

COUNCIL TURNS DOWN CURTAIN ORDINANCE

Alderman Moore's Famous Measure Concerning Saloons Furnishes Theme For Heated Vocal Pyrotechnics—Vigorous Kick Is Made Against Granting License To Majestic Theater—Members of Library Board Appointed.

HOW THEY VOTED.

For the Ordinance.	Against the Ordinance.
Moore,	Filliafrault,
McKnight,	Foubister,
Cromwell,	Hogan,
Kennedy,	Jordan,
Moe,	Ribinsack,
Olson,	Shartel,
Getchell,	Tessman,
	Trevillion.

Eloquence could not save Alderman Moore's famous "curtain ordinance," and after one of the hottest oratorical battles in the history of the city council the measure went down to defeat last night, eight votes being registered against it.

Insinuations that some of the aldermen represented special interests were made, and heated personalities were indulged in.

The lid men, realizing that they had a possible chance by the absence of one of the anti-lid aldermen, early in the session resolved upon a finish fight, and such it proved to be.

The saloon interests were not spared nor were the men in the council who opposed the measure. "Those who oppose this measure," declared Mr. Moore, "are the ones who want to give the saloonkeepers a chance to violate the law. Some of the aldermen have promised to support the measure time and time again, and when the time comes to vote they go back on their words. There is not a man in this council who does not believe that this measure should pass. The time has come so that a poor woman can't raise her children without fear that they will go to ruin. The only excuse against the ordinance is in the interest of continued crime."

Alderman Shartel took issue with Mr. Moore and declared that it was only a means of persecuting this class of people.

Alderman Tessman stated that the removal of all obstructions from saloon fronts after closing hours would be an evil influence on the minds of children. He also said that it would bother the proprietor on Sunday when he cleaned up his place. He did not believe that the proprietor would like to have pedestrians watch him when he made the weekly cleaning up.

"The excuse Mr. Tessman makes for his opposition to this ordinance is about as silly a thing as I have ever heard," declared Alderman McKnight, rising to his feet in a rage.

"Some of the aldermen are yelling 'persecution,'" continued Mr. McKnight. "Why didn't some of the aldermen yell persecution when I introduced an ordinance last week regulating the scorching of autoists? I'll tell you, gentlemen, it was because the automobile owners did not have representatives of special interests in the council. If this measure is defeated, don't think that it will be the end. You might as well try to stop Niagara Falls from going over the cliff as to try to stop this tide of law enforcement."

Alderman Moore also made answer to the statements made by the opposition that the measure was only to persecute the saloonkeepers. "I have nothing in my heart against any man," said he.

"I can fight for a principle and for the women and children who are not represented in this council and deserve our protection."

Alderman Cromwell said: "I don't agree with Mr. Tessman about his belief that it will advertise the business by throwing the curtains back, or that it will create a great desire among children and young men to enter the places when they are open. I don't believe it would coax them inside. It would be no temptation to law-abiding and decent people and would not create an appetite for liquor by taking the screens off during business hours on Lake avenue and the Bowery where men pile up on corners of these holes in filth and in their own vomit."

Withdraws Objection.

Mayor Haven withdrew his objection to the granting of a license to the North Star Employment company, on Sixth avenue west and Michigan street, with the understanding that it would only be for three months. The proprietors of the concern agreed to this.

The chairman of the committee on streets announced that a mass meeting would be held Friday afternoon in the council chamber to hear protests against the Twentieth avenue east paving. A petition was received by the council against the project.

Mayor Haven submitted the following appointments to the library board: K. A. Ostergren, Francis W. Sullivan and Oscar Mitchell.

City Engineer McGilvray submitted estimates for the following improvements: The paving of Fifty-eighth avenue east from Tioga to Oneida streets, cost \$1,192; and Fifty-fourth avenue east from Superior to Oneida street, cost \$8,675.

The fire board submitted a bill to the city which it claims the police department owes for heat at the West End station, which is in the fire hall in that locality. The bill was for

\$1,000 and covers the expenses of the police department for the last 20 years.

The city attorney ruled that the city could not use Central park property to build the proposed new detention hospital. The charter prohibits the use of park property for any other purpose.

Kick On Sewer Outlet.

The board of public works reported that the outlet of the sewer which was ordered in October, 1907, in Fifty-eighth avenue west from Sherman street to the St. Louis river was on private property. The city engineer reported that the cost of crossing the intervening property would be about \$11,000. The matter was referred to the committee on drain, sewers and sanitation for consideration.

Alderman Olson introduced a resolution directing that Piedmont avenue be graded so as to permit the proposed street car extension on the hill as soon as possible. It was finally decided to postpone action for one week for the purpose of allowing the board of public works to secure releases from any possible injury to abutting property and in order to get some assurances from the street railway company that it would build the extension as soon as the grading is done.

Object to License.

A delegation of West End property owners appeared before the council for the purpose of protesting against the re-issuance of a license for the Majestic theater. It is impossible, they claim, to keep the children in nights, as they run away to attend the theater, where they get into bad company. George M. Jensen, of the West End Advertiser, headed the delegation. He said he had seen small boys beg for nickels in saloons and then run across the street to the theater. D. Goldish, who runs the theater, was also present, and said he was conducting a perfectly respectable place and was as much entitled to a license as was the other moving picture house in the West End. The license will come up for consideration at the next meeting.

One thousand dollars was appropriated out of the permanent improvement fund for the removal of rock from the Point of Rocks to fill in on St. Croix avenue to protect the street from the action of the waves.

A resolution was adopted directing the city electrician to make an examination of all the cables on Superior street. It is said that some of them are in danger of falling all along the street and yesterday afternoon a large sign was broken on the Bowery when one of the cables became loosened.

The city engineer was directed to take steps to cause all wires to be put underground on Second street between Seventh and Twelfth avenues east and on Twelfth avenue east from London road to Fourth street.

The committee on drains, sewers and sanitation reported that the construction of the Garfield avenue sewer be postponed indefinitely.

Gas lights were ordered in First alley from Seventh avenue west to First avenue east. Two in each block.

Peter Meagher, of 409 West Michigan street, was granted a license to conduct an employment agency at that place. His application was held up two weeks ago, when it was presented.

The contract for the paving of Twelfth avenue east, which was held up last week, through an error, was approved.

The council ordered 12 building line easements to be made. They are principally in the First ward and in West Duluth.