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BOARD OF ASSISTANT ALDERMEN.

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No. 16 CITY HALL,
MONDAY, November 17, 1873,
2 o'clock P. M.

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

Present—WILLIAM WADE, Esq., President, in the chair, and the following members:

Thomas Foley,	Patrick Keenan,
John C. Keating,	John J. Kehoe,
Henry Wisser,	Edward Brucks,
Michael Healy,	George Kelly,
Thomas L. Thornell,	Stephen N. Simonson,
John Theiss,	Philip Cumisky,
George F. Codington,	Isaac Sommers,
Joseph P. Strack,	Benjamin Beyea.

Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

G. O. 244.

By Assistant Alderman Keating—
Resolved, That a sewer, with the necessary receiving basins and culverts, be built in Montgomery street, from East Broadway to Henry street, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.
Which was laid over.

G. O. 145.

By Assistant Alderman Kelly—
Resolved, That the sidewalks on north side of Fourteenth street, from Avenue B to Avenue C, be flagged full width, where not already done, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.
Which was laid over.

G. O. 246.

By the same—
Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Daniel McIntee to place a watering-trough in front of his premises, situated on the south west corner of Thirteenth street and University place, at his own expense, and under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, and such permission to remain only during the pleasure of the Common Council.
Which was laid over.

G. O. 247.

By Assistant Alderman Sommers—
Resolved, That gas mains be laid, lamp-posts erected, and street lamps lighted in Seventy-fifth street, from Fifth to Madison avenues, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.
Which was laid over.

G. O. 248.

By the same—
Resolved, That Madison avenue, from Forty-third to Forty-eighth streets, be paved with Belgian or trap-block pavement, where not already done, 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.

REMONSTRANCE.

By Assistant Alderman Thornell—
Being a remonstrance signed by a number of citizens against the passage of the resolution relative to the Industrial Exhibition Company.

Assistant Alderman Thornell moved that it be received, printed at length in the minutes, and referred to the committee having it charge.

Assistant Alderman Healy moved to amend by receiving the remonstrance and referring the same to the special committee.
Which was carried.

REPORTS.

G. O. 249.

The Committee on Street Pavements of the Board of Assistant Aldermen, to whom was referred the annexed resolution and ordinance in favor of paving One hundred and twenty-ninth

street, between the Third and Eighth avenues, respectfully

REPORT:

That having carefully examined the subject, they are in favor of the proposed improvement, believing the work to be necessary, and no objection having been made thereto. Accordingly, your Committee recommend that said resolution and ordinance be adopted.

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

JNO. J. KEHOE,
ISAAC SOMMERS,
Committee on Street Pavements.

Which was laid over.

GENERAL ORDERS.

Assistant Alderman Keating called up

G. O. 7,

being a resolution as follows:

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Public Works be and he is hereby authorized and directed to have so much of Fourth avenue, from One hundred and Sixteenth street to One hundred and Twenty-fourth street, as lies on each side of the improvement now in progress of sinking the track for railroad purposes, regulated and graded, and that the work be done otherwise than by public letting to the lowest bidder, if it shall be deemed for the best interest of the city by the said Commissioner of Public Works, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was referred to the Committee on Public Works.

Assistant Alderman Wisser called up

G. O. 231,

being a resolution as follows:

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized and directed to draw a warrant in favor of Messrs. Koster and Green for the sum of two hundred and sixty dollars, to be in full payment of bill hereto annexed for labor performed and materials furnished in providing and arranging the mourning drapery for the City Hall and the Governor's room, on the occasion of the funeral obsequies of the late James L. Orr, and charge the amount to the account of "city contingencies."

Which was concurred in by the following vote:
Affirmative—Assistant Aldermen Foley, Keating, Wisser, Healy, Thornell, Theiss, Codington, Strack, Keenan, the President, Kehoe, Brucks, Kelly, Simonson, Sommers, Beyea—16.

Assistant Alderman Thornell called up

G. O. 215,

being a resolution as follows:

Resolved, That the vacant lots on the south side of Ninety-second street, commencing two hundred and twenty-five feet west of Third avenue, and extending fifty feet westerly, be fenced in, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was adopted by the following vote:
Affirmative—Assistant Aldermen Foley, Keating, Wisser, Healy, Thornell, Theiss, Codington, Strack, Keenan, the President, Kehoe, Brucks, Kelly, Simonson, Sommers, Beyea—16.

Assistant Alderman Codington called up

G. O. 227,

being a resolution as follows:

Being a resolution to pave Seventy-sixth street, from Eighth avenue to Riverside Park.

Which was concurred in by the following vote:
Affirmative—Assistant Aldermen Foley, Keating, Wisser, Healy, Thornell, Theiss, Codington, Strack, Keenan, the President, Kehoe, Brucks, Kelly, Simonson, Sommers, Beyea—16.

Assistant Alderman Strack called up

G. O. 230,

being a resolution as follows:

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized and directed to draw a warrant in favor of P. J. Finn for the sum of \$262.60, the amount of the annexed bill for services rendered as stenographer to the Joint Committee on Salt Water Supply of the Common Council, and to charge the same to the appropriation for city contingencies.

Which was lost by the following vote:
Affirmative—Assistant Aldermen Foley, Wisser, Thornell, Theiss, Codington, Strack, Keenan, the President, Kehoe, Brucks, Simonson, Sommers, Beyea—13.
Negative—Assistant Aldermen Keating, Healy, Kelly—3.

Subsequently reconsidered and again laid over.

Assistant Alderman Brucks called up

G. O. 19,

being a resolution as follows:

Resolved, That Seventy-third street, from Third avenue to the East river, 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 adopted by the following vote:
Affirmative—Assistant Aldermen Foley, Keating, Wisser, Healy, Thornell, Theiss, Codington, Strack, Keenan, the President, Kehoe, Brucks, Kelly, Simonson, Sommers, Beyea—16.

Assistant Alderman Kelly called up

G. O. 110,

being a resolution as follows:

Resolved, That a free drinking hydrant be placed on the southeast corner of Second avenue and One Hundred and Tenth street, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

Which was adopted by the following vote:
Affirmative—Assistant Aldermen Foley, Keating, Wisser, Healy, Thornell, Theiss, Codington, Strack, Keenan, the President, Kehoe, Brucks, Kelly, Simonson, Sommers, Beyea—16.

Assistant Alderman Simonson called up

G. O. 225,

being a resolution as follows:

Resolved, That the Comptroller be authorized and directed, on behalf of the City of New York, to execute a lease from Alexander L. Whitelaw, of the premises situated on the east side of Fourth avenue, between Twenty-seventh and Twenty-eighth streets, and known as Nos. 389½ and 391 Fourth avenue, New York City, for a period of five years from the first day of May, 1873, at the annual rent of two thousand five hundred dollars, with a condition in said lease that the premises be put in proper condition for the use of the Sixth District Court of said city, at the expense of the owner, and the Comptroller of the City of New York is hereby authorized and directed to pay said rent quarterly, from the proper appropriation.

Which was concurred in by the following vote:
Affirmative—Assistant Aldermen Foley, Keating, Wisser, Healy, Thornell, Theiss, Codington, Strack, Keenan, the President, Kehoe, Brucks, Kelly, Simonson, Sommers, Beyea—16.

Assistant Alderman Simonson called up

G. O. 232,

being a resolution as follows:

Resolved, That the premises situated on the east side of Fourth avenue, between Twenty-seventh and Twenty-eighth streets, known as Nos. 389½ and 391 Fourth avenue, be and they are hereby designated as the place for holding the District Court of the City of New York for the Sixth Judicial District on and after the first day of May, 1873; and that the Justice and Clerk of said court be and they are hereby directed to occupy the said premises for the purpose aforesaid, on and after the said first day of May next; and that the Commissioner of Public Works be and he hereby is instructed to remove all property of the city from the premises now occupied by said court to the premises above mentioned on or before that day.

Which was concurred in by the following vote:
Affirmative—Assistant Aldermen Foley, Keating, Wisser, Healy, Thornell, Theiss, Codington, Strack, Keenan, the President, Kehoe, Brucks, Kelly, Simonson, Sommers, Beyea—16.

Assistant Alderman Sommers called up

G. O. 220,

being a resolution as follows:

Resolved, That Forty-second street, from Second avenue to the East river, 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 Sommers called up

G. O. 164,

being a resolution as follows:

Resolved, That on the west side of Third avenue, from Sixty-sixth street to the northerly side of Sixty-ninth street, curb and gutter stones be set and the sidewalks be flagged and reflagged, 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 adopted by the following vote:
Affirmative—Assistant Aldermen Foley, Keating, Wisser, Healy, Thornell, Theiss, Codington, Strack, Keenan, the President, Kehoe, Brucks, Kelly, Simonson, Sommers, Beyea—16.

Assistant Alderman Beyea called up

G. O. 171,

being a resolution as follows:

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

Which was adopted by the following vote:
Affirmative—Assistant Aldermen Foley, Keating, Wisser, Healy, Thornell, Theiss, Codington, Strack, Keenan, the President, Kehoe, Brucks, Kelly, Simonson, Sommers, Beyea—16.

Assistant Alderman Beyea called up

G. O. 196,

being a resolution as follows:

Resolved, That Eighty-first street, between Second and Fourth avenues, 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 direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was adopted by the following vote:
Affirmative—Assistant Alderman Foley, Keating, Wisser, Healy, Thornell, Theiss, Codington, Strack, Keenan, the President, Kehoe, Brucks, Kelly, Simonson, Sommers, Beyea—16.

Assistant Alderman Kehoe called up

G. O. 98,

being a resolution as follows:

Resolved, That the sidewalk on the south side of St. Mark's place, commencing at the southeast corner of Second avenue, and running to No. 48 St. Mark's place, be flagged full width, where not already done, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

Which was adopted by the following vote:
Affirmative—Assistant Aldermen Foley, Keating, Wisser, Healy, Thornell, Theiss, Codington, Strack, Keenan, the President, Kehoe, Brucks, Kelly, Simonson, Sommers, Beyea—16.

Assistant Alderman Keenan called up

G. O. 191,

being a resolution as follows:

Resolved, That lamp-posts be erected and street lamps lighted on Eighty-fifth street, between Avenue A and First avenue, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

Which was concurred in by the following vote:
Affirmative—Assistant Aldermen Foley, Keating, Wisser, Healy, Thornell, Theiss, Codington, Strack, Keenan, the President, Kehoe, Brucks, Kelly, Simonson, Sommers, Beyea—16.

Assistant Alderman Codington called up

G. O. 120,

being a resolution as follows:

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized and directed to draw a warrant in favor of A. D. Selleck, attorney, for the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars, to be in full for all obligations incurred by the Corporation in alterations to building on the corner of Waverly place and Macdougall street; that all the property of the city, coal, iron work, &c., shall be removed from the premises. The amount to be charged to the appropriation for "Rents."

Which was lost by the following vote:
Affirmative—Assistant Aldermen Foley, Wisser, Thornell, Codington, Strack, the President, Kehoe, Brucks, Simonson, Cumisky, Sommers, Beyea—12.

Negative—Assistant Aldermen Keating, Healy, Theiss, Keenan, Kelly—5.
Subsequently reconsidered, and again laid over.

Assistant Alderman Thornell called up

G. O. 88,

being a resolution as follows:

Resolved, That the new avenue running from One Hundred and Thirty-sixth to One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street, east of Ninth avenue, be hereafter designated and known as Terrace avenue.

Which was adopted by the following vote:
Affirmative—Assistant Aldermen Foley, Keating, Wisser, Healy, Thornell, Theiss, Codington, Keenan, the President, Kehoe, Simonson, Cumisky, Sommers, Beyea—13.

