

tive to the matter of cleaning the McClellan avenue sewer, respectfully report that we have given the matter careful consideration, and beg leave to state that your committee can see no reason at this time why such a system as contemplated should be installed. The City Engineer recommends the damming of the sewer at some point, and when a sufficient amount of water is let into the sewer, remove the dam. This plan will accomplish the same purpose and be just as effective. We therefore recommend that the Board of Public Works be requested so to do, the expense thereof to be paid out of the public sewer fund, and we herewith offer the following resolution.

Respectfully submitted,
 MICHAEL MILLER,
 JOHN J. STEIGER,
 EDMUND ATKINSON.

Accepted, and on leave the following resolution was offered:

By Ald. Miller:

Resolved, That the Board of Public Works be and is hereby requested to dam the McClellan avenue sewer at some point for the purpose of flushing the public sewer in said street, the expense thereof to be paid out of the public sewer fund.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Atkinson, Barrie, Beamer, Campbell, Coots, Freda, Hansjosten, Hillger, Houghton, Jerome, Joy, Keating, Koch, Koenig, Lemke, Liphardt, McGuire, Magee, Marx, Miller, Moeller, Mohn, Nevermann, Reinhardt, Smith, Snow, Steiger, Tossy, Weber, Weibel, Weiler, Wildman and the President—33.

Nays—None.

Taxes.

To the Honorable the Common Council: Gentlemen—Your Committee on Taxes, to whom was referred the petitions of Edward La Dancœur and Alice M. Rix for the refunding of certain taxes, respectfully report that we have given the same our careful consideration and beg leave to state the following:

Relative to the petition of Mr. La Dancœur we find that he was assessed upon a valuation of \$2,050, for which amount he filed a statement with the Board of Assessors, and that they placed another assessment of \$1,200 upon his place of business, whereas in reality the first named statement covered his entire property. We recommend that he be refunded the tax upon a valuation of \$1,200, it being a double assessment, although it occurred through carelessness on the part of the petitioner and not the Assessors.

In the matter of the petition of Alice M. Rix, we beg leave to state that the petitioner was assessed upon mortgages to the sum of \$6,000 for the year 1900, but that \$2,400 thereof had been paid off, which, under the opinion of the Corporation Counsel, the petitioner is not liable for, even though the Assessors placed the same upon the rolls, because of the fact that there is nothing in existence to show therefor.

We recommend the request of the petitioners be granted and herewith offer the following resolutions:

Respectfully submitted,
 FRED W. SMITH,
 EDWARD WILDMAN,
 DANIEL CAMPBELL,

Accepted and on leave the following resolutions were offered:

By Ald. Smith:

Resolved, That the City Controller be and he is hereby authorized and instructed to draw his warrant upon the proper fund in favor of Edward La Dancœur for the sum of \$19 47, being the taxes upon a valuation of \$1,200, upon presentation of the proper receipt showing that said taxes have been paid for the year 1900.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Atkinson, Barrie, Beamer, Campbell, Coots, Freda, Hansjosten, Hillger, Houghton, Jerome, Joy, Keating, Koch, Koenig, Lemke, Liphardt, McGuire, Magee, Marx, Miller, Moeller, Mohn, Nevermann, Reinhardt, Smith, Snow, Steiger, Tossy, Weber, Weibel, Weiler, Wildman and the President—33.

Nays—None.

By Ald. Smith:

Resolved, That the City Controller be and he is hereby authorized and instructed to draw his warrant upon the proper fund in favor of Alice M. Rix for the sum of \$36 43, being the taxes upon a valuation of \$2,400, upon presentation of the proper receipts showing that the taxes upon said mortgages have been paid for the year 1900.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Atkinson, Barrie, Beamer, Campbell, Coots, Freda, Hansjosten, Hillger, Houghton, Jerome, Joy, Keating, Koch, Koenig, Lemke, Liphardt, McGuire, Magee, Marx, Miller, Moeller, Mohn, Nevermann, Reinhardt, Smith, Snow, Steiger, Tossy, Weber, Weibel, Weiler, Wildman and the President—33.

Nays—None.

Street Openings.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

Gentlemen—Your Committee on Street Openings, to whom was referred the petition of Frank J. Hecker, et al., for vacation of part of an alley in block bounded by Woodward and Washington avenues, Clifford and Park streets, and requesting the acceptance of a deed of another alley in lieu thereof, respectfully report that we have carefully considered the matter and beg leave to state that the petitioner is the owner of lots 18, 19 and 24, situated in the above mentioned block; that he is desirous of constructing an Arcade Building upon said property, but which cannot be done until the alley lying between lots 19 and 24 is vacated; that said alley is a cul-de-sac, and therefore, if closed in the rear of petitioner's property will in no way injure any other property located in said block; that the consent of all the other property owners in the block has been obtained to said vacation, having so signified their willingness by joining in the signing of the petition. Your committee can see no objection to the proposed vacation, and therefore recommend that the request of the petitioner be granted; provided, he deed to the city a strip of land 20 feet in width off the northerly part of lot 19 in said block, and we herewith offer the following resolution.

Respectfully submitted,
 JOHN J. STEIGER,
 WM. F. MOELLER,
 M. W. M'GUIRE.

