the explanatory act, being chapter 305 of the laws of 1874. This latter statute is entitled, "An act explanatory of an act to consolidate the government of the City and County of New York and further to regulate the same."

The County of New York, is by the Constitution, made one of the political divisions of the State, for various purposes of local and State government. For the purposes thus provided for in the constitution, the government of the county must continue. No enactment by the Legislature could lawfully impair its authority or organization to this extent, or transfer them to any other body

politic, municipal or otherwise. The explicit provisions of the explanatory act, recognizing the continuance for these purposes of the county organization, relieve the consolidation act from any well founded objection to its validity on constitutional grounds.

A consolidation is effected of the property and liabilities of the City and County. All the property, claims, rights and demands of the county are vested in the city, and all charges, liabilities and contracts of the county are transferred to and imposed upon the city. It follows that the management and control of such property and rights, and the adjustment and settlement of such liabilities are, henceforth, to be subject to the operation of the laws and ordinances applicable to city property and liabilities, except in so far as these may be modified by the provisions of the consolidation act.

Provision is made in the city charter, chapter 335, laws of 1873, for the care and control of the city property and for the adjustment and settlement of city liabilities.

Section 33 of the charter imposes upon the Department of Finance the duty of auditing, revising and settling all accounts or claims in which the city is concerned as debtor or creditor. The City being now liable on all obligations which previously existed or were chargeable against the county, the auditing power in respect thereto became exclusively vested in this Department on the passage of the Consolidation Act. If the Department fails to audit and settle claims of creditors within thirty days after their presentation, they will have the same remedies for their enforcement as if the liabilities had originally existed against the city.

Section 71 of the charter vests in the Department of Public Works the cognizance, control and care of the public buildings of the city not otherwise provided for. The public buildings heretofore leased by, or belonging to the county, including the new Court House, so far as completed and in public use, passed, in virtue of the Consolidation Act and the provisions of the charter, under the care and control of the Commissioner of Public Works, saving, of course, the right of any Commissioners, legally empowered, to complete an unfinished building, to enter and occupy the same, so far as may be necessary and reasonably convenient for the performance of their duties.

Section 72 of the charter creates in the Department of Public Works a bureau of repairs and supplies, which has cognizance of all supplies and repairs to public buildings not provided for in other Departments. Repairs to armories and public buildings, and supplies required by, and for the use of the various courts, offices and officers, formerly under the direction and control of the Supervisors, must now be performed by and obtained through the Department or Commissioner of Public Works, in the same manner as repairs to or supplies for buildings, courts, offices and officers of the city.

The authority heretofore exercised by the Board of Supervisors in respect of the public buildings, repairs and supplies, as well as that which they exercised in the auditing and allowance of claims against the county, were incident to the system of separate county administration, which it was the design of the Consolidation Act to supersede, so far as it affected county property and liabilities. They are not independent and continuing powers, within the intent of the third section of the Consolidation Act. That section provides that "all the powers that now are or hereafter may be, conferred or charged upon the Board of Supervisors, shall be exercised and performed by the Board of Aldermen as such, subject, nevertheless, to the like power of approval or rejection by the Mayor, as is or may be required by law, in respect to the acts of the Common Council."

The object of the consolidation act was to put an end to the double system of control and management, which heretofore prevailed in relation to the property and liabilities of the City and County respectively.

The obvious design of the Legislature was to provide a simple and harmonious system of administration, in this regard, by vesting the property and devolving the liabilities of the county on the municipal corporation, and committing them to the administration of the city authorities, with the same effect as if the property had always belonged to the city, and the liabilities had been originally incurred by its authority. A construction of the third section of the act, which would perpetuate the mischief, defeat the remedy, reproduce the same double machinery of administration under a new name, and continue the old distinction between the two classes of property and liabilities, would be repugnant to the

primary object of the act, and the intent plainly deducible from the general tenor of its provisions. The words of the third section have full force and effect, when limited to the class of legislative powers which were evidently contemplated in the act.

Among the powers which vest in the Board of Aldermen, under the provisions of the third section of the Consolidation act, is that of regulating the use of the property formerly belonging to the county, and of specifying the purposes to which it is to be applied, such as assigning regiments to particular premises leased as armories, or appropriating specific rooms or buildings for the use of particular courts or officers. So of the power to lease armories, to fix and determine the salaries of certain officers to be paid from the city treasury, and to appoint or confirm any officer—other than a county officer—where such power as to fixing salaries, or appointing or confirming to office, was previously conferred upon and exercised by the Board of Supervisors.