Negative—Assistant Alderman Strack, Brucks, Kelly—3.

Assistant Alderman Wisser called up

G. O. 123.

being a resolution as follows:

Resolved, That Worth street, from Baxter street to Chatham square, be regulated and graded, the curb and gutter stones set, and the sidewalks 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 adopted by the following vote:
Affirmative—Assistant Aldermen Foley, Keating, Wisser, Healy, Thornell, Theiss, Codington, Strack, Keenan, the President, Kehoe, Brucks, Kelly, Simonson, Sommers, Beyea—16.

Assistant Alderman Keating called up

G. O. 195,

being a resolution as follows:

Resolved, That the stagnant water be drained from the block of ground bounded by Seventy-fourth and Seventy-fifth streets, First and Second avenues, 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 Foley, Keating, Wisser, Healy, Thornell, Theiss, Codington, Strack, Keenan, the President, Kehoe, Brucks, Kelly, Simonson, Sommers, Beyea—16.

Assistant Alderman Simonson called up
G. O. 78.

being a resolution as follows:
Resolved, That One Hundred and Eighth street, from Fifth avenue to East or Harlem river, 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 adopted by the following vote:
Affirmative—Assistant Aldermen Foley, Keating, Wisser, Healy, Thornell, Theiss, Codington, Strack, Keenan, the President, Kehoe, Brucks, Kelly, Simonson, Cumisky, Sommers, Beyea—16.
Assistant Alderman Brucks moved that the Board do now adjourn.
Which was withdrawn.

Assistant Alderman Wisser called up
G. O. 101,

being a resolution as follows:
Resolved, That lamp posts be erected and street lamps lighted in Seventy-eighth street, from First avenue to Avenue A, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

Which was adopted by the following vote:
Affirmative—Assistant Aldermen Foley, Keating, Wisser, Healy, Thornell, Theiss, Codington, Strack, Keenan, the President, Kehoe, Brucks, Kelly, Simonson, Sommers, Beyea—16.

Assistant Alderman Healy moved that when this Board adjourns it adjourns to meet on Wednesday next the 19th inst., at two o'clock P. M.

Which was carried by the following vote:
Affirmative—Assistant Aldermen Foley, Keating, Healy, Theiss, Keenan, Kehoe, Brucks, Kelly, Sommers, Beyea—10.
Negative—Assistant Aldermen Wisser, Thornell, Codington, Strack, the President, Simonson—6.

Assistant Alderman Thornell called up
G. O. 77,

being a resolution as follows:
Resolved, That the houses on the west side of Sixth avenue, between Thirty-second and Thirty-fourth streets (westerly side of square formed by the junction of Broadway and Sixth avenue), be numbered continuously with the numbers on the west side of Broadway, south of said Thirty-second street, as asked for in the annexed petition, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

Which was adopted by the following vote:
Affirmative—Assistant Aldermen Foley, Keating, Wisser, Healy, Thornell, Theiss, Codington, Strack, Keenan, the President, Kehoe, Brucks, Kelly, Simonson, Cumisky, Sommers, Beyea—17.

Assistant Alderman Codington called up
G. O. 59,

being a resolution as follows:
Resolved, That on both sides of One Hundred and Ninth street, from Third avenue to Fifth avenue, curb and gutter stones be set, and the sidewalks be flagged and reflagged 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 adopted by the following vote:
Affirmative—Assistant Aldermen Foley, Keating, Wisser, Healy, Thornell, Theiss, Codington, Strack, Keenan, the President, Kehoe, Brucks, Kelly, Simonson, Cumisky, Sommers, Beyea—17.

Assistant Alderman Brucks called up
G. O. 71,

being a resolution as follows:
Resolved, That on both sides of Seventy-sixth street, from Second avenue to the East river, curb and gutter stones be set, and the sidewalks be flagged and reflagged 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 adopted by the following vote:
Affirmative—Assistant Aldermen Foley, Keating, Wisser, Healy, Thornell, Theiss, Codington, Strack, Keenan, the President, Kehoe, Brucks, Kelly, Simonson, Cumisky, Sommers, Beyea—17.

Assistant Alderman Theiss called up
G. O. 67,

being a resolution as follows:
Resolved, That One Hundredth street, from First to Third 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 adopted by the following vote:
Affirmative—Assistant Aldermen Foley, Keating, Wisser, Healy, Thornell, Theiss, Codington, Strack, Keenan, the President, Kehoe, Brucks, Kelly, Simonson, Cumisky, Sommers, Beyea—17.

Assistant Alderman Simonson called up
G. O. 72,

being a resolution as follows:
Resolved, That on both sides of Eighty-fourth street, between Madison and Fifth avenues, curb and gutter stones be set and reset, and the sidewalks be flagged and reflagged full width, where not already done, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

Which was adopted by the following vote:
Affirmative—Assistant Aldermen Foley, Keating, Wisser, Healy, Thornell, Theiss, Codington, Strack, Keenan, the President, Kehoe, Brucks, Kelly, Simonson, Cumisky, Sommers, Beyea—17.

Assistant Alderman Sommers called up
G. O. 76,

being a resolution as follows:
Resolved, That Ninety-third street, from Second avenue to East river, be regulated and graded, the curb and gutter stone 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 adopted by the following vote:
Affirmative—Assistant Aldermen Foley, Keating, Wisser, Healy, Thornell, Theiss, Codington, Strack, Keenan, the President, Kehoe, Brucks, Kelly, Simonson, Cumisky, Sommers, Beyea—17.

Assistant Alderman Beyea called up
G. O. 70,

being a resolution as follows:
Resolved, That Ninety-ninth street, from First to Third 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 adopted by the following vote:
Affirmative—Assistant Aldermen Foley, Keating, Wisser, Healy, Thornell, Theiss, Codington, Strack, Keenan, the President, Kehoe, Brucks, Kelly, Simonson, Cumisky, Sommers, Beyea—17.

Assistant Alderman Strack called up
G. O. 62,

being a resolution as follows:
Resolved, That the Clerk of the Common Council of the City of New York, be authorized and directed to execute a lease on behalf of the City of New York, for so much of the premises situated on the north side of One hundred and twenty-fifth street, between Third and Fourth avenues in the City of New York, belonging to Messrs. W. T. and D. Blodgett, as may be necessary for the use of the Ninth District Civil Court, and the Fifth District Police Court, including prison accommodations in the basement of said premises for a term of five years from the 1st day of May, 1873, at the annual rent of nine thousand dollars, payable quarterly, on the usual quarter days, with a condition in the lease that the said premises, are to be put in proper condition for occupancy for said courts, and the basement fitted up with the necessary cells and accommodations for prisoners at the expense of the owners, according to said plans, and the Comptroller of the City of New York is hereby directed to pay said rent quarterly from the proper appropriation.

Which was referred to the Committee on Law Department.

Assistant Alderman Strack moved that this Board do now adjourn, which was carried.

And the President announced that the Board stood adjourned until Wednesday next, the 19th inst., at 2 o'clock, P. M.

CONSTANTINE DONOHO,
Clerk.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

REPORT FOR THE QUARTER ENDING OCTOBER 31, 1873.

To the Hon. William F. Havemeyer, Mayor of the City of New York:

The Board of Health of the Health Department of the City of New York respectfully submits the following report for the three months ending October 31st, 1873:

THE PUBLIC HEALTH.

The City of New York has escaped, during the present year, the epidemics which have threatened its people both by sea and by land. While yellow fever and cholera have prevailed to an alarming extent in many parts of the South and Southwest, this city has been remarkably exempt from all epidemic and contagious diseases. Its business and commerce have not suffered, nor been interrupted by any circumstance connected with the public health, and its death rate during the six months ending September 30th, 1873, has been materially less than during the corresponding period of the preceding year. The number of deaths from zymotic and preventable diseases during the last six months has also been less than during the same period in 1872. The efficient quarantine establishment of the State has continued to guard this port from the constant danger, incident to a large immigration and an extensive commerce.

CITY MORTALITY.

The number of deaths in the city of New York during the three months ending September 30, 1873, was 8,983. During the corresponding period in 1872, 10,025; in 1871, 7,833; and in 1870, 8,416.

The deaths for the above periods are classified as follows:

Table with 4 columns: Classification of Deaths, 1870, 1871, 1872, 1873. Rows include Zymotic Diseases, Constitutional Diseases, Local Diseases, Developmental Diseases, and Deaths by Violence.

The number of deaths from contagious diseases during the quarter ending September 30, 1873, was three hundred and sixty-nine, as follows:

Table with 5 columns: Deaths from Contagious Diseases, 1869, 1870, 1871, 1872, Average for past 4 years, 1873. Rows include Small Pox, Measles, Scarletina, Whooping Cough, and Total.

BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS.

In addition to the registration of deaths the Bureau of Vital Statistics is charged with the duty of recording births and marriages. While the record of deaths are believed to be complete

in this city, the statistics of births and marriages are imperfect from the neglect of clergymen, physicians and midwives to make the returns to this Department required by law.

The number of births recorded in the Bureau of Vital Statistics during the three months ending Sept. 30, 1873, was 6,300. During the same period in 1872, 5,868; in 1871, 5,423; and in 1870, 3,548.

The number of marriages recorded during the three months ending Sept. 30, 1873, was 2,036. During the same period in 1872, 2,117; in 1871, 2,135; and in 1870, 1,756.

During the three months ending October 31st, eight thousand nine hundred and eighty-three permits were granted for burials. During the same period eight hundred and sixty-three applications for transit permits were received, and permits granted; five hundred and eighty-four still-births were recorded, and five hundred and eighty-four permits were granted for the burial of still born children; six hundred and eighty-eight coroner's certificates were received and recorded; three hundred and fifty-two searches of the records of births, marriages and deaths were made, and two hundred and sixty-three transcripts of deaths, forty-eight of marriages and twenty-seven of births from said records were issued.

Applications to the Board for alterations and corrections of the Records of Births, Marriages and Deaths are frequent. These errors are generally the result of carelessness on the part of the persons making returns of births, marriages and deaths to this Department. As transcripts of the records of this Department, when duly certified, are admitted as evidence in courts of law in foreign countries, it is apparent that any alteration of the records of former years might lead to serious abuse, especially in cases where large amounts of property are involved and dependant upon the fact of a birth, marriage or death. For this and other reasons, this Board adheres strictly to its established rule, viz.:

"No alteration of the records of births, marriages or deaths, or of any papers relating thereto, shall be made without the written order of the Board. No alteration whatsoever shall be made of the records of births, marriages or deaths, which occurred previous to May 11th, 1873, nor of the records, marriages or deaths, which occur after that date, except to correct clerical errors."

THE SANITARY BUREAU.

The Sanitary Bureau, is charged with the duty of inspecting and reporting in proper form, all nuisances or causes which endanger the public health; with the care of contagious diseases, and with the execution of the orders of the Board. The following is a summary of the operations of this Bureau during the three months ending October 31st, 1873:

Inspections—The number of inspections made by the Sanitary and Assistant Sanitary Inspectors was twenty-seven thousand, eight hundred and thirteen, as follows, viz: Eighty-six public buildings, eleven thousand and thirty tenement houses, two uninhabitable buildings, one dangerous building, two thousand one hundred and sixty-seven other dwellings, four hundred and sixteen manufactories and workshops, seven hundred and twenty stores and warehouses, twelve hundred and six stables, three hundred and sixty-seven slaughter houses, seventy-five markets, twenty-four piers and docks, twenty-seven manure dumps, thirty gut cleaning establishments, one hundred and thirty-nine fat rendering establishments, twenty lard rendering establishments, six sausage factories, five head cleaning establishments, one pork packing establishment, two bone and rag houses, one will yard, one hog yard, two cattle yards, eight pigeries, eight breweries, twelve vessels, one lime kiln, one smoke house, twenty five public sewers and drains, five hundred and fifty-four sunken and vacant lots, eight hundred and eighty yards, courts and areas, one thousand, four hundred and ninety-one cellars and basements, seven hundred and twenty-one waste pipes and drains, one thousand, six hundred and five privies and water-closets, two thousand two hundred and eighty-five streets, gutters and sidewalks, eighty-nine dangerous stairways, thirty-two cisterns and cess-pools and two hundred and seventy other nuisances.

