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"HARMONY" HIDES HER HEAD

Councilman Leggett States His Belief In
Validity Of The Saloon License Ordinance

Council Essays To Kill An Ordinance By Resolution

Describe An "Illegal" Proceeding Illegally Rescinded In
Order, Perhaps, To Make Probable Litigation For City

It was really the warmest baby of the bunch—the meeting of the city council last Monday evening—and "yellow dog" epithets scattered among the members very carelessly. Mr. Shields accused Mr. Leggett of being a liar—but Mr. Leggett kept his calmness very nicely and merely denied the allegation; and then he voted with Mr. Shields.

Mayor King presided—and all members of the council were present. On the minutes being read Mr. Brice moved to eliminate that portion mentioning the granting of the license.

The question of a "majority" of the council was warmly discussed. Mr. Peterson asserted that there were but six members of the council—Mr. Shields not living here, his family miles away, and Mr. Shields coming to the city only occasionally as the council met.

It was then suggested that Mr. Peterson "prove it—it would cost him only another \$400"—but Mr. Peterson said he didn't fear it. Mr. Brice joined in the opinion of Mr. Shields. The opinion of Attorney Greene was sought and he reiterated some of his former statements.

The records were approved as read.

Petition for improvement of Hayes street from Burlington to Maple was referred to the street committee.

Engineer's report on Burlington street was accepted. J. Merritt Hanks presented his resignation—which was accepted. Charles Braderson was appointed, confirmed, and was sworn in.

The O. R. & N. railway applied for a perpetual franchise to lay 1900 feet of sidetrack on Bradford street from Richmond to Philadelphia streets; read and referred to the street committee.

A petition for more fire hydrants in the mill districts was read.

The recorder was instructed to draw a warrant in payment of the Miner note—\$400 with interest—in full settlement.

By motion the time limit for the acceptance of bids on the sewer and on improvement of Pittsburg, Salem and Crawford streets (as given in ordinances 67, 70, 71 and 72) was extended to March 12, 1906, at 4 o'clock p. m.

The following resolution was then introduced by Mr. Shields:

"RESOLVED by the city council of the City of St. Johns, state of Oregon, met in regular session on the 19th day of February, 1906:

"FIRST: That the pretended license to sell intoxicating liquors in the said city of St. Johns, purporting to have been granted by this council at its session on February 12, 1906, to The St. Johns Hotel Company, and signed by W. H. King as mayor and O. R. Downs as deputy recorder of said city, and the same is, hereby revoked.

"SECOND: That this council does not by the above resolution or in any other way recognize or admit the validity of said pretended license so purporting to

have been granted and issued to The St. Johns Hotel Company.

"THIRD: That upon the adoption of these resolutions and the consequent revocation of said pretended license, and upon sufficient proof that said St. Johns Hotel Company has ceased to operate under said pretended license and to sell intoxicating liquors in said city of St. Johns, and upon due demand made therefor, then the sum of one thousand dollars paid by said Company for said pretended license shall, by proper proceedings, be returned and paid back to said St. Johns Hotel Company."

Mr. Brice believed these resolutions should be adopted—and so moved. Mr. Shields claimed that the council had no power to grant a license on the resolution.

Mr. Lindquist then arose and made a few remarks to the point. He said it was useless to again agitate the liquor question: the matter had been settled and it was not right to bring expense upon the city.

Mr. Shields wanted the question to adopt put; he wanted to see how some of the members stood on the matter—and he looked hard at Mr. Leggett.

Mr. Leggett said "I have kept still. My honest opinion is that the liquor ordinance was legally passed and was a law. I voted on that question as I felt; I said no; and I wondered why it was that the rest of you voted for the ordinance."

Mr. Shields said "If you had kept your agreement and not voted on the resolution when Mr. Brice was absent things would have been all right. But you went back on your word!"

Mr. Leggett preserved his calmness as he said Mr. Shields was mistaken—but Mr. Shields was extremely angry and said uncomplimentary things. Then Mr. Leggett moved that the resolution be tabled which was seconded, but it was not given its proper precedence—the previous resolution being first voted upon. By all rules of order the question of tabling should have been first put; and it would have killed the motion on the resolutions.

The resolutions were adopted by the yeas of Messrs. Leggett, Brice, Edwards and Shields; nays—Messrs. Peterson, Thompson and Lindquist. Recorder Downs stated that if that resolution was legal it merely meant a transfer of a serious lawsuit from private individuals to the city.

The resignation of the deputy recorder was discussed at some length. Mr. Downs said that he had done \$100 worth of work the past month for \$40—and would no longer continue. He didn't have to. It was agreed that his resignation should be given J. W. Hanks, and that he would fill his position till Tuesday afternoon at five o'clock.

A bill for one load of wood (\$5.50) was allowed.

Adjourned to Wednesday, February 21.

Philadelphia Street to be Improved.

A petition has been signed by the majority of the property owners along Philadelphia street asking that this street be graded, sidewalked and paved with rock and macadam from Jersey street to the Willamette river.

This work will be pushed through as rapidly as possible and by early summer it is hoped to have it completed. The council has already ordered the construction of the sewer along this street—and this, too, will be laid as soon as the grade is established. The early completion of these improvements is regarded as of the first importance—as it is generally recognized that this street furnishes the easiest grade from the business part of town to the water front, and it is only a question of a short time when Philadelphia street will be second in importance to Jersey street.

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