Mr. Wright called up bill 56, an ordinance to condemn and open Park street, from Richmond to Biddle streets, which was read.

Mr. Wright moved that the bill be indefinitely postponed, which was determined in the negative by the following vote, the yeas and nays being required by Mr. Krafft:

Yeas—Messrs. Crawford, Harker, Cox, Wright, Counselman, White, Woods, Nicholls—8.

Nays—Messrs. President, France, Mullen, J. H. Boyd, Suter, F. H. B. Boyd, Krafft, Thompson, Quail, Regester, Pyle, Lepson—12.

Mr. Wright moved to amend the first section by adding to the end thereof the following, which was rejected:

"And provided further, that in no case shall the commissioners assess any property on Park street, south of Richmond street, in carrying out the provisions of this ordinance."

Mr. Nicholls moved to amend the first section by striking out all after the word "reference," in the ninth line, and inserting the following, which was determined in the negative.

"Beginning for the east line thereof, on the northeast side of Richmond street, at the point marked G. on said plat, or where the east line of Park street extended northerly, would intersect the said northeast side of Richmond street; and running thence by a straight line, to the northwest corner of Edward C. Cockey's warehouse on Fulton alley, and thence along said straight line extended, to Howard street; thence from Howard street to Biddle street, from the point marked E. on said plat, or where the northeast line of Grundy street extended southeastwardly, would intersect the northwest side of Howard street; thence along said extended line, to the point marked D on said plat, or where said line of Grundy street extended would intersect the southeast side of Biddle street; and beginning for the west line thereof at the point marked A on said plat, or where the west line of Park street extended northerly, would intersect the said northeast side of Richmond Street; and running thence parallel with the east line of said extension as described, and at the distance of sixty-six feet therefrom, to a point between Howard

and Biddle streets, where the said west line would intersect the southwest line of Grundy street extended; thence following the said southwest line of Grundy street extended, to the point marked C on said plat; the part of said Park street extended, between Howard and Biddle streets, to be parallel to the line from E to D, as marked on said plat, and distant therefrom sixty-six feet."

Mr. Nicholls moved that the bill be recommitted to the joint committee on highways, which was determined in the negative.

Mr. Nicholls moved to amend the second section by adding to the end thereof the following:

"Provided, that the commissioners for opening streets be and they are hereby authorized and directed to levy at least four-fifths of the damages and expenses of opening, and extending, said street, upon the property along the line of, and adjacent to Grundy street, from Biddle street to the northern boundary of the city, in proportion to the benefits which, in their judgment, shall accrue to said property—any rule or custom of assessment heretofore practised to the contrary notwithstanding;"

The President ruled the amendment out of order.

The question recurring upon the passage of the bill, it was determined in the affirmative by the following vote, the yeas and nays being required by Mr. Wright:

Yeas—Messrs. President, France, Mullen, J. H. Boyd, Suter, F. H. B. Boyd, Harker, Krafft, Thompson, Regester, Pyle, Lepson—12.

Nays—Messrs. Crawford, Cox, Wright, Quail, Counselman, White, Woods, Nicholls—8.

On motion of Mr. Wright, the Branch adjourned until tomorrow afternoon, at 3 o'clock.

By order,

Columbus Piazza, clerk.

The following have been presented to the Mayor:

A supplement to an ordinance to restrain certain evil practises therein mentioned, No. 31, revised ordinances, 1880.