

YIELDS TO THE ORDER

Cregier Announces That Gambling Must Be Suppressed.

HE INSTRUCTS MR. EBERSOLD.

Conference in the Office of the New Chief of Police.

THE CITY ORDINANCES GONE OVER.

Superintendent Marsh Steps Into His New Position.

CHANGES TO BE MADE IN THE DEPARTMENT

Mayor Cregier was greatly perturbed