These and various other powers of a similar character are to be exercised by the Board of Aldermen, subject to the veto power of the Mayor in the same manner as acts of the Common Council of the city.

For certain political and constitutional purposes only, the county government is continued. The Board of Supervisors have no longer the powers they previously exercised over the property transferred to the city under the Consolidation act, and they are no longer charged with the performance of any duty in relation to the county liabilities, which, under the operation of that act, have become a charge upon the city government. The powers which are still to be exercised by the Board of Supervisors are those devolving upon them under the Constitution and the laws. An illustration of this class of duties is furnished in their action as a board of county canvassers. Another is the exercise of the power to appoint or confirm the appointment of county officers in the cases authorized by law. It would not be practicable to make an enumeration of the various powers which are to be exercised by the Board of Aldermen, subject to the veto power of the Mayor, or of those to be exercised by, and in the name of, the Board of Supervisors without an examination in detail of the general and local statutes; but we have indicated the distinctions which we suppose to be applicable, and we think no practical difficulty will be found in determining such questions as they arise.

JOHN H. STRAHAN,
JOHN K. PORTER.

LAW DEPARTMENT, OFFICE OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION,

NEW YORK, May 25, 1874.

Hon. S. V. R. Cooper, Chairman of the Law Committee of the Board of Aldermen,

SIR: I transmit an opinion in which Mr. Strahan and Mr. Porter unite, and in which, as at present advised, I fully concur. It is due, however to the importance of the questions considered, and to my official responsibility, to say, that I reserve the right to re-examine those questions, as they may arise in detail, under the practical application of the law in question.

I am, gentlemen,

With great respect,

Your obedient servant,
E. DELAFIELD SMITH,
Counsel to the Corporation.

The right claimed by the Aldermen of the City of New York to additional salary for the performance by them of duties as supervisors, has been sustained by the Supreme Court at the special term, but is yet an open question in the appellate courts.

The justice of the claim and the legal points bearing upon it severally discussed.

LAW DEPARTMENT, OFFICE OF THE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION,
NEW YORK, May 25, 1874.

The Honorable, the Board of Supervisors.

GENTLEMEN:—In a resolution adopted on the 18th inst., you request me to inform you, in substance, as to the right of the Aldermen of the city to additional compensation for their services as supervisors to the political division known by the constitution of the State as the County of New York.

The 9th section of chapter 583 of the Laws of 1871, known as the 2 per cent. act, and entitled "An act to make provision for the local government of the City and County of New York," provides that each member of the Board of Supervisors, excepting the Mayor, shall receive an annual salary of \$2,000 (Laws of 1871, p. 1274). The act of 1873, known as the charter, fixes the salary of an alderman at \$4,000 per annum, and provides that such salary shall be in full for all

services rendered to the city or county in any capacity whatever. The same act further provides that no officer under the city government shall hold an office under the county government, except when *ex officio*, by virtue of an act of the Legislature, and in which case he shall draw no salary for such *ex officio* office (Laws of 1873, chap. 335, §§ 116 and 114). Under previous laws the Aldermen of this city were made *ex officio* supervisors of the County of New York. The question whether the prohibitions just cited were valid was argued in September, 1873, before the Supreme Court at a special term held by Mr. Justice Fancher; and in an able opinion the Court held that the act known as the charter, entitled "An act to reorganize the local government of the City of New York," was unconstitutional so far as it attempted to legislate upon county affairs. The learned Court relied upon that section of the constitution of the State which requires that a local bill shall embrace but one subject, and that shall be expressed in the title (Constitution, art. 111, § 16). The opinion referred to cites the decision of the Court of Appeals, delivered by Chief Justice Church, to be found at p. 558 of the 50th volume of N. Y. Reports, in which that distinguished jurist remarks that the constitution intended that every local subject should stand upon its own merits, and that the title of each bill should indicate the subject of its provisions. Upon the argument before Mr. Justice Fancher it was contended that the City and County of New York, being identical in territory, population and interests, formed substantially but one subject. This point the Court overruled and gave judgment that the additional salary must be paid.