Complaints—The number of complaints received from citizens during the quarter was eleven hundred and sixteen, all of which was referred to the Sanitary Inspectors for investigation and report.

Permits—During the same period one thousand and eighty-eight permits were granted by the Sanitary Superintendent to vessels to discharge cargoes upon the proper vouchers of the Health Officer of the Port; one thousand, seven hundred and sixty-one permits were granted to scavengers to empty privies, their work being supervised and inspected by officers of the Board specially detailed for that purpose; and thirty-three permits were issued to remove and transport manure.

Contagious Diseases—The number of premises visited where cases of contagious diseases were found was five hundred and fifty-three; the number of persons sick with contagious diseases sent to the hospital was sixteen, and the number of bodies removed to the Morgue was two; the number of persons visited for the purpose of vaccination was three hundred and twenty-five, and the number of vaccinations performed was one hundred and twenty-five. The number of premises disinfected and fumigated where contagious diseases had prevailed, was two hundred and fifty-three.

Unripe Fruit.—Under the direction of the Sanitary Superintendent, special inspectors appointed for the purpose, with the aid of the Sanitary Police, seized, condemned, and caused to

be removed or destroyed, fruit decayed, unripe, or unwholesome, from two thousand five hundred and eighty-four stores, two hundred and forty-three street stands, and from the carts of sixty-seven licensed vendors. From and after the 22d day of August, until the discontinuance of the inspection of fruits on the 1st day of October, the attention of the Special Inspectors was particularly directed to the wholesale dealers in fruit, and during the period above named, they seized and condemned on steamers, at markets and in commission houses, the following named quantities of unwholesome fruits and vegetables: five hundred and ninety-two barrels of melons, ten baskets of melons, two loads of melons, two thousand and ninety water melons, one thousand four hundred and fifty-one baskets of peaches, one thousand four hundred and forty crates of peaches, nineteen boxes of peaches, one load of peaches, thirty-seven barrels of pears, sixty-one baskets of pears, forty-nine crates and twelve boxes of pears, one hundred and seventy-two barrels, nine baskets, thirty-four crates and ten boxes of apples, fourteen thousand ears of corn, ninety-six barrels of potatoes, eighteen crates and thirty-seven boxes of grapes, seven barrels and three baskets of squashes, one barrel of egg plants, seventy-nine crates of cranberries, four barrels of turnips, sixty dozen of eggs, and twelve barrels of peas.

Disinfection—The Disinfecting Corps, under the direction of the Sanitary Superintendent, has disinfected, during the months ending October 31, 1873, fifteen hundred and fifty-four miles of streets, six thousand seven hundred and fifty-nine privies, five hundred and sixty-four yards, and three hundred and fifty-eight cellars. The disinfection of streets, street-gutters and privies was discontinued on the 1st of October, and the laborers employed at the work were discharged. During the period above mentioned, disinfectants were used by the Disinfectant Corps, as follows: nine hundred and forty-four gallons of carbolic acid, twenty-one hundred and one gallons of dead oil, and sixteen thousand eight hundred and forty-nine gallons of copperas solution.

THE SANITARY COMPANY OF POLICE.

The orders of this Board are served by the members of the Sanitary Company of Police upon the owners, lessees or occupants of premises requiring cleaning or other sanitary improvement, and they report the compliance or non-compliance by the parties served with such orders. Many minor nuisances are also reported to the Board by the Sanitary Company, and this company has rendered valuable service in the execution of orders requiring the use and assistance of police force. The amount of meat and fish condemned by officers of the Sanitary Police, detailed for that purpose, during the quarter ending October 31st, was as follows:

Slaughtered or dead cattle, six carcasses; sheep, one hundred carcasses; hogs, five carcasses; calves, forty-five carcasses; calves, (bob) twenty-five carcasses; lambs, thirty-three carcasses; nine thousand one hundred and twenty-one pounds of beef; five thousand one hundred and eighty-four pounds of veal; two thousand nine hundred and sixty-six pounds of mutton; seven hundred and twelve pounds of ham; one hundred and seventy-seven pounds of pork; five thousand three hundred and forty-five pounds of poultry, eighty pounds of corned beef; fifty-four pounds of game; and thirty-four thousand five hundred and twenty pounds of fish.

ORDERS.

The orders of this Board for the abatement of nuisances are issued upon the facts and evidence contained in the written reports of sanitary inspectors, the result of personal inspections of the premises complained of. During the three months ending October 31st, the number of orders issued by this Board was five thousand one hundred and eleven. Of this number two thousand two hundred and forty-one were issued under the first sub-division of section 14, chapter 74, laws of 1866, by the terms of which the party served is allowed three days in which to demand a "hearing" by the Board of the testimony which may be presented to show that the order should be modified or revoked. In cases where no "hearings" have been asked for, and the orders have not been complied with, final orders in the original or an amended form to the number of five hundred and eighty have been issued, and the Board has directed the attorney to commence actions for penalties for non-compliance with such orders. All other written orders, in number twenty-two hundred and ninety have been issued under the second sub-division of section 14, of chapter 74, laws of 1866, and are of a peremptory character, requiring that the nuisance be abated within five days, and if not complied with directing the Sanitary Superintendent to enforce the same without further notice, unless the Board shall elect to commence a suit for penalty in lieu of the execution of the order by its officers or agents.

The subjects of the orders of the Board above referred to, and the number of each are as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Description of order, Number. Rows include Alleys cleaned, disinfected, graded, paved or repaired; Areas cleaned; Ceilings cleaned or whitewashed; Cellars cleaned, connected with sewer, disinfected, drained, filled, graded or vacated; Cesspools cleaned, connected with sewer, covers made for, disinfected, emptied, filled, made or repaired; Cisterns, covers made for, disinfected, emptied and cleaned, filled or repaired; Drains cleaned, filled, made, obstructions in removed or repaired; Floors, house, privy or stable, repaired or relaid; Gutters, house, sidewalk or street cleaned, obstructions in removed, or repaired; Halls, cleaned or whitewashed; Hydrants removed or repaired; Leaders connected with sewer, extended, made, repaired, or obstructions in removed; Lots vacant, cleaned, connected with sewer, disinfected, drained, filled or graded; Manure vaults cleaned, connected with sewer, constructed, covered, disinfected or repaired.

Pigs removed and pens cleaned, disinfected or removed.....	7
Pipes (soil and water) cleaned, extended, obstructions removed, repaired or trapped.....	424
Premises cleaned, connected with sewer, disinfected, fumigated or repaired.....	108
Privies disinfected, cleaned and emptied.....	1,494
Privy houses altered, cleaned, constructed, removed or repaired.....	329
Privy vaults connected with sewer, filled, made or repaired.....	133
Roofs repaired.....	119
Sewer pipes constructed, obstructions removed, repaired or trapped.....	877
Sidewalks cleaned or reset.....	349
Stables cleaned or removed.....	41
Stagnant water removed (No. of orders).....	17
Urinals cleaned, constructed or repaired.....	12
Water closets cleaned, connected with sewer, constructed, disinfected, removed or repaired.....	363
Yards cleaned, disinfected, filled, graded, paved or repaired.....	1,477

ACTIONS FOR PENALTIES.

During the quarter ending October 31st, 1873, 1,012 actions have been instituted for the recovery of penalties incurred by reason of non-compliance with orders for the abatement of nuisances or for district violations of the Sanitary Code, as will more fully appear from the following tabulated statement:

Number of actions commenced.....	1,012
CLASSIFIED AS FOLLOWS:	
For non-compliance with orders of the Board.....	947
For violations of the Sanitary Code.....	65
Total.....	1,012

Of this number there are now pending.....	515
Discontinued for all causes.....	367
Tried and judgment obtained against defendants.....	103
Judgment of dismissal or nonsuit.....	27
Total.....	1,012

Amount realized in settlement of actions and deposited with the City Chamberlain:

During the month of August.....	\$1,327 47
September.....	1,250 58
October.....	1,059 95
Total.....	\$3,638 00

During this period one action has been commenced against the Board on behalf of stand-holders in Fulton Market, but as they failed to procure a preliminary injunction restraining the Board in the removal of the stands upon the sidewalk and street adjoining the market building, the action will doubtless be discontinued. A number of persons violating ordinances have been arrested and prosecuted in the Court of Special Sessions, and in each case, where adequate proof could be furnished, the offender has been convicted, and punished by fine or imprisonment.

TENEMENT HOUSES.

The improvement of the sanitary condition of tenement houses, and the enforcement of the provisions of the Sanitary Code and the Tenement House Act in respect to their care and cleanliness, constantly occupies the attention of the Sanitary officers of this department. The cleaning of privies, cellars and yards, the white-washing of walls and ceilings, improvement in ventilation, and the erection of ventilating shafts by which privy odors are conveyed away, are among the subjects of hundreds of orders issued weekly by this department, for the improvement of the habitations of the poor. The result of this constant watchfulness on the part of the sanitary officers, and of their frequent inspections of tenement houses is everywhere manifest. But no vigilance can overcome the evils which necessarily attend the overcrowding of people in some sections of the city, and permanent reform in tenement houses cannot be expected until by rapid and cheap transit a part of the laboring population of the city is enabled to obtain houses in rural or suburban districts.

HOUSES VACATED.

During the quarter ending October 31st, it has been found necessary to vacate but two buildings by reason of want of repair, and none have been declared infected by disease. The enforcement of the provisions of the Tenement House Act has caused the renovation of the more dilapidated structures, while the remarkable absence of contagious diseases from the city, during the past summer, has secured the most crowded tenements from infection. The famous rear tenement house Nos. 5, 7 and 9 Mulberry street, which has heretofore received varied attentions from the health authorities, has been again vacated by order of this Board for such repairs as may render it suitable for human habitation.

CELLARS VACATED.

In June last this Board caused all cellars south of Houston street, which had been declared unfit for human habitation, to be vacated. During the quarter ending October 31st, several of the cellars referred to were reoccupied without permit from this Department, and have been again vacated by the order of the Board and under the direction of its officers. On the 12th of August the Board directed the Sanitary Superintendent to cause an inspection to be made of all cellars north of Houston street, and such as were found deficient in light, ventilation or drainage, or not conforming in other respects with the provisions of the Tenement House Act, were ordered vacated, and to be no longer used as human habitations. The action of the Board in this particular has resulted in a great improvement in the sanitary condition of the unfortunate class heretofore crowded into the dark, damp and unhealthy cellars of the city.

SLAUGHTER HOUSES.

The weekly inspection of slaughter houses has been continued, and they have generally reported in as cleanly and satisfactory a condition as could be expected. No great improvement in the business of slaughtering is anticipated until it is concentrated in very large establishments, in which the animals can be yarded and slaughtered and the fat, blood, offal and all parts of the slaughtered animal can be utilized while fresh and inoffensive. The number of slaughter

houses in the city at the present time is less than fifty, and they are located near the North and East rivers, above Fortieth street. It is confidently believed that at no distant day a union of the capital and interests of those engaged in the business of slaughtering, fat melting, &c., and the erection of suitable abattoirs in proper localities will practically remove the principal causes of complaint against this important business pursuit.