Accepted, and on leave the following resolution was offered.

By Ald. Steiger:

Resolved, That all that part of the alley lying between lots 19 and 24, sec-

tion 8, Governor & Judges' Plan, except the northerly 20 feet thereof, be and the same is hereby vacated;

Provided, Mr. Frank J. Hecker deed unto the city of Detroit the northerly 20 feet of lot 19, section 8, Governor & Judge's Plan, and said deed is accepted by the Committee on Ways and Means and approved by the Common Council, and adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Atkinson, Barrie, Beamer, Campbell, Coots, Freda, Hansjosten, Hillger, Houghton, Jerome, Joy, Keating, Koch, Koenig, Lemke, Liphardt, McGuire, Magee, Marx, Miller, Moeller, Mohan, Nevermann, Reinhardt, Smith, Snow, Steiger, Tossy, Weber, Weibel, Weiler, Widman and the President—33.
Nays—None.

Ordinances.

To the Honorable the Common Council:
Gentlemen—Your Committee on

Ordinances, to whom was referred back the ordinance offered by Ald. Snow, entitled "An ordinance to provide against obstructions in the aisles, passageways, egress, openings or stairways in theaters, public halls, auditoriums, churches and schools," together with the veto of his honor the Mayor, beg leave to report that we submitted the matter to the Corporation Counsel for information as to what laws were in existence at the present time covering the objects intended to be accomplished by the adoption of this ordinance, and were informed that the entire scope and purpose of the ordinance, except that which relates to persons standing in the halls, passageways, etc., is already covered by existing laws. Sec. 3 of the Act creating the Board of Building Inspectors, makes it their duty to inspect public halls, theaters, churches, etc., at least once in each year. Sec. 4 of the same act provides that "All exit doors leading from assembly rooms, aisles, passageways and the exterior of public halls, theaters, churches, and buildings used for public assemblages of any kind shall swing outward, and it shall be unlawful for any persons to place chairs, benches or seats in the aisles or passageways of such building, while being occupied or in use for any public assemblies or entertainments."

Such being the facts, we recommend that the ordinance above mentioned as appears upon page 1070 J. C. C. 1900, be indefinitely postponed.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD P. JOY,
H. C. NEVERMANN, JR.,
WM. HILLGER.

Accepted and adopted.

FROM THE SAME.

To the Honorable the Common Council:
Gentlemen—Your Committee on Ordinances, to whom was referred the ordinance offered by Ald. Schneider, entitled "An ordinance to regulate the running and operation of cars on street railways in the City of Detroit, and provide for the public safety," respectfully report that said ordinance is submitted for the purpose of compelling the street railway companies to have sand boxes upon all of their cars. Such an ordinance is already in existence, having been approved Feb. 17, 1896. This being the status of affairs, we recommend that the ordinance presented at a session held on Dec. 27 last (J. C. C. 1070) be indefinitely postponed.

Respectfully submitted,
RICHARD P. JOY,
H. C. NEVERMANN, JR.,
WM. HILLGER.

Accepted and adopted.

FROM THE SAME.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

Gentlemen—Your Committee on Ordinances, to whom was referred the resolution offered by Ald. Campbell requesting this committee to consider the advisability of providing for notice by publication in the official papers of the city whenever lateral sewers, sidewalks and like improvements are to be made, instead of the present plan of giving personal notice, respectfully report that your committee are heartily in accord with the text of said resolution, and therefore recommend the adoption of the ordinances herewith presented, which cover the entire matter.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD P. JOY,
H. C. NEVERMANN, JR.,
WM. HILLGER.

Accepted.

The following are the ordinances:

AN ORDINANCE to amend sections 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18 of Title 5, of Chapter 56, of the Revised Ordinances of 1895.

It is hereby ordained by the people of the city of Detroit:

Section 1. That sections 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18 of Title 5, of Chapter 56, of the Revised Ordinances of the city of Detroit be, and the same are hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Sec. 12. Plank sidewalks shall be constructed of good pine or hemlock plank, of uniform thickness, or planed on one side, not less than one inch and seven-eighths in thickness, more than twelve or less than five inches wide, laid not more than one-quarter of an inch apart, on cedar, pine or hemlock sleepers, not less than four inches square, to be placed not more than three feet apart; the plank shall be laid in a line at right angles to the line of the sidewalk, and shall be nailed with nails not less than twenty penny, with at least two nails in each end of each plank and not less than one nail at any other bearing, and not less than two nails where the plank exceeds six inches in width. Six-foot plank sidewalks shall be laid on not less than three sleepers, and the outside sleeper not over five inches from the end of the plank. All sidewalks on paved streets shall be raised from the curbstone in the proportion of the curbstone in twenty feet and eight inches in the established lines conform to the established lines and grade, as near as may be, and on unpaved streets shall conform to a line established by the City Engineer and to a uniform grade satisfactory to the Board of Public Works, and shall, when ordered by the Common Council, be relaid to the proper grade when so established by paving such streets.

2. Whenever sidewalks are ordered on any street where none have heretofore existed, it shall be the duty of the City Engineer to immediately establish a sidewalk line on said street for at least the distance that sidewalks have been or are about to be ordered, by setting stakes 200 feet apart (or as