

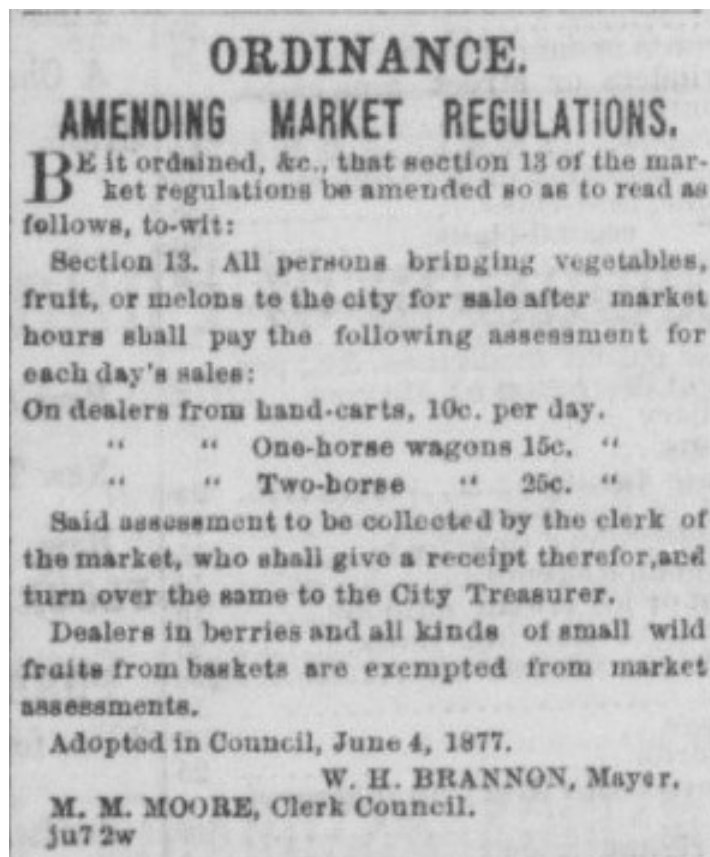
Today in Columbus History: On July 3, 1877, *The Columbus Daily Times* carried an announcement about some price changes going into effect for stall renters at the City Market. The City Market occupied the median of 1st Ave. between 10th and 11th Streets. It was comprised of a vegetable market and a meat market. The market opened around 4:00 a.m. and closed around noon during the week; there were special Saturday evening hours, but it was closed on Sunday. City Market was erected in the 1870s and torn down around 1921 (according to Ken Thomas).

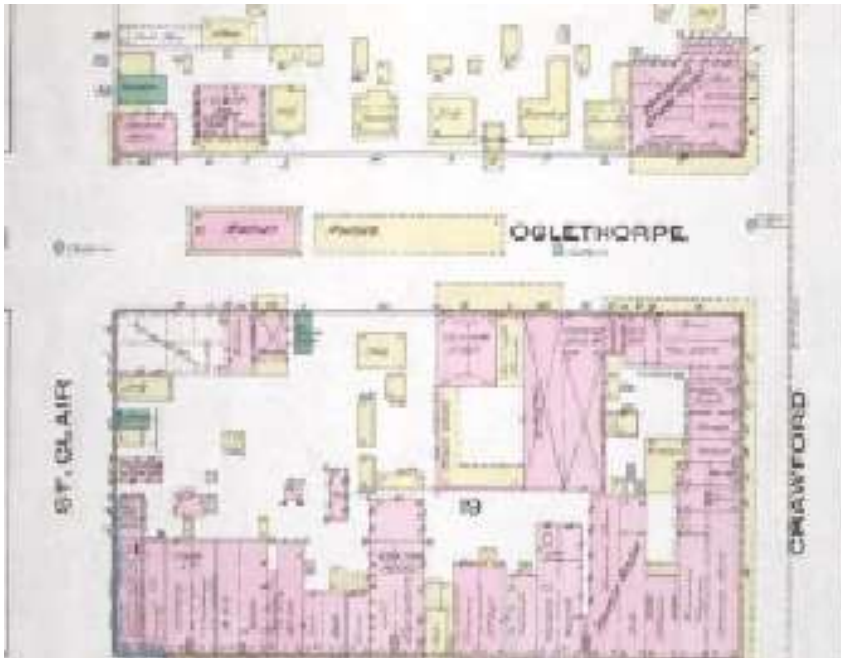
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Clipping from Georgia Historic Newspapers (GALILEO).

<https://gahistoricnewspapers.galileo.usg.edu>





Sanborn Fire Insurance map showing the market on the median on Oglethorpe, now known as 1st Ave. From GALILEO Digital Library.



From Ken Thomas's book: Columbus, Georgia in Vintage Postcards (Arcadia Press, 2001). Book available from Amazon in kindle and paperback format. Probably available at local Barnes and Noble...

The Bell Tower

This was the era of the old fire-bell tower, the far-famed Bell Tower which stood on Broad Street to signal that there was a fire in town. It has now passed into history, but a few citizens are living today who remember its entire life-span.

The bell itself now reposes on a concrete block at the Fire Engine House, N. E. corner of Second Avenue and Tenth Street.

Purchased in 1882,⁶ in the days of the volunteer fire companies, it was hung first in the old City Market tower in the center of First Avenue between Tenth and Eleventh Streets. The City Market had two sections, the frame building which was the Vegetable Market, where the Columbus women delighted to meet their friends, and also bought quantities of fresh country vegetables and fruits; and the brick building which was the Meat Market.*²

Description of market in Etta Worsley's Columbus on the Chattahoochee (Columbus Office Supply, 1953). Available on [Ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com)