

BOX EVIL MITIGATED

THE BENTLEY-FLEGG ORDINANCE PASSED BY COUNCIL.

While Not Radical, Councilmen Hope Compromise Measure Will Have Good Effect.

The Bentley-Flegg ordinance was passed by the Council yesterday afternoon, after a long and heated discussion. The ordinance, which was introduced by Councilman Bentley, is a compromise measure between the anti-box ordinance and the anti-theater ordinance. It provides for the regulation of boxes in theaters and for the regulation of theaters. The ordinance was passed by a vote of 10 to 2.

On motion of Councilman Bentley, the Council adjourned until next Friday, when the consideration of the City and Suburban blanket franchise ordinance will be made the special business of the day. Before that time a meeting of the street committee will be held, but if all attendance should be secured the members present will submit a minority report so as to bring the franchise matter before the Council.

After the adjournment of the Council, Mr. Albee, who presented the anti-box measure, said the ordinance passed was satisfactory to him. He wished to have the ordinance cut entirely, and he thought the better class of saloons would sustain him on that point, but he was well pleased with the Bentley-Flegg substitute, which has a great tendency to reduce the box evil.

Immediately after the adjournment of the Council Mayor Williams approved the ordinance, and it was placed in the hands of the City Auditor. The ordinance will take effect the first of January, but all saloonkeepers who have already received their licenses and others who are yet to follow will have to conform to its provisions.

ORDINANCE NOT VALID.

Fire Commissioners Must Consent to Building Court Walls.

The ordinance relating to the construction of court walls, which was passed by the Council yesterday afternoon, after a long and heated discussion, will probably be of no effect, for it must yet be passed upon by the Board of Fire Commissioners. The ordinance relates to the building of court walls, which is now in course of completion. The architects for this building wished to use terra cotta for cement for the court walls, and Fire Chief Campbell ordered them not to do so. It was shown to the Council that the walls were safe and that the ordinance was not valid.

The Common Council shall have power, subject to the approval of the Board of Fire Commissioners, to enact such ordinances and resolutions, to enforce the same from time to time, subject also to the approval of said commissioners, to prevent the taking and the spreading of fire in the city, to establish and enforce a fire limit and regulating the keeping or storage of earth or rock, oil, petroleum, benzine, turpentine, naphtha or varnish, or any other inflammable substance, in the city, to establish and enforce the same, to alter, move, repair or build any building or buildings in the fire limit of said city shall only be granted by a majority of the said commissioners and the chief engineer of the fire department and otherwise.

Mayor Williams and City Attorney McNary, when they considered the section of the charter yesterday, said the ordinance would have to meet the approval of the Board of Fire Commissioners.

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MEMBERS ACCUSED OF PACKING A MASS MEETING.

Mutual Council Investigates Resignation of Pastor of East Side Place of Worship.

The mutual council for settling the differences existing among the members of the Second Baptist Church has been in session in the basement of the church, East Ankeny and East Seventh streets, since Tuesday morning. The council is composed of the members of the church, and is presided over by Emanuel Baptist Church, of Portland, is the presiding officer. He is very fair and impartial in all his rulings, and since the council has been in session, it has been a most successful one. The council has been in session for several days, and it has been a most successful one. The council has been in session for several days, and it has been a most successful one.

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On Thursday the mass meeting of the church when the resignation of Rev. W. E. Randall was accepted was considered. Both factions charged the other with having packed that meeting with their adherents, but the faction opposed to Mr. Randall is reported to have been successful, carrying the acceptance of the pastor's resignation by a vote of 63 to 49. Deacon Shogren was on the stand and testified to the methods employed at that meeting. He said that the opponents of Mr. Randall drummed up all the members they could to accept the resignation of the pastor.

"Well," said the questioner, "didn't you people get out all that you could of your party, also?"

"Yes," was the reply, "we did the best we could under the circumstances."

Deacon W. B. Hall, of the center of the rumpus, who had agreed to withdraw from active participation in the affairs of the church, as he says, for the sake of harmony, was on the stand most of the day. According to the report, he proved an interesting witness. It has been freely charged that Deacon Hall has all along been the cause of the trouble in the church. Mr. Hall has been a member of the congregation from its beginning, and is a prominent citizen on the East Side. It is understood that the trend of his testimony yesterday was to show that his efforts had been in behalf of harmony, and that he had been perfectly willing to step aside at any time or to make any personal sacrifice for the good of the church.

It is not known how long it will require to take all the evidence, but the members of the council are working hard and holding long sessions every day. When the testimony from any objection to the findings will be made up, and a solution of the difficulty presented.

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Hugh Glenn, a business man of The Dalles, is a guest at the St. Charles.

A MYSTERIOUS BURGLARY.
Safe in J. T. Rowe's Plumbing Shop on Grand Avenue Robbed.

Great mystery surrounds the robbery of the safe in J.