

# COUNCIL CUTS OFF LICENSE

## Moses Cook Punished for Violating Ordinance—Deadlock on City Sealer Continues.

By a vote of 9 to 6 the council last night revoked Moses Cook's auction license after Albert Baldwin, his attorney, announced that Judge Cant will rule that the ordinance prohibiting the sale of jewelry at auction is valid.

His license had but two more weeks to run, and it was revoked as a reprimand to Mr. Cook and as a warning to others that the city ordinances must not be violated.

Mr. Baldwin made a strong and determined plea to save his client. He frankly admitted that the ordinance had been violated, but said that Mr. Cook was ignorant of its provisions up to the time the first warrant was served upon him.

### Points to Past Good Record.

Mr. Cook also said a few words in his own behalf. "For 17 years I have been a citizen of Duluth, and nothing of this nature has ever occurred before," he declared. "I have tried to conduct my business in a fair and reasonable manner, but everybody has tried to give me the worst of it, and I have been persecuted from top to bottom. Since I learned that the ordinance forbade the sale of watches and jewelry at auction I have discontinued my sales, and I do not intend to hold any more auctions. Now you can do just as you feel about it."

### Ordinance Is Read.

The first reading of an ordinance to amend the ordinance regulating the sale of intoxicating liquor was heard last night. It was introduced by Alderman Jordan and provides that licenses may be granted in excess of the number specified in the ordinance, the liquor to be sold in original packages, not to be sold over a bar and not to be consumed on the premises. It is intended for the benefit of grocery houses and similar concerns who wish to carry liquor as a part of their stock, but they are also required to pay the full \$1,000 license.

One ballot was taken on the election of a sealer of weights and measures, but without result, Noble Sampson getting seven votes and Alexander Longmuir eight votes. It was laid over until next week.

### Bids Too High.

In reading the bids for the city supplies, City Clerk H. W. Cheadle said that they were altogether too high. He stated that the bidders seem to consider that the city will pay whatever it is asked, "and from the bids submitted they have not been modest in the asking," he concluded. The bids

in question were for miscellaneous printing, printed books, and for patented blank books.

### Recommends Paving.

The city engineer reported that it is impracticable to repair St. Croix avenue and Sutphin street, and recommended that they be paved with sandstone blocks, estimating the cost at \$18,223. A resolution was passed to have the books of account and the reports of the city officers and departments audited at an expense not to exceed \$4.50 a day, with a time limit of 30 days.

The committee on bridges recommended that the abutments for the steel bridge over the Jenswold street tunnel be built, but the resolution was tabled. Alderman Getchell wanted an opinion from the city attorney as to whether the city had to build the bridge. He referred to the decision of the courts relative to the repairing of the Lake avenue viaduct, where it was ruled that the city had no right to enter into such a contract with the railroad company.

### Extension Is Approved.

The action of the board of water and light commissioners in ordering the extension of the water and gas mains in London Road from Twelfth avenue east for 200 feet was approved. The resolution of Alderman Burgess requesting the city engineer to prepare more economical plans for the construction of a stairway at the aerial bridge was passed.

A communication was received requesting that the fire limits be extended to Eighth avenue east on Superior street. It was pointed out that there is considerable building in this vicinity, making it necessary to frequently move old wooden shacks, and it was stated that steps should be taken to have them removed to a place where they will not endanger the other structures.