

**CITY COUNCIL
PROCEEDINGS.**

**Action of Previous Meeting in
Manning Case Reversed.**

The session of the city council Saturday evening was not so very warm as it might have been, but as a surprise party—to some people—it was a peach. After some minor matters were disposed of, the members began sparring for an opening in the Manning case.

Councilman Stinson started the scrap by stating that he had not been present at the previous meeting, but had learned that the finance committee had constituted itself lawyer, judge and jury; had convicted Recorder Manning of embezzlement, and had the case under advisement, to determine the length of time he should serve in the penitentiary. He didn't propose to fall in with this program. He stated so in language plain and addressed some more remarks to the assembled crowd and to Alderman Stoddard.

Then the finance committee-made criminal, Manning, himself, was quizzed as to the status of the \$252.50, which he had deposited with the city treasurer to cover the alleged shortage. He was not very communicative; would only say that he had deposited it under protest; that it was there to protect his bondsmen until the case was settled; that he didn't owe the money to the city.

Parliamentary rules were not strictly adhered to at this stage of the game. Finally Alderman Ellis straightened out the tangle by moving that the resolution passed at the last meeting, demanding the resignation of the recorder, be rescinded. This was seconded by Alderman Bellinger. In support of this motion Mr. Bellinger stated that he was opposed to the policy of jumping on a man who is supposed to be down. His talk was that of a fair minded man who discovered that he had been in error. His remarks carried weight with them, because they were evidently honest and sincere. His motion was carried by a vote of four to two, Messrs. Stoddard and Neill voting in the negative.

The whole matter was virtually disposed of by the passage of a motion instructing the treasurer to use the money the same as other funds in his custody.

The monthly reports of officers were presented and referred to proper committees.

Ordinance No. 19, new series, amending Ordinance No. 8, relative to the duties of poundmaster, was passed.

Colonel Donan on Oregon Legislature.

In a recent issue of Portland Town Topics, Editor Clinton says: I met my old friend, Colonel Pat Donan, the other day, and our conversation drifted to Oregon's legislature, as might be expected. After learning that I had been attending the session these last two weeks, the Colonel remarked that anyone who could be guilty of such baseness should at once put himself through the process of fumigation and quarantine. "If I were seeking society," he added, "on the grounds of both ability and respectability, I would prefer the Oregon penitentiary to the Oregon legislature." And, after some reflection, I thought so too. Contact with bribe givers and takers, even when not being contaminated yourself, has a baneful effect always. I make this confession fully, and freely, hoping to survive the poison inoculated.

Another Columbia Southern Suit.

Suit was begun in the United States circuit court at Portland last week to wind up the affairs of the Columbia Southern railroad, as far as concerns the company

and the stockholders, and to distribute its assets among the stockholders. Charles Altchul, of San Francisco, owner of the land grant of the Willamette Valley and Cascade Mountain Military wagon road, and Thomas D. Rambant, of New York, are the complainants. They set up that they are the owners of fifty shares of stock. They allege that E. E. Lytle, president of the Columbia Southern, is attempting to wreck the company. They ask for permission to examine the company's books, for the recovery of amounts misappropriated and for an injunction against further extension of the line and payment of a larger salary than \$350 a month to President Lytle. One of the allegations of the complaint is that the O. R. & N. company would be glad at any time, by proper means, to become the exclusive owner of the Columbia Southern, and that it is now the owner of all outstanding bonds of the company.

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