FAT MELTING.

The complaints in respect to fat melting have been less frequent during the past quarter, owing to improvements in the machinery and appliances used, increased care and cleanliness on the part of the persons engaged in the business, and the constant supervision of their operations by special inspectors appointed by this Board for that purpose. It is confidently believed that this business when transacted by careful and responsible parties, in large and properly constructed establishments, the material used being fresh and inoffensive, can be conducted without material offense or danger to the public health. To secure this result, fat melting should be directly connected with the business of slaughtering, as a part of a general abattoir system for utilizing all parts of the slaughtered animal upon the same premises. The rendering of fresh lard, when conducted with proper apparatus, has not proved objectionable, and many permits have been granted by this Board for that purpose.

The Steamer "Algonquin" lying at the foot of west Fortieth street and occupied by the New York Fertilizer Manufacturing Company in manufacturing fertilizers from blood, scrap and other animal matter, having been by due process declared a nuisance, the business ordered to be discontinued, and the vessel removed beyond the city limits, the company removed the steamer from the pier and continued the offensive business upon the waters of the Hudson river, opposite the city, and near the shores of New Jersey. Many complaints in respect to the offensive odors from the Steamer "Algonquin," especially from passengers upon steamers plying on the Hudson River, made it the duty of the Board to enforce its order, and to cause the removal of the vessel beyond the city limits. Several other offensive establishments located within the city and engaged in utilizing offensive animal matter, have discontinued operations since the last quarterly report, this result having been accomplished by the constant surveillance of premises occupied for such business by special inspectors detailed by this Board for that purpose.

STREET CLEANING.

The Board has continued to require its sanitary officers to inspect and report weekly upon the condition of the streets. Whenever any streets or parts of streets have been found in an uncleanly condition, the facts have been officially communicated to the Police Department, which by law "has exclusive power and authority, and is charged with the duty of causing all streets, avenues, lanes, alleys, gutters, wharves, piers, and heads of slips to be thoroughly cleaned from time to time, and to be kept at all times thoroughly clean." The Board of Police, and the Inspector of Street Cleaning in charge of the work, have generally performed this important duty in a manner satisfactory to this Department, and this Board testifies to the fact that at no period in many years have the streets been in so cleanly a condition as during the past summer. By section 67, chapter 335, laws of 1873, the Inspector of Street Cleaning is required to "perform such additional cleaning as, in the opinion of the Board of Health, is necessary to keep said streets, avenues and public places clean." But this Board has not at any time found it necessary to order any additional cleaning, and has secured the necessary and desired results by simply calling the attention of the Board of Police to such apparent deficiencies or neglect on the part of its subordinates as were reported, from time to time, by the sanitary officers of this department.

In commending the great change during the past year, in the condition of the streets of this city as regards general cleanliness, it is not to be understood that there is no opportunity or occasion for additional improvements. To keep the streets uniformly and absolutely clean it is necessary—

First—That the Police should constantly enforce those parts of the Sanitary Code which prohibit the throwing of ashes, garbage and other refuse matter into the streets.

Second—That the collection of the ashes and garbage should be more frequent and absolutely regular as to day and hour; and

Third—That the dilapidated wood and cobblestone pavements should be replaced by stone block pavement, and that there should be no delay in the repairs which are from time to time necessary.

THE VESEY STREET DUMP.

Complaints having been received from occupants of West Washington Market, in respect to the street sweepings and garbage dumped by employes of the Bureau of Street Cleaning at the foot of Vesey street, this Board caused the premises to be carefully inspected with the view of abating the nuisance. On the 5th of August, after a full consideration of the subject, the Board decided that the enclosing and covering of the Vesey street dump and the other improvements proposed, would not relieve the food exposed for sale in West Washington Market from the danger of contamination from the gases, vapors, dirt, &c., thrown out by the street manure and garbage dumped there, and that the only satisfactory remedy was the entire removal of the dump. On the 22d of August the Board, having reason to believe a new dump was in process of erection near West Washington Market, resolved that it considered a dump at that place a public nuisance, dangerous to life and health, and that it will use all the means in its power to abate such nuisance.

STREET PAVEMENTS.

The Sanitary Inspectors are directed to report to this Board all defects in street pavements which interfere with the practical cleaning of the streets. Many reports have been received in respect to broken and sunken pavements, found to be reservoirs for putrifying street filth, and emitting offensive odors dangerous to the public health. Copies of such reports have been forwarded weekly to the Department of Public Works, requesting that for sanitary reasons the necessary repairs be made. That Department has given the communications from this Board prompt attention, and has abated many of the nuisances complained of. The Sanitary Superintendent, in a report to this Board, dated Oct. 27th, states: "It is within my knowledge that the Department of Public Works has recently done much to improve the pavements needing repair."

STREET RAILROAD CARS.

The frequent and fatal accidents which occur in this city to persons getting on or off the front platforms of street cars, was the subject of a report to this Board, on the 23d day of September, by the Sanitary Committee. In order to give practical effect to the rule established by the city railroad companies which forbids persons from getting on or off the front platforms, the Committee recommend that the companies should be required to enclose the front platforms of their cars in such manner as to render them inaccessible to persons on the street. Upon the recommendation of the Sanitary Committee the Board adopted on the 16th of September an additional section to the Sanitary Code, as follows:

Section 181. "That each of the several companies that run or cause to be run any car drawn by horses for the transportation of passengers in any part of the City of New York, do cause both the front entrances from the street upon the platform of the fore end of each of said cars to be effectually barred or closed by gate or otherwise while said cars are in motion, so as to prevent access to any portion of the said platform or the handrails, or the steps thereof, by any person not upon such car."

The propriety of legislating to prevent accidents by which life or health is endangered, even though such accidents can only occur through the negligence of the individuals injured is universally recognized, and this action of the Board in respect to accident from street cars is not without precedent. The legislature of the State of Missouri enacted on the 6th day of February, 1866, that "no passenger shall be permitted to get on or off any car by the front platform while the car is in motion, and each car shall be furnished with such adjustable gate or guard as shall effectually prevent it."

The Board has directed its attorney to commence actions against all city railroad companies failing to comply with this ordinance for the prevention of accidents. Suits have also been ordered for violations of section 164 of the Sanitary Code, which requires that no city railroad car shall be used with cushions on the seats. That the cushions of the street cars are a common vehicle for the spread of contagious diseases, as well as of vermin, there seems to be no question.

DRAINAGE.

The Department of Public Works, when notified by this Board of defects or obstructions in sewers and culverts, or of the necessity, for sanitary reasons, of constructing new sewers, has afforded to the extent of its ability the required relief. Under the Drainage Act of 1871 (chapter 566) this Board has directed that Department to drain certain sections of the city which are wholly or partially unoccupied by dwellings by other means than sewers, and the work accomplished under this act is believed to be of great importance to the public health. These drains are generally constructed below the level of the sewers, and upon the natural water courses, thereby relieving the inhabitants, present and prospective, from the evils of soil-saturation and from danger of malarious diseases. The most important work of this character projected during the last quarter, is the drainage of the lands lying between 92d and 109th streets, and 3d avenue and the East River.

DREDGING OF SLIPS.

This Board, in the discharge of its duties, occasionally calls the attention of the Department of Docks to the necessity, for sanitary reasons, of removing accumulations and deposits from the slips. That Department has promptly responded to communications upon this subject, and is entitled to the thanks of this Board for its co-operation. The proposed improvements by the Department of Docks to the water front of the city is of the utmost importance to its sanitary condition, and rapid progress in the work is earnestly recommended in the interest of the public health.

PUBLIC MARKETS.

At the date of the last quarterly report, the stands, stalls and booths around Washington and Fulton markets, which obstructed the streets and gutters, and prevented the proper cleaning of the same, had been removed by this Board. The improved ventilation of these markets, and the cleanliness of the gutters and streets in their vicinity, resulting from this action of the Board, have amply justified its efforts in that direction. On the 5th of August the Board approved of a report made by Sanitary Inspector Judson and Carl Pfeiffer, Consulting Architect of this Department, detailing the alterations in Washington Market necessary to improve its sanitary condition, and forwarded a copy of the same to the Comptroller for the necessary action. The principal alterations recommended were: "1st. That the roof of the central portion of the market, about 30 feet wide by the entire depth of the building north and south, be raised at least 15

feet, so as to give more cubic space for the circulation of air, and to admit of additional sashes or openings with slats being placed in the exterior walls. 2d. That over the portion not thus raised, skylights, 10 feet wide, covered with 1/2 inch thick opaque glass, be constructed over every alternate aisle across the entire width of the roof, and running north and south, the skylights to be sufficiently above the roof to admit upright, moveable sashes 4 feet high, and provided with ventilators placed on the ridge of the skylights about 10 feet apart, and 2 feet 6 inches in diameter, and of such construction that half of them shall receive an inward, and the other half an outward current."

The Board concurred in the opinion expressed in the report, that "the entire reconstruction of the market is desirable as a sanitary measure," and that "the above alterations only satisfy the immediate necessities of the case."

During the month of August, the Board caused careful inspections to be made of Catharine and Centre Markets, and placed upon file the facts and evidence which in its opinion justified the declaration that certain stalls, stands or booths around said markets were public nuisances, dangerous to life and health. On the 12th day of August the Board ordered the removal of the offensive stalls, and the orders were generally complied with in due time by the owners or occupants.

This Board, as the recognized guardian of the public health, deems it a duty to call the attention of the proper authorities to the general condition of the public markets of the city. With but few exceptions they are dilapidated, illy ventilated, badly drained, and in every respect unfitted for the sale of meat and vegetables. In the interest of the public health these old and offensive structures should be speedily demolished. If it is the duty of the city to furnish places for dealers in meat and vegetables to transact their business, new buildings should be erected for that purpose with all the modern improvements in ventilation and drainage. Immediate action is earnestly recommended, with the view of abating before another summer the nuisances at present attending the public markets, particularly those in the lower part of the city.

UNRIPE FRUIT.

The consumption of unripe and decaying fruit and vegetables is believed to be a prominent cause of fatal diseases of the bowels, and of the large increase of the death rate during the summer months. The attention of the Board was called to the subject by the Sanitary Committee on the first of August, with a view of preventing the sale of unwholesome articles of this kind from fruit stands and vendors' carts, especially in those parts of the city inhabited by the poorer classes. The Sanitary Superintendent was directed to cause an inspection to be made of fruits of every description, with instructions to seize, condemn, and cause the destruction of all unripe, decayed and unwholesome fruits offered for sale as provided by the ordinances of the Board. Special inspectors were appointed and were detailed by the Sanitary Superintendent for this duty, and during the months of August and September were actively engaged in suppressing the traffic in fruit unfit for use. Large quantities of such fruit were condemned, seized and removed from the city, and the action of the Board resulted in a decided improvement in the character of the fruit exposed for sale, not only at the retail stands, but at the wholesale depots. To prevent the importation of unripe and unwholesome fruit from the rural districts, a circular was published by order of the Board containing the sanitary ordinances applicable to the case, which was extensively distributed among fruit producers and dealers.

NIGHT SCAVENGING.