At the instance of the Comptroller, an appeal was taken from that judgment to the General Term of the Court. After giving the subject the consideration which its importance demanded, I personally appeared at the General Term and made no objection to the affirmance of the decision. It was my judgment that if the duties of Aldermen, including the *ex officio* duties of Supervisors, were fully and properly performed, the amount of the united salaries was not in the aggregate greater than would be fairly earned. In my judgment, while the people are rightfully jealous as to the integrity and diligence of public officers, it is a mistake to suppose that they object to a just and adequate compensation. The salary of a member of Congress of the United States is by law \$6,000 per annum. Although a general discussion has for some time been going on in the organs of public opinion as to the propriety of passing acts for the increase of Congressional salaries retroactive in their provisions, I believe there has been no objection whatever to granting compensation at the rate of \$6,000 a year to operate upon members elected after such legislation has been completed. And I think the public will recognize at once; *first*, that the duties of the Aldermen in this City, if performed in a thorough and upright manner, are equally laborious, and require equal intelligence with those of members of Congress; and *secondly*, that the amount of \$6,000 per annum in New York, is, in effect, a smaller sum paid in this city than it would be if paid in any other portion of the country.

In pursuance of that decision and of my advice, the Comptroller resumed the payment of the additional salaries until the 9th of April last, when he re-submitted the question for my consideration. In order that you may have the whole subject before you, I will briefly state the points that may be made against the decision rendered at the Special Term. *First*, it is urged that for the reason already stated, the charter is not unconstitutional as respects county affairs; *secondly*, that if it be so, the act granting the salaries must for the same reason be also unconstitutional; that, *thirdly*, assuming that the act is unconstitutional as respects county affairs, the point may be made that even conceding that the charter is constitutionally valid only as respects city matters, yet it may be held by the appellate courts that it was unconstitutional and competent for the Legislature, in an act applying to city affairs only, to provide that an Alderman of New York should hold his office under the legislative condition, that he shall not be under the pay of either the general government, the state authorities, or the county organization. I state this point because it is not discussed in the opinion of Mr. Justice Fancher, and as your advisor, I wish to place the whole matter before you.

With these explanations, it is my duty to answer your inquiry by stating, as I do, that as the law now stands declared by the Supreme Court, you are entitled to your salaries as Aldermen of the city, and also to additional salaries for the performance of the *ex officio* county duties which

are conferred and continue to you under the constitution and laws of the State.

It remains to consider whether the question you submitted to me is affected by the statute known as the Consolidation act, forming chapter 304 of the laws of 1874. A perusal of this act is sufficient to show beyond question the purpose of the Legislature to abolish the distinctions between the city and county of New York so far as constitutionally possible. Your duties as *ex officio* Supervisors are diminished by this act. But certain county duties are of constitutional necessity reserved to you by the act itself, taken in connection with the explanatory act constituting chapter 305 of the laws of 1874. These acts contain no express repealing clauses with regard to antecedent legislation. I do not perceive that the mere fact that the duties of an office, with regard to which salaries or other emoluments have been provided by the Legislature, have been diminished or increased, can operate to either increase or diminish the compensation allowed by law. It is quite likely, therefore, that the Consolidation act does not in any way affect the question you submit.

If the Comptroller, regarding the decision of the Supreme Court at the Special Term as erroneous, refuses to pay the additional salaries, desiring the judgment of the appellate courts, the only course open to you, if you deem yourselves entitled to the additional salaries, is to commence a suit against the city. I have no doubt that the old remedy by *mandamus*, so often employed with regard to claims against the county, is superseded so far as relates to claims of this character. The city, and not the county, is now the common debtor in relation to all claims upon our local treasury. It has been suggested, however, that this question having been decided, and the decision affirmed at General Term, *mandamus* might lie. In my judgment, however, the final determination by the Court of Appeals cannot be avoided, if, indeed, it be not in every respect desirable that the judgment of that eminent tribunal should be sought. If any one of your number, desiring to test the question of compensation, should institute a suit, it must, in the first instance, and at the Special Term, be determined for the plaintiff in accordance with the decision already given. Upon appeal to the General Term, and upon further appeal to the Court of Appeals, the question can have a final determination. All city suits are, by law, entitled to preference, and there is no doubt that an ultimate decision can be speedily reached.

I do not think it possible to say what the final determination may be. I have already frankly stated that I think the aggregate compensation claimed not unreasonable. But how the statutes and that part of the constitution bearing upon them may be construed by the courts it is impossible to foresee.

