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APPROVED BY THE MAYOR.

The Resolution Permitting the Ladies' Auxiliary to Erect a Wigwam on the Square.

Mayor Schaadt yesterday considered and approved the following resolution passed by councils at their last meeting:

Resolved, By select council, common council concurring, that permission be hereby granted to the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Allentown Hospital Association to erect a temporary wigwam, or booth, on the south side of centre square for the purpose of holding the hospital fair the last week in May, a clear space of twenty-five feet on all sides of the building, the square to be cleaned and placed in good condition immediately after the fair.

In giving his signature to the resolution he says he does so with some misgiving as to the right of the city authorities to permit the erection of what, if erected by a person in the public highway, would amount to a nuisance, in the legal sense afterward. "The original purpose in laying out Centre Square or Monument Square," says Mayor Schaadt, "was to provide a public market place for the use of the citizens and for many years I am informed a market was maintained along the centre lines of the square, and the square for many years was known as Market Square. In those days the public driveway extended around the portion used for market purposes. Upon the discontinuance of this use; and the removal of the market house, the entire square became a driveway, but is still used for public assemblies. The roadway or driveway proper extends along the sides in the original plan. In the view of the matter, the erection of a booth or wigwam, for a limited time,

and for its purpose of assisting the hospital, an institution of a public nature and open to all of our citizens, loses the character of an obstruction in the public highway, when erected on that portion of the square which was not originally intended for a driveway. I suggest that you amend the resolution by adding to it the requirement of a bond, in some reasonable amount to be given by some responsible party connected with the Ladies Auxiliary of the Hospital Association for the purpose of indemnifying the city against damages by reason of the erection and use of a booth or wigwam as contemplated in the resolution."

"JAMES L. SCHAADT,"
Mayor."