Upon the frequent complaints made by citizens in respect to the offensive manner in which the night scavengers performed the work of emptying privies, this Board directed the Sanitary Superintendent to thoroughly investigate the subject. On the 15th of August, a report, based upon the personal observations of the sanitary officers, was submitted by the Sanitary Superintendent to the Board, which fully established the correctness of the complaints as to the pestiferous odors produced by careless scavenging. This report also established the fact that it is possible to conduct this business without offense in case the rules and regulations for the government of scavengers are rigidly enforced, especially the one which requires that the contents of privies shall be properly and thoroughly disinfected before and during removal. The report concludes as follows:

"The system of scavenging now in vogue in this city is utterly unworthy of the age. Although it is undoubtedly possible, by great care and neatness, to empty vaults without offense by it, the temptation of darkness, which prevents surveillance, and the character of the employes, to whom ordure is not a nuisance, will insure the work being often done in a slovenly manner, allowing the air of densely populated blocks to be nightly filled with the most poisonous and disgusting emanations, by which low forms of fever, diarrhoea and dysentery are created or seriously aggravated. Every possible precaution should be thrown around this business, and any well sustained complaint should cause the scavenger to lose his license."

To effect an improvement in the mode of conducting this business, and to detect violations of the rules and regulations for the government of night scavengers established by his Honor, the Mayor, the Board appointed on the 19th day of August two special inspectors for temporary service to observe the operations of the scavengers. A considerable improvement was by this means effected in the conduct of the business, and while the special inspectors remained on duty, the rules and regulations were somewhat respected. Reports of delinquencies on the part of the night

scavengers, verified by the affidavits of the special inspectors, were duly forwarded to his Honor the Mayor, who is charged by chapter 251, laws of 1873, with the licensing of night scavengers and the making and enforcing of rules for their government. The use of air tight tanks for the transportation of night soil through the city, and of pumps and air tight hose for its removal from privy vaults to the tanks, has been for the present abandoned. A combination of the old and new systems, or the use of the air tight apparatus in connection with air tight hand buckets, seems to be the method best adapted to the wants of this city, and most free from objections.

REMOVAL OF NIGHT SOIL.

Since the last quarterly report of this Board, the night soil collected from the privy vaults of the city by night scavengers, has been removed beyond the city limits, without delay or interruption. A suitable place for its reception has been provided without additional expense to this Department, and no complaints have been received as to the removal from the city or the disposal of this offensive material.

REMOVAL OF DEAD ANIMALS, OFFAL, &c.

On the 8th day of August this Board arranged for the removal of dead animals, offal, &c., from this city to Barren Island, upon the same terms and conditions as those in contract made in 1865 with the "Long Island Bone Laboratory," and for the same consideration, with the express condition that none of the offal, dead animals, &c., be dumped in the waters of the rivers or bay, but be taken to said island and be finally disposed of thereon. The dock at the foot of West 38th street, assigned by proper authority for the purpose, has continued to be used for the reception of dead animals, offal, &c. No complaints have been received as to the care and cleanliness of the pier, or the manner in which the business of removing this offensive material has been conducted. The offensive odors which, during the operations of the New York Rendering Company at the foot of West 38th street, distinguished that part of the city, have disappeared, nor is there any evidence that any of the offal or any dead animals from this city find their way into the adjacent waters to annoy the neighboring cities and suburban districts. The result has justified this Board in insisting that the terms and conditions of the contract of 1865 should be carried out, both in letter and spirit.

The transporting of offal from the slaughter houses on the east side of the city to the offal dock, foot of West 38th street, has been for many years a subject of frequent complaint by citizens residing upon the usual routes of such transportation. To relieve the public from this nuisance, the Board on the first day of August adopted the following additional section (No. 180) to the Sanitary Code.

No. 180. That no offal, blood, scrap, guts, gut fat or refuse of slaughter houses shall be transported through, brought in, or allowed to be between Second avenue and Tenth avenue, in the City of New York, without a special written permit from this Board.

In compliance with this regulation the slaughtering establishments on the east side of the city have made arrangements with the contractor for the removal of offal to receive their refuse material by boat in the vicinity of their places of business, and a part of pier at the foot of East 42d street has been appropriated for this purpose.

STABLE MANURE.

To enforce that part of the Sanitary Code which requires that all stable manure shall be dumped upon boats for immediate removal from the city limits, this Board has been obliged to employ special inspectors to watch the particular localities where this offensive material has been heretofore deposited. The result has been that no stable manure has been deposited within the city limits since the last quarterly report. The large deposits at the foot of West 37th street have been mostly removed, and a considerable portion of the manure stored at the foot of East 45th street has also been removed from the city. The unnecessary delay of the owners of the manure at the foot of East 45th street in complying with the orders of the Board for its removal, resulted in the adoption by the Board on the 21st of October of the following preamble and resolution:

"Whereas, The owners of the manure heaps lying east of First avenue, between 45th and 47th streets, New York, have been duly ordered by this Board to remove such manure beyond the city limits, and have neglected and failed to comply with such orders.

"Resolved, That the Sanitary Superintendent be and is hereby directed to execute the said orders, and in that behalf is authorized to make the necessary contracts, by and with the approval of the Finance Committee for the removal of such manure."

The Board is assured that suitable dumping grounds for stable manure have been secured beyond the city limits by the principal dealers in that article, that all deposits heretofore made will be speedily removed; and that in future the business will be so conducted that the health and comfort of the people will not be endangered. Total relief from the vile odors emanating from the immense deposits of stable manure in this city, and the abatement of a nuisance which has for many years defied the health authorities is confidently expected.

THE THIRTY-EIGHTH STREET NUISANCE DISTRICT.

For many years that part of the city bounded by 37th street, 42d street, 11th avenue and the North River has been famous as the location of business pursuits which are or are liable to become dangerous to life and detrimental to health. In the vicinity of the offal dock at the foot of west 38th street manure dumping, fat melting, gut cleaning, tripe boiling, yarding and slaughtering

of animals, soap making and other kindred occupations have been conducted, and to this section of the city have retreated those offensive trades which other localities would not tolerate. To abate the nuisances abounding in this district, the Board directed the Sanitary Superintendent to cause it to be patrolled hourly, day and night by special inspectors and that said inspectors be directed to cause the immediate arrest of any and all persons found directly or indirectly engaged in violating the Sanitary Code, and that they be also directed to report to the Attorney of the Board the circumstances of each and every violation as the basis of a warrant for the arrest of the proprietors or other persons under whose orders such violations take place. The inspectors detailed to the district were directed to give especial attention to the manure dumping grounds, the fat melting and slaughtering establishments, the hog and sheep yards and the works of the Metropolitan Gas Light Company. Under the vigorous measures thus inaugurated a marked improvement has taken place. Several offensive establishments have been closed, the dumping of stable manure has ceased, the removal of offal and dead animals is conducted with the least possible offense, and more care and cleanliness are exercised by those engaged in pursuits which are liable to be offensive. A survey of the district has also been made, and maps have been prepared showing the boundaries of each lot, with the names of the owners, occupants and agents, and the character of the business conducted thereon, for the use of the Board and its officers in future operations for the improvement and purification of the district. The grading and paving of twelfth avenue, between 35th and 42d streets, would materially improve the sanitary condition of this section of the city.

HANOVER SQUARE, MARKET SLIP, ETC.

Upon complaints made by members of the New York Cotton Exchange and others doing business in the vicinity of Hanover Square, in respect to the offensive character of articles stored in that public place, the Board ordered inspections to be made of that locality. It was ascertained that offensive and damaged goods were frequently stored, exposed for sale, and sold at auction on Hanover Square, that the use of this Square for temporary storage, interfered with the proper cleaning of the street, and that the refuse matter of various kinds collected there from time to time, and exposed to the alternate action of heat and moisture, became offensive and detrimental to health. On the 30th day of September the Board ordered all goods stored in Hanover Square to be removed therefrom, and the use of said Square for the storage of goods be prohibited. The attorney of the Board was also directed to commence actions against all parties violating the Sanitary Code by the use of Hanover Square.

Market Slip, at the foot of Market street, has also been relieved from the refuse and filth which had accumulated under and around the trucks, carts, boats, lumber, &c., &c., stored, without authority, in that locality. On the 22d day of August the Board directed the Sanitary Superintendent to remove all obstructions from Market Slip to the Corporation Yard, and that the expense of such removal be charged to the owners of the property. From several other localities the Board has caused such obstructions to be removed as interfered with the cleaning of the streets or gutters, or were otherwise detrimental to the public health.

PERMITS.

The Board has considered various applications made under the provisions of the Sanitary Code for permits to conduct those business pursuits which are liable to become dangerous to life or detrimental to health, and which it is necessary to subject to police regulation and sanitary supervision. Preliminary to any action, an inspection of the premises is made by a sanitary officer, and a report of the facts in each case is made to the Board. The Board has granted during the quarter ending October 31st eighty-three permits, and thirty applications for permits have been denied. The following are among the subjects of the permits granted:

- To render fresh lard..... 17
- To render fresh fat..... 3
- To slaughter animals..... 8
- To keep cows..... 18
- To keep fowls..... 17
- To keep goats..... 3
- To occupy cellars or basements as human habitations..... 6
- To collect, store and assort rags..... 3

In addition to the permits granted by the Board upon special application as above stated, the Sanitary Superintendent, under the rules and regulations of the Department, has continued to grant permits to scavengers to empty privies; permits to land cargoes from infected ports; the vessels having been discharged from quarantine; and permits to remove and transport manure.

THE SANITARY CODE.

Under the power conferred by law upon the Health Department, the following additional sections to the Sanitary Code for the security of life and health in the City of New York have been adopted since the last quarterly report, and declared to form a portion of the Sanitary Code, and have been duly published as required by law:

Section 180. That no offal, blood, scrap, guts, gut-fat or refuse of slaughter-houses shall be transported through, brought in, or allowed to be between Second avenue and Tenth avenue, in the City of New York, without a special written permit from this Department.

Section 181. That each of the several persons and companies that run or cause to be run any car drawn by horses for the transportation of passengers in any part of the City of New York, do cause both the front entrances from the street

upon the platform of the fore end of each of said cars to be effectually barred or closed by gate or otherwise, while said cars are in motion, so as to prevent access to any portion of the said platform or the hand rails, or the steps thereof, by any person not upon such car.

Section 182. That the owners, lessees and occupants of any building in the City of New York, in which hatchways or well-holes exist, or shall hereafter be constructed, shall cause the same to be effectually barred or enclosed by railing, gates, or by other contrivances approved by the Board of Health, for the prevention of accidents therefrom.

Some amendments to the Sanitary Code have been adopted since the last quarterly report of this Board, and the sections amended read as follows:

Section 80. That no person shall boil, heat, dry, keep, store or manufacture any offal, swill, blood, bones, fat, tallow or lard, or any decaying animal or vegetable matter; nor shall the business of bone crushing, bone boiling, bone grinding, bone or shell burning, lime making, gut cleaning, skinning, or making glue from any parts of dead animals, heating, drying, storing, shipping or transporting any blood, scrap, fat, grease or offensive animal or vegetable matter, or manufacturing materials for manure, be allowed or conducted in the City of New York, or in its waters, without a special permit from this Board, to be applied for in writing, specifying the nature and precise location of the proposed business.

Section 130. That no ship, boat or other vessel or article shall be taken or allowed by any person to come into or lay to, or at, or within any dock, pier, bulkhead or slip, or be placed thereon for the purpose of the shipment or removal of any offal, garbage, rubbish, blood or offensive animal or vegetable matter, dirt or dead animals, or for the use of any contractor about the removal of any of the foregoing substances, without a permit from this Department.

CROTON WATER.

