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LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

STATED MEETING.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

TUESDAY, March 16, 1886,
1 o'clock P. M.

The Board met in their chamber, room 16, City Hall.

PRESENT:

Hon. Robert B. Nooney, President;

ALDERMEN

Henry W. Jaehne, Vice-President,	Patrick Divver, Eugene M. Earle, Hugh F. Farrell, Patrick F. Ferrigan, James E. Fitzgerald, Robert Lang, Peter B. Masterson, Gustav Menninger,	James J. Mooney, Bankson T. Morgan, Joseph Murray, John O'Neil, John Quinn, John J. Ryan, Matthew Smith, James T. Van Rensselaer.
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The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

PETITIONS.

By Alderman O'Neil—
Petition of the Central Labor Union of the City of New York, as follows:

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen:

Whereas, The numerous breaks and leaks in the pipes of the New York Steam Company have caused numerous excavations in many streets in the most active business part and streets of the city, and that on Friday last two men were scalded, and one of the car-horses fell into one of these excavations, corner Broadway and Chambers street, and the said leaks are caused by the excessive steam pressure carried on said pipes of the Steam Company; be it

Resolved, That no pipe shall be hereafter laid in any street or avenue of the City of New York for heating or other purposes in which the steam pressure shall exceed forty pounds per square inch, and the Legislature of the State of New York now assembled be and are hereby requested to immediately so modify or alter the charter or franchise of the New York Steam Company as will prevent the carrying more than forty pounds of steam per square inch in any pipe in use under the streets or avenues of the City of New York so as to comply with this ordinance.

The Central Labor Union of the City of New York, in convention assembled, Sunday, March 14, 1886, request the Honorable Board of Aldermen to immediately pass and enforce the above ordinance.

Which was referred to the Committee on Streets.

WM. ALLMAN, Secretary.

REPORTS.

The Committee on Salaries and Offices respectfully

REPORT

For adoption the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the following-named persons be and they are hereby respectively reappointed to the office of Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, to date from the expiration of their present terms of office, viz.:

Carlson G. Archibald.	Alexander D. Burke.
Arthur L. Brigham.	William J. Boyhan.
Edward F. Claus.	Charles A. Class.
Thomas M. Canton.	Louis Curtis.
James K. Duffy.	Emanuel Dreyfuss.
John Joseph Flynn.	William J. Farley.
Samuel Goldsticker.	John Hooper.
Louis Levy.	William Jay Murphy.
William F. Mangham.	James G. Murphy.
Joseph Mathews.	A. E. Miller.
Charles W. Mack.	Charles Meyers.
William F. Quinn.	Joel O. Stevens.
Henry Sayles.	Frederick Tourelle.
Morris Wasel.	

Resolved, That the following-named persons be and they are hereby appointed Commissioners of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, in the places respectively of those whose names appear opposite, and whose terms of office have expired, viz.:

John J. Pollok, in place of.....	Gunther K. Ackerman.
Adolphus H. Stoiber, in place of.....	James A. Burkett.
Frank Birck, in place of.....	William A. Buckley.
Edward Jacobs, in place of.....	Charles M. Berrian.
Francis McMullen, in place of.....	Lemuel Crawford.
Harry C. Child, in place of.....	August N. Davidson.
W. H. McIntyre, Jr, in place of.....	Philip A. Daub.
Theodore A. Burnett, in place of.....	Arnold L. Fribourg.
Robert Elliot, in place of.....	William E. Iliff.
Joseph H. Lyon, in place of.....	Edward F. James.
James Tichborne, in place of.....	Joseph A. Jackson.
Hugh Hughes, in place of.....	Edward W. Knevals.
Harry Frank, in place of.....	William S. Kalischer.
Joseph M. Alexander, in place of.....	William J. Lyon.
Charles Marx, in place of.....	William J. Lenahan.
George C. Basch, in place of.....	Gilbert J. McGloin.
Charles Griesmeyer, in place of.....	Walter McCarthy.
John Hatch, in place of.....	William A. Marchall.
Edward L. Waterbury, in place of.....	Christian G. Moritz.
Charles Andrews, in place of.....	Augustus Mayers.
August C. Wachterling, in place of.....	James J. Renson.
William H. Salter, in place of.....	Louis Roos.
William H. Van Gerichten, in place of.....	William H. Salter.
Hiram W. Edes, in place of.....	E. V. Skinner.
	William J. Vassar.

George W. Mercer, in place of..... Richard Wohlman.
Frederick W. Connell, in place of..... Harris Wines, Jr.
Isaac White, in place of..... Edward L. Waterbury.
Arno F. Krumbholz, in place of..... James H. Young.

Resolved, That Michael A. Bortscheller be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, in the place and stead of Hugh Sutherland, the name of Michael Burghard, appointed March 2, 1886, in place of said "Sutherland," being an error, no person of that name being an applicant for the office.

JAMES T. VAN RENSSELAER, } Committee
PATRICK F. FERRIGAN, } on
JOHN QUINN, } Salaries and Offices.
MATTHEW SMITH, }

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

Which was decided in the affirmative, as follows:

Affirmative—The President, Vice-President Jaehne, Aldermen Bennett, Cavanagh, Cleary, Corcoran, Cowie, De Lacy, Divver, Earle, Farrell, Ferrigan, Fitzgerald, Lang, Masterson, Menninger, Mooney, Morgan, Murray, O'Neil, Quinn, Ryan, Smith, and Van Rensselaer—24.

(G. O. 93.)

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

REPORT:

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

Resolved, That the carriageway of Sixty-fourth street, from First to Second avenue, be paved with Belgian or trap-block pavement, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

JOHN CAVANAGH, } Committee
J. J. MOONEY, } on
JAMES A. COWIE, } Street Pavements.
JOHN QUINN, }

Which was laid over.

(G. O. 94.)

The Committee on Street Pavements, to whom were referred the annexed resolution and ordinance in favor of paving Seventy-first street, from Eastern Boulevard to the East river, respectfully

REPORT:

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

Resolved, That the carriageway of Seventy-first street, from the Eastern Boulevard to the East river, be paved with Belgian or trap-block pavement, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

JOHN CAVANAGH, } Committee
J. J. MOONEY, } on
JAMES A. COWIE, } Street Pavements.
JOHN QUINN, }

Which was laid over.

(G. O. 95.)

The Committee on Street Pavements, to whom was referred the annexed resolution and communication in favor of repaving sundry streets, respectfully

REPORT:

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

Resolved, That the streets named in the foregoing list of the streets to be repaved as provided in section 321 of the New York City Consolidation Act of 1882, as presented from the Commissioner of Public Works, be and are hereby ordered to be so repaved, in the manner specified, and with the materials so recommended by the said Commissioner of Public Works.

JOHN CAVANAGH, } Committee
J. J. MOONEY, } on
JAMES A. COWIE, } Street Pavements.
JOHN QUINN, }

Which was laid over.

(G. O. 96.)

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

REPORT:

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

Resolved, That the carriageway of Sixty-seventh street, from Second to Third avenue, be paved with Belgian or trap-block pavement, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

JOHN CAVANAGH, } Committee
J. J. MOONEY, } on
JAMES A. COWIE, } Street Pavements.
JOHN QUINN, }

Which was laid over.

(G. O. 97.)

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

REPORT:

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

Resolved, That the carriageway of Ninety-third street, from the easterly curb-line of Ninth avenue to the easterly curb-line of Tenth avenue, be paved with granite-block pavement, except that at or near the westerly intersection of Ninth avenue and the easterly intersection of Tenth avenue, crosswalks of three courses of blue stone be laid, parallel with and within the lines of the sidewalks of said avenues, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

JOHN CAVANAGH, } Committee
J. J. MOONEY, } on
JAMES A. COWIE, } Street Pavements.
JOHN QUINN, }

Which was laid over.

(G. O. 98.)

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

REPORT:

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

Resolved, That Sixty-fifth street, from Tenth to Eleventh avenue, be paved with trap-block pavement and that crosswalks be laid at the terminating avenues where required, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

JOHN CAVANAGH, } Committee
J. J. MOONEY, } on
JAMES A. COWIE, } Street Pavements.
JOHN QUINN, }

Which was laid over.

(G. O. 99.)
The Committee on Street Pavements, to whom were referred the annexed resolution and ordinance in favor of paving Sixty-fifth street, from Tenth to Eleventh avenue, respectfully

REPORT:

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

Resolved, That Sixty-fifth street, from Tenth to Eleventh avenue be paved with trap-block pavement, and that crosswalks be laid at the terminating avenues where required, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

JOHN CAVANAGH,	Committee on Street Pavements.
J. J. MOONEY,	
JAMES A. COWIE,	
JOHN QUINN,	

Which was laid over.

(G. O. 100.)

The Committee on Street Pavements, to whom was referred the annexed resolution and communication in favor of repaving Elm street, from Broome to Spring street, respectfully

REPORT:

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

Resolved, That the street named in the foregoing be repaved as provided in chapter 476, Laws of 1875, as presented from the Commissioner of Public Works, hereby ordered to be so repaved, in the manner specified, and with the materials so recommended by the said Commissioner of Public Works.

JOHN CAVANAGH,	Committee on Street Pavements.
J. J. MOONEY,	
JAMES A. COWIE,	
JOHN QUINN,	

Which was laid over.

(G. O. 101.)

The Committee on Street Pavements, to whom were referred the annexed resolution and ordinance in favor of paving Fifty-second street, from Eleventh avenue to the North river, respectfully

REPORT:

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

Resolved, That the roadway of Fifty-second street, from Eleventh avenue to the North river, be paved with granite or trap-block pavement, and that crosswalks be laid at the intersecting and terminating avenues where required, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

JOHN CAVANAGH,	Committee on Street Pavements.
J. J. MOONEY,	
JAMES A. COWIE,	
JOHN QUINN,	

Which was laid over.

(G. O. 102.)

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

REPORT:

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

Resolved, That the carriageway of Ninety-sixth street, from the westerly curb-line of First avenue to the easterly curb-line of Third avenue, be paved with Belgian pavement, except that at the intersections of said street with the First, Second and Third avenues, crosswalks of three courses of blue stone be laid, parallel with and within the line of the sidewalks of said avenues, where not already laid, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

JOHN CAVANAGH,	Committee on Street Pavements.
J. J. MOONEY,	
JAMES A. COWIE,	
JOHN QUINN,	

Which was laid over.

(G. O. 103.)

The Committee on Street Pavements, to whom was referred the annexed resolution in favor of repaving Dover street, from Pearl to South street, respectfully

REPORT:

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

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Public Works be and he is hereby requested to include in the list of streets to be repaved this year, as provided in chapter 476, Laws of 1875, Dover street, from Pearl to South street.

JOHN CAVANAGH,	Committee on Street Pavements.
J. J. MOONEY,	
JAMES A. COWIE,	
JOHN QUINN,	

Which was laid over.

(G. O. 104.)

The Committee on Street Pavements, to whom was referred the annexed resolution in favor of paving East One Hundred and Fiftieth street, between Mott and Walton avenues, respectfully

REPORT:

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

Resolved, That East One Hundred and Fiftieth street, between Mott avenue and Walton avenue, be paved with granite-block pavement, and that crosswalks be laid at the terminating avenues, under the direction of the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks; and the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted.

JOHN CAVANAGH,	Committee on Street Pavements.
J. J. MOONEY,	
JAMES A. COWIE,	
JOHN QUINN,	

Which was laid over.

(G. O. 105.)

The Committee on Lamps and Gas, to whom was referred the annexed resolution in favor of lighting One Hundred and Twenty-first street, from Sixth to Seventh avenue, respectfully

REPORT:

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

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

ROBERT E. DE LACY,	Committee on Lamps and Gas.
J. J. MOONEY,	
JOHN J. RYAN,	
JAMES A. COWIE,	

Which was laid over.

(G. O. 106.)

The Committee on Lamps and Gas, to whom was referred the annexed resolution in favor of relighting the gas-lamps in front of Calvary Free Chapel in East Twenty-third street, respectfully

REPORT:

That, having examined the subject, they believe the proposed relighting of the lamps to be necessary. The lamps have not been lighted since the introduction of electric-lights into Twenty-third street. In locating the latter lights, however, they were so placed that the church was thrown in deep shade, which was so dark at the church entrance that timid young people were deterred from attending the evening service. Beyond doubt it was intended that each church entrance should be efficiently lighted, when the Common Council authorized the erection and lighting of two gas-lamps, at the expense of the City, in front of every such entrance. Your Committee therefore recommend that the said resolution be adopted.

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Public Works be and he is hereby authorized, directed and required to cause the gas-lamps on the posts opposite the entrance to the Calvary Free Chapel, No. 226 East Twenty-third street, to be relighted, as they have not been lighted since the introduction of electric-lights in said street.

ROBERT E. DE LACY,	Committee on Lamps and Gas.
JOHN J. RYAN,	
JAMES A. COWIE,	

Which was laid over.

(G. O. 107.)

The Committee on Lamps and Gas, to whom was referred the annexed resolution in favor of lighting One Hundred and First street, from Second to Third avenue, respectfully

REPORT:

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

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

ROBERT E. DE LACY,	Committee on Lamps and Gas.
J. J. MOONEY,	
JOHN J. RYAN,	
JAMES A. COWIE,	

Which was laid over.

The Committee on Lamps and Gas, to whom was referred the annexed resolution in favor of permitting John Ronan to keep two ornamental lamp-posts and lamps at No. 859 Broadway, respectfully

REPORT:

That, having examined the subject, they believe the proposed permission should be granted, as Mr. Ronan is to pay for the entire cost of the work, including the gas to be consumed in the lamps. They therefore recommend that the said resolution be adopted.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to John Ronan to place and keep two ornamental lamp-posts and lamps, inside the stoop-line in front of No. 859 Broadway, the work to be done and gas supplied at his own expense, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

ROBERT E. DE LACY,	Committee on Lamps and Gas.
JOHN J. RYAN,	
J. J. MOONEY,	
JAMES A. COWIE,	

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

(G. O. 108.)

The Committee on Lamps and Gas, to whom was referred the annexed resolution in favor of lighting a lamp on the corner of Twelfth avenue and Manhattan street, respectfully

REPORT:

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

Resolved, That a lamp-post be erected, and a street-lamp placed thereon and lighted, on the southeast corner of Twelfth avenue and Manhattan street, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

ROBERT E. DE LACY,	Committee on Lamps and Gas.
JOHN J. RYAN,	
J. J. MOONEY,	
JAMES A. COWIE,	

Which was laid over.

