

Sketch of a Proposed Public Bathing House

What kind of building is pictured in this sketch? Where was it located?

Why was a public bathing house needed?

Petition of the Ellsworth Zouaves for Compensation for Services Rendered During the Labor Riots

Who were the Ellsworth Zouaves and what were they requesting?

Describe what you know about labor riots in the late nineteenth century.

Why might the Ellsworth Zouaves not have been paid yet?

Communication from the State Board of Health Concerning Pollution of the Chicago River, Illinois and Michigan Canal and the Illinois River

What was the problem according to Secretary Rauch?

Why might communities down river from Chicago have resented their northern neighbor?

Resolution to Investigate a Cigar Factory

What were the working conditions in this cigar factory?

Why were the men working in this factory getting sick?

What was the Commissioner of Health requested to do?

Ordinance Concerning Child Labor

What age and hour restrictions were placed on children working?

What was the penalty for violating this ordinance?

What was the only acceptable work for children under the age of 12 years according to this document?

Petition from the Woman's Christian Association to Remit Water Taxes on their Boarding House

Why did the officers of the Woman's Christian Association expect a rebate of the water tax?

Who lived in the boarding house?

Resolution to Provide for Disabled Policemen

What kind of compensation did this resolution provide those policemen who had been disabled?

Describe the labor disturbance which took place in Chicago on May 4, 1886.

Where disabled officers being provided for justly?

Why might the city's charter have stated it did "not permit of making appropriations either for rewards or for giving pensions"? How do you think this might have changed since 1886?

Petition of Catherine Svaneck for Compensation for the Death of Her Son

How did Catherine Svaneck's son Joseph die?

What might have happened to Catherine Svaneck and her family without help from the council?

Communication from the Trade and Labor Assembly Concerning Compulsory Education
What was the Trade and Labor Assembly advocating in this document?
Why would a labor organization take a stand in favor of compulsory education?
Why would there be a general impression that working classes were opposed to compulsory education?

Communication from the Illinois Woman's Alliance Concerning Child Labor
What did the Woman's Alliance want as proof that a child is capable of working?
What did the Woman's Alliance want employers to do with this proof?

Communication from the Illinois Woman's Alliance Concerning Bathing Houses
What did the Woman's Alliance want the city of Chicago to do?
Where did the Woman's Alliance suggest looking for examples of good bathing houses?
How would bathing houses have helped the sanitation and health of citizens of Chicago?

Petition from Labor Groups to Close City Offices on May 1 to Observe an Eight-Hour Demonstration
What occupations were represented by the organizations that signed this petition?

Memorial of the Chicago Teamsters Union No. 1 for the City to Contract Exclusively with Union Teamsters
What did the teamsters ask for in this memorial?
What was the stated purpose of the Chicago Teamsters Union No. 1?

Resolution Requesting the Mayor to Appeal to the People on Behalf of the Workmen at Pullman
How and why would the Mayor appeal to the people of Chicago help the residents of Pullman?
How did the residents of Pullman show their good character?

Communication from the Commander of G.A.R. Post No. 5 Notifying the City Clerk of That Post's Intention to Undertake the Relief of Indigent Veterans
What was the purpose of this document?
What was "An Act to regulate the granting relief to indigent war veterans and their families"?
What was the Grand Army of the Republic?

Resolution to Investigate the Civil Service Commission
Why did John Coughlin object to the civil service law?

Resolution to Recognize the Cuban Patriots as Belligerents
Who was General Weyler and what was his strategy to win in Cuba?
After recognizing the Cuban patriots as belligerents, what happened between the United States, Cuba, and Spain?

Ordinance for Relief of the Needy and Suffering Poor
How did this ordinance propose to provide for the needy?

What caused so many people to be considered "the needy and suffering poor" in the 1890's?

Ordinance Concerning Work Hours and Wages

According to this ordinance, if you made \$2.00 on a regular work day, and you worked ten hours on a Sunday, what would you be paid for that day?

According to this ordinance, if you worked 8 hours a day, 6 days a week, 52 weeks a year with no overtime, how much would you earn in 1 year?