The President presented the petition of John A. Robb and others, asking the passage of an ordinance to open Washington street, from Monument street, to North avenue, which was read and refered to the joint committee on highways.

Mr. Nicholls presented the petition of Samuel Brown, contractor for grading Madison avenue, asking an investigation of the charges made against him, relative to said grading, which was read and refered to the joint committee on highways.

Mr. J. H. Boyd, chairman of the joint committee on highways, presented the following report and resolution, which were read:

The joint committee on highways, to whom was refered the petition of John R. Giles, have had the subject under consideration, and would beg leave to offer the following resolution:

Joseph H. Boyd,	William E. Beale,
F. N. B. Boyd,	Wm. Boulton,
Daniel Lepson,	Wm. P. Welsh,
First Branch.	Second Branch.

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, that permission be and is hereby granted to John R. Giles, to place in front of his premises on Baltimore street, two gas lamps, and to remove the city lamp now there, also to place a rail two feet seven inches in width, so as to separate the ladies department from the front door of the hotel, the same to be done under the supervision of the city commissioner, and at no expense to the city.

On motion of Mr. Suter, the resolution was read a second time by special order and adopted.

Mr. Suter, chairman of the joint committee on ways and means, presented the following report and resolution, which were read:

The joint standing committee on ways and means, to whom was refered the communication of the City Commissioner in reference to repairs of the roof and spouting of the court house, report that the subject is of great importance, to the interest of the city, that the roof should be

kept in good condition for the preservation of the property, and therefore offer the following resolution:

James S. Suter,	Wm. E. Bartlett, jr.,
John S. Wright,	Edward C. Thomas,
Jno. A. Thompson,	Wm. S. Crowley,
First Brand.	Second Branch.

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, that the City Commissioner be and he is hereby directed to repair the roof and spouting of the court house, and draw on the Register with the approbation of the Mayor, for the sum of five hundred dollars or so much thereof as may be necessary, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

On motion of Mr. Wright, the resolution was read a second time by special order and adopted.

Mr. Nicholls, chairman of the joint committee on health, presented the following repot and resolution, which were read and laid on the table:

The joint committee on health, to whom was refered the petition of Ernest Schley asking permission to slaughter in a house erected by him a few years since, having carefully considered the same, would respectfully offer the following resolution:

Wm. T. Nicholls,	Edward C. Thomas
Orlando G. White,	F. C. B. Hintze,
John France,	Second Branch.
First Branch.	

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, that Ernest Schley be and he is hereby granted permission to slaughter in a brick building now erected, situated on an alley running north from Eager street and east of Valley street; provided, that his petition, with the assent of a majority of the nearest property holders, be filed with the city commissioner; and, also, that the said slaughter house shall be subject to all ordinances passed or to be passed regulating slaughter houses.

Mr. Cox presented a communication from the board of public school commissioners upon the subject of a floating school, enclosing copies of reports adopted by the board, also a memorial from the Board of Trade of Baltimore city upon the subject, which was read and refered to the joint committee on education.