(G. O. 109.)

The Committee on Lamps and Gas, to whom was referred the annexed resolution in favor of lighting Thirtieth street, from First avenue to East river, respectfully

REPORT:

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

Resolved, That gas-mains be laid, lamp-posts erected, and street-lamps placed thereon and lighted in Thirtieth street, from First avenue to the East river, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

ROBERT E. DE LACY,	Committee on Lamps and Gas.
J. J. MOONEY,	
JOHN J. RYAN,	
JAMES A. COWIE,	

Which was laid over.

(G. O. 110.)

The Committee on Streets, to whom was referred the annexed resolution in favor of renumbering Fifty-third street, from Fourth to Fifth avenue, respectfully

REPORT:

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

Resolved, That Fifty-third street, from Fourth to Fifth avenue, be renumbered, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

HENRY W. JAEHNE,	Committee on Streets.
JOHN CAVANAGH,	
ROBERT LANG,	

Which was laid over.

(G. O. 111.)

The Committee on Streets, to whom was referred the annexed resolution in favor of permitting the Arion Society to construct a vault on the south side of Fifty-ninth street, near Fourth avenue, respectfully

REPORT:

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

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to the Arion Society of the City of New York to construct a vault in front of their premises, on the south side of Fifty-ninth street, beginning at a point fifty feet east of the street-line of the east side of Fourth avenue, and extending for a distance of forty (40) feet easterly, and extending five (5) feet into the street from the curb-line, as shown on the accompanying diagram, upon payment of the usual fee, provided the work be done in a durable and substantial manner, and that the said Arion Society shall stipulate with the Commissioner of Public Works to save the City harmless from any loss or damage that may occur in consequence of the building or extension of said vault, during the progress of or subsequent to the completion thereof, the work done at their own expense, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

HENRY W. JAEHNE,	Committee on Streets.
JOHN CAVANAGH,	
ROBERT LANG,	

Which was laid over.

(G. O. 112.)

The Committee on Streets, to whom was referred the annexed resolution in favor of laying water-mains in Broadway, between Manhattan and One Hundred and Twenty-ninth streets, respectfully

REPORT:

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

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Public Works be and he is hereby authorized and directed to lay water-mains in Broadway, between Manhattan and One Hundred and Twenty-ninth streets, pursuant to the New York City Consolidation Act of 1882.

HENRY W. JAEHNE,	Committee on Streets.
JOHN CAVANAGH,	
ROBERT LANG,	

Which was laid over.

The Committee on Streets, to whom was referred the annexed resolution in favor of permitting Eiseman & Lehman to lay a three-inch iron pipe in East Sixty-first street, respectfully

REPORT:

And recommend that the said resolution be adopted.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Eiseman & Lehman to lay a three-inch iron pipe in East Sixty-first street, for the purpose of conveying salt water from

the East river to the building on the north side of Sixty-first street, seventy feet west of First avenue, for fire and cleaning purposes, the work done at their own expense, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

HENRY W. JAEHNE, } Committee
JOHN CAVANAGH, } on
ROBERT LANG, } Streets.

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

The Committee on Lands, Places and Park Department, to which was referred a report of a like committee of the Board of Aldermen, for the year 1885, in favor of granting the application of the residents of North Third avenue (above Harlem river) to change the name of the avenue, by omitting the prefix "North," respectfully

REPORT :

That, for the reasons set forth in the report of the Committee last year, which are herewith accompanying, and which your Committee have learned to be correct and true, they are in favor of granting the prayer of the petitioners, and therefore respectfully recommend the adoption of the resolutions accompanying said report.

Resolved, That so much of the resolution which was adopted by the Common Council March 21, 1882, and approved by the Mayor March 28, 1882, as gives the prefix "North" to the name of that part of Third avenue lying north of Harlem river, be and is hereby repealed, and the said avenue for its entire length shall hereafter be known and designated as "Third avenue;" and be it further

Resolved, That in numbering the buildings and lots on said "Third avenue" north of Harlem Bridge, the numbers shall be consecutive with those on said avenue south of Harlem Bridge.

JAMES S. MOONEY, } Committee
JOHN I. RYAN, } on
JAMES A. COWIE, } Lands, Places
PETER B. MASTERSON, } and
Park Department.

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

(G. O. 113.)

The Committee on Lands, Places and Park Department, to which was referred the accompanying communication, with resolution, from the Department of Public Parks, asking the Common Council to authorize the Department to contract for telephonic service for the period from January 1 to December 31, 1886, without public letting, at a cost not to exceed the sum of \$3,650, respectfully

REPORT :

That, having examined the subject, and having consulted the officers of the Department, your Committee are of opinion that the interests of the public, as well as the efficiency of the service, will be promoted by acceding to the request contained in the letter from the Commissioners. The reasons that have influenced your Committee in arriving at their conclusion are contained mainly in a letter addressed to the Chairman of your Committee by the President of the Department of Parks, which is hereto attached. Your Committee therefore respectfully recommend the adoption of the accompanying resolution.

Resolved, That the Department of Public Parks be and it hereby is authorized to contract by private contract, and without public letting, for telephonic service for its use for the period from January 1 to December 31, 1886, at a price not exceeding three thousand six hundred and fifty dollars.

JAMES J. MOONEY, } Committee on
JOHN I. RYAN, } Lands, Places
JAMES A. COWIE, } and
JAMES E. FITZGERALD, } Park Department.
PETER B. MASTERSON, }

Which was laid over.

The Committee on Railroads, to which was referred the annexed application of the Harlem Bridge, Morrisania and Fordham Railway Company, for the consent of the local authorities to the construction and operation of a railroad and extensions on the surface of certain streets and avenues in the City of New York, respectfully

REPORT :

That they have carefully examined the application, have held public meetings, at which the advocates and opponents of the measure were heard, as required by law, have inspected the route of the proposed extensions, and are fully convinced that this is probably the most meritorious application of the kind yet made to the Common Council.

The proposed route is entirely, or nearly so, in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards; is sparsely populated, and will consequently not be a very profitable investment for years to come. It will open up a section of the city now almost inaccessible; induce persons of small means to purchase property, while it is yet cheap, in order to secure homes for themselves and families, and thus add to the taxable value of property in the suburbs of the city; and as every dollar in increased valuation tends to diminish the tax rate the entire city is thus directly benefited, in addition to the income from the percentage of gross receipts that the law requires shall be paid into the city treasury, viz.: three per cent. for the first five years, and five per cent. thereafter.

Your Committee are very decidedly of opinion that it is the duty of the Common Council, so far as it possesses the power to add to the facilities for communication between the upper and lower extremes of the city. Every addition to our population adds to the wealth and importance of our city. The facilities for travel, therefore, necessary for the convenience of our present population, should be maintained, at all hazards, if we wish to retain it; while in order to add to it, we must hold out inducements to become residents superior to those of our suburban rivals, who by every means in their power, are endeavoring to attract our people to take up residences within their limits.

The territory embraced in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards, above the Harlem river is equal in extent, or nearly so, to the area of the other portion of our city, south of Harlem river. At present but a single line of city railroad cars traverse this large territory. Twenty years ago when this line of railroad was constructed, the population did not exceed ten thousand. It has constantly increased until it numbers at present probably seventy thousand. Within a space of half a mile, each side of the Third avenue, through which this line of railroad passes, the population is dense; property has quadrupled, and more, in value; the price of land and buildings is constantly enhancing; business is flourishing, and in fact, all the chief characteristics of city life are present. Outside the limits mentioned, the opposite condition of things prevail, and solely by reason of the lack of proper facilities for public travel. By granting the application of the Harlem Bridge, Morrisania and Fordham Railway Company to be permitted to extend its lateral branches, a new impetus will be given to the localities through which they pass. Property now next to worthless, because of its inaccessibility, will become marketable; purchasers will be attracted by the natural adaptability of these localities for desirable, because salubrious, suburban residences; and the time is not far distant, if these facilities for public travel are afforded, when the tens of thousands of our own people who now annually seek homes on Long Island, Staten Island, and in the neighboring State of New Jersey, will be attracted to the two upper wards in our city and become permanent residents therein, thereby adding to the wealth, population and business of the City of New York.

Is it not the imperative duty of the city authorities, not only to assent to the operation of the proposed additional facilities for public travel, where they are so greatly needed, but to encourage, by every means in its power, the promoters of the enterprise? Your Committee believe an affirmative answer would be given by every resident of the city north of Harlem river, if given an opportunity to give expression to their opinions or wishes. The small extension of the tracks of the company from their present terminus on Third avenue, between One Hundred and Twenty-ninth and One Hundred and Thirtieth streets, to One Hundred and Twenty-ninth street, and through East One Hundred and Twenty-ninth street to Second avenue, would, of itself, be a boon to many of the residents north of Harlem river, as it would be a convenient connection with the existing lines of elevated railways, requisite for the more perfect operation of its road in the interest of the public generally, and particularly of women and children in inclement weather.

Many other considerations equally cogent, suggest themselves to the minds of your Committee, in favor of granting this application, but they believe the foregoing are ample to convince your Honorable Body, as they have your Committee, that this application of the Harlem Bridge, Morrisania and Fordham Railway Company should be granted.

The following resolution is therefore respectfully offered for your adoption: Resolved, That the consent of the Common Council of the City of New York, as the "local authorities" mentioned in sections 3 and 4 of chapter 252 of the Laws of 1884, is hereby given to the Harlem Bridge, Morrisania and Fordham Railway Company to construct, maintain and operate branches or extensions of their present railroad now in operation, through, along and upon the surface of the following-named streets, avenues and highways in the City of New York, viz.:

Beginning with a double track from the formerly southerly terminus of the Boston Post road, now North Third avenue, to, along and upon the Harlem Bridge and Third avenue to East One Hundred and Twenty-ninth street; and thence through, along and upon East One Hundred and Twenty-ninth street to the Second avenue.

And also, that it may build and construct connections and branches of said railway on the surface of the soil, and maintain and operate the same as a street railway on, through, upon and along the following streets, avenues and highways in the City and County and State of New York, over the routes from and to the places designated as follows, to wit: Commencing at North Third

avenue, at or near East One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street; running thence through, upon and along Morris avenue, with double tracks, to East One Hundred and Forty-ninth street; thence through, upon and along East One Hundred and Forty-ninth street, with single track, to Courtland avenue; thence through, upon and along Courtland avenue, with double tracks, to East One Hundred and Sixty-first street.

Also, from tracks on Morris avenue and East One Hundred and Forty-eighth street, through, upon and along East One Hundred and Forty-eighth street, with single track, to Courtland avenue; thence through, upon and along Courtland avenue, with double track, to connect with the track at East One Hundred and Forty-ninth street of said corporation.

Also, from the track on Courtland avenue, at East One Hundred and Forty-eighth street, through, upon and along Courtland avenue, with double tracks, to connect with the tracks of said corporation on North Third avenue.

Also, from East One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street, through, upon and along Mott avenue, with double tracks, to East One Hundred and Sixty-fifth street; thence through, upon and along East One Hundred and Sixty-fifth street, with double tracks, to the entrance of the Fleetwood Park.

Also, from the tracks of said corporation at the intersection of East One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street and the Southern Boulevard, through, upon and along the Southern Boulevard, with double tracks to a point at or near the intersection of Leggett's lane and the Southern Boulevard.

Also, from the tracks of said corporation on North Third avenue, opposite to Elton avenue, through, upon and along said North Third avenue and said Elton avenue, with double tracks to Washington avenue; thence through, upon and along Washington avenue, with double tracks to Pelham avenue.

Also, from the tracks of said corporation on North Third avenue, opposite to Willis avenue, through, upon and along North Third avenue and Willis avenue, with double tracks to connect with the tracks of said corporation on East One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street.

Also, from the tracks of said corporation on East One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street, through, along and upon Brook avenue, with double tracks, to a point formed by the intersection of Brook, Elton and Washington avenues.

And also, may construct such switches, sidings, turn-outs, and turn-tables, and suitable stands as may be necessary for the convenient working of such roads.

Resolved, That the foregoing consent and authority and permission is given and granted to said company upon the following conditions, viz.:

First—The said railroad shall be operated by horse-power or by some power other than locomotive steam-power.

Second—The said railroad and the said sidings, switches, turn-outs, turn-tables and connections shall be constructed upon the best plan for the construction of surface railroads, sidings, switches, turn-outs, turn-tables and connections in use in said city at the time of their construction, and the material used in such construction shall be of the best quality and of the most approved pattern; which plan of construction, quality and pattern of material, number and location of connections, sidings, switches, turn outs and turn-tables, shall be subject, as to so much of said railroads as lies above the Harlem river, to the supervision of the Department of Public Parks, of said City, and as to so much of said railroads as lies below the Harlem river, to the supervision of the Commissioner of Public Works of said city.

Third—The said corporation shall comply with each and every of the provisions of chapter 252 of the Laws of 1884, pertinent thereto.

Fourth—The foregoing consent is given and granted upon the express condition that the provisions of chapter 252 of the Laws of 1884 pertinent thereto shall be complied with.

THOMAS CLEARY, } Committee
ROBERT E. DE LACY, } on
HENRY W. JAEHNE, } Railroads.
JAMES A. COWIE, }

Alderman Van Rensselaer moved that the report be laid over for one week.

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

Alderman Mooney moved that the report be made a Special Order for the next meeting of the Board, immediately after "Motions and Resolutions."

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

ANNOUNCEMENT.

Vice-President Jaehne, Chairman of the Committee on Streets, here announced that the said Committee would meet on Thursday, the 18th instant, at two o'clock P. M., to hear all persons interested in the petition of the Central Labor Union relative to the amount of pressure to be used in pipes laid for conducting steam in the streets of the City of New York.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

By Alderman Mooney—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Messrs. J. & M. Haffen, of the City of New York, to construct a vault in front of their premises, on the south side of One Hundred and Fifty-second street, beginning at a point three hundred and thirty-five (335) feet east of street-line of the east side of Courtland avenue, and extending for a distance of twenty (20) feet easterly, and extending six (6) feet into the sidewalk from the street-line, as shown on the accompanying diagram, upon payment of the usual fee, and provided the work be done in a durable and substantial manner, and that the said Messrs. J. & M. Haffen shall stipulate with the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks to save the City harmless from any loss or damage that may occur in consequence of the building or extension of said vault, during the progress of or subsequent to the completion thereof, the work to be done at their own expense, under the direction of the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

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

By Alderman Cavanagh—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to T. H. Good to keep a show-case in front of his place of business, No. 215 Sixth avenue, said show-case to be placed inside of stoop-line.