An analysis of the Croton water is made weekly by an officer of this Department, and the result is communicated to the Sanitary Superintendent, who is instructed to report to the Board any indications of impurities likely to endanger the public health. The facts heretofore established by chemical investigation as to the purity of the Croton water are constantly confirmed. The following are the results of the examination of the Croton water for the week ending November 1st, 1873:

	GRAINS IN ONE U. S. GALLON OF 231 CUBIC INS.	PART IN 100,000.
Inorganic matter.....	4.664	8.0
Organic and volatile matter (loss on ignition).....	1.400	2.4
Total solids in solution (dried in 260° F.).....	6.064	10.4
Suspended impurities.....	0.067	0.115
Total solids.....	6.131	10.515
Carbonate of lime, or its equivalent "hardness".....	2.099	3.608
Oxygen required to oxidize organic matter.....	0.125	0.217

EXPENDITURES.

The amount of the vouchers, including pay rolls, forwarded to the Comptroller for payment during the three months ending October 31, 1873, was \$48,340.77. This does not include the amounts audited by the Board for the removal from the city of night soil, dead animals, offal, &c., for which special appropriations have been duly made by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment. The expenses of this Department during the months of summer and autumn are materially increased by the necessity of using large quantities of disinfectants, and by the employment of laborers in their distribution. A temporary increase in the number of inspectors is also necessary during this period for obvious reasons. All of which is respectfully submitted.

New York, November, 1873.
CHARLES F. CHANDLER, President.
EMMONS CLARK, Secretary.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The Board of Police met on the 13th day of November, 1873. All the Commissioners present.

Leaves of Absence Granted.

- Patrolman John G. White, Twenty-fourth precinct, two and one-half days without pay.
- Patrolman Michael Phelan, Twentieth precinct, one-half day without pay.
- Patrolman Jacob J. Brush, Fifth precinct, one day without pay.
- Patrolman Thomas T. Thompson, Fifth precinct, one day without pay.
- Patrolman James P. Knox, Twenty-fifth precinct, one-half day without pay.
- Patrolman J. Thorne King, Twenty-fifth precinct, one-half day without pay.
- Patrolman John H. Flahive, Thirty-first precinct, one-half day without pay.
- Patrolman Silas Ketchum, Twenty-first precinct, one-half day without pay.
- Patrolman Wm. O'Connell, Thirty-second precinct, one-half day without pay.
- Patrolman William Wilson, Thirtieth precinct, two and one-half days without pay.
- Doorman Thomas S. Lear, Thirtieth precinct, one-half day without pay.

Parades Allowed.

- Emmett Legion, Nov. 13—funeral.
 - Father Matthew T. A. B. Society, Nov. 13—funeral.
 - St. Francis Society, Nov. 13—funeral.
 - Independent Musketeers, Nov. 18—target excursion.
 - Glittering Star Rangers, Nov. 27—target excursion.
- Resolved, That the application of "The Seamen" for permission to parade, be denied below Canal street; and that the leaders of the association be requested to call at this office for consultation as to route above that point.
- Report of the Examining Surgeons of examination on Tuesday, 11th inst., was referred to the Committee on Surgeons.

Bills ordered Paid.

- Harman Ruddleman.....\$9 61
- Piersons & Co.....33 00
- ".....6 75
- Roger Trimble.....1 20
- Wm. H. Jackson & Co.....27 10
- A. M. Burroughs.....30 00

Communication from Capt. John N. Hubner, asking police protection at the parade and drill of his battery, at Tompkin's Square, was referred to the Superintendent.

Resignations Accepted.

- Patrolman J. S. Kellogg, First precinct.
- Patrolman John Connors, Fifteenth precinct.
- Patrolman Joseph Kennedy, Twenty-seventh precinct.

Transfers Ordered.

- Sergeant John J. Fitzgerald, from Thirty-second to Seventh precinct.
- Sergeant Wm. H. McConnell, from Seventh to Thirty-second precinct.
- Patrolman George Connor, from Nineteenth to Twenty-seventh precinct.
- Patrolman Thomas Reardon, from Eighteenth to Twenty-second precinct.
- Patrolman Daniel Kelly, from Seventh to Twenty-sixth precinct.
- Patrolman James McClellan, from Thirty-first to Fourteenth precinct.

Petition of Patrolman Michael Crowley, Twentieth precinct, for promotion, was ordered on file.

Appointments.

- Enos V. Wood, as patrolman, Twenty-third precinct.
 - Michael Phelan, as patrolman, First precinct.
 - Christopher Parks, as patrolman, Eighth precinct.
- Report of the Chief Clerk, relative to the lease of the First precinct station house, was referred to the Committee on Station Houses.
- Report of the Chief Clerk of contributions to "Memphis Sufferers," received at the polling places in the various precincts, was ordered to be entered in the minutes as follows:
- Contributions to "Election Charity Boxes" for Memphis sufferers, November, 1873.
- Deposited in National Butchers' & Drovers' Bank Nov. 10, 1873:

PRECINCTS.	AMOUNTS.
West Farms.....	\$35 30
Morrisania.....	21 38
First.....	17 56
Second.....	21 30
Third.....	14 80
Fourth.....	71 85
Fifth.....	110 55
Sixth.....	63 65
Seventh.....	192 65
Eighth.....	85 75
Ninth.....	191 23
Tenth.....	193 54
Eleventh.....	163 35
Twelfth.....	222 40
Thirteenth.....	130 12
Fourteenth.....	108 81
Fifteenth.....	277 61
Sixteenth.....	328 56
Seventeenth.....	396 92
Eighteenth.....	254 60
Nineteenth.....	614 76
Twentieth.....	235 60
Twenty-first.....	320 80
Twenty-second.....	309 55
Twenty-third.....	146 56
Twenty-fourth.....	98 69
Twenty-fifth.....	170 30
Twenty-sixth.....	109 86
Twenty-seventh.....	33 47
Twenty-eighth.....	57 86
Twenty-ninth.....	30 91
Thirtieth.....	37 47
Thirty-first.....	39 91
Thirty-second.....	39 45
Totals.....	\$5,409 78

Dismissals.

- Patrolman John S. Markham, Fifth precinct, for intoxication.
- Patrolman Wm. J. Collins, Eighth precinct, for violation of rules.

Fines imposed.

- Patrolman Wm. Maude, First precinct, two days pay.
- Patrolman Ambrose F. Clark, First precinct, two days pay.
- Patrolman Michael Gilfeather, First precinct, two days pay.
- Patrolman John Delaney, Jr., Third precinct, five days pay.
- Patrolman Wm. Garrahan, Fifth precinct, one days pay.
- Patrolman Geo. S. Kelk, Fifth precinct, one days pay.
- Patrolman John Hayes, Fifth precinct, one days pay.
- Patrolman John L. Wiegand, Tenth precinct, two days pay.
- Patrolman Charles Gabriel, Eleventh precinct, two days pay.
- Patrolman Charles Gabriel, Eleventh precinct, two days pay.
- Patrolman Wm. H. Purdy, Twelfth precinct, three days pay.
- Patrolman Wm. F. Brady, Thirteenth precinct, five days pay.
- Patrolman John O'Connor, Thirteenth precinct, three days pay.
- Patrolman Wm. L. Reed, Thirteenth precinct, three days pay.
- Patrolman Henry Mead, Fifteenth precinct, two days pay.
- Patrolman Michael Connors, Sixteenth precinct, two days pay.
- Patrolman Frank Hanley, Seventeenth precinct five days pay.
- Patrolman Dennis Moran, Seventeenth precinct, two days pay.
- Patrolman Owen Judge, Seventeenth precinct, two days pay.
- Patrolman Chas. J. Sheehy, Eighteenth precinct, one days pay.
- Patrolman John C. Touhey, Nineteenth precinct, three days pay.
- Patrolman James Bligh, Nineteenth precinct, two days pay.
- Patrolman Bernard Meehan, Nineteenth precinct, two days pay.
- Patrolman Frank D. James, Twenty-first precinct, three days pay.
- Patrolman John C. Ryan, Twenty-first precinct, one days pay.
- Patrolman Thomas Maher, Twenty-second precinct, two days without pay.
- Patrolman Jeremiah Mahoney, Twenty-third precinct, three days pay.
- Patrolman John Delaney, Twenty-third precinct, two days pay.
- Patrolman John G. Burke, Twenty-eighth precinct, one day.
- Patrolman David W. Erskine, Twenty-ninth precinct, two days pay.
- Patrolman W. H. Keris, Twenty-ninth precinct, two days pay.
- Patrolman L. J. Tiernay, Thirtieth precinct, five days pay.
- Patrolman Michael Carrol, Thirtieth precinct, five days pay.
- Patrolman Michael Tully, Thirtieth precinct, five days pay.
- Patrolman Geo. C. Phillips, Thirty-second precinct, two days pay.
- Patrolman C. J. Quintard, Thirty-second precinct, five days pay.

Patrolman Patrick Donovan, Second precinct, three days pay.
Patrolman Patrick J. Fitch, Fourth precinct, ten days pay.
Patrolman Matthew Kinney, Eighth precinct, three days pay.
Patrolman Joseph Burns, Twenty-seventh precinct, three days pay.

Complaints Dismissed.

Patrolman Chas. Dunleavy, Second precinct.
Wm. Griffin, Third precinct.
Marcus J. O'Sullivan, Seven precinct.
Moses Kahnemann, Eleventh precinct.
George Gick, Sixteenth precinct.
Felix McWilliams, Eighteenth precinct.
James A. McCooey, Eighteenth precinct.
John F. Palmer, Nineteenth precinct.
Chas. Fisher, Twentieth precinct.
John W. Phillips, Twenty-first precinct.
Cornelius Smith, Twenty-second precinct.
John Ross, Twenty-third precinct.
Walter Kelly, Twenty-seventh precinct.
William Z. Ripley, Twenty-eighth precinct.
Hector Klinge, Twenty-ninth precinct.

Report of Capt. Yule, San. Co., relative to boiler explosion at Harlem. Was ordered on file.

Street Cleaning.

Communication from Wm. Laimbeer, Department of Charities and Correction, relative to the sinking of crib work around Randall's Island for the deposit of Street Cleaning material. Was ordered on file.

Daily report of the Superintendent of Boats, was referred to the Committee on Street Cleaning.

Resolved, That the Treasurer communicate with the Mayor and Comptroller in relation to the appropriation of means to enable the Department to continue the work of cleaning the streets.

Resolved, That the opinion of the Counsel to the Corporation be requested, concerning the power, duty and responsibility of the board and the Commissioners to proceed with the work of cleaning streets after the entire appropriation for that purpose for the current year has been expended.

Bureau of Elections.

Communication from Alfred T. Ackert, Attorney for John Sheridan and others, Inspectors of Election, asking that he may be allowed to examine the papers on which the Inspectors were removed, was referred to the Committee on Elections.

Report of the Committee on Elections relative to the removal of Inspectors, was received and ordered on file.

S. C. HAWLEY, Chief Clerk.

The Board of Police met on the 14th day of November, 1873. All the Commissioners present.

Complaints Dismissed.

Captain James Irving, Detective Squad.
Patrolman Philip Farley, Detective Squad.
John Lantry was denied leave to apply for re-appointment.

The applications of John A. Butler and Thos. Maher for leave to apply for re-appointment, were ordered on file.

Leaves of Absence was granted to

Sergeant Lemuel S. Slater, Seventh precinct, five days.
Patrolman Wm. Wright, Twenty-fourth precinct, half-day without pay.
Patrolman John Rollins, Eighth precinct, one day without pay.
Patrolman Jacob Schwarz, Tenth precinct, half-day without pay.
Doorman Jos. Harnig, Ninth precinct, one day without pay.

Bills ordered paid.

Francis J. Murphy \$5 80
New York Star (election advertising) 5 95
Thomas Kirkpatrick 612 20
Thomas O'Neil 195 00
Howe Bros 3 09
Hugh Nesbitt 54 00
Robt. C. Brown 52 50
" 19 64
" 14 35
" 38 25
" 23 90
" 19 15
" 7 84

Bills Referred to Treasurer.

