

VETOED BILLS

Aldermen Got Legal Opinions on Them Friday Night.

Dr. Clark's Bill Exhaustively Reviewed by Attorney Brown—E. R. Coon Rec Service Resolution.

A special meeting of the board of aldermen was held last night and for the first time in weeks every member was present. The particular object for which the meeting was called was to review the report of City Attorney Brown on bills presented by Dr. E. R. Clark, health officer. This bill has caused considerable discussion at former meetings and has been vetoed by the mayor. It involves a number of legal points and upon those Attorney Brown conferred an opinion last night. In addition to Dr. Clark's bill, a bill for \$100 presented by E. R. Coon for extra pay as a health policeman came up.

ATTORNEY BROWN'S OPINION. The opinion of City Attorney Brown upon Dr. Clark's bill was as follows: "Gentlemen: A resolution passed by the city council on the 27th day of July, 1904, provided that the health officer shall receive a salary of \$500 to be paid quarterly in full for all services except actual disbursements.

The claim presented by said health officer is the legality of which my opinion is asked for as follows: Salary for quarters... \$125.00 April to 30th of June... \$125.00 May to 31st of July... \$125.00 June to 30th of August... \$125.00 July to 31st of September... \$125.00 August to 30th of October... \$125.00 September to 30th of November... \$125.00 October to 31st of December... \$125.00 Total... \$1,250.00

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OFFICER COON'S BILL. E. R. Coon's bill for extra pay comes from through a resolution which fixes the salaries of policemen at \$6, \$5 and \$4 per month according to length of service. Mr. Coon claims to be entitled to \$100 per month as he claims to have been a regular policeman five years previous to the passage of the resolution but that he was only in the force for two months after the passage of the resolution. The opposition to the bill was on the ground that Mr. Coon did not render continuous service although he did hold a commission. This bill was vetoed by Mayor Burke and City Attorney E. R. Coon. Attorney Brown said the bill should be considered in accordance with the resolution and that nothing was said about continuous service in the resolution.

ALDERMAN STILES' BILL. Alderman Stiles' bill for the health officer's salary was also vetoed. The bill provided for a salary of \$1,000 per year, divided into four quarters of \$250 each. The bill was vetoed because it was not in accordance with the resolution which provided for a salary of \$500 per year.

THE CITY COUNCIL SHALL fix the compensation of all other city officials except as herein otherwise provided. This provision seems to have been repealed or at least partially repealed by the act of 1903, which section 2 reads as follows:

CLARA LAVOIE SAYS GUILTY. Clara Lavoie, wife of Emmanuel Lavoie, was arrested on a charge of being guilty of the murder of her husband. She was found guilty and sentenced to the State Prison for a term of five years.

INSURANCE COMPANY SUED. Dr. O. L. Woodworth of Vergennes seeks to recover on a policy. A suit for the recovery of damages of \$1,000 was entered Thursday in the county clerk's office. The case is that of Dr. O. L. Woodworth vs. The Sun Insurance Co. of London, Eng. The plaintiff was a resident of Vergennes and had a boat house and a boat in the water. The boat was destroyed by fire on the 15th day of September last and the plaintiff claims the defendant failed to settle for the loss, although the company was placed with the company. The loss is recoverable at the March term of county court.

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for sanitary inspections and for quarantining and disinfecting public buildings, as that must be done by the local board of health of the town or city for which he acts, which board is composed of the health officer, the State board of health, with the selection of his town or the aldermen of his city.

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