Alderman Van Rensselaer moved to amend, providing that the show-case should not exceed in dimensions five feet high, two feet three inches wide, and three feet long.

Which was accepted by Alderman Cavanagh.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

By Alderman Cleary—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to John Branagan to stand with his milk wagon in front of No. 61 Exchange place and sell milk between the hours of 10 A. M. and 4 P. M.; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

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

(G. O. 115.)

By the same—

Resolved, That a lamp-post be erected and a street-lamp placed thereon and lighted in front of No. 101 Washington street, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

Which was laid over.

By Alderman Farrell—

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby authorized and directed to draw a warrant in favor of A. Macker & Son for the sum of one hundred and seventy-six dollars (\$176), to be in full payment for carriage hire on the occasion of escorting the remains of General U. S. Grant, as set forth in the bill hereto annexed; the sum to be charged to the appropriation for "City Contingencies."

Which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

By Alderman Ferrigan—

Resolved, That gas-mains be laid, lamp-posts erected and street-lamps placed thereon and lighted in One Hundred and Seventh street, from First avenue to the East river, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

Which was referred to the Committee on Lamps and Gas.

By Alderman Divver—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to G. B. Horton to connect premises Nos. 18 and 19 Jacob street with an iron pipe, to be laid underground, not exceeding three inches in diameter, for conducting steam, provided such pipe, when laid or during the laying thereof, shall not in any manner interfere with the water, gas, or other pipes now laid in said street, nor with the sewer in said street; that the work be done in a substantial and durable manner, and that the said G. B. Horton shall stipulate with the Commissioner of Public Works to save the City harmless from any loss or damage that may occur during the progress or subsequent to the completion thereof, the work to be done at his own expense, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

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

By Alderman Fitzgerald—

Resolved, That Croton water-pipes be laid in Fifty-fifth street, from Avenue A two hundred and fifty-five feet east, as provided in section 356, chapter 410, Laws of 1882 (the Consolidation Act). Which was referred to the Committee on Streets.

By Alderman Masterson—

Resolved, That Croton water-mains be laid in Eighty-eighth street, from Tenth avenue to the Boulevard, and in Tenth avenue, from Eighty-eighth to Ninetieth street, as provided in section 386, chapter 410, Laws of 1882 (the Consolidation Act). Which was referred to the Committee on Streets.

By the same—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Henry Alker and others to regulate, grade and set curb-stones in Ninety-seventh street, between Boulevard and West End avenue, the work done at their own expense, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council. Which was referred to the Committee on Streets.

By Alderman Mooney—

Resolved, That gas-mains be laid, lamp-posts erected and street-lamps lighted in Warren street, from Topping street to Railroad avenue, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works. Which was referred to the Committee on Lamps and Gas.

By the same—

Resolved, That gas-mains be laid, lamp-posts erected and street-lamps placed thereon and lighted in Tinton avenue, from the south side of One Hundred and Sixty-first street to the north side of One Hundred and Sixty-third street, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works. Which was referred to the Committee on Lamps and Gas.

By the same—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Peter F. Vanpelt to erect an iron drinking-fountain, for man and beast, in front of his premises, No. 694 Courtland avenue, the work to be done and water supplied at his own expense, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council. Which was referred to the Committee on Streets.

By the same—

Resolved, That water-mains be laid in Creston avenue, from One Hundred and Eighty-fourth to One Hundred Eighty-third street; thence through One Hundred and Eighty-third street to Ryer avenue; thence through Ryer avenue to One Hundred and Eighty-first street, pursuant to section 356 of the New York City Consolidation Act. Which was referred to the Committee on Streets.

By the same—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to George Greenfeldt to erect a watering-trough in front of his premises, One Hundred and Sixty-second street and Washington avenue, the work to be done and water supplied at his own expense, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council. Which was referred to the Committee on Streets.

By Alderman Morgan—

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to the Rev. Newton Perkins, pastor of the Church of the Reconciliation to put a transparency on the lamp-post and about the lamp thereon, on the corner of Thirty-first street and Third avenue, and one on the lamp-post and lamp on the corner of Thirty-first street and Second avenue, for the nights of April 28, 29 and 30, 1886. The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution. Which was decided in the affirmative.

By the same—

Resolved, That a crosswalk of three courses of blue stone be laid across Broadway, opposite No. 756, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; the expense to be paid from the appropriation for "Repairs and Renewal of Pavements and Regrading." Which was referred to the Committee on Street Pavements.

By Alderman Smith—

Resolved, That John Henry Schaefer be and he is hereby appointed a City Surveyor.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative, as follows:

Affirmative—The President, Vice-President Jaehne, Aldermen Bennett, Cavanagh, Cleary, Corcoran, Cowie, De Lacy, Divver, Earle, Farrell, Ferrigan, Fitzgerald, Lang, Masterson, Menninger, Mooney, Morgan, Murray, O'Neil, Quinn, Ryan, Smith, and Van Rensselaer—24.

By the same—

Resolved, That the carriageway of Seventy-third street, from the crosswalk at the westerly side of Avenue A to the crosswalk at the easterly side of First avenue, be paved with granite-block pavement, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; and that the accompanying ordinance therefor be adopted. Which was referred to the Committee on Street Pavements.

(G. O. 116.)

By Alderman Van Rensselaer—

AN ORDINANCE to regulate the erection of awnings extending across the sidewalks and outside the stoop-lines in the streets of the City of New York.

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

Section 1. Awnings of tin or other light metal, or canvas, may be erected across the sidewalks of any of the streets of the City of New York, except Broadway, Fifth avenue, Lexington avenue and Madison avenue, provided any and every such awning shall not be higher than the floor of the second story of the building, the first floor being the ground floor, but in no case to be covered with wood; and every awning or water-shed of any kind covering one-half, or more than one-half, or less than the full width of the sidewalk shall have connected therewith a gutter and leader of material and size sufficient for conducting the water from the same to the outer line of the curb-stone, under a penalty of five dollars for each day such awning or water-shed shall remain without such appurtenances.

Sec. 2. All posts fixed in any street for the purpose of supporting any awning, shall be of iron not exceeding inches in diameter, and the rail crossing the same shall also be of iron; the said posts shall be placed next to, and along the inside of the curb-stone, and the cross-rail, which is intended to support the awning, shall not be less than eight nor more than ten feet in height above the sidewalk, and the said cross-rail shall be strongly secured to the upright posts. No portion or part of any canvas or cloth, or tin or other light metal, used as an awning, shall hang loosely or project upward or downward from the same, over any sidewalk or foot-path, under a penalty of ten dollars for each day's offense.

Sec. 3. It shall be the duty of the Commissioner of Public Works to order and direct any awning-post or awning which may be erected in any street in the City of New York, contrary to the provisions of this ordinance, to be forthwith removed; and any person who shall neglect or refuse to comply with such direction and order, shall forfeit and pay for every such offense the sum of ten dollars.

Sec. 4. All ordinances and resolutions, or parts of ordinances and resolutions, in conflict or inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance, are hereby repealed; but such repeal shall not affect any awning, water-shed or curtain attached thereto, heretofore erected or constructed according to the provisions of any ordinance or resolution in force at the time.

Sec. 5. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

Which was laid over.

By Alderman Cleary—

Resolved, That Eli C. Townsend be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York.

Which was referred to the Committee on Salaries and Offices.

By the same—

Resolved, That Andrew Doyle be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York.

Which was referred to the Committee on Salaries and Offices.

By Alderman Cowie—

Resolved, That Daniel Levy and James K. Duffy be and are hereby reappointed as Commissioners of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York.

Which was referred to the Committee on Salaries and Offices.

By Alderman Cavanagh—

Resolved, That John J. Moran be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York.

Which was referred to the Committee on Salaries and Offices.

By Alderman Divver—

Resolved, That Gilbert J. McGloin be and he is hereby reappointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York.

Which was referred to the Committee on Salaries and Offices.

By the same—

Resolved, That Michael J. Deery be and he is hereby reappointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York.

Which was referred to the Committee on Salaries and Offices.

By Alderman Lang—

Resolved, That Meyer Knocker be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York.

Which was referred to the Committee on Salaries and Offices.

By Alderman Menninger—

Resolved, That Morris Barnett be and he is hereby reappointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, whose term of office expires on the 31st day of March, 1886.

Which was referred to the Committee on Salaries and Offices.

By the same—

Resolved, That Charles Smith be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York.

Which was referred to the Committee on Salaries and Offices.

By Alderman O'Neil—

Whereas, The term of office of Albert F. West as Commissioner of Deeds for the City and County of New York will expire on March 18, 1886;

Resolved, That Albert F. West, of the City of New York, be and he hereby is appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York, in the place and stead of Albert F. West, whose term of office expires on the eighteenth day of March, 1886.

Which was referred to the Committee on Salaries and Offices.

By Alderman Smith—

Resolved, That James F. Mahon be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York.

Which was referred to the Committee on Salaries and Offices.

By Alderman Van Rensselaer—

Resolved, That Warren C. French, Jr., be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of Deeds in and for the City and County of New York.

Which was referred to the Committee on Salaries and Offices.

MESSAGES FROM HIS HONOR THE MAYOR.

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

MAYOR'S OFFICE, NEW YORK, March 15, 1886.

The Honorable the Board of Aldermen:

I return to you, without my approval, with the exception hereinafter noted, the resolution of your Body passed on the 2d of March, 1886, adopting an amended report of your Committee on the Law Department upon four resolutions referred to them, and granting certain privileges to persons named, to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council, for a barber-pole, storm-door, undertaker's sign, and an emblematic sign-clock, and containing a draft of an ordinance regulating the use of the streets for such privileges.

I have carefully read the opinion of the Corporation Counsel, and have noted that, in his view, the Common Council have the power to authorize the use of streets, under certain restrictions, for barber-poles and for clocks upon posts. He, of course, confines his opinion to the individual cases presented to him by the resolutions described. On the other hand, he holds that it is not within the power of the Board of Aldermen to authorize the undertaker's sign or the storm-door. A barber pole upon the curb is, in my opinion, as a matter of fact, an obstruction, and I therefore put my objection to that resolution upon that distinct ground. Resolutions authorizing the erection of the storm-door and of the undertaker's sign are, within the opinion of the Corporation Counsel, unauthorized, and my objection to them will, therefore, be placed on that ground. The resolution authorizing the erection of an emblematic sign clock-stands, however, upon different footing. The Corporation Counsel holds that such a resolution is authorized and within your power. A clock is a public convenience, and while, perhaps, in itself not less of an obstruction than a barber-pole, presents advantages which outweigh the consideration to which I have alluded. As, under the Consolidation Act, it is within my power to approve portions of an ordinance which are readily separable from objectionable portions, I therefore approve the resolution authorizing D. Garofalo to keep an emblematic sign-clock at No. 186 Spring street. As the proposed ordinance contained in the report described authorizes the passage of resolutions ceding privileges which the Corporation Counsel has said are not within the power of your Body to pass, I also withhold my approval from it.

W. R. GRACE, Mayor.

AN ORDINANCE to regulate the use of the sidewalks of the City of New York, within the stoop-lines, for signs and other purposes.

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

Section 1. Signs may be placed on the fronts of buildings, and shall be securely fastened, and, except in the case of swinging signs, shall not project more than one foot from the house-wall. Swinging signs shall not extend beyond four feet from the house-line, and shall be hung not less than eight feet in the clear above the level of the sidewalk, and in no case above the ceiling of the second floor, the ground floor being the first floor. Signs may be attached to the sides of stoops, but not to extend above the railing or beyond the line of any stoop.

Sec. 2. Show-cases may be placed in areas or on the sidewalk within the stoop-line, in front of any building, by or with the consent of the occupant of the ground floor thereof; but not beyond five feet from the house-line or wall of any building where the stoop-line extends further; and provided, also, that no such show-case shall be more than five feet in height, three feet in length, and two feet in width, nor shall be so placed as to interfere with the free access to the adjoining premises, and all such show-cases shall be freely movable.

Goods, when exhibited, shall not be placed more than three feet from the building-line, and not to a greater height than five feet above the level of the sidewalk.

Barber-poles not exceeding five feet in height, and other emblematic signs may be placed within the stoop-lines, or fastened to the railing of any stoop, under the same conditions as to dimensions, consent, etc., as hereinabove provided for show-cases.

Ornamental lamps and illuminated signs may be placed on the stoop of any building by the owner of such building, and upon or within the stoop-line by the occupant of the ground floor of any premises.

Drop-awnings, without vertical supports, are permitted within the stoop-lines, but in no case to extend beyond six feet from the house-line, and to be at least six feet in the clear above the sidewalk.

Storm-doors, not exceeding ten feet in height, nor more than two feet wider than the doorway or entrance of any building, may be temporarily erected within the stoop-lines, but in no case to extend more than six feet outside the house-line. No structure under the name of "storm-door" shall be lawful which shall practically be an extension of the building-front or house-front within the stoop-line, or an enlargement of the ground floor of any premises.

Stairways may be constructed, but not at a greater distance than four feet from the house-wall of any building. Hoistways may be placed within the stoop-lines, but in no case to extend beyond five feet from the house-line, and shall be guarded by iron railings or rods to prevent accidents to passers-by.

Stands for the sale of newspapers, periodicals, fruit and other small wares and merchandise, are permitted within the stoop-lines, with the consent of the owner or occupant of the ground floor of the building in front of which such stands may be placed, but in no case to extend beyond four feet from the house-line nor more than six feet in length; and provided that no covered stand or booth shall be permitted under this ordinance except for the sole purpose of the public sale of newspapers, periodicals, cigars and tobacco.

Sec. 3. All privileges which may be exercised under the provisions hereof shall be without expense or charge to the city, are conferred only during the pleasure of the Common Council, who may, at any time, alter, amend or repeal this ordinance.

Sec. 4. All ordinances and parts of ordinances inconsistent with the provisions hereof are hereby repealed.

Sec. 5. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

Which was laid over, ordered to be printed in the minutes and published in full in the CITY RECORD.

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

MAYOR'S OFFICE, NEW YORK, March 15, 1886.

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen:

I return to you, without my approval, the resolution of your Body adopting the report of your Committee on Railways, in favor of granting the consent of the local authorities to the extension of the tracks of the Houston, West Street and Pavana Ferry Railroad Company.

The general ground upon which my objection to a grant of a franchise to this road in common with others heretofore granted during my term as Mayor is based, is that the interests of the City are not properly guarded, and an adequate return for the privilege ceded is not secured. Railroad franchises should be sold at public auction.