I transmit herewith a printed copy of the case and opinion to which I have referred.

I am, gentlemen,

With great respect,

Your obedient servant,
E. DELAFIELD SMITH,
Counsel to the Corporation,
And Legal Adviser to the Board of
Supervisors.

ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, &c., &c.,

PASSED BY BOTH BRANCHES OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL
AND

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR,
DURING THE WEEK ENDING MAY 23, 1874.

Resolved, That a receiving basin and culvert be built on the south-east corner of Grand and Essex streets, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Adopted by the Board Aldermen, May 7, 1874.
Adopted by the Board of Assistant Aldermen, July 7, 1873.
Approved by the Mayor, May 16, 1874.

Resolved, That a brick sewer, with the necessary receiving basins and culverts, be built in Bloomfield street, from the Tenth avenue to the Hudson river, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, May 7, 1874.
Adopted by the Board of Assistant Aldermen, Feb. 2, 1874.
Approved by the Mayor, May 16, 1874.

Resolved, That a brick sewer, with the necessary receiving basins and culverts, be built in Bogert street, from the Tenth avenue to the Hudson river, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, May 7, 1874.
Adopted by the Board of Assistant Aldermen, Feb. 2, 1874.
Approved by the Mayor, May 16, 1874.

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

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, May 7, 1874.
Adopted by the Board of Assistant Aldermen, Oct. 23, 1873.
Approved by the Mayor, May 16, 1874.

Resolved, That Croton mains be laid in Sixty-seventh street, from Eighth avenue to Boulevard, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, May 7, 1874.
Adopted by the Board of Assistant Aldermen, Sept. 29, 1873.
Approved by the Mayor, May 16, 1874.

Resolved, That Croton mains be laid in Sixty-eighth street, from the Tenth to the Eleventh avenues, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, May 7, 1874.
Adopted by the Board of Assistant Aldermen, Oct. 30, 1873.
Approved by the Mayor, May 16, 1874.

Resolved, That gas mains be laid, lamp posts erected, and street lamps lighted in Seventy-second street, from Second to Third avenues, under the direction of Commissioner of Public Works.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, May 7, 1874.
Adopted by the Board of Assistant Aldermen, Oct. 13, 1873.
Approved by the Mayor, May 16, 1874.

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

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, May 7, 1874.
Adopted by the Board of Assistant Aldermen, Oct. 27, 1873.
Approved by the Mayor, May 16, 1874.

Resolved, That a free drinking hydrant be placed on the south-east corner of Second avenue and Seventy-fifth street, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, May 14, 1874.

Adopted by the Board of Assistant Aldermen, March 23, 1874.

Approved by the Mayor, May 20, 1874.

OFFICIAL DIRECTORY.

S T A T E M E N T O F T H E H O U R S D U R I N G W H I C H

all the Public Offices in the City are open for business, and at which each Court regularly opens and adjourns, as well as of the places where such offices are kept and such Courts are held

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

Mayor's Office, No. 6, City Hall, 10 a. m. to 3 p. m.
Mayor's Marshal, No. 5, City Hall, 10 a. m. to 3 p. m.
Permit Bureau, No. 1, City Hall, 10 a. m. to 2 p. m.
License Bureau, No. 1, City Hall, 10 a. m. to 2 p. m.

LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

Clerk of the Common Council and of Board of Supervisors, 7 and 8, City Hall, 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.
Clerk of Board of Assistant Aldermen, 9½ City Hall, 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

NEW COUNTY COURT HOUSE, OFFICE HOURS 9 A. M. TO 4 P. M.
Comptroller's Office, West end.

1. Bureau for the collection of the revenue accruing from rents and interest on bonds and mortgages, and revenue arising from the use or sale of property belonging to or managed by the city; Ground floor, west end.

2. Bureau for the Collection of Taxes; Brown stone building, City Hall Park.

3. Bureau for the Collection of Arrears of Taxes and Assessments and Water Rents; Ground floor, west end.

4. Auditing Bureau; Main floor, west end.

5. Bureau of Licenses; Ground floor, west end.

6. Bureau of Markets; Ground floor, west end.

7. Bureau for the reception of all moneys paid into the Treasury in the City, and for the payment of money on warrants drawn by the Comptroller and countersigned by the Mayor, at the Office of Chamberlain and County Treasurer; Main floor, west end.

