

ONLY MUTINEERS DROPPED

No Room for Agitators as Guardians of the Peace.

WHY POLICEMEN WERE DISMISSED

Official Records of Some of the Men Who Were Retired—Action Was Not Taken Hastily, but After a Most Thorough Investigation.

When Martin J. White assumed the duties of chief of police of the Omaha department on July 1 of the present year he was confronted by a body of men imbued with a spirit of insubordination. He found the force divided into contending political and sectarian factions. Some of the officers were in open revolt against his appointment and did not disguise their hostility. The chief found himself very much in the position of a ship captain on the open sea with a mutinous crew.

The very men who were loudest in their denunciations of the former chief of police and the commission for failure to weed out the force and discharge incompetent and dissension-breeding members of the department were now howling themselves hoarse over the efforts of Chief White and the present commission to carry out the work of reforming and disciplining the department. In face of the emphatic statements of the chief of police, the mayor and each member of the police commission that the dismissals were simply and solely for the good of the service the enemies of good government are seeking every means to hamper the chief and commission in their efforts to give Omaha a competent and properly disciplined police force.

The assertion is made that the men who were dismissed were each and all capable and loyal men, against whom no charge was or could be made. But what are the facts? When Chief White was first introduced to the police force he made a brief address, in which he informed the men that there must be an immediate cessation of the internecine warfare that had been going on in the department and that members of the force would be expected to give their time and attention to their duties as police officers and let politics and other matters alone.

On the very heels of this introduction one member of the force walked out of the police room and loudly announced that he was an American citizen and he did not propose to allow any man to come here from Milwaukee and order him about. Other agitators were equally prompt in their expressions of contempt for the new head of the department and engaged at once in plans to thwart the reforms in the department proposed by the chief. Mr. White had taken the precaution to be in a position to ascertain just how his remarks were received by the officers. He found that groups of the officers were in constant communication with the ward leaders of the city who were planning to overthrow the commission and remove the chief. There was no need of preferring charges. The chief had his information direct and positive and the men who were dismissed "for the good of the service" were let down easier than they would have been had their cases been carried over to the grand jury.

MADE A CAREFUL INVESTIGATION. Chief White also took occasion to investigate the work of the men on their beats and found reason for the removal of some of the men who are now posing as street and patrol men, whose duties were in the burnt district, were found to be on decidedly intimate terms with some of the women of the town and their removal was recommended "for the good of the service."

Assistant County Attorney Day is quoted as saying that he had no objection to the dismissal of Henry P. Haze, the chief of detectives. Mr. Day had never seen anything but good in the officer's conduct and had never heard any charge against him. Mr. Day should have known that the most serious charges have been pending against Haze for the past eight months. He was accused of having assaulted women under the pretense of having search warrants for them. He was proven to have interfered with the operation of the law in taking a girl from the jail who was booked for the reform school and taking her to his home, where he kept her for a few weeks, refused to pay her the wages due her for service and allowed her to return to a life of shame without notifying her parents and friends of her whereabouts. He was shown to have been mixed up in several very shady transactions in the performance of his duty and for which he could give no satisfactory explanation. He was charged with the duty of stopping the gambling that was going on in the city, yet it was a fact that the gamblers always knew of an intended raid as soon as Haze did and his work was done in stopping the games until the enforcement of the law was taken out of his hands. He was instructed to stop the violation of the lottery law in Omaha, but was unable to do so, although lottery agents had their offices open and were doing a land office business, even advertising in the organ of the derivatives. Just a short time before his official head was rolled into the basket he was detailed to work up a criminal case in South Omaha. He spent the entire day there playing cards in a saloon and reported his inability to capture the man he was after.

IN THE CASE OF SIGWART. Al Sigwart is another man who was discharged without cause, according to the derisive organ. Sigwart was a sergeant of police and was a rival of Haze for the appointment as chief of police to succeed Chief Seavey. Last winter Sigwart and Haze were questioned by Mayor Bemis to make a report of the number and names of the women of ill-repute and of the assignment houses that were outside of the burnt district. Sigwart was the officer in charge of the work of collecting the fines from the women of the town and had been in that work for years. He knew the women whom he was to report upon. After a very careful investigation Haze and Sigwart reported that the men who were in charge of two loose women and two assignment houses operating outside the burnt district. The mayor was inclined to think that his instructions had been obeyed and he called upon the officers, through Chief Seavey, for another report. The second report increased the number of assignment houses to four, but left the names of the women and the houses in the original report. One of the members of the commission stated in open meeting at the time that a policeman was always supposed to be under oath and that it was a matter of doubt if Haze and Sigwart were either perjurers or an admission of gross incompetency.

WILL ANSWER TWO CHARGES

Booked on the Blotter as a Burglar and a Thief.

HEWITT'S RIDE MEANS VERY MUCH GRIEF

He Made a Mistake and Soke a Horse that Injured His Person and Landed Him in Jail—Mrs. Anderson's Husband.

"Sleepy" Hewitt has been on his good behavior for several months, but he could not stand it any longer. He is in jail with his brother Charley on the double charge of burglary and grand larceny. When "Sleepy" decided to quit being good Wednesday night he determined to celebrate the event in royal shape. He took his brother Charley with him and started out on a search for the equipment for a night's sport. A horse and buggy were selected as the first essential and "Sleepy" didn't have to go far to find them. The boys broke into Jim Kyner's barn at 1608 Corby street, and took out a mare belonging to Mr. Kyner and harnessed her. The Kyner buggy was not quite fine enough for the boys and they broke into the barn of W. O. Lester at 1824 Sherman avenue, and got a buggy that was to their liking.

Aside from the criminal phase, the boys made another mistake in the selection of a rig. The Kyner mare, like her owner, is something of a kicker, and before the Hewitt boys had reached the city they had a full sized runaway on their hands. The buggy was smashed to kindling, the mare was cut and scratched, "Sleepy" had a broken wrist and the pleasure party had come to grief.

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ELLER'S PECULIAR DEFENSE

Shows Why His Bondsmen Should Not Pay His Debts.

JOY TO INFANTS.

Frail, Sickly Babies Get Fat and Sturdy.

Their Steady, Healthy Growth Due to Lactated Food.

Babies When Weaning Do Not Throw It Up.

Puny Ones Show a Decided and Immediate Gain.

Lactated Food Babies Stand Summer Heat Best.

There are many anxious mothers now warm weather is here. And they have every reason for being alarmed. The hot, vertical sun beats down mercilessly on the little ones; reduces their strength, robs them of high spirits, spoils their appetite and loosens their hold on life, unless extraordinary care is taken that their food is free from impurities and sufficiently nourishing and strengthening. In thousands of cases where nursing, protracted into warm weather, has reduced the vitality and richness of the breast milk, babies that show signs of fretfulness and open colic, become again fat and sturdy when put on a diet of lactated food. It is undoubtedly true that babies that have the advantage of their mother's milk seem to stand the heat of summer best, providing the natural food agrees with them. But when hot weather brings down the strength of both mother and child there is always danger of the severe bowel affection which comes on so suddenly and are so often fatal.

Practiced physicians prescribe lactated food to be kept on hand and used at once on the first indication of looseness or loss of strength, or if baby is evidently not thriving on its present diet. Lactated food is the diet physicians use in their own families.

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