W. R. GRACE, Mayor.

Resolved, That consent be and the same is hereby granted, and permission and authority given to the "Houston, West Street, and Pavyon Ferry Railroad Company" to construct, maintain and operate branches of their road now in operation, along and upon the following streets and avenues in the City of New York, as hereinafter described, viz.:

Beginning at the intersection of Stanton and Pitt streets (from which point their track now in operation leaves Stanton street and runs northerly through Pitt street and Avenue C), through and along Stanton street by a single track to Mangin street; thence through and along Mangin street by a single track to Houston street; also through and along Goerck street by a single track to East Third street; thence through and along East Third street by a single track to Avenue C; also through and along East Houston street with a double track easterly from Goerck street to the Houston Street Ferry, with the necessary switches, sidings, turn-outs and turn-tables.

Also, beginning at the intersection of Houston and West streets; thence upon and along West street to a point one hundred feet north of the northerly curb-line of Morton street; thence to the Hoboken Ferry, near the foot of said street; thence returning upon and along West street to Houston street, together with all switches, sidings, turn-outs and turn-tables which may be necessary for the proper operation of said branch railroad.

And be it further

Resolved, That the foregoing consent, authority and permission is given and granted to said company upon the following conditions, viz.:

First—The said railroad shall be operated by horse-power.

Second—The said railroad and the said sidings, connections, switches, turn-outs and turn-tables shall be constructed upon the best plan for the construction of surface railroads, sidings, switches, turn-outs, turn-tables and connections in use in said city at the time of their construction, and the material used in such construction shall be of the best quality and of the most approved pattern, which plan of construction, quality and pattern of material, number and location of connections, sidings, switches, turn-outs and turn-tables shall be subject to the approval of the Commissioner of Public Works of said city.

Third—The said corporation shall comply with each and every of the provisions of chapter 252 of the Laws of 1884, pertinent thereto.

Fourth—The foregoing consent is given and granted upon the express condition that the provisions of chapter 252 of the Laws of 1884 shall be complied with.

Which was laid over, ordered to be printed in the minutes and published in full in the CITY RECORD.

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

MAYOR'S OFFICE, NEW YORK, March 15, 1886.

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen:

I return to you, without my approval, the resolution of your body, adopting the report of your Committee on Railways, in favor of granting the application of the St. Nicholas Avenue and Cross-town Railroad Company to construct and operate a railway on the surface of certain streets in the City of New York.

The general ground upon which my objection to a grant of a franchise to this road in common with others heretofore granted during my term as Mayor is based is that the interests of the City are not properly guarded, and an adequate return for the privilege ceded is not secured. Railroad franchises should be sold at public auction.

W. R. GRACE, Mayor.

Resolved, That the consent of the Common Council of the City of New York, as the "local authorities" mentioned in sections 3 and 4 of chapter 252 of the Laws of 1884, be and is hereby given to "The St. Nicholas Avenue and Cross-town Railroad Company" to construct, maintain and operate a street surface railroad, with the necessary connections, sidings, switches, turn-outs and turn-tables, through, along and upon the surface of the following-named streets, avenues and highways in the City of New York, viz.:

Commencing on East One Hundred and Sixteenth street, at or near the Harlem river; thence through, upon and along East and West One Hundred and Sixteenth street, with double tracks, to New or Manhattan avenue; thence through, upon and along New or Manhattan avenue, with double tracks, to Avenue St. Nicholas; thence through, upon and along Avenue St. Nicholas to the northerly terminus thereof.

Also from Avenue St. Nicholas at One Hundred and Twenty-sixth, through, upon and along One Hundred and Twenty-sixth street, with double tracks, to Lawrence street; thence through, upon and along Lawrence street, with double tracks, to Broadway; thence through upon and along Broadway, with single track, to One Hundred and Thirtieth street; thence through, upon and along One Hundred and Thirtieth street, with single track to Twelfth avenue; thence through, upon and along Twelfth avenue, with single track, to One Hundred and Twenty-ninth street; thence through, upon and along One Hundred and Twenty-ninth street, with single track, to Lawrence street; thence through, upon and along Lawrence street, with single track, to connect with the double track at Broadway.

Also from Avenue St. Nicholas at One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street, through, upon and along One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street, with double tracks, to Fourth avenue; thence through, upon and along Fourth avenue, with double or single tracks, to One Hundred and Twenty-eighth street; thence along and across Fourth avenue, and through, upon and along One Hundred and Twenty-eighth street, with single or double tracks, to Second avenue.

Also from tracks at Third avenue and One Hundred and Twenty-eighth street, through, upon and along Third avenue, with single or double tracks, to One Hundred and Twenty-ninth street; thence through, upon and along One Hundred and Twenty-ninth street, with double or single tracks, to connect with the tracks at Fourth avenue.

Also from One Hundred and Twenty-ninth street, through, upon and along the Fourth avenue, east of the Harlem Railroad, with single track, to connect with tracks on One Hundred and Twenty-eighth street, together with the necessary connections, switches, sidings, turn-outs, turn-tables and suitable stands for the convenient working of the road.

Resolved, That the foregoing consent and authority and permission is given and granted to said company upon the following conditions, viz.:

First—The said railroad shall be operated by horse-power or by some power other than locomotive steam-power.

Second—The said railroad and the said sidings, switches, turn-outs, turn-tables and connections shall be constructed upon the best plan for the construction of surface railroads, sidings, switches, turn-outs, turn-tables and connections in use in said city at the time of their construction, and the material used in such construction shall be of the best quality and of the most approved pattern; which plan of construction, quality and pattern of material, number and location of connections, sidings, switches, turn-outs and turn-tables, shall be subject to the approval of the Commissioner of Public Works of said city.

Third—The said corporation shall comply with each and every of the provisions of chapter 252 of the Laws of 1884, pertinent thereto.

Fourth—The foregoing consent is given and granted upon the express condition that the provisions of chapter 252 of the Laws of 1884, pertinent thereto, shall be complied with.

Which was laid over, ordered to be printed in the minutes and published in full in the CITY RECORD.

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

MAYOR'S OFFICE, NEW YORK, March 16, 1886.

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen:

I return, without my approval, the resolution of the Board of Aldermen, adopted March 2, 1886, granting permission to John J. Dooley to occupy a certain space, and erect an office thereon, on the northerly side of West Thirty-seventh street on Twelfth avenue, etc., for the reason that the Board of Aldermen have no power to grant this privilege, the Department of Public Docks having exclusive power and control in such cases.

W. R. GRACE, Mayor.

Resolved, That permission is granted by this Board to John J. Dooley to occupy that part of the Twelfth avenue on the northerly side of West Thirty-seventh street and to the water's edge, and erect a small office, he to repair and fill in the same under the direction of the Departments of Public Works and Docks; the occupancy or use of said place shall not interfere with the public travel, as shown on the accompanying diagram.

Which was laid over, ordered to be printed in the minutes and published in full in the CITY RECORD.

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

MAYOR'S OFFICE, NEW YORK, March 16, 1886.

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen:

I return, without my approval, the resolution of the Board of Aldermen, adopted March 2, 1886, granting permission to Alfred Sellhust to place a barber's pole on the sidewalk, near the curb, in front of No. 113 Charlton street, etc., for the reason that the exercise of this privilege would cause an obstruction to the free use of the street by the public.

W. R. GRACE, Mayor.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Alfred Sellhust to place and keep a barber's pole on the sidewalk, near the curb, in front of No. 113 Charlton street, provided such pole shall not be an obstruction to the free use of the street by the public, nor exceed eight inches in diameter by ten feet high; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Which was laid over, ordered to be printed in the minutes and published in full in the CITY RECORD.

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

MAYOR'S OFFICE, NEW YORK, March 16, 1886.

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen:

I return, without my approval, the resolution of the Board of Aldermen, adopted March 2, 1886, granting permission to K. Herch and John Furane to place and keep a sign on the sidewalk, near the curb, in front of No. 32 Grand street, etc., for the reason that it would be an obstruction within the meaning of the word, as fixed by the court in recent decisions.

W. R. GRACE, Mayor.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to K. Herch and John Furane to place and keep an undertaker's emblematic sign on the sidewalk, near the curb, in front of No. 32 Grand street; provided such sign shall not be an obstruction to the free use of the street by the public, nor exceed two feet square at the base, nor be more than ten feet high; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Which was laid over, ordered to be printed in the minutes and published in full in the CITY RECORD.

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

MAYOR'S OFFICE, NEW YORK, March 16, 1886.

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen:

I return, without my approval, the resolution of the Board of Aldermen, adopted March 2, 1886, giving permission to Charles T. Matthews to place and keep a storm-door at the entrance on Chrystie street, to the house on the southwest corner of Chrystie and Stanton street, for the reason that it would be an incumbrance, within the meaning of the word, as fixed by the court in recent decisions.

W. R. GRACE, Mayor.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to Charles T. Matthews to place and keep a storm-door at the entrance on Chrystie street to the house on the southeast corner of Chrystie and Stanton streets, provided such storm-door shall not extend beyond the stoop-line, the work done at his own expense; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Which was laid over, ordered to be printed in the minutes and published in full in the CITY RECORD.

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

MAYOR'S OFFICE, NEW YORK, March 16, 1886.

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen:

I return, without my approval, the resolution of the Board of Aldermen, adopted March 2, 1886, permitting trustees of church corner of Broome and Ridge streets to connect lamps with gas-mains in Ridge street, etc., for the reason that the gas-mains are the private property of the gas company, and the Board of Aldermen have no power to give permission to any person to connect with them. The resolution should be drafted so as to give permission to retain the lamp-posts now there, the work to be done at their own expense, etc.

W. R. GRACE, Mayor.

Resolved, That permission be and the same is hereby given to the trustees of the church corner Broome and Ridge streets, to connect the street-lamps now in front of Nos. 46 and 48 Ridge street, with the gas-mains in Ridge street, the work to be done at their own expense, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; such permission to continue only during the pleasure of the Common Council.

Which was laid over, ordered to be printed in the minutes and published in full in the CITY RECORD.

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

MAYOR'S OFFICE, NEW YORK, March 16, 1886.

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen:

I return, without my approval, the resolution of the Board of Aldermen, adopted March 9, 1886, to lay crosswalk across East One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street, opposite No. 162, etc., for the reason that the pavement in One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street is in good condition, and there is no necessity for a crosswalk at the location named.

W. R. GRACE, Mayor.

Resolved, That a crosswalk of two courses of bridge-stone be laid across East One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street, opposite No. 162, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works; the expense to be paid from the appropriation for "Repairs and Renewals of Pavements and Regrading."

Which was laid over, ordered to be printed in the minutes and published in full in the CITY RECORD.

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

MAYOR'S OFFICE, NEW YORK, March 11, 1886.

To the Honorable the Board of Aldermen:

I return to you, without my approval, the resolution of your Body, passed at the stated meeting held on March 3, 1886, adopting the report of your Committee on Railroads in favor of the petition of the New York Cable Railway Company for your consent in the exercise of franchises to operate cable roads through, over, and upon twenty-nine distinct surface routes designated in the articles of association embodied in the petition.

The proceedings heretofore had in this matter have been taken under chapter 606 of the Laws of 1875, and not under the General Railway Act of 1884. If, therefore, your Body has jurisdiction under this act, it is entirely competent for you to grant the franchises prayed for without requiring any return to the City for the valuable privileges thus ceded. On the other hand, it is equally within your power, under that act, to annex conditions to your assent which will secure a fair return to the City, and at the same time be just to the company. In the exercise of this discretion you have determined that two and one-half per cent. of the net profits which may hereafter be earned by the petitioning company is at once fair to the City and to the company. I do not myself consider that the amount thus fixed is a proper consideration for the sweeping privileges for which your petitioner has asked and which you have granted. This is, therefore the principal reason for withholding my approval; and I shall merely allude, in passing, to serious legal objections, both jurisdictional and on the merits, which properly belong to the courts to decide.

Those objections may be briefly and conveniently stated in this connection. It has been urged before me that the act of 1875, to which I have already alluded, contemplated only elevated or underground railroads, and was not intended to authorize the building of surface roads such as those laid out in the articles of association of the New York Cable Railway Company; that the proceedings had under this act were therefore without jurisdiction and were void; and that consequently the action of the Mayor's Commission and of the Court Commission whose report is now before the General Term for confirmation, is wholly without authority. So again it is urged that section 16 of the General Railroad Act of 1884 expressly repealed the act of 1875, and that no rights are vested in your petitioner under that act (even assuming that it applied to surface cable railways) which the Legislature had not the power to, and did not abrogate. It is also urged that the action of the Mayor's Commission in fixing a time within which the roads upon the various routes designated, shall be constructed and ready for operation at a certain period after the consent of the property-owners had been obtained, or in lieu thereof, after the decision of the Commission appointed by the Court in accordance with the act, was so indefinite and unreasonable an exercise of the authority vested in the Mayor's Commission as to amount to a specific failure to comply with the law, and so vitiated and renders illegal all acts done and steps taken under said report. The arguments against the proposed cable railroads also have much force. The danger to the public health and convenience from the extensive excavations required, the temporary interference with the use of the streets by the Fire Department, the Street Cleaning Department, the Department of Public Works and the business community while the roads are in process of construction; and the permanent interference with travel in many of the streets upon which routes have been located, are objections which can only be met by the clearest and most convincing proofs that the public will ultimately be correspondingly benefited. These may exist although they have not been made apparent to me, for I fail after careful consideration to see how surface cable roads under the peculiar conditions of our city life can ever properly solve the problem of rapid transit.

I now return to the principal objection which, from the standpoint of the City, has to my mind controlling force, and upon which I confidently base my disapproval of your resolution. It is within the power of your Body, under the provisions either of the act of 1875 or under those of the General Railroad Act of 1884, assuming one if not both of these laws to exist and be in force, to formulate a plan for the sale of railway franchises generally, similar to that under which ferry franchises are now granted. The leading features of such a plan and the advantages which it would secure may be briefly outlined as follows: Let the City, instead of being a grantor, become a lessor of street railway privileges; let the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund lease all franchises at public auction for a term of not less than ten, or more than twenty years; let them appoint an auditor who, with the officers of the road, shall certify under oath the actual money value of the road and equipment at the time of construction, i. e., its real cost; let the Comptroller prescribe the form in which the books of the company are to be kept, and let the Sinking Fund Commissioners have an account continuously in the office of the company, but shifting the accountants, from week to week, as they are now shifted from day to day in the Money Order Bureau of the Post-office, to provide a check against wrong-doing or collusion on their part; let the person taking the franchise receive all profits on the operation of the road up to ten per cent, on the actual investment for construction and

equipment, all sumeamed in excess of such ten per cent. to be paid quarterly into the City Treasury. At the expiration of the lease, let the franchise be relet, as is now done with ferry franchises; and in case it be let to new parties let the City pay the old lessee the estimated cost of replacing the plant, charging a like sum to the new lessee, who shall be represented in the appraisement.