8. Bureau for the Collection of Assessments; Rotunda

LAW DEPARTMENT.

Counsel to the Corporation, Staats Zeitung Building, 3d floor; 9 a. m. to 5 p. m.

Public Administrator, 115 and 117 Nassau street, 10 a. m. to 4 p. m.

Corporation Attorney, 115 and 117 Nassau street, 8½ a. m. to 4½ p. m.

Attorney for the Collection of Arrears of Personal Taxes, 237 Broadway, room 5, 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.

Attorney to the Department of Buildings, 20 Nassau street, room 52, 9 a. m. to 5 p. m.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

NO. 300 MULBERRY STREET, ALWAYS OPEN.

Central Office.
Commissioners' Office.
Superintendent's Office.
Inspectors' Office.

Chief Clerk's Office, 8 a. m. to 5 p. m.
Property Clerk.
Bureau of Street Cleaning, 8 a. m. to 5 p. m.

Bureau of Elections,

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

CITY HALL, 9 A. M. TO 4 P. M.

Commissioners' Office, No. 19.

Chief Clerk's Office, No. 20.

Contract Clerk's Office, No. 21.

Engineer in charge of Sewers, No. 21.

Boulevards & Avenues, No. 18½.

Bureau of Repairs and Supplies, No. 18.

“ Lamps and Gas, No. 13.

“ Incumbents, No. 13.

“ Street Improvements, No. 11.

“ Chief Engineer Croton Aqueduct, No. 11½.

“ Water Register, No. 10.

“ Water Purveyor, No. 4.

“ Streets and Roads, No. 13.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION.

Central Office, No. 66 Third avenue, 8 a. m. to 5 p. m.

Out Door Poor Department, No. 66 Third avenue, always open; entrance on 11th street.

Free Labor Bureau, 8 and 10 Clinton pl. 8 a. m. to 5 p. m.

Reception Hospital, City Hall Park, N. E. corner, always open.

Reception Hospital, 99th st. and 10th av., always open.

Bellevue Hospital, foot of 26th street, E. R. “

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

NOS. 127 AND 129 MERCER ST, 9 A. M. TO 4 P. M.

Commissioners' Office. Chief of Department.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

NO. 301 MOTT STREET.

Commissioner's Office, 9 a. m. to 5 p. m.

Sanitary Superintendent, always open.

Register of Records, for granting burial permits, on all

days of the week except Sunday from 7 a. m. to 6 p. m., and on Sundays from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

Commissioners' Office, 36 Union Sq., 9 a. m. to 5 p. m.

DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS.

Commissioners' Office, 346 and 348 Broadway corner

Leonard street, 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.

DEPARTMENT OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS.

Commissioners' Office, Brown stone building, City Hall Park, 32 Chambers st., 9 a. m. to 4 p. m. on Saturday 9 a. m. to 3 p. m.

Surveyor's Bureau, 19 Chatham st., 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.

BOARD OF ASSESSORS.

DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS.

Superintendent's Office, 2 Fourth av., 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.

BOARD OF EXCISE.

Commissioners' Office, 299 Mulberry st., 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

CORNER GRAND AND ELM STREETS.

Office of the Board, 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.

Superintendent of Schools, 9 a. m. to 5 p. m.

COMMISSIONERS OF ACCOUNTS.

Office, No. 32 Chambers street, (basement.)

COMMISSIONERS OF EMIGRATION

CASLE GARDEN.

Commissioners' Office, 9 a. m. to 5 p. m.

Superintendent's Office, 9 a. m. to 5 p. m.

THE CITY RECORD.

Office No. 2, City Hall, N. W. corner basement, 8 a. m. to 6 p. m.

MISCELLANEOUS OFFICES.

HOURS 9 A. M. TO 4 P. M.

Coroner's Office, 40 E. Houston street.

Sheriff's Office, first floor, N. E. corner New Court House.

County Clerk's Office, first floor, S. W. corner New Court House.

Surrogate's Office, first floor, S. E. corner New Court House.

Register's Office, Hall of Records, City Hall Park.

District Attorney's Office, second floor Old Court House, 32 Chambers street, 9 a. m. to 5 p. m.

COMMISSIONER OF JURORS.

Commissioner's Office, basement brown stone building

City Hall Park, 32 Chambers st., 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.

