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THE CITY COUNCIL.

The proceedings of the City Council last evening were more than usually interesting, and attracted the largest audience we have yet seen in the Council Chamber.

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Comox.—From Mr. Cave, who arrived from Comox during the Cyclone off Cape Horn. She experienced strong westerly gales in the South Pacific, and subsequently strong N. E. winds, without any S.E. trades. This probably accounts for the long passage being made by the Cyclone.

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CORPORATION POWERS.

The Council met at 7 p.m. Present—The Mayor and a full board.

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The Mayor—No I don't. You shall have plenty of time to speak to your motion.

Mr. Thorne—Oh that's not it. I want the thing done properly [applause].

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His Worship said the same Committee would do in both cases, and appointed Messrs. Fell, Thorne and Smith.

Mr. Smith moved that Mr. Robert Bishop be appointed legal adviser to the Council.

Mr. Thorne was opposed to any such appointment. It was only to shift responsibility from His Worship's shoulders on to those of a lawyer, who would play a right and left handed game and could always put the thing off by saying that he had a Fidelity or some other case to attend to.

Mr. Thorne moved in amendment that no solicitor be appointed until decided action had been taken and necessity demanded it.

Mr. Hibbard—Will your Worship proceed against the whole of the Trustees? The Mayor—Certainly. Mr. Hibbard—Then how are you going to get at the Archbishop of Canterbury? The Mayor—We can't go to Canterbury, of course [laughter].

Mr. Hibbard spoke at some length on the subject of the reserve, the obstructions there on, and the right of way through it. Mr. Hibbard pointed out especially the danger of allowing the Trustees to dispose of about ninety town lots on the reserve, and thereby throwing ninety additional votes into the list of the people's opponents.

amid frequent interruptions from the audience behind the bar.

The motion on being put was carried by three to two, the result being followed by loud cheering from behind.

Mr. Carey remarked that the Council were not perhaps aware of the fact that about \$700 of public money had been expended in macadamizing the roads over the reserve by the changing under Mr. Colquhoun.

On motion of Mr. Thorne the Council adjourned till the usual hour on Monday evening next.

REORGANIZATION OF SOUTHERN STATES.

[From the N. Y. "Post" of 19th June.] The President has issued two proclamations identical in terms with that which provided for the reorganization of the civil government in North Carolina, appointing Judge James Johnson as Provisional Governor of Georgia, and General A. J. Hamilton to a similar office in Texas.

North Carolina—Wm. W. Holden. Mississippi—William L. Sharkey. Georgia—James Johnson. Texas—Andrew J. Hamilton.

By the arrival yesterday of the ship Dublin we, S. F. Call 12th, have files of papers from Auckland, N. Z., to the 3rd June.

A movement is on foot to divide the New Zealand Colonial Government into two—one for each of the principal islands.

Emigrants from the mother country were pouring into Auckland, a vessel having arrived on the 2nd with the largest human cargo ever known in that port—490.

The work of "reconstruction" and harmonizing with the recently hostile natives were going on smoothly.

More rain was needed, but farmers were plowing. Discoveries of petroleum are chronicled.

Squires and Escott were performing at Sydney, and drawing fine houses. Great crops of Indian corn had been raised in Queensland. The trade relations between the several colonies are conflicting.—Atlas, 11th.

THEATRICAL.

At Maguire's, San Francisco, "The Workmen of San Francisco," adapted by Laura Keane from "The Workmen of Paris," is running to large audiences, with the following actors in the principal parts: Messrs. Pauncefort, Leman, Thorne, Aldrich, Franka, Mrs. Sophie Edwin and Mrs. Saunders.

A new spectacular scenic play, with the novel title of "Knights of the Fog," in which numerous auxiliary young ladies are to appear, is in preparation. The management assert that the scenic settings of the Knights will fairly surpass those of any drama which has ever been presented to a San Francisco audience.

At the Academy of Music, the Italian Opera Troupe are taking benefits, the operas given being "Lucetta Borgia," "Il Trovatore," "Un Ballo in Maschera," "Faust," and "Martha." On the occasion of Miss Adelaide Phillips' benefit, Signora Scaccia and Miss Phillips sang the Spanish duet "La Jota de los Toreros," the beneficiary taking the part of the dashing "Torero."

Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night" had a run of a week at Wheatleigh's Eureka, the character of "Malvolio," the satiric steward, as rendered by Mr. Wheatleigh, giving entire satisfaction to large audiences. J. E. Myers made an agreeable impression as "Sir Toby Belch."

Wilson's "mastodon" Circus is still drawing crowds. Gottschalk had announced his last Concert in San Francisco, on which occasion ten pianos were to be used.

Miss Angela Starr King gave readings at the Congregational Church, in Sacramento. The "Union" says that the lady has talent enough to command public favor.

The new Melodeon Combination opened at Maguire's Opera House, Virginia City. The "combination" consists of Senorita Maria, Della Sager, Miss Carrie Chapman, Mrs. Sam Wells, Miss Flora Bray, Walter Gray, Collins, Rhoades, Stephenson, Talbot, Ratter, DeAngelis, Mat. Kelley, and Murphy.

Dan. Setchell is "starring" the interior of California. He is supported by Alicia Mandeville Thorne, Mrs. E. F. Stewart, Miss Frances Gass, Miss Belle Land, Miss Jessie Weaver, D. C. Anderson, Harry Courthain, Geo. Mitchell, Fred. Woodhull, Ned Thayer, Sinclair, Prescott, and J. Griffiths.

The Chapman Family appeared at the Salt Lake Theatre on the 25th July. J. S. Potter, Mrs. Julia Dean Hayne, and the Irwins, are also at Salt Lake.

Charles Campbell, a young artist of Sacramento, has just completed a panorama embracing some forty scenes of California and Washoe scenery. Rowena's Grandee Steele and her son were giving comic song and leggermain performances at Aurora.

WOMEN'S PILLS

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