The result of such a system would be:

First.—The City and not monopolists would reap the benefit accruing from the increase of traffic incident to the growth of the City; i. e., the City itself would, as it should, be the beneficiary of the "unearned increment of value."

Second.—There would be sufficient inducement to lead to the proper investment of capital and labor of superintendence.

Third.—The franchises of our City could ultimately be made to pay a much larger part of our taxes than they now do, instead of building up great and practically irresponsible monopolies at the public cost.

The report of the Railroad Commissioners for 1884 shows that all of the capital stock of the surface horse railroads then in operation in this city aggregated \$15,707,153; that such roads had an aggregated bonded indebtedness of \$11,266,665; that the aggregated dividends upon the stock of such roads for that year were \$2,279,898; that the aggregate of interest paid upon the bonded indebtedness of all such roads was \$767,706; and that such corporations had an aggregate surplus of \$1,157,846; which surplus was divisible for dividends at the pleasure of the companies. These figures show that the average dividends on capital stock for all of these corporations was fourteen and one-half per cent.; that the average interest on the bonds was six and eight-tenths per cent.; that the surplus was seven and four-tenths per cent. of the entire capital, or, that if the surplus were to be distributed, the total dividends and interest on the bonds would show a return of fifteen and six-tenths per cent. for that year upon the aggregate of the stock and bonds, that is, \$26,973,818. Although in a number of instances it is undoubtedly true that the cost of construction and equipment of the roads is in excess of the bonded indebtedness of such roads, it is equally true that taking all of these roads together, the amount of their entire bonded indebtedness is very much larger than the actual cost of construction and equipment.

It is therefore an assumption more than fair to these railroad corporations, to place the actual cost of their construction and equipment at the aggregate of their bonded indebtedness, say, \$11,266,665, which would leave the entire amount of their aggregate capital stock, say, \$15,707,153, as representing property for which they have practically paid nothing. The aggregate of their dividends and interest for 1884 being \$3,047,604 would, assuming the actual cost of the property to be represented by the bonds, show a return of twenty-seven per cent. upon the actual investment. I regard it as entirely improper that so great a money-earning capacity should ever have been given away by the City without any adequate return. If proper precautions had been taken in the past, and some such plan as that which I have suggested had been carried out at an earlier date, the City Treasury would now be in receipt of \$1,920,939 annually; and the railroad corporations would have been able to pay average ten per cent. dividends, which is ample compensation for the use of the capital actually invested.

The plan thus outlined is one which might profitably be considered by the Legislature as a basis for legislation, whose necessity the figures which I have given fully demonstrate. In the absence of such legislation, I know of no reason why in a somewhat modified form it might not be made the subject of action by your Body if it meets with your approval. Such a plan would, to my mind, obviate one of the strongest objections which the railway under discussion presents outside of technical legal considerations. The consideration of two and one-half of the net profits reserved, however, I regard as almost illusory. Under the methods of corporate organization, which are to-day only too prevalent, and by which bonds are sold below par and stock is given away as a bonus, the proof of the actual earnings is very difficult of ascertainment.

W. R. GRACE, Mayor.

Resolved, That this Board, on behalf of the corporate authorities of the City of New York, hereby gives consent, and the consent of the Common Council is hereby given to the construction, operation and maintenance of a railway on each and every of the routes, parts of routes and branches adopted by the Commissioners appointed by the Mayor of the city, November 30, 1883, as contained in, described and set forth in the Articles of Association of the New York Cable Railway Company, transmitted to the Board of Aldermen, as part of the report of said Commissioners, by the Mayor, June 30, 1884, which Articles of Association are component parts of the charter of said company, and as such, were filed in the office of the Secretary of State and in the office of the Clerk of the County of New York, April 22, 1884; and further, that this Board, on behalf of the corporate authorities of the City of New York, hereby gives consent, and the consent of the Common Council is hereby given to the construction, operation and maintenance by the New York Cable Railway Company of the railway mentioned and described in said Articles of Association upon the several routes, parts of routes, and branches of routes located, fixed, and determined by said Commissioners, and in the forms and manner, and under the terms and conditions fixed and described by said Commissioners, and set forth in said Articles of Association; and also gives consent on behalf of the corporate authorities of the City of New York, and the consent of the Common Council is hereby given to the said Company to remove pavements and crosswalks on said routes, parts of routes and branches, and to do thereon the necessary digging and excavating for constructing, operating, maintaining and using a steam railway for public use, in the conveyance of persons and property in cars for compensation in the City of New York, and for building and laying tracks for said steam railway, and for all the necessary appurtenances thereto, and for maintaining, operating, and using said steam railway on said routes, parts of routes, and branches for the purpose aforesaid, pursuant to the terms and conditions prescribed and fixed by the said Commissioners, in the said Articles of Association of the said The New York Cable Railway Company; provided, however, that the said The New York Cable Railway Company pay annually, on or before the 31st day of January, in each and every year, to the Comptroller of the City of New York, for the use of the said city, two and one-half (2½) per centum of its net earnings for and during the preceding calendar year as a compensation for the franchise acquired by said company, pursuant to chapter 606 of the Laws of 1875, and the amendments thereof, such compensation to be in addition to all taxes said company may be liable for, or which may be imposed thereon pursuant to law; and be it further

Resolved, Determined and Ordained, That whenever any of the routes, parts of routes and branches designated in the foregoing resolution shall cross or need to cross or pass along in order to complete connections and give as near as may be connecting and continuous facilities, Broadway, Fifth avenue, or any other avenue, street or place in the City of New York, including the sunken or transverse roads of Central Park, known as Traffic Roads Numbers One, Two, Three and Four, that this Board, on behalf of the corporate authorities of the City of New York, hereby gives consent, and the consent of the Common Council is hereby given to the construction, operation and maintenance by the New York Cable Railway Company of its railway across or along such streets, avenues, places and roads, and also gives consent on behalf of the corporate authorities of the City of New York, and the consent of the Common Council is hereby given to the said company to remove pavements and crosswalks on such streets, avenues, roads and places and do thereon the necessary digging and excavating for constructing, operating and maintaining its lines of railway on such routes, parts of routes and branches.

And also gives consent to said Cable Railway Company on behalf of the corporate authorities of the City of New York, and the consent of the Common Council is hereby given to enter upon the streets, avenues, lands, slips, water-lots, wharves, bulkheads, and places subject to the control of such corporate authorities, or any department thereof, and excavate and construct thereon as may be requisite to provide for the convenient connections or junctions of the railway of said company at any point on or terminus of, any of its routes or branches with any other railway or bridge or steam ferry, or steamboat or steamship landing or dock, at, near or adjacent to any such route or terminus, or which may be needful to complete a continuous running connection between any of the routes or branches of the railway of said Cable Railway Company, where such connections or junctions can be made wholly on, over, through, along or across such streets, avenues, lands, slips, water-lots, bulkheads, wharves, and places except on the surface of the public parks of the city; and be it further

Resolved, Determined and Ordained, by this Board, That in case the said The New York Cable Railway Company shall fail to complete any of, or any portion of, its routes or branches of railway on or before the time fixed in its Articles of Association for the completion and equipment of the same, the corporate authorities of the City of New York hereby waive any claim for any forfeiture it may thereupon have under section seven of chapter 606 of Laws 1875, for such portion of railway as it may have completed and put in readiness for operation within the time fixed for such completion and readiness; and further this waiver is made to the full extent that this Board in its capacity as the Board of Supervisors of the County of New York, may make it on behalf of and for the said county.

Which was laid over, ordered to be printed in the minutes and published in full in the CITY RECORD.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Alderman Mooney, by unanimous consent, called up veto message of his Honor the Mayor (No. 8) of resolution, as follows:

Resolved, That the consent of this Board be and the same is hereby granted and the permission of the Common Council is hereby given, to the Southern Boulevard Railroad Company to construct, maintain, operate and use a street surface railroad, with the necessary connections, sidings, switches, turn-outs and turn-tables, through, upon and along the surface of the following streets and highways in the City of New York, to wit:

From the beginning of the said Southern Boulevard at the upper end of the iron bridge crossing the Harlem river on the line of Third avenue; thence through, upon and along the said Southern Boulevard and across the intersecting streets, avenues and highways, as said Southern Boulevard winds and turns, until it reaches Boston avenue, formerly called the Boston post-road, the length of said proposed railroad being about three and one-half miles.

Resolved, That the foregoing consent, authority and permission is given and granted to said company, upon the following conditions, viz.:

First.—That the said railroad, and the said sidings, connections, switches, turn-outs and turn-tables shall be constructed upon the best plan for the construction of surface railroads, sidings, switches, turn-outs, turn-tables and connections in use in said city at the time of their construction.

Second.—That said corporation shall comply with each and every of the provisions of chapter 252 of the Laws of 1884, pertinent thereto.

Third.—The foregoing consent is given and granted upon the express condition that the provisions of chapter 252 of the Laws of 1884 shall be complied with.

The Board then, as provided in section 75, chapter 410, Laws of 1882, proceeded to reconsider the same, and, upon a vote being taken thereon, was adopted, notwithstanding the objections of his Honor the Mayor, as follows:

Affirmative.—The President, Vice-President Jaehne, Aldermen Bennett, Cleary, Corcoran, Cowie, De Lacy, Divver, Farrell, Ferrigan, Fitzgerald, Lang, Masterson, Menninger, Mooney, Morgan, Murray, O'Neil, Quinn, Ryan, and Smith—21.

Negative.—Aldermen Cavanagh, Earle, and Van Rensselaer—3.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS RESUMED.

By Alderman Earle—

Whereas, The Board of Aldermen did at its regular meeting, held March 2, 1886, vote and confer upon the New York Cable Railway Company a franchise for the operation of a cable system of railways in this city; and

Whereas, His Honor the Mayor has vetoed the said franchise, granted by this Board to the said Cable Railway Company, mainly upon the grounds that adequate compensation is not derived by the City; and

Whereas, Certain individuals or a representative syndicate of men, did at a public hearing, held before his Honor the Mayor, declare themselves ready and willing to pay into the City Treasury the large sum of ten millions of dollars for the uses and benefits of the said franchise as granted; now be it

Resolved, That the President of this Board is hereby requested to appoint a committee to consist of five members of this Board, who shall be empowered to hold public hearings, to be devoted solely and exclusively to the residents and property-owners along the line of the proposed cable roads, and also that any parties who desire to compete and bid for this valuable franchise, shall also be heard at the same time, and that the said committee shall be governed in their report by the wishes of the people benefited and interested, and for the best interests of the City; and be it further

Resolved, That Thursday, March 18, Friday, March 19, and Saturday, March 20, be the days set apart for this purpose, and that the meetings take place in the chamber of the Board of Aldermen, at 11 o'clock of each above-named day.

Alderman Masterson moved that the resolution be laid on the table.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

Alderman Morgan moved that the petition of John Dawson and William Archer, relating to parks in Forty-second street, near First avenue, be taken from on file.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

Alderman Morgan moved that the petition be referred to the Committee on Streets.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

SPECIAL ORDER.

The special order of business was here called up, being a preamble and resolution, as follows:

Whereas, It is a fundamental principle of republican government that the burthen of its support should rest equally upon all persons protected in person and property by it, and exemption therefrom should be granted only in case of institutions formed for, and at their own expense performing governmental functions or wholly charitable work as will advance the public welfare or lessen taxation.

Whereas, A corporation owning in the Twelfth Ward of this city nearly seven hundred lots, valued at \$4,000,000, and partly occupied by the Bloomingdale Insane Asylum, but otherwise vacant, did in 1875, upon the claim of being a charitable society, secure the passage of a law allowing total exemption from taxation, under which law the city has lost \$100,000 of taxes annually, the same being made a charge upon the general public.

Whereas, The said institution is owned by a private close corporation and from all control or voice in which the officers of the Corporation of the City of New York, although members thereof under its ancient charter, have been excluded by special legislation obtained without the knowledge of the city authorities and is not a charitable corporation, but demands and charges large and extravagant sums for the care and treatment of any insane person admitted to its care, and receives annually from such source nearly \$200,000, or an average of over \$750 from each patient, which income and revenue is for the most part used and devoted to the payment of large and extravagant salaries, and the balance disbursed without reference to economy or any public charitable purpose; and

Whereas, Within the last ten years the exemption from taxation of the property of this institution has amounted to fully \$1,000,000, in return for which neither the city nor any charity has received any return whatever, and which donation, or appropriation of taxes, is unjust and unequitable in principle, unsound in policy, and oppressive in practice, has increased the burden of all other taxpayers of the city.

Resolved, That this Board approves of the bill introduced by Hon. John McManus in the Assembly, modifying the existing law which grants to the said corporation unqualified exemption from taxation by amending the same so as to allow exemption only to the extent that the said institution makes some return to the city and the public therefor, in caring and providing for persons of the unfortunate class for whose care as a charity the said institution was originally chartered; and be it further

Resolved, That if the said corporation declines to make any return for exemption from taxation or to relieve the city from any of the burthen of the care and support of the insane for whom the city has not now and cannot by taxation obtain the funds for sufficient accommodation, the said existing law of exemption ought in justice to the general taxpayers of the city be wholly repealed.

Resolved, That the Clerk of the Common Council transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Speaker of the Assembly and the President of the Senate.

Alderman Mooney moved that the consideration of the special order be postponed for one week and that it be made the second special order of business for that day.

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

Which was decided in the affirmative.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS RESUMED.

Alderman Mooney, by unanimous consent, called up G. O. 89, being a resolution, as follows:

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Department of Public Parks be and they are hereby authorized, directed and required to cause a stairway not less than five feet in width, to be constructed at each end of the bridge of the New York City and Northern Railroad, crossing the Harlem river west of the Central Bridge, connecting the carriageway or sidewalks of the streets at the ends of said bridge, with the pathway for the pedestrians, constructed on said bridge, the expense thereof to be paid from the appropriation for "Harlem River Bridges Repairs, Improvements and Maintenance."