Pollock and Van Wagenen \$97 44

Parades Allowed.

Longshoremen U. B. Society, Nov. 13—Funeral.
Perseverance Lodge, Nov. 16—Funeral.
Seamans' Association, Nov. 15—Parade.
Black Joke Guard, Nov. 14—Target excursion.

Transfers ordered.

Patrolman James McGill, from Nineteenth to First precinct.
Patrolman Matthew McConnell, from Twentieth to Thirty-first precinct.

Street Cleaning.

Daily report of the Superintendent of Boats was referred to the Committee on Street Cleaning.

Resolved, That the horses and carts belonging to the Bureau of Street Cleaning be sold according to law, under the direction of the Committee on Street Cleaning.

Bills ordered Paid.

John H. Livingston \$110 44
R. C. Brown 235 30
J. Williams 208 05
A. Robertson 26 89

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to arrange for the board of the employes of the Street Cleaning Tug Boats, at an expense not exceeding \$5 per week.

Communication from S. Hopper, Custom House, relative to the inspection of the boiler of Tug Boat "Wm. Parks," was referred to the Chief Clerk to answer.

S. C. HAWLEY, Chief Clerk.

DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS

New York, November 17, 1873.

The following comprises the operations of the Department of Buildings for the week ending November 15, 1873.

BUREAU OF CONSTRUCTION AND ALTERATION OF BUILDINGS.

Plans, Specifications and Special Applications, filed, examined and passed upon.

NEW BUILDINGS.

No. of Plans and Specifications filed and examined... 10
No. of Buildings embraced in same... 19

CLASSIFIED AS FOLLOWS:

Tenements... 13
Second class Stores... 1
Manufactories and Workshops... 2
Public Buildings... 1
Stables... 2
Total... 19

Plans &c., approved, including those previously filed... 9
Disapproved... 1
Total... 10

ALTERED BUILDINGS.

No. of Plans and Specifications filed and examined... 12
Buildings embraced in same... 12

CLASSIFIED AS FOLLOWS:

First class Dwellings... 1
Second class Dwellings... 5
Second class Stores... 1
Manufactories and Workshops... 4
Stables... 1
Total... 12

BUILDINGS EXAMINED AND PLANS RELATING THERETO PASSED UPON INCLUDING THOSE PREVIOUSLY FILED:

Approved... 11
Amended and approved... 1
Pending... 2
Total... 14

SPECIAL APPLICATIONS.

Number filed examined and passed upon... 19
Approved... 12
Amended and approved... 1
Pending... 6
Total... 19

HENRY J. DUDLEY, Deputy Supt. and Chief of Bureau.

BUREAU OF UNSAFE BUILDINGS, VIOLATIONS AND COMPLAINTS.

Abstract of operations for the week ending November 15, 1873:

Complaints received from outside sources... 9
Violations of the law reported... 7
Violations of the law removed... 13
Unsafe buildings reported... 44
Unsafe buildings made safe... 23
Unsafe buildings taken down... 7
Surveys held on unsafe buildings... 7
Violation cases sent to Attorney for prosecution... 3
Unsafe building cases sent to Attorney for prosecution... 0
Violation notices served... 16
Unsafe building notices served... 51
Buildings surveyed as to general condition... 801

The classification of the unsafe buildings reported are as follows:

Unsafe walls... 12
chimneys... 27
piers... 2
columns... 1
generally... 4
lintels course... 1
Total... 44

ANDREW OWENS, Chief of Bureau.

BUREAU OF IRON WORK.

Abstract of operations for the week ending November 15, 1873:

Buildings reported for fire-escapes... 55
Fire-escapes provided... 58
Arch girders tested... 0
Iron beams tested... 3
Iron lintels tested... 6
Notices for Fire Escapes served... 9
Cases sent to Attorney for prosecution... 19

JOHN VANDERBECK, Chief of Bureau.

BUREAU OF THEATRES, HOTELS, SCHOOL-HOUSES, FACTORIES AND SPECIAL SURVEYS.

Abstract of operations for the week ending Saturday, November 15, 1873:

THEATRES.

Eight theatres, viz.: The Metropolitan, Theatre Comique, Union Square, Broadway, Wood's Museum, Stadt, Wallack's and Olympic theatres have been visited and inspected during the week, and no violation of section 29 of the Building Law reported as having occurred. The work of rendering safe and secure unsafe portions of the Stadt Theatre has been executed and completed by and under the supervision of the Department. A special survey was made of Wallack's Theatre.

HOTELS.

Special examinations and inspections have been made of 13 hotels and 3 boarding and lodging houses, as follows, to wit:

The Stacy House, 760 and 762 Broadway; Hotel De Recreo, 11 West 11th street; Brevoort Hotel, No. 1 Brevoort place, 10th street; Union Place Hotel, Broadway and 14th street; Belvidere, Irving place and 15th street; Hygienic, 13 and 15 Lighthouse streets; West Side Hotel, 225 and 227 Sixth avenue; Mohawk Hotel, Spring and Washington streets; Page's Hotel, N. E. cor. Spring and West streets; Cooper's Hotel, 341 and 343 Spring street; Lodging house, 1 Irving place; Restaurant and lodging house, 201 West 14th street; Dart's boarding and lodging house, 102 East 14th street; Westminster Hotel, Irving place and 16th street, and

the Prescott House, N. W. cor. Broedway and Spring street.

Of these, the Westminster Hotel, Brevoort, and Belvidere only are reported as amply provided with proper and reliable means and appliances for security and protection from (and of egress and escape in case of) fire, as are also the three lodging houses reported; the remainder of the hotels enumerated are reported as not being provided with sufficient means of egress and escape in case of fire, and additional fire safe guards have been ordered to be placed therein. The Prescott House, upon special examination, having been found to be insufficiently provided with means of egress, additional lines of stairs were ordered to be at once constructed from the first to the upper story thereof.

Eleven factories have been specially inspected as to the means and facilities provided for egress and escape in case of fire.

W. W. ADAMS, Supt. of Buildings.

SAMUEL T. WEBSTER, Chief of Bureau.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE.

CITY OF NEW YORK, DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, Appointments.

Nov. 8, 1873—Robert Christie, Bureau for the Collection of Assessments, to serve notices.

Nov. 11—Charles M. Eisig, temporary clerk, Bureau for the Collection of Taxes.

Nov. 12—John Thomas, temporary clerk, Bureau for the Collection of Taxes.

Removals.

Nov. 5—Robert Grace, sweeper Jefferson Market.

Nov. 10—William E. Sackett, assistant clerk Comptroller's office

Nov. 10—M. M. Livingston, assistant clerk in Auditing Bureau.

Designation of Salaries and Transfers.

Nov. 11—John H. Brooch, assistant clerk, Comptroller's office, \$1,700 per annum.

Nov. 11—Charles H. Swan, clerk Bureau for the Collection of Taxes, \$2,500 per annum.

Nov. 1—Washington T. Romaine, transferred from position of deputy clerk, Washington Market to that of clerk of West Washington Market, \$1,500 per annum.

ANDREW H. GREEN, Comptroller.

NAMES, RESIDENCES AND PLACES OF BUSINESS

MEMBERS

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

1873-4.

- 1. Samuel B. H. Vance, President; place of business corner of 24th street and 10th avenue; residence 206 West 23d street.
2. Oliver P. C. Billings, place of business, 15 Nassau street; residence, 143 East 34th street.
3. Jenkins Van Schaick, place of business, 13 Broad street; residence, 1 University place.
4. Stephen V. R. Cooper, place of business, 177 Broadway; residence, 218 West 51st street.
5. John Falconer, place of business, 472 Broome street residence, 308 East 15th street.
6. George Koch, place of business, 23 Rivington street; residence, 638 Lexington avenue.
7. Peter Kehr, place of business, 115 Norfolk street; residence, 55 Seventh street.
8. Robert McCafferty, place of business, 654 5th avenue; residence, 858 Lexington avenue.
9. Oswald Ottendorfer, place of business, 17 Chatham street; residence, 7 East 17th street.
10. Henry Clausen, place of business, 309 East 47th street; residence, 83d street corner Avenue A.
11. Patrick Lysaght, place of business, 514 Pearl street; residence, 27 City Hall Place.
12. Richard Flanagan, place of business, 312 West 22d street; residence, 312 West 22d street.
13. John Reilly, place of business, 62 East 14th street residence, 314 East 14th street.
14. John J. Morris, place of business, 59 University Place; residence, 117 West 21st street.
15. Joseph A. Monheimer, place of business, 233 East 31st street residence, 233 East 31st street.
SAMUEL B. H. VANCE, President.
JOSEPH C. PINCKNEY, Clerk, 27 Stuyvesant st.

STANDING COMMITTEES

- ARTS AND SCIENCES, INCLUDING PUBLIC INSTRUCTION Aldermen Billings, Monheimer, Reilly.
FERRIES Aldermen Falconer, Cooper, Lysaght.
FINANCE Aldermen Van Schaick, Clausen, Kehr, Morris, Ottendorfer.
LANDS AND PLACES Aldermen McCafferty, Koch, Clausen.
LAW DEPARTMENT Aldermen Cooper, Billings, Flanagan.
MARKETS Aldermen Morris, Kehr, Lysaght.
PRINTING AND ADVERTISING Aldermen Kehr, Ottendorfer, Falconer.
PUBLIC WORKS Aldermen Koch, Morris, Clausen.
RAILROADS Aldermen Billings, Van Schaick, Ottendorfer.
REPAIRS AND SUPPLIES Aldermen Kehr, Cooper, Flanagan.
ROADS Aldermen Cooper, Clausen, Reilly.
SALARIES AND OFFICES Aldermen Ottendorfer, Koch, McCafferty.
STREETS Aldermen Monheimer, Billings, McCafferty.
STREET PAVEMENTS Aldermen Falconer, Monheimer, Van Schaick.

NAMES, RESIDENCES AND PLACES OF BUSINESS

MEMBERS

BOARD OF ASSISTANT ALDERMEN, FOR 1873.

- 1.—Thomas Foley, place of business 24 Morris street residence, 18 West street.
2.—Jeremiah Murphy, place of business 45 Cherry street; residence, 45 Cherry street.
3.—Charles M. Clancy, place of business 191 Mott street residence 191 Mott street.
4.—John C. Keating, place of business 333 Cherry street; residence, 333 Cherry street.
5.—Henry Wisser, place of business 77 Greene street; residence, 155 Prince street.
6.—Michael Healy, place of business 19 Ridge street; residence, 19 Ridge street.
7.—Thos. L. Thornell, place of business 120 Broadway; residence, 169 West 12th street.
8.—John Theiss, place of business 223 Bowery; residence, 223 Bowery.
9.—George F. Codington, place of business 62 Perry street; residence, 62 Perry street.
10.—Joseph P. Strack, place of business 85 Water street; residence, 179 Third street.
11.—William S. Kreps, place of business 349 and 351 West 26th street; residence, 351 West 27th street.
12.—Patrick Keenan, place of business 217 Lewis street; residence, 217 Lewis street.
13.—William Wade, place of business 8th avenue and 23d street; residence, 144 West 21st street.
14.—John J. Kehoe, place of business 41 Chambers street; residence, 138 First avenue.
15.—Edward Brucks, place of business 686 Eighth avenue; residence, 422 West 39th street.
16.—George Kelly, place of business 236 East 20th street; residence, 318 East 20th street.
17.—Stephen N. Simonson, place of business 304 West 52d street; residence, 305 West 48th street.
18.—Philip Cumisky, place of business 552 First avenue; residence, 552 First avenue.
19.—Henry A. Linden, place of business Hunter's Point; residence, 68th street, between 10th and 11th aves.
20.—Isaac Sommers, place of business 10 Barclay street; residence, 202 East 55th street.
21.—Benjamin Beyea, place of business 89 West street; residence, 23 East 132d street.
WILLIAM WADE, President.
CONSTANTINE DONOHO, Clerk, 3 Mott st.