COURTS.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED BY the School Trustees of the Sixteenth Ward, at the Hall of the Board of Education, corner of Grand and Elm streets, until Tuesday, the second day of June, 1874, and until 4 o'clock P.M., on said day, for repairing and altering Grammar School House No. 45 on West Twenty-fourth street, near Eighth avenue.

Proposals must state the estimate for each branch of the work separately, and be indorsed "Proposal for Mason Work," "Proposal for Carpenter Work," "Proposal for Painting," "Proposal for Heating," "Proposal for Furniture."

Plans and specifications may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of School Buildings, No. 146 Grand street, third floor.

Two responsible and approved sureties, residents of this city, will be required from each successful bidder; proposals will not be considered unless sureties are named.

The name of the party or firm submitting a proposal must be indorsed on the outside of the envelope containing said proposal.

The Trustees reserve the right to reject any or all of the proposals submitted.

MATTHEW BIRD,
JAMES HARRISON,
JOHN CASTREE,
OSCAR ZOLLIKOFFER,
JOHN DELAMATER.

Board of School Trustees, Sixteenth Ward.

Dated New York, May 18, 1874.

SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED BY the School Trustees of the Seventh Ward, at the Hall of the Board of Education, corner of Grand and Elm street, until Monday the 1st day of June, 1874, and until 4 o'clock P.M., on said day, for enlarging and altering Grammar School House No. 2, on Henry street, near Pike street.

Proposals must state the estimate for each branch of the work separately, and be indorsed "Proposal for Mason Work," "Proposal for Carpenter Work," "Proposal for Painting," "Proposal for Heating," "Proposal for Furniture."

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DAVID HAYS,
JOHN H. BOSCHEN,
GEORGE G. HALLOCK,
JAMES W. MCBARRON,
LAWRENCE G. GOLDING.

Board of School Trustees, 7th Ward.

Dated New York, May 18th, 1874.

SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED AT the office of the Clerk of the Board of Education, corner of Grand and Elm streets (and nowhere else), until Thursday, May 28th, 1874, at 4 o'clock, P.M., for supplying the Coal and Wood required for the public schools in this city, including that portion of Westchester County recently annexed thereto, for the ensuing year.

Say nine thousand (9,000) cords of coal, more or less, and two thousand five hundred (2,500) cords of oak and one thousand (1,000) cords of pine wood, more or less. The coal must be of the best quality of white ash, furnace, egg, stove and nut sizes, in good order, two thousand two hundred and forty (2,240) pounds to the ton, and must be delivered in the bins of the several school buildings at such times and in such quantities as required by the Committee on Supplies.

The proposals must state the mines from which it is proposed to supply the coal to be furnished from the mines named if accepted, and must state the price per ton of two thousand two hundred and forty (2,240) pounds.

The quantity of the various sizes of coal required will be about as follows, viz.: Seven thousand (7,000) tons of furnace size, one thousand (1,000) tons of stove size, five hundred and fifty (550) tons of egg size, and four hundred and fifty (450) tons of nut size.

The oak wood must be of the best quality, the stick not less than three (3) feet long.

The pine wood must be of the best quality, and not less than three (3) feet six (6) inches long.

The proposal must state the price per cord of one hundred and twenty-eight cubic feet, solid measure, for both oak and pine wood, and also the price per cut for sawing and splitting per load, the quantity of oak wood to be split only as required by the Committee on Supplies. The wood will be inspected and measured under the supervision of the Inspector of Fuel of the Board of Education, and must be delivered at the schools as follows:—Two-thirds of the quantity required from the 15th of July to the 15th of September, and the remainder as required by the Committee on Supplies; said wood, both oak and pine, must be delivered sawed, and, when required, split, and must be piled in the yards, cellars, vaults or bins of the school buildings, as may be designated by the proper authority.

The contracts for supplying said coal and wood to be binding until the first day of June, 1875. Two sureties for the faithful performance of the contract will be required, and each proposal must be accompanied by the signatures and residences of the proposed sureties.

No compensation will be allowed for delivering said coal and wood at any of the schools, nor putting and piling the same in the yards, cellars, vaults or bins of said schools.

Proposals must be directed to the Committee on Supplies of the Board of Education, and should be endorsed, "Proposals for Coal" or "Proposals for Wood," as the case may be.

The Committee reserve the right to reject any or all the proposals received.