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

Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote:

Affirmative.—The President, Aldermen Cavanagh, Cleary, Corcoran, Cowie, Divver, Earle, Farrell, Ferrigan, Fitzgerald, Lang, Masterson, Menninger, Mooney, Morgan, Murray, O'Neil, Quinn, Ryan, Smith, and Van Rensselaer—21.

Alderman Masterson, by unanimous consent, called up General Orders Nos. 11, 12, 27, 70 and 71, being resolutions, as follows, and asked that they be considered, and if no objections thereto, that they be adopted by one vote:

G. O. 11.

Resolved, That gas-mains be laid, lamp-posts erected and street-lamps lighted in Kingsbridge road, where not already lighted, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

G. O. 12.

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

G. O. 27.

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

G. O. 70.

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

G. O. 71.

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

No objection being made thereto, The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolutions. Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote: Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Cavanagh, Cleary, Corcoran, Cowie, Divver, Farrell, Ferrigan, Fitzgerald, Lang, Masterson, Menninger, Mooney, Morgan, Murray, O'Neil, Quinn, Ryan, Smith, and Van Rensselaer—20.

Alderman Mooney, by unanimous consent, called up G. O. 81, being a resolution, as follows: Resolved, That the Commissioner of Public Works be and he is hereby directed to have Grand avenue, from Third street to the station of the New York City and Northern Railroad, lighted with either gas or naphtha.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution. Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote: Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Cavanagh, Cleary, Corcoran, Cowie, Divver, Farrell, Ferrigan, Fitzgerald, Lang, Masterson, Menninger, Mooney, Morgan, Murray, O'Neil, Quinn, Ryan, Smith, and Van Rensselaer—20.

Alderman Fitzgerald, by unanimous consent, called up G. O. 82, being a resolution, as follows: Resolved, That the Commissioner of Public Works be and he is hereby authorized, directed and required to cause the watering-trough now in the carriage-way of First avenue, near Forty-fourth street, to be removed forthwith, as it is an unwarranted encroachment and obstruction to the free use of the public street; also the large covered booth, used as a blacksmith or horseshoeing establishment, incumbering and obstructing the free use of the sidewalk on the west side of First avenue at Forty-fourth street.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution. Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote: Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Cavanagh, Cleary, Corcoran, Cowie, Divver, Earle, Farrell, Ferrigan, Fitzgerald, Lang, Masterson, Menninger, Mooney, Murray, O'Neil, Quinn, Ryan, Smith, and Van Rensselaer—19.

Negative—Alderman Quinn—1.

Alderman O'Neil, by unanimous consent, called up G. O. 54, being a resolution, as follows: Resolved, That the Commissioner of Public Works be and he is hereby requested to cause the crosswalk across Fourth avenue, extending from northeast to southwest corner of Fourteenth street, to be repaired.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution. Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote: Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Cavanagh, Cleary, Corcoran, Divver, Earle, Farrell, Ferrigan, Fitzgerald, Lang, Masterson, Menninger, Morgan, Murray, O'Neil, Quinn, Ryan, Smith, and Van Rensselaer—19.

Alderman Quinn called up G. O. 33, being a resolution, as follows: Resolved, That a crosswalk of two courses of blue stone be laid across West Forty-second street, opposite No. 334, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution. Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote: Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Cavanagh, Cleary, Corcoran, Cowie, Divver, Earle, Farrell, Ferrigan, Fitzgerald, Lang, Masterson, Mooney, Morgan, O'Neil, Quinn, Ryan, Smith, and Van Rensselaer—19.

Alderman Quinn, called up G. O. 34, being a resolution, as follows: Resolved, That a crosswalk of two courses of blue stone be laid across West Forty-second street, between Seventh and Eighth avenues, opposite the main entrance of the Central Baptist Church, the expense to be paid from the appropriation for "Repairs and Renewals of Pavements and Regrading."

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution. Which was decided in the affirmative by the following vote: Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Cavanagh, Cleary, Corcoran, Cowie, Divver, Earle, Farrell, Ferrigan, Fitzgerald, Lang, Masterson, Mooney, Morgan, O'Neil, Quinn, Ryan, Smith, and Van Rensselaer—19.

Alderman Cavanagh, by unanimous consent, called up G. O. 66, being a resolution, as follows: Resolved, That the Commissioner of Public Works be and he is hereby authorized to lay a crosswalk across Broadway from No. 1224 to No. 1235 opposite.

Alderman Cavanagh moved that the resolution be again laid over.

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

Alderman Ferrigan, by unanimous consent, called up G. O. 64, being a resolution, as follows: Resolved, That gas-mans be laid, lamp-posts erected and street-lamps lighted in One Hundredth street, between Second and Third avenues, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works.

The President put the question whether the Board would agree with said resolution. Which was decided in the negative by the following vote, three-fourths of all the members not voting in favor thereof:

Affirmative—The President, Aldermen Cavanagh, Corcoran, Cowie, Divver, Earle, Farrell, Ferrigan, Fitzgerald, Lang, Masterson, Mooney, Morgan, O'Neil, Quinn, Ryan, Smith, and Van Rensselaer—18.

On motion of Alderman O'Neil the above vote was reconsidered, and the paper again laid over.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS AGAIN RESUMED.

Alderman O'Neil moved that the Board do now adjourn.

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

And the President announced that the Board stood adjourned until Tuesday, the 23d instant, at 1 o'clock P. M.

FRANCIS J. TWOMEY, Clerk.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
NEW YORK, January 7, 1886.

Pursuant to section 9 of chapter 339, Laws of 1883, I hereby designate "New York Times" and the "Daily News" two of the daily newspapers printed in the City of New York, in which notice of each sale of unredeemed pawns or pledges by public auction in said city, by pawnbrokers, shall be published for at least six days previous thereto, until otherwise ordered.

W. R. GRACE, Mayor.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
NEW YORK, December 31, 1885.

In pursuance of the ordinance, approved April 30, 1877, and amended June 1, 1877, entitled, "An ordinance to prevent the danger of hydrophobia to any of the inhabitants of the City of New York," notice is hereby given that all Dogs found at large in the City of New York on and after January 1, contrary to such ordinance, will be seized and disposed of as provided therein.

The Dog Found at the foot of Sixteenth street, East river, is hereby designated as the place where dogs so captured must be delivered to the Keeper thereof. The Pound will be open from eight o'clock A. M. until five o'clock P. M. daily, Sundays excepted, on and after the first day of January, 1886.

WM. R. GRACE,
Mayor.

OFFICIAL DIRECTORY.

STATEMENT OF THE HOURS DURING WHICH all the Public Offices in the City are open for business, and at which each Court regularly opens and adjourns, as well as of the places where such offices are kept and such Courts are held; together with the heads of Departments and Courts.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

MAYOR'S OFFICE.
No. 6 City Hall, to A. M. to 3 P. M.
WILLIAM R. GRACE, Mayor; WILLIAM L. TURNER, Secretary and Chief Clerk.

MAYOR'S MARSHAL'S OFFICE.
No. 1 City Hall, to A. M. to 4 P. M.
THOMAS W. BYRNES, First Marshal.
GEORGE W. BROWN, JR., Second Marshal.

COMMISSIONERS OF ACCOUNTS.
Rooms 114 and 115 Stewart Building, to A. M. to 4 P. M.
WM. FITZ SHEARMAN, J. B. ADAMSON.

AQUEDUCT COMMISSIONERS.
Room 200, Stewart Building, 5th floor, to A. M. to 5 P. M.
THE MAYOR, President; JAMES W. McCULLOH, Secretary; BENJAMIN S. CHURCH, Chief Engineer.

LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.
Office of Clerk of Common Council.
No. 8 City Hall, to A. M. to 4 P. M.
ROBERT B. NOONEY, President Board of Aldermen.
FRANCIS J. TWOMEY, Clerk Common Council.

CITY LIBRARY.
No. 12 City Hall, to A. M. to 4 P. M.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

Commissioner's Office.
No. 31 Chambers street, to A. M. to 4 P. M.
ROLAND M. SQUIRE, Commissioner; WILLIAM V. SMITH, Deputy Commissioner.

Bureau of Chief Engineer.
No. 31 Chambers street, to A. M. to 4 P. M.
GEORGE W. BIRDSALL, Chief Engineer.

Bureau of Water Register.
No. 31 Chambers street, to A. M. to 4 P. M.
JOHN H. CHAMBERS, Register.

Bureau of Street Improvements.
No. 31 Chambers street, to A. M. to 4 P. M.
GEORGE A. JEREMIAH, Superintendent.

Engineer-in-Charge of Sewers.
No. 31 Chambers street, to A. M. to 4 P. M.
STEVENSON TOWLE, Engineer-in-Charge.

Bureau of Repairs and Supplies.
No. 31 Chambers street, to A. M. to 4 P. M.
THOMAS H. McAVOY, Superintendent.

Bureau of Water Purveyor.

No. 31 Chambers street, to A. M. to 4 P. M.
ALSTON CULVER, Water Purveyor

Bureau of Lamps and Gas.

No. 31 Chambers street, to A. M. to 4 P. M.
STEPHEN MCCORMICK, Superintendent.

Bureau of Streets.

No. 31 Chambers street, to A. M. to 4 P. M.
GEO. E. BARBOCK, Superintendent.

Bureau of Incumbrances.

No. 31 Chambers street, to A. M. to 4 P. M.
JOSEPH BLUMENTHAL, Superintendent.

Keeper of Buildings in City Hall Park.
MARTIN J. KESSE, City Hall.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

Comptroller's Office.
No. 15 Stewart Building, Chambers street and Broadway, to A. M. to 4 P. M.
EDWARD V. LOWE, Comptroller; RICHARD A. STOKES, Deputy Comptroller.

Auditing Bureau.
Nos. 19, 21, 23 Stewart Building, Chambers street and Broadway, to A. M. to 4 P. M.
WM. J. LYON, Auditor of Accounts.
DAVID E. AUSTEN, Deputy Auditor.

Bureau for the Collection of Assessments and Arrears of Taxes and Assessments of Water Rents.
Nos. 31, 33, 35, 37, 39 Stewart Building, Chambers street and Broadway, to A. M. to 4 P. M.
ARTEMAS S. CADY, Collector of Assessments and Clerk of Arrears.

Bureau for the Collection of City Revenue and of Markets.
Nos. 1 and 3 Stewart Building, Chambers street and Broadway, to A. M. to 4 P. M.
JAMES J. KELSO, Collector of the City Revenue and Superintendent of Markets.

Bureau for the Collection of Taxes.
First floor, Brown-stone Building, City Hall Park.
GEORGE W. McLEAN, Receiver of Taxes; ALFRED VREDENBURG, Deputy Receiver of Taxes.

Bureau of the City Chamberlain.
Nos. 25, 27 Stewart Building, Chambers street and Broadway, to A. M. to 4 P. M.
WM. M. IVINS, City Chamberlain.

Office of the City Paymaster.
No. 33 Reade street, Stewart Building.
MOOR FALLIS, City Paymaster.

LAW DEPARTMENT.

Office of the Counsel to the Corporation.
Staats Zeitung Building, third floor, to A. M. to 5 P. M.
Saturdays, to A. M. to 4 P. M.
E. HENRY LACOMBE, Counsel to the Corporation.
ANDREW T. CAMPBELL, Chief Clerk.

Office of the Public Administrator.
No. 49 Beekman street, to A. M. to 4 P. M.
RICHARD J. MORRISON, Public Administrator.

Office of the Corporation Attorney.
No. 49 Beekman street, to A. M. to 4 P. M.
WILLIAM A. BOYD, Corporation Attorney.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Central Office.
No. 300 Mulberry street, to A. M. to 4 P. M.
STEPHEN B. FRENCH, President; WILLIAM H. KIPP, Chief Clerk; JOHN J. O'BRIEN, Chief Bureau of Elections.

DEPARTMENT OF CHARITIES AND CORRECTION.

Central Office.
No. 66 Third avenue, corner Eleventh street, 8.30 A. M. to 5.30 P. M.
HENRY H. PORTER, President; GEORGE F. BRITTON, Secretary.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Office hours for all except where otherwise noted from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. Saturdays, to 3 P. M.

Headquarters.
Nos. 155 and 157 Mercer street.
HENRY D. PURROY, President; CARL JUSSSEN, Secretary.

Bureau of Chief of Department.
CHARLES O. SHAY, Chief of Department.

Bureau of Inspector of Combustibles.
PETER SEERY, Inspector of Combustibles.

Bureau of Fire Marshal.
GEORGE H. SHELTON, Fire Marshal.

Bureau of Inspection of Buildings.
ALBERT F. D'ONCH, Superintendent of Buildings.

Attorney to Department.
WM. L. FINDLEY, Nos. 155 and 157 Mercer street.

Fire Alarm Telegraph.
J. ELLIOT SMITH, Superintendent of Telegraph, Nos. 155 and 157 Mercer street.

Central Office Fire Alarm Telegraph open at all hours.

Repair Shops.
Nos. 128 and 130 West Third street.

Hospital Stables.
Ninety-ninth street, between Ninth and Tenth avenue.

No. 1, Both sides of Madison avenue, between Fifty-seventh and Fifty-ninth streets, and both sides of Fifty-seventh street, between Fourth and Fifth avenues.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT.
No. 301 Mott street, to A. M. to 4 P. M.

ALEXANDER SHALER, President; EMMONS CLARK, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PARKS.

No. 36 Union Square, to A. M. to 4 P. M.
HENRY R. BREEMAN, President; CHARLES DE F. BURNS, Secretary.

Civil and Topographical Office.
Arsenal, Fifty-fourth street and Fifth avenue, to A. M. to 5 P. M.

Office of Superintendent of 23d and 24th Wards.
One Hundred and Forty-sixth street and Third avenue, to A. M. to 5 P. M.

DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS.
Nos. 117 and 119 Duane street, to A. M. to 4 P. M.

JOSEPH KOCH, President; B. W. ELLISON, Secretary. Office hours from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. daily, except Saturdays; on Saturdays as follows: from September 15 to June 15, from 9 A. M. to 3 P. M.; from June 15 to September 15, from 9 A. M. to 12 M.

DEPARTMENT OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS
Staats Zeitung Building, Tryon Row, to A. M. to 4 P. M.
Saturdays, 3 P. M.
MICHAEL COLEMAN, President; FLOYD T. SMITH, Secretary.

Office Brown Collection of Arrears of Personal Taxes.
Brown-stone Building, City Hall Park, to A. M. to 4 P. M.
CHARLES S. BEARDSLEY, Attorney; WILLIAM COMBERFORD, Clerk.

