

NO MORE SLOT MACHINES IN SALEM

Friends of Machines Filibustered But all Voted for Prohibitive Ordinance

Council Voted to Pay Warren Construction Company \$2,600 on Account and Ordered Work on South Commercial Street to Proceed

At its meeting last night the city council did a good deal to rehabilitate in the public esteem. The session was a business one, although some members, in the language of the crowd, chewed the rag considerably. Action was taken on the matter of South Commercial street paving which will probably dispose of the vexed question for all time; that will permit contractors to finish the improvement and the property owners to pay assessments.

None were brave enough to go on record favoring the gambling devices, and the vote in favor of the prohibitive ordinance was unanimous. The firecracker ordinance was killed. The committee on ordinances asked for more time on the dog ordinance, which was granted. When the mayor asked for a report from the committee on streets, Chairman Downing reported that the committee had given careful consideration to the paving of South Commercial street and found that 1753 lineal feet had been improved, representing over \$3000 in assessments, and asked that the Warren Construction company be granted 2600 on the work. After read-

ing the report, Mr. Downing moved that the report be adopted. "All in favor of the report," said the mayor, "will vote—"
"Hold on," cried Mr. Bayne, "I would like to ask what part of these assessments have been paid."
The recorder said that \$2700 had been paid and offered to read the names.
Mr. Gessner said that the report should say whether the work had been done according to contract. "The report is certainly a defective one," he said.
Mr. Bayne—"The people at this end of the street have no assurance that the work will ever be done and they should not be made to pay for the work on the other end." Mr. Bayne then moved that the report be referred to the city attorney, inasmuch as the whole business was in a tangle. The mayor heard no second to the motion. Afterwards the Bayne motion, adopted at a recent meeting in structing the Warren Construction Co. to do the work according to contract, was rescinded, and the company instructed to go ahead on the present grade, was adopted. A lengthy discussion accompanied this bit of legislation.
The street committee was instructed to advertise for bids for the construction of two bridges across Mill creek, one on Twenty-fifth and the other on State street.
The committee on parks reported the ordinance prohibiting nickel in the slot machines. The committee returned the ordinance amended in such a manner as to prohibit all machines of every kind and repealing the ordinance licensing machines. The new ordinance instructs the recorder to draw warrants paying machine owners all unearned license money. The report was adopted

unanimously. Later on when the ordinance came up on its third reading, Mr. Bayne introduced it and said it would be a big mistake to defer longer; that the people wanted the ordinance passed; that two or three people were getting rich and it was taking money out of legitimate circulation and that 12-year-old boys were learning to gamble on these machines.
Mr. Steusloff—"I want to go on record. I move that the bill be placed on its third reading."
Mr. Downing—"I suppose if the Fourth of July was not at hand Mr. Bayne would never have thought of this ordinance. I want the bill carried over. Mr. Bayne seems to have suddenly remembered the bill and has dug it up."
Mr. Jacob—"I want to go on record and want to vote for the ordinance. If any member of the council believes the slot machines are right, let him vote against the bill."
Mr. Acheson—"I don't want council to think that I am afraid to vote, but I want to know what I am voting for and want the bill to go over."
Mr. Churchill—"It seems like we have been going rather slow with the bill."
The Mayor—"Yes, we have been building a street in South Salem."
Mr. Gessler—"I think this bill has been in cold storage long enough. Let's pass it or vote it down. I know that Mr. Downing and Mr. Acheson know the provisions of this bill perfectly well and it is useless for them to say they do not."
On a motion to read the bill a third time everybody voted yea except Downing and Goodale, who voted no. The ordinance was then placed on its third reading.
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