RUFUS G. BEARDSLEE,
ANDREW J. MATTHEWSON,
JAMES M. HALSTED,
DAVID WETMORE,
ROBERT HOE,
Committee on Supplies.

NEW YORK, May 12, 1874.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

CENTRAL DEPARTMENT OF THE MUNICIPAL POLICE,
300 MULBERRY STREET,
NEW YORK, May 21, 1874.

OWNERS WANTED.—BY THE PROPERTY Clerk, Police Department, 300 Mulberry street, room 39, for the following property now in his custody without claimants: Locks, silver watch, gold watch, found in Grand street, and chain; brooms, clothing (male and female), revolvers, two gold watches, set harness, lot rope, lead, gold pens, etc.

C. A. ST. JOHN,
Property Clerk.

CENTRAL DEPARTMENT OF MUNICIPAL POLICE,
PROPERTY CLERK'S OFFICE, 300 MULBERRY STREET,
NEW YORK, May 5, 1874.

OWNERS WANTED BY THE PROPERTY Clerk, 300 Mulberry street, Room 39, for the following property now in his custody without claimants. Watches, Boats, Rope, Revolvers, Coats, Clothing, Cloth, Blankets, Furniture, Bank books, Tobacco and several small lots of cash.

C. A. ST. JOHN,
Property Clerk

STREET OPENINGS.

SUPREME COURT.—IN THE MATTER OF THE application of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, relative to the Opening and Extending of Desbrosses Street in an Easterly direction from its present termination at Hudson Street, to Varick Street in the City of New York.

We, the undersigned Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment in the above-entitled matter, hereby give notice to the owners or owners, occupant or occupants, of all houses and lots and improved or unimproved lands affected thereby, and to all others whom it may concern, to wit:

1.—That we have completed our estimate and assessment in the above-entitled matter, and that all persons whose interests are affected thereby, and who may be opposed to the same, do present their objections in writing, duly verified, to the undersigned Commissioners, at our office, No. 150 Broadway (Room 10), in the said city, on or before the 26th day of May, 1874, and that we, the said Commissioners, will hear parties so objecting within the ten weeks next after the said 26th day of May, 1874, and for that purpose will be in attendance at our said office on each o. said ten days, at 2 o'clock.

II.—That the abstract of the said estimate and assessment, together with our maps, and also all the affidavits, estimates and other documents which were used by us in making our report, have been deposited in the office of the Department of Public Works, in the City and County of New York, there to remain until the 6th day of June, 1874.

III.—That the limits embraced by the assessment aforesaid are as follows, to wit: All those certain lots, pieces or parcels of land situate in said City and bounded by and included and contained within the centre lines of the following named streets, that is to say: Beginning at the point formed by the intersection of the centre line of Hudson street with the centre line of Vestry street, and running thence westerly along the centre line of Vestry street to the centre line of West street; thence northerly along the centre line of West street to the centre line of Watts street; thence easterly along the centre line of Watts street to a point where if said Watts street were extended would intersect the centre line of Sullivan street; thence northerly along the centre line of Sullivan street to the centre line of Broome street; thence easterly along the centre line of Broome street to the centre line of Broadway; thence southerly along the centre line of Broadway to a point distant two hundred and forty-five feet, or thereabouts, southerly from the southerly line or side of Grand street; thence westerly along a line drawn parallel or nearly so with Grand street to the centre line of Sullivan street; thence southerly along the centre line of Sullivan street to the centre line of Canal street; thence northwesterly along the centre line of Canal street to the centre line of Vestry street; and thence westerly along the centre line of Vestry street to the point or place o' beginning.

IV.—That our report herein will be presented to the Supreme Court of the State of New York, at a special term thereof, to be held in the new Court House at the City Hall, in the City of New York, on the 22d day of June, 1874, at the opening of the Court on that day, and that then and there, or as soon thereafter as Counsel can be heard thereon, a motion will be made that the said report be confirmed.

DATED NEW YORK, April 20th, 1874.

EUGENE H. POMEROY,
CLINTON G. COLGATE,
L. L. LAMBERT,
Commissioners.