STANDING COMMITTEES FOR THE YEAR 1873:

- ARTS AND SCIENCES. Assistant Aldermen Kreps, Theiss, Codington.
DONATIONS. Assistant Aldermen Codington, Clancy, Wisser.
FERRIES. Assistant Aldermen Beyea, Healy, Kehoe.
FINANCE. Assistant Aldermen Strack, Murphy, Simonson.
LAMPS AND GAS. Assistant Aldermen Kreps, Foley, Beyea.
LAW DEPARTMENT. Assistant Aldermen Thornell, Clancy, Strack.
MARKETS. Assistant Aldermen Murphy, Codington, Kehoe, Foley Beyea.
NATIONAL AFFAIRS. Assistant Aldermen Wisser, Thornell, Cumisky, Keating, Strack.
ORDINANCES. Assistant Aldermen Simonson, Brucks, Thornell.
PRINTING AND ADVERTISING. Assistant Aldermen Keating, Kreps, Thornell.
PUBLIC HEALTH. Assistant Aldermen Linden, Healy, Wisser.
PUBLIC BUILDINGS. Assistant Aldermen Codington, Murphy, Thornell.
PUBLIC WORKS. Assistant Aldermen Kehoe, Keating, Kreps.
RAILROADS. Assistant Aldermen Simonson, Keenan, Linden, Sommers, Beyea.
ROADS. Assistant Aldermen Linden, Cumisky, Kreps.
SALARIES AND OFFICES. Assistant Aldermen Kehoe, Brucks, Codington.
SEWERS. Assistant Aldermen Kreps, Kelly, Linden.
STREETS. Assistant Aldermen Beyea, Theiss, Linden.
STREET PAVEMENTS. Assistant Aldermen Kehoe, Sommers, Simonson.
JOINT COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTS. Assistant Aldermen Thornell, Keenan, Linden.

OFFICIAL DIRECTORY.

Statement of the hours during which all 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.

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

LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

Clk of the Common Council and of Bd of Supervisors. } 7 & 8 City Hall. 9 A.M.—4 P.M.
Clerk of Bd of Assistant Aldermen. } 9 1/2 City Hall. 9 A.M.—4 P.M.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

Office hours from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.
Comptroller's Office, West end, New County Court House.
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, New County Court House.
2—Bureau for the collection of Taxes—
Brown-stone building, City Hall Park.
3—Bureau for the collection of arrear of taxes and Assessments and of water rents—
Ground floor, West end, New County Court House.
4—Auditing Bureau—
Main floor, west end, New County Court House.
5—Bureau of Licenses. } Ground floor, west end, New
6—Bureau of Markets— } County Court House.
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—
Office of Chamberlain and County Treasurer.)
Main floor, west end, New County Court House.
8—Bureau for the Collection of Assessments—
Governor's room, City Hall (temporarily.)

LAW DEPARTMENT

Counsel to the Corporation, 62 Nassau st., 9 a. m., 5 p. m.
Public Administrator, 115 and 117 " " 10 a. m., 4 p. m.
Corporation Atty., " " " 8:30 a. m., 4:30 p. m.

Attorney for the Collection of Arrears of Personal Taxes, 265 Broadway, Room 13, 9 a. m., 4 p. m.

POLICE DEPARTMENT. Central Office, 300 Mulberry street, always open.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. Commissioners' Office, 19 City Hall, 9 a. m., 4 p. m.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION. Central Office, 66 Third av. 8 a. m., to 5 p. m.

FIRE DEPARTMENT. Commissioner's Office, 127 and 129 Mercer St., 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT. Commissioner's Office, 301 Mott St. 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS. Commissioners' Office, 36 Union Square, 9 a. m. to 5 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.

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

BOARD OF EXCISE. Commissioners' Office, 290 Mulberry street, 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.

BOARD OF EDUCATION. Office of the Board, 607 Grand and Elm sts., 9 a. m. to 5 p. m.

COMMISSIONERS OF EMIGRATION. Commissioners' Office, Castle Garden, 9 a. m. to 5 p. m.

MISCELLANEOUS OFFICES. Coroner's Office, 40 E. Houston st. 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.

COURTS. Supreme Court, Second Floor, 10 a. m. to 3 p. m.

SUPERIOR COURTS. Superior Court, 3d floor, New Court House, 11 a. m. to 12 a. m.

COMMON PLEAS. Common Pleas, 3d fl., New Court House, 9 a. m., 4 p. m.

GENERAL SESSIONS. General Sessions, 32 Chambers street, 10 a. m., 4 p. m.

OVER AND TERMINER. Oyer and Terminer, 32 Chambers st., 10 a. m.

Second District, 8th, 9th, 15th, 16th, 20th, 25th, 33d, 28th, and 29th Precincts.

CORPORATION NOTICE.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THE owner or owners, occupant or occupants of all houses and lots, improved or unimproved lands, affected thereby.

No. 1. For laying Belgian pavement in 83d street, from 3d avenue to 5th avenue.

No. 2. Both sides of 8th street, from 2d avenue to 4th avenue.

No. 3. Both sides of 7th street, from 4th avenue to 5th avenue.

No. 4. Both sides of 4th street, from 3d avenue to 4th avenue.

No. 5. The property known as Ward Nos. 14, 15, 16 and 20, and N. Y. Female Normal College.

No. 6. Both sides of Greenwich street, between Leroy and Morton streets.

No. 7. East side of Hudson street, between Vandam and Charlton streets.

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 of One Hundred and Fortieth street.

That we have completed our estimate and assessment, and that all persons interested in these proceedings or in any of the lands affected thereby, and who may be opposed to the same, do present their objections in writing, duly verified, to Robert Sutherland, Esq., our Chairman, at the office of the Commissioners, No. 82 Nassau street (Room No. 24), in the said city, on or before the 3d day of November, 1873.

That the limits embraced by the assessment aforesaid are as follows, to wit: All those lots, pieces or parcels of land, lying and being in the said city of New York, and included and contained within the following described limits or bounds, that is to say: on the north by the centre line of the blocks between 140th and 141st streets; on the south by the centre line of the easterly line of the avenue Saint Nicholas; and on the east by the westerly line of Exterior street at the Harlem river.

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 Lexington avenue, from One Hundred and Second street to the Harlem river, in the city of New York.

We, the undersigned Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment in the above entitled matter, hereby give notice to the owner 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:

First.—That we have completed our estimate and assessment, and that all persons interested in these proceedings or in any of the lands affected thereby, and who may be opposed to the same, do present their objections in writing, duly verified, to William Hitchman, Esq., our Chairman, at the office of the Commissioners, No. 51 Chambers street, (Room No. 3), in the said city, on or before the 25th day of October, 1873.

Second.—That the abstract of 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 of New York, there to remain until the 6th day of November, 1873.

Third.—That the limits embraced by the assessment aforesaid are as follows, that is to say: All those lots, pieces or parcels of land in the city of New York, and contained, lying and being within the following bounds or limits: Beginning at a point formed by the intersection of the westerly line or side of Third avenue and the northerly line or side of Fifty-ninth street; running thence northerly along the said westerly line or side of Third avenue to the southerly line or side of Exterior street; thence northerly and westerly along the southerly side of Exterior street to the southerly line or side of One Hundred and Thirty-fourth street; thence westerly along the southerly line or side of One Hundred and Thirty-fourth street to the easterly line or side of Fourth avenue; thence southerly along the said easterly line or side of Fourth avenue to the northerly line or side of Fifty-ninth street; and thence easterly along the northerly line or side of Fifty-ninth street to the point or place of beginning.

Fourth.—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 20th day of November, 1873, 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.

PARADE GROUND.

SUPREME COURT.—IN THE MATTER OF THE application of the Department of Public Parks, for and in behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, relative to acquiring title to certain lands in the City of New York, for a public place or parade grounds, in said city.

Pursuant to statutes in such case made and provided, the Department of Public Parks, for and in behalf of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, hereby give notice that, in compliance with the act of the Legislature of the State of New York, entitled "An act to alter the map or plan of the City of New York by laying out thereon a public place for a parade ground, and to authorize the taking of the same," passed April 26, 1871, three-fifths being present, the Council to the Corporation of the City of New York will apply to the Supreme Court of the State of New York, at a special term of said Court, to be held at the chambers thereof in the Court House of the City of New York on Thursday, the 20th day of November, 1873, at 10 o'clock A. M., or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard thereon, for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment in the above entitled matter, and that the nature and extent of the improvement hereby intended, are the laying out and opening of a public place for a parade ground, between River street and Sherman avenue, and between Inwood street and a certain New street in the City of New York, the exact locality and extent of such parade ground being shown by the duplicate maps thereof, filed pursuant to the third section of said act, one copy in the office of the Department of Public Parks, and the other copy in the office of the Department of Public Works in said city, to which maps reference is hereby made.

Dated New York, October 25, 1873. E. DELAFIELD SMITH, Counsel to the Corporation.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, Corner Grand and Elm Streets, New York, November 11, 1873.

SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED AT this office until the 26th day of November instant, at 3 p. m., for supplying for the use of the Public Schools under the jurisdiction of the Board of Education, books, stationery, and other articles required for one year, commencing on January 1, 1874.

SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED BY the Committee on Buildings, at the office of the clerk of the Board of Education, corner of Grand and Elm streets, until Monday November 24th, 1873, and until 4 o'clock p. m., on said day, for iron stairs, for primary schools Nos. 17, and 33.

DEPARTMENT PUBLIC WORKS. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, Commissioners' Office, Room 19 City Hall, New York, November 14, 1873.

THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS WILL receive sealed proposals until the twenty-sixth day of November, 1873, at one o'clock P. M., for furnishing ONE HUNDRED TONS OF PIG LEAD, at the Pipe Yard, foot of Twenty-fourth street, East River.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A petition of the property owners, with map and plan, for the change of grade in Park street, between Baxter and Pearl streets; also of Little Water street, between Park and Worth streets, is now pending before the Common Council.

OWNERS WANTED BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT. CENTRAL DEPARTMENT OF MUNICIPAL POLICE, PROPERTY CLERK'S OFFICE, 300 MULBERRY STREET, New York, September 14, 1873.

OWNERS WANTED BY THE PROPERTY CLERK'S OFFICE. PROPERTY CLERK'S OFFICE, 300 MULBERRY STREET, ROOM 39.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

INDICES OF RECORDS. CITY OF NEW YORK, DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE.

A LIMITED NUMBER OF COMPLETE SETS OF THE INDICES OF RECORDS are offered for sale, full bound in sheep, as follows:

Table with columns: Grantors, Grantees, Notices of Suits in Equity, Insolvents, etc., and Total. Total: \$100 00.

DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS.

ARCHITECTS, BUILDERS AND OTHERS, HAVING plans and specifications for the erection, alteration or repair of buildings to file with this Department, are hereby notified, that in all cases where iron girders or lintels are provided to support brick walls, it will be necessary for them to submit properly drawn and figured elevations of the walls to be so supported.

W. W. ADAMS, Superintendent.

THE CITY RECORD.

COPIES OF THE CITY RECORD CAN BE OBTAINED at No. 2, City Hall, (N. W. corner basement.) Price five cents each.