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ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

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OF THE

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Chapter 28.

An Act to amend sections two and four as amended by chapter one hundred and sixty-three of public laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-three, and sections seven and eleven of chapter two hundred and four of the public laws of eighteen hundred and fifty-six, relating to the jurisdiction of the Municipal Court of the city of Portland.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows :

SECT. 1. Chapter two hundred and four is hereby amended by striking out section two and inserting the following :

Ch. 204 [public laws, 1856] amended.

SECT. 2. Said court shall have exclusive original jurisdiction of all civil actions in which the debt or damages demanded do not exceed twenty dollars, and one or both parties, or a person summoned in good faith as trustee, reside in the city of Portland, and of all cases of forcible entry and detainer where the property demanded is in said city; and of all criminal offenses and misdemeanors committed in said city, as are cognizable by trial justices, or are within the additional jurisdiction and authority conferred upon this court; and concurrent jurisdiction with other municipal and police courts and trial justices of the county of Cumberland, over all matters and things, civil and criminal, within their jurisdiction, where exclusive jurisdiction is not conferred by law.

Jurisdiction, exclusive, in certain cases.

—concurrent with municipal courts and trial justices.

SECT. 2. Section four of said chapter two hundred and four, as amended by chapter one hundred and sixty-three of the public laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-three, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "dollars," in the third line, the words, 'and of all offenses described in sections six, seven and nine of chapter one hundred and nineteen of the revised statutes; and in sections one and four of chapter one hundred and twenty-six of the revised statutes, where the value of the property does not exceed fifty dollars,' and by inserting after the word "statute" in the fifth line, the words 'and of all violations of the tramp law;' so that said section as amended, shall read as follows :

Sec. 4, ch. 204, as amended by ch. 163, public laws of 1883, amended.

SECT. 4. The said court may take cognizance of simple larcenies, where the property alleged to be stolen shall not exceed in value, thirty dollars, and of offenses described in sections six, seven and nine of chapter one hundred and nineteen of the revised statutes, and in sections one and four of chapter one hundred and twenty-six of the revised statutes, where the value of the property does not exceed fifty dollars; of offenses described in section four of chapter one hundred

Jurisdiction in cases of larceny, burglary, violation of the tramp law and offenses against by-laws of city.

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and thirty-two of the revised statutes, and of all violations of the tramp law, where they are not of a high and aggravated nature, and on conviction, may punish by fine not exceeding twenty dollars, or by imprisonment in the county jail not exceeding six months; and of offenses described in section four of chapter one hundred and forty-one of the revised statutes, and on conviction, may punish by imprisonment in the county or city house of correction, not exceeding six months. And have exclusive jurisdiction of all offenses against the by-laws of the city; and in prosecutions on such by-laws, they need not be recited in the complaint, nor in allegations therein be more particular than in prosecutions on a public statute.'

Sec. 7, stricken out.

SECT. 3. Strike out section seven and insert the following:

Fines to be accounted for.

'SECT. 7. All fines, forfeitures, penalties and costs imposed by this court, shall be paid to the recorder of said court, and be by him accounted for and paid over, as is now required by law of trial justices and judges of municipal and police courts. Said recorder shall give the bond now required by law of trial justices and judges of municipal and police courts, by section two of chapter three hundred and eight, public laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-five, and shall be subject to all the requirements and penalties therein contained.'

Recorder shall give bond.

Sec. 11, amended.

SECT. 4. Section eleven is hereby amended by inserting the words 'or interested' after the word "absent," in the first line, so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

Recorder shall exercise powers of judge, in his absence.

'SECT. 11. When the judge is absent or is interested, it shall be the duty of the recorder, and he shall have authority to exercise all the powers of the judge.'

Approved February 18, 1887.

Chapter 29.

An Act establishing uniform time in the transaction of Public Affairs.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:

Uniform time established.

All courts, and all state, county and town officers and their employes, in the transaction of their official business, and all contracts, unless it is otherwise provided therein, and all