

S. T. Douglas, bill examining titles of
D. & M. Railway to Dequindre street,.... 420 00
B. G. STIMSON, Controller.
Accepted and referred to Committee on Claims
and Accounts.

FROM THE SAME.

To the Honorable the Common Council:
GENTLEMEN—The following reports of city offi-
cers, from February 17 to February 24, 1868, are
submitted:
Thomas R. Cummings, Receiver of
Taxes..... \$2,558 14
George W. Burchell License Collector:
F. Thornon, redeler's license..... \$3 50
S. Van Winberg, do do 2 50
Simeon Areeling, do do 2 50
Wm. Moynahan, do do 2 50
Wm. Moynahan, meat shop..... 5 00
Patrick Britt, dray..... 10 00
Isaac Altman, pawnbroker..... 25 00

Robert Hodgkins, Clerk of the Market: 50 00
Stall rents \$64 50
Calves and sheep..... 95

B. G. STIMSON, Controller.

Accepted and referred to Committee on Ways
and Means.

FROM THE SAME.

To the Honorable the Common Council:
GENTLEMEN—In reply to the notice from this
office inviting proposals for furnishing all the ma-
terial, and for laying a new floor in the eastern
Meat Market, eight proposals were received. I
hereby report the four lowest, v z:

Giesse, Dahlinger & Co., completing entire
work, and furnishing materials excepting
sills..... \$376 58
Sills if required, 3½ cents per foot.

Securities, John Bammeister and Henry
Ruser

Lester Hunter, entire work as above, ex-
cepting sills..... \$400 00
Sureties, William Wreford and William
A. Owen.

Candler Bros., entire work as above, ex-
cepting sills..... \$422 30
Sills if required, 2½ cents per running foot.
Securities, John Lee and William Gar-
grave

G. S. Rice, entire work as above, except-
ing sills..... \$443 00
Sills if required, \$30 per thousand feet.
Sureties, B. B. Rice and Seth Smith.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

B. G. STIMSON,
Controller.

Accepted and the Controller instructed to con-
tract with Messrs. Zeisse, Dahlinger & Co., the
lowest responsible bidders, by the following
vote:

Yeas—Aldermen Blum, Bond, Considine, Coots,
Hawley, Kling, Kremer, Langley, Mellus, Olewine,
Phelps, Purcell, Ruehle, Stewart, President—15.
Nays—None.

FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY.

To the Honorable the Common Council:
GENTLEMEN—At the request of His Honor, Re-
corder Swift, I respectfully direct the attention of
your honorable body to the subject of taxing costs
in certain cases in the Recorder's Court. By vir-
tue of the power granted in the charter, the Com-
mon Council in the passage of ordinances in addi-
tion to the fine and penalty therein provided for,
confer a discretionary power upon the Court to
impose payment of costs, but there is no provision
regulating the amount to be taxable for the costs,
and as the practice now exists, there is no settled
rule by which the Clerk of the Court can be
guided, whereas an ordinance fixing the amount
for each paper drawn, each served, etc., would in
all cases make the costs regular and in uniform
proportion to the services rendered.

Should it meet the approval of your honorable
body, I would respectfully ask to be instructed to
draft an ordinance to provide for such cases.

Very respectfully,
JAMES W. BROWN,
City Attorney.

Accepted and referred to Committee on Judic-
ary.

FROM THE CITY COUNSELLOR.

To the Honorable the Common Council:
GENTLEMEN—In compliance with your resolu-
tion of the 18th instant, the undersigned respect-
fully reports, that your honorable body can legally
fix the compensation of overseers of Highways at
an annual salary, as contemplated by the ordi-
nance approved February 8, 1868.
Respectfully,

WM. GRAY.

Accepted, and the whole matter referred to the
Committee on Ways and Means.

FROM THE CITY TREASURER.

To the Honorable the Common Council:
GENTLEMEN—I herewith submit a detailed state-
ment of receipts and disbursements at this office
for the week ending the 22d instant:

RECEIPTS.

Sundry amounts from various sources.... \$3,456 14

DISBURSEMENTS.

Sundry warrants paid, etc..... 660 70
Respectfully, etc.,

E. S. LEADBEATER,
City Treasurer.

Accepted, and referred to the Committee on
Ways and Means.

FROM CLERK OF RECORDER'S COURT.

To the Honorable the Common Council:
GENTLEMEN—I respectfully report to your hon-
orable body that the juries heretofore impaneled
in the matter to open alleys in the Fifth and Sev-
enth Wards, to wit: to open an alley in the Fifth
Ward of said city from Park street, running east-
wardly till it intersects an alley running north-
wardly to Moncain street; to open an alley 20
feet in width between Clinton and Mallett streets,
from Russell to Riopelle streets, in the Seventh
Ward of said city, have filed their reports, and
that said reports were duly confirmed by the Re-
corder's Court on the 18th instant, and that I have
this day filed a copy of said reports, and of the
order of said court, confirming the same in the
office of the City Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN T. MELDRUM,
Clerk of the Recorder's Court.

Accepted.

The matter of the alley in the Seventh Ward was
referred to a special committee, consisting of Ald.
Ruehle, Bond and Mellus.

Leave being granted, Ald. Coots offered the fol-
lowing:
By Ald. Coots:

Resolved, That the sum of two hundred and
eighty-five dollars and seventy-eight cents be and
the same is hereby appropriated to pay the awards
of the jury in the matter of opening an alley in the
Fifth Ward, between Columbia street and Mont-
cain, Park street and Woodward avenue, and the
Controller is hereby directed to draw his warrant on
the Treasurer for said sum to pay said awards.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Blum, Bond, Considine, Coots,
Hawley, Kling, Kremer, Langley, Mellus, Olewine,
Phelps, Purcell, Ruehle, Stewart, President—15.
Nays—None.

FROM THE CITY CLERK.

That he presented the proceedings of the Coun-
cil of February 18 to the Mayor on the 19th inst.,
and that the Mayor approved the same on the 20th
inst. Also that he presented the proceedings of
February 19 to the Mayor on the 20th inst., and
that the Mayor approved the same on the 22d inst.

Accepted and placed on file.

Also that Dr Lyster, City Physician, has filed his
official report for the month of January.
Accepted and referred to Committee on Health.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

WAYS AND MEANS.

To the Honorable the Common Council:
GENTLEMEN—The Committee on Ways and
Means, to whom was referred the sixth Annual
Report of the Inspectors and Superintendent of the
House of Correction, would respectfully report
their extreme gratification in finding the financial