DEPARTMENT OF STREET CLEANING.

Nos. 31 and 33 Park Row, "World" Building, Rooms 8 and 9, to A. M. to 4 P. M.
JAMES S. COLEMAN, Commissioner; JACOB SEABOLD, Deputy Commissioner; R. W. HORNOR, Chief Clerk.

CIVIL SERVICE SUPERVISORY AND EXAMINING BOARDS.

Room No. 11, City Hall.
EVERETT P. WHELAN, Chairman of the Advisory Board; CHARLES H. WOODMAN, Secretary and Executive Officer.

BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT

Office of Clerk, Staats Zeitung Building, Room 5.
The Mayor, Chairman; CHARLES V. ADEE, Clerk.

NEW AQUEDUCT.

NEW YORK SECTION.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR CONFIRMATION OF THE REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS OF APPRAISAL, NEW YORK SECTION, DATED FEBRUARY 19, 1886, AS TO PARCELS SEVENTY-FOUR (74), SEVENTY-FOUR AND ONE-HALF (74½), SEVENTY-FIVE (75), SEVENTY-SIX (76), AND SEVENTY-SIX AND ONE-HALF (76½) AND REAL ESTATE CONTIGUOUS THERETO.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT it is my intention to make application before the Honorable Jackson O. Dykman, at a Special Term of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, to be held in the Second Judicial District, at the Court-house in White Plains, Westchester County, on the 21st day of April, 1886, at 12 o'clock of that day, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard, to confirm the report as to Parcels Seventy-four (74), Seventy-four and one-half (74½), Seventy-five (75), Seventy-six (76), and Seventy-six and one-half (76½) and real estate contiguous thereto, of the Commissioners of Appraisal appointed in the above matter, pursuant to the provisions of chapter 490 of the Laws of 1883, which said report was filed in the office of the Clerk of the County of Westchester, on the 19th day of February, 1886, and a copy of which was filed in the office of the Clerk of the County of New York, on the 23d day of March, 1886.

Dated New York, March 4, 1886.
E. HENRY LACOMBE,
Counsel to the Corporation.
2 Tryon Row, New York City.

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, that the following assessments have been completed and are lodged in the office of the Board of Assessors, for examination by all persons interested, viz.:

List 2158, No. 1. Sewer in West End avenue (formerly Eleventh avenue), between Sixty-fifth and Sixty-sixth streets, and in Sixty-fifth street, between West End and Tenth avenues.

List No. 2207, No. 2. Sewers in Beekman place, between Forty-ninth and Fifty-first streets.

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

No. 1. Both sides of West End avenue, between Sixty-fifth and Sixty-sixth streets; both sides of Sixty-fifth street, between West End and Tenth avenues; east side of West End avenue, extending one hundred feet southerly from Sixty-fifth street, and west side of Tenth avenue, extending one hundred feet north and one hundred feet south of Sixty-fifth street.

No. 2. Both sides of Beekman place, between Forty-ninth and Fifty-first streets.

All persons whose interests are affected by the above-named assessments, and who are opposed to the same, or either of them, are requested to present their objections in writing, to the Chairman of the Board of Assessors, at their office, No. 11½ City Hall, within thirty days from the date of this notice.

The above-described lists will be transmitted, as provided by law, to the Board of Revision and Correction of Assessments for confirmation, on the 19th day of April, 1886.

EDWARD GILON, Chairman,
PATRICK M. HAVERTY,
CHAS. E. WENDT,
VAN BRUGH LIVINGSTON,
Board of Assessors.

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS,
No. 11½ CITY HALL,
NEW YORK, March 17, 1886.

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

List 2156, No. 1. Alteration and improvement to sewers in Madison avenue, between Fifty-seventh and Fifty-ninth streets, and in Fifty-seventh street, east and west of Madison avenue.

The limits embraced by such assessment includes all the several houses and lots of ground, vacant lots, pieces and parcels of land situated within the following area:

No. 1. Both sides of Madison avenue, between Fifty-seventh and Fifty-ninth streets, and both sides of Fifty-seventh street, between Fourth and Fifth avenues.

All persons whose interests are affected by the above-named assessment, and who are opposed to the same, or either of them, are requested to present their objections in writing, to the Chairman of the Board of Assessors, at their office, No. 11½ City Hall, within thirty days from the date of this notice.

The above-described list will be transmitted, as provided by law, to the Board of Revision and Correction of Assessments for confirmation, on the 2d day of April, ensuing.

EDWARD GILON, Chairman,
PATRICK M. HAVERTY,
CHAS. E. WENDT,
VAN BRUGH LIVINGSTON,
Board of Assessors.

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS,
No. 11½ CITY HALL,
NEW YORK, March 1, 1886.

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

List 1695, No. 1. Sewer in Fifth avenue, east side, between Fifty-fifth and Fifty-ninth streets.

The limits embraced by such assessment includes all the several houses and lots of ground, vacant lots, pieces and parcels of land situated within the following area:

No. 1. Both sides of Fifth avenue, from Fifty-fourth to Fifty-ninth street, and blocks bounded by Fifty-fourth and Fifty-ninth streets, Fifth and Sixth avenues.

All persons whose interests are affected by the above-named assessment, and who are opposed to the same, or who are desirous of presenting their objections, are required to file in writing to the Chairman of the Board of Assessors, at their office, No. 115 City Hall, within thirty days from the date of this notice.

The above-described list will be transmitted, as provided by law, to the Board of Revision and Correction of Assessments for confirmation, on the 30th day of March, ensuing.

EDWARD GILON, Chairman,
PATRICK M. HAVERTY,
CHAS. E. WENTZ,
VAN BRUGH LIVINGSTON,
Board of Assessors.

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS,
No. 115 CITY HALL,
NEW YORK, February 17, 1886.

HARLEM RIVER BRIDGE COMMISSION.

CITY OF NEW YORK—OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE HARLEM RIVER BRIDGE, ROOM 73, COTTON EXCHANGE BUILDING, HANOVER SQUARE, NEW YORK, March 15, 1886.

SEALED PROPOSALS FOR BUILDING THE Harlem River Bridge, indorsed with the above title, and also with the names of the persons making the same, will be received at this office until 12 o'clock M. of the 22nd day of April next ensuing.

The work to be performed will consist of a bridge and approaches extending from the Tenth avenue to Aqueduct avenue, or from points near those avenues, a distance of about 2,375 feet, of which there will be two spans of metallic arches, each span of 505 feet clear width and 90 feet rise, and two abutments of 237 and 340 feet length respectively.

The grade of the bridge will be at least 14 feet above mean high water, and its passage width 80 feet. The grades at the ends will correspond with those of the Tenth and Aqueduct avenues, and the roadway and the walks of the approaches will be graded and paved as on the bridge proper. The bridge will be built of iron, and the bridge piers will be of granite blocks for the roadway and blue stone for the sidewalks.

The plans and specifications will be ready for examination at this office by the 22nd day of March next, at which time blank forms of proposals will be furnished. The offers may be made for the metal work for the metal work erected complete, including the metal beams above the arches and abutments, and for another gross sum for the foundations, masonry, grading, roadway and footwalks, etc., including all except to above metal work, or, those offering, may propose for constructing the whole work in one gross sum.

Each bid must be signed by all the persons interested therein, and must be accompanied by the written consent (on the printed form furnished) of two or more householders or freeholders of the City of New York, agreeing to become sureties for the faithful performance of the work, and also a certified check on one of the incorporated banks of the City of New York, payable to the order of the Commissioners, to the amount of five per cent. of the security specified. All checks, except that of the successful bidder, will be promptly returned as soon as the awards are made. When the contract and bond have been executed and accepted, the check of the successful bidder will be returned.

The amount of security required from the contractor for the metal work, etc., will be \$200,000, and for the masonry a like amount, and for the entire work \$400,000. Bidders for the masonry alone must, with their bid, present a certified check for \$100,000 to the order of the Commissioners. Those bidding for the iron work alone must present a like check, and those bidding for the whole work must present check for \$200,000.

The abutment piers and the middle pier must be ready to permit the contractors for the metal work to commence and prosecute the erection thereof not later than the first day of July, 1887, and the whole masonry work must be completed by the first day of January, 1888. The arches and other metal work must be completed by the first day of February, 1888, and the whole bridge, including the roadway, foot walks, etc., must be entirely complete by the first day of June, 1888.

In case any bid shall be accepted the contract for the execution of the work included in such bid shall be in such sum and shall be made in such manner as shall be required by the counsel of the Commissioners.

The Commissioners reserve the right to reject in their absolute discretion, any and all bids.

JACOB LORILLARD,
DAVID JAMES KING,
VERNON H. BROWN,
Commissioners.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

CITY OF NEW YORK,
FINANCE DEPARTMENT,
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
March 13, 1886.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY-OWNERS.

IN PURSUANCE OF SECTION 916 OF THE "New York City Consolidation Act of 1882," the Comptroller of the City of New York hereby gives public notice to all persons, owners of property affected by the following assessment lists, viz.:

Sixty-second street regulating, grading, setting curb and gutter-stones, and flagging, from Tenth to Eleventh avenue.

One Hundred and Forty-first street regulating, grading, curbing and flagging, from Tenth avenue to Diagonal avenue.

West street sewer, between Spring street and West Eleventh street, with connections to present sewers, and alterations and improvements to existing sewers and their appurtenances in Sewerage District No. 20.

Fourth avenue sewer, east side, between Fifty-seventh and Fifty-eighth streets.

Ninth avenue sewer, between Eighty-first and Eighty-third streets.

Ninth avenue sewer, west side, between Eighty-eighth and Ninety-second streets.

Eleventh avenue sewer, east side, between One Hundred and Fifty-seventh and One Hundred and Fifty-ninth streets, with branch in One Hundred and Fifty-ninth street, between Tenth and Eleventh avenues.

New avenue between Eighth and Ninth avenues, between One Hundredth and One Hundred and Fourth streets.

Walton avenue sewer, from One Hundred and Fiftieth street to a point five hundred feet northerly therefrom.

Beckman place sewer, from one hundred and fifty feet and seventy feet ten inches south of Fifth street.

Fifty-ninth street sewer, between Eighth avenue and end of present sewer east of Eighth avenue.

Seventy-third street sewer, between Boulevard and West End avenue.

Eighty-ninth street sewer, between Eighth and Ninth avenues.

One Hundred and Fourth street sewer, between Tenth avenue and Boulevard.

One Hundred and Twelfth, One Hundred and Thirteenth and One Hundred and Fourteenth streets sewers, between Eighth avenue and new avenue west of Eighth avenue, and additions, crossings, basins and culverts, between New avenue and Morningside Park.

One Hundred and Twentieth and One Hundred and Twenty-first streets sewers, between Seventh avenue and Avenue St. Nicholas.

One Hundred and Forty-fourth street sewer, between North Third and College avenues.

One Hundred and Forty-fourth street sewer, between College avenue and One Hundred and Forty-third street.

One Hundred and Forty-fifth street sewer, north side, between Avenue St. Nicholas and Tenth avenue, and in Tenth avenue, east side, between One Hundred and Forty-fifth and One Hundred and Forty-sixth streets.

One Hundred and Forty-fifth street sewer, between North Third and College avenues.

—which were confirmed by the Board of Revision and Correction of Assessments, March 4, 1886, and entered in the same day in the Record of Titles of Assessments, kept in the "Bureau for the Collection of Assessments and Arrears of Taxes and Assessments and of Water Rents," that unless the amount assessed for benefit on any person or persons by said assessment within sixty days after the date of said entry of the assessments, interest will be collected thereon as provided in section 917 of said "New York City Consolidation Act of 1882." Section 917 of the said act provides that, "If any such assessment shall remain unpaid for the period of sixty days after the date of entry thereof in the said Record of Titles of Assessments, it shall be the duty of the officer authorized to collect and receive the amount of such assessment, to charge, collect, and receive interest thereon at the rate of seven per centum per annum, to be calculated from the date of such entry to the date of payment."

The above assessments are payable to the Collector of Assessments and Clerk of Arrears, at the "Bureau for the Collection of Assessments and Arrears of Taxes and Assessments and of Water Rents," between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., and all payments made thereon, on or before May 24, 1886, will be exempt from interest as above provided, and after that date will be subject to a charge of interest at the rate of seven per cent. per annum from the date of entry in the Record of Titles of Assessments in said Bureau to the date of payment.

EDWARD V. LOEW,
Comptroller.

REAL ESTATE RECORDS.

THE ATTENTION OF LAWYERS, REAL Estate Owners, Monetary Institutions engaged in making loans upon real estate, and all who are interested in providing themselves with facilities for reducing the cost of examinations and searches, is invited to these Official Indices of Records, recorded in the City of New York from 1853 to 1885, prepared under the direction of the Commissioners of Records.

Grants, mortgages, suits in equity, insolvents' and Sheriffs' sales, in 6 volumes, full bound, price, \$100 00
The same in 25 volumes, half bound, 50 00
Complete sets, folded, ready for binding, 15 00
Records of Judgments, 25 volumes, bound, 10 00

Orders should be addressed to "Mr. Stephen Angell, Room 23, Stewart Building."

EDWARD V. LOEW,
Comptroller.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION,
No. 66 THIRD AVENUE.

TO CONTRACTORS.

PROPOSALS FOR GROCERIES, DRY GOODS, TIN, LIME AND CEMENT.

SEALED BIDS OR ESTIMATES FOR FURNISHING

GROCERIES.
6,000 pounds Dairy Butter, sample on exhibition Thursday, March 25, 1886.
1,000 pounds Cheese.
3,000 pounds Dried Apples.
8,000 pounds Rio Coffee, roasted.
30 dozen Sea Foam.
3,000 dozen Fresh Eggs, all to candle.
500 barrels good, sound Irish Potatoes, to weigh 168 pounds net per barrel.
100 barrels Prime Kuria Turnips, 135 pounds net per barrel.
100 barrels Prime Carrots, 120 pounds net per barrel.
500 barrels Prime Red Onions.
300 bushels Oats.

DRY GOODS.
8,000 yards Ticking.
4,000 yards Dark Calico.
2,000 yards Blue Denim.
3,000 yards Awtung Stripes.
4,000 yards Hickory Stripes.
750 yards Linen Drills.
100 pieces Oiled Muslin.
10 bolts Cotton Duck, No. 10.

CROCKERY.
1/2 gross Ewers.
1/2 gross Basins.
4 gross Saucers.

TIN.
20 boxes best quality Charcoal Tin, IX., 10 x 14.
20 boxes best quality Charcoal Tin, XX., 14 x 20.

LIME AND CEMENT.
20 barrels first quality Plaster Paris.
25 barrels first quality Portland Cement.
25 barrels first quality Portland Cement of Lehigh Valley Cement Company's Cement.
50 bushels first quality Plasterer's Hair.

—will be received at the Department of Public Charities and Correction, in the City of New York, until 9 o'clock A. M. of Friday, March 26, 1886. The person or persons making any bid or estimate shall furnish the same in a sealed envelope, indorsed "Bid or Estimate for Groceries, Dry Goods, Tin, Lime and Cement," with his or their name or names, and the date of presentation, to the head of said Department, at the said office, on or before the day and hour above named, at which time and place the bids or estimates received will be publicly opened by the President of said Department and read.

THE BOARD OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ALL BIDS OR ESTIMATES IF DEEMED TO BE FOR THE PUBLIC INTEREST, AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 64, CHAPTER 410, LAWS OF 1882.

No bid or estimate will be accepted from, or a contract awarded to, any person who is in arrears to the Corporation upon debt or contract, or who is a defaulter, as surety or otherwise, upon any obligation to the Corporation.

The award of the contract will be made as soon as practicable after the opening of the bids.

Delivery will be required to be made from time to time, and in such quantities as may be directed by the said Commissioners.

Any bidder for this contract must be known to be engaged in and well prepared for the business, and must have satisfactory testimonials to that effect; and the person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded will be required to give security for the performance of the contract by the deposit of a sufficient sum of money, in the penal amount of fifty (50) per cent. of the estimated amount of the contract.

Each bid or estimate shall contain and state the name and place of residence of each of the persons making the same; the names of all persons interested with him or them; and if no other person be so interested, it shall distinctly state that fact; also that it is made without any connection with any other person making an estimate for the same purpose, and that it is made without collusion or fraud; and that no member of the Common Council, Head of a Department, Chief of a Bureau, Deputy thereof or Clerk thereof, or other officer of the Corporation, is directly or indirectly interested therein,

or in the supplies or work to which it relates, or in any portion of the profits thereof. The bid or estimate must be made in writing, and the signature of the party or parties making the estimate, that the several matters stated therein are in all respects true. Where more than one person is interested, it is requisite that the verification be made and subscribed by all parties interested.

Each bid or estimate shall be accompanied by the consent, in writing, of two householders or freeholders in the City of New York, with their respective places of business or residence, to the effect that if the contract is awarded to the person making the estimate, they will, on its being so awarded, become bound as his sureties for its faithful performance; and that if he shall omit or refuse to execute the same, they shall pay to the Corporation the difference between the sum to which he would be entitled on its completion and that which the Corporation may be obliged to pay to the person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded at any subsequent letting; and that the amount of the security required for the estimated amount of the work by which the bids are tested. The consent above mentioned shall be accompanied by the oath or affirmation, in writing, of each of the persons signing the same that he is a householder or freeholder in the City of New York, and is worth the amount of the security required for the completion of this contract, over and above all his debts of every nature, and over and above his liabilities, as bail, surety, or otherwise; and that he is not indebted to the Corporation, or to any other person, in the order of the Comptroller, or money to the amount of five per centum of the amount of the security required for the faithful performance of the contract. Such check or money must not be enclosed in the sealed envelope containing the estimate, but must be handed to the officer or clerk of the Department who has charge of the Estimate-box, and no estimate can be deposited in said box until such check or money has been examined by the officer or clerk, and found to be correct. All such deposits, except that of the successful bidder, will be returned to the persons making the same, within three days after the contract is awarded. If the successful bidder shall neglect or refuse to execute the contract within the time specified, the contract has been awarded to him, to execute the same, the amount of the deposit made by him shall be forfeited to and be retained by the City of New York, as liquidated damages for such neglect or refusal; but if he shall execute the contract within the time aforesaid, the amount of his deposit will be returned to him.

Should the person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded neglect or refuse to accept the contract within five days after written notice that the same has been awarded to his or their bid or proposal, or if he or they accept but do not execute the contract and give the proper security, he or they shall be considered as having abandoned the contract, and the contract may be re-advertised and relet as provided by law.

The quality of the articles, supplies, goods, wares, and merchandise must conform in every respect to the samples of same furnished by the head of the office and the Department. Bidders are cautioned to examine the specifications for particulars of the articles, etc., required, before making their estimates.

Bids will be taken the price for each article, by which the bids will be tested.

Bidders will write out the amount of their estimate, in addition to inserting the same in figures.

Payment will be made by a requisition on the Comptroller, in accordance with the terms of the contract, from time to time, as the Commissioners may determine.

Bidders are informed that no deviation from the specifications will be allowed, unless under the written instruction of the Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction.

No bid or estimate will be accepted from, or a contract awarded to, any person who is in arrears to the Corporation upon debt or contract, or who is a defaulter, as surety or otherwise, upon any obligation to the Corporation.

The form of the agreement, including specifications, and showing the manner of payment, can be obtained at the office of the Department.

Dated, New York, March 15, 1886.

HENRY H. BORTEN, President,
THOMAS S. SIMMONS, Commissioner,
CHARLES E. SIMMONS, Commissioner,
Public Charities and Correction.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION,
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
No. 66 THIRD AVENUE,
NEW YORK, March 13, 1886.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH AN ORDINANCE OF the Common Council, "In relation to the burial of strangers or unknown persons who may die in any of the public institutions of the City of New York," the Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction report as follows:

At Morgue, Bellevue Hospital—From Pier 20, East river. Unknown man, age about 40 years; 5 feet 8 inches high; dark brown hair, sandy moustache, blue eyes; had on black mixed sack coat and vest, blue overalls, white knitted undershirt and drawers, brogan shoes, brown mixed socks.

Unknown woman, from Bellevue Hospital, aged about 55 years; 5 feet high, gray hair and eyes; had on black waist and skirt, black quilted petticoat, white woolen cloth, lined cotton chemise, white cotton stockings, elastic garters.

At Charity Hospital, Blackwell's Island—Rose O'Connor, aged 30 years; 4 feet 9 inches high, dark brown hair, blue eyes; had on when admitted black dress, brown undershirt.

At Workhouse, Blackwell's Island—John Fisher; committed February 23, 1886.

At Homeopathic Hospital, Ward's Island—John Estenstedt, aged 30 years; 7 feet 1 inch high, gray eyes, brown hair; had on when admitted black sack coat and vest, striped pants, gaiters, brown cap.

Thomas Reynolds, aged 38 years; 5 feet 5 inches high, gray eyes and hair; had on when admitted, gray sack coat, blue pants, black vest, laced shoes, black derby hat.

Michael Cavad, aged 45 years; 5 feet 4 inches high, brown eyes, black hair; had on when admitted, blue sack coat, blue pants, black vest, laced shoes, brown cap.

Charles Don Juan, aged 48 years; 5 feet 9 inches high, gray eyes and hair; had on when admitted, gray sack coat, gray pants, brown vest, laced shoes, black derby hat.

At Idiot Asylum, Randall's Island—Hester Norton, aged 28 years; 5 feet high, blue eyes, light hair.

At Harbinger Hospital—John Fisher, aged 34 years.

Nothing known of their friends or relatives.

By order,

G. F. BRITTON,
Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC CHARITIES AND CORRECTION,
No. 66 THIRD AVENUE,
NEW YORK, March 2, 1886.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH AN ORDINANCE OF the Common Council, "In relation to the burial of strangers or unknown persons who may die in any of the public institutions of the City of New York," the Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction report as follows:

At Morgue, Bellevue Hospital, from 360 Water street—Unknown man, aged about 35 years; 5 feet 7 inches high, brown hair, blue eyes, small sandy moustache. Had on black diagonal coat and overcoat, blue vest, gray mixed pants, white knitted cotton undershirt and drawers, white shirt, black derby hat, white socks, elastic garters.

Unknown woman, from 135 Mott street, aged about 60 years; 5 feet 3 inches high; gray eyes and hair. Had on black figured skirt, black dress, black vest, black waist, black undershirt, black quilted petticoat, white Canton flannel drawers, white corsets, purple and black woolen hood, double woolen shawl, striped stock-socked shoes, black teeth, pair of scissors, and three keys hung on her person.

Unknown man, from Fifteenth Precinct Station-house, aged about 50 years; 5 feet 7 inches high; blue eyes; dark hair, mixed with gray; dark moustache. Had on black sack coat, dark carriage jacket, dark striped pants, blue hickory shirt, brogan shoes.

Unknown man, from 297 Tenth avenue, aged about 45 years; 5 feet 5 inches high; light brown hair and moustache; brown eyes. Had on black cloth overcoat, black sack coat, dark vest and pants, brogan shoes, blue flannel shirt, gray undershirt and drawers, brown socks, gray Scotch cap.

Unknown man, from Sixth Precinct Station-house, aged about 35 years; 5 feet 7 inches high; dark brown hair; bald head, brown eyes. Had on old faded sack coat, dark mixed sack coat, blue flannel vest, dark striped pants, brogan shoes.

At Workhouse, Blackwell's Island—Daniel Ford committed Janu. 26, 1886.

Mary Flynn; committed February 6, 1886.

Kate Spence; committed January 27, 1886.

Mary Keel; committed Janu. 27, 1886.

Frank Smith; committed December 18, 1885.

At Lunatic Asylum, Blackwell's Island—Elizabeth Tomlinson, aged 25 years; 4 feet 11 inches high; brown hair; blue eyes.

At Homeopathic Hospital, Ward's Island—Bernard McCormack, aged 78 years; 5 feet 1 inch high; brown eyes; gray hair. Had on when admitted brown overcoat, black coat, gray vest, dark brown striped pants, brown plush cap, boots.

Sarah Taylor, aged 50 years; 5 feet 5 inches high; blue eyes; brown hair. Had on when admitted black skirt and sack, rubber shoes, red cloth.

Lizzie Daly, aged 19 years; 5 feet 6 inches high; brown eyes and hair. Had on when admitted black alpaca skirt, black cotton sash, black and white check shawl, cloth garters.

Vincent Apell, aged 20 years; 5 feet 4 inches high; blue eyes; black hair. Had on when admitted blue sack coat, dark mixed pants a vest, laced shoes, brown fur cap.

Henry Cordes, aged 30 years; 5 feet 10 inches high; blue eyes; brown hair. Had on when admitted black mixed coat and vest, gray pants, laced shoes, black derby hat.

Nothing known of their friends or relatives.

By order,

G. F. BRITTON,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS,
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
ROOM 6, No. 31 CHAMBERS STREET,
NEW YORK, March 13, 1886.

TO BUILDERS AND CONTRACTORS.

BIDS OR ESTIMATES ENCLOSED IN A SEALED envelope, with the title of the work and the name of the bidder endorsed thereon, will be received at this office until 12 o'clock M., Thursday, March 19, 1886, at which place and hour they will be publicly opened by the head of the Department and read:

FOR FURNISHING MATERIALS AND PERFORMING WORK IN THE ERECTION OF A ONE STORY BRICK OFFICE AND STORE ROOM IN THE PIPER LANE AT THE FOOT OF TWENTY-FOURTH STREET AND THE EAST RIVER.

Bidders for the above contracts must be regularly engaged in the business and well prepared for furnishing the materials they propose for; and no contract will be made with any bidder who is not prepared to furnish satisfactory evidence to that effect.

Each estimate must contain the name and place of residence of the person making the same, the names of all persons interested with him therein, and if no other person be so interested, it shall distinctly state that fact. It is made without any connection with any other person making an estimate for the same work, and in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud. That no member of the Common Council, head of a department, Chief of a Bureau, Deputy thereof or Clerk thereof, or other officer of the Corporation, is directly or indirectly interested in the estimate or in the work to which it relates or in the profits thereof.

Each estimate must be indorsed by the oath, in writing, of the party making the same, that the several matters therein stated are true, and must be accompanied by the consent, in writing, of two householders or freeholders in the City of New York, to the effect that if the contract is awarded to the person making the estimate, they will, upon its being so awarded, become bound as his sureties for its faithful performance; and that if he shall refuse or neglect to execute the same, they will pay to the Corporation the difference between the sum to which he would be entitled on its completion and that which the Corporation may be obliged to pay to the person to whom the contract shall be awarded at any subsequent letting; and that the amount of the security required for the estimated amount of the work by which the bids are tested.

The consent last above mentioned must be accompanied by the oath or affirmation, in writing, of each of the persons signing the same, that he is a householder or freeholder in the City of New York, and is worth the amount of the security required for the completion of the contract, over and above all his debts of every nature, and over and above his liabilities as bail, surety or otherwise; and that he is not indebted to the Corporation, or to any other person, in the order of the Comptroller, or money to the amount of five per centum of the amount of the security required for the faithful performance of the contract. Such check or money must not be enclosed in the sealed envelope containing the estimate, but must be handed to the officer or clerk of the Department who has charge of the Estimate-box, and no estimate can be deposited in said box until such check or money has been examined by said officer or clerk.

Should the person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded neglect or refuse to accept the contract within five days after notice that the same has been awarded to his or their bid or proposal, or if he or they accept but do not execute the contract and give the proper security, he or they shall be considered as having abandoned the contract, and the contract may be re-advertised and relet as provided by law.

No estimate will be considered unless accompanied by either a certified check upon one of the national banks of the City of New York, drawn to the order of the Comptroller, or money to the amount of five per centum of the amount of the security required for the faithful performance of the contract. Such check or money must not be enclosed in the sealed envelope containing the estimate, but must be handed to the officer or clerk of the Department who has charge of the Estimate-box, and no estimate can be deposited in said box until such check or money has been examined by said officer or clerk.

Should the person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded neglect or refuse to accept the contract within five days after notice that the same has been awarded to his or their bid or proposal, or if he or they accept but do not execute the contract and give the proper security, he or they shall be considered as having abandoned the contract, and the contract may be re-advertised and relet as provided by law.

THE COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ALL BIDS OR ESTIMATES IF DEEMED TO BE FOR THE PUBLIC INTERESTS OF THE CITY.

Blank forms of bid or estimate, the proper envelopes in which to inclose the same, the specifications and agreements, and any other information desired, may be obtained at the office of the Chief Engineer, Room 10, No. 31 Chambers street.

W. W. SMITH,
Deputy and Acting Commissioner of Public Works.

Dated, New York, February 18, 1886.

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Counsel to the Corporation,
2 Tryon Row, New York City.