CORPORATION NOTICES.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO the owner or owners, occupant or occupants of all houses and lots, improved or unimproved lands affected thereby, that the following assessments have been completed, and are lodged in the office of the Board of Assessors for examination by all persons interested, viz.:

1. For regulating, grading, setting curb and gutter in 12th street, from 4th to 8th avenue.

2. For regulating, grading, setting curb and flagging in 12th street, from 2d avenue to Harlem river.

3. For laying Belgian pavement in 63d street, from 2d avenue to East river.

4. For laying Belgian pavement in 57th street, from 6th to 8th avenues.

5. For building sewers in 11th and 12th streets, between 1st avenue and Avenue A.

6. For building sewers in 1st avenue, between 3d and 6th streets, and between 9th and 10th streets.

7. For building sewer in Cannon street, between Grand and Broome streets.

8. For building sewer in Avenue A, between 120th and 123d streets, with branches in 123d street.

9. For building sewers in 6th, 7th, and St. Nicholas avenues, between 110th and 116th street, with branches.

10. For building outlet sewer in 8th street, from Hudson river to road to 81st street, to 10th avenue to 83d street, to 9th avenue to 88th street, to 8th avenue, with branches in 9th avenue to 62d street.

No. 11. For regulating, grading, curb, gutter and flagging Lexington avenue, from 66th to 69th street.

The limits embraced by such assessment include all the several houses and lots of ground, vacant lots, pieces and parcels of land, situated on

1. Both sides of 11th street, from 4th to 8th avenue.

2. Both sides of 12th street, from 2d avenue to Harlem river, to the extent of one-half the block at intersection of Avenue A.

3. Both sides of 63d street, from 2d avenue to East river, to the extent of one-half the block on the intersecting streets.

4. Both sides of 57th street, from 6th to 8th avenues, to the extent of one-half the block on the intersecting streets.

5. Both sides of 11th and 12th streets; north side of 11th street, and south side of 12th street, between Avenue A and 1st avenue, and west side of Avenue A, between 110th and 113th streets.

6. Both sides of 1st avenue, between 3d and 6th streets and between 9th and 10th streets.

7. Both sides Cannon street, between Grand and Broome streets.

8. Both sides of Avenue A, between 120th and 123d streets, and both sides of 123d street, between Avenue A and 1st avenue.

9. Both sides of 6th and 7th avenues, between 110th and 116th streets; east side of 8th avenue, between 110th and 116th streets, and north side of 110th street, and both sides of 11th, 12th, 113th, 114th and 115th streets, between 6th and 8th avenues.

10. The property bounded by the north side of 76th street and south side of 92d streets, from 8th avenue to Hudson river.

No. 11. Both sides of Lexington avenue, from 66th to 69th street, to the extent of half the block on the intersecting streets.

All persons whose interests are affected by the above-named assessments, and who are opposed to the same, or either of them, are requested to present their objections in writing, to Thomas E. Asten, Chairman of the Board of Assessors, at their office, No. 19 Chatham street, within thirty days from the date of this notice.

THOMAS E. ASTEN,
JOHN McHARG,
MUNSON H. TREADWELL,
VALENTINE S. WOODRUFF,
Board of Assessors.

THE CITY RECORD.

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FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

BUREAU FOR THE COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS,
ROTUNDA COURT HOUSE,
NEW YORK, April 21, 1874.

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 16, 1874.

Sewer in 10th avenue, between Lawrence and 130th streets.

The limits embraced by said assessments includes the following blocks and ward numbers, viz.:

Block 1170, ward numbers 36 to 40, both inclusive.

Block 1171, ward numbers 33 to 37, both inclusive.

All payments made on the above assessment or before the 20th day of June next, will be exempt (according to law) from interest. After that date interest will be charged at the rate of 7 per cent. from the date 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.

SPENCER KIRBY,
Collector of Assessments.

BUREAU FOR THE COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS,
ROTUNDA COURT HOUSE,
NEW YORK, April 10, 1874.

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

CONFIRMED MARCH 26, 1873.

First avenue—Paving from Thirty-sixth to Sixty-first streets.

One hundred and seventeenth street—Paving from Fourth avenue to Harlem river.

Underground Drains between Seventy-first and Seventy-fourth streets, and between Ninth avenue and Boulevard.

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BUREAU OF COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS,
ROTUNDA COURT HOUSE,
NEW YORK, March 31, 1874.

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 19, 1874—56th st., paving, from Lexington to 4th aves.

48th st., paving, from 9th to 10th aves.

Gansevoort st., regulating, etc., from West st. to North river.

82d st., regulating, &c., from 4th to 5th aves.

10th st., regulating, &c., from 3d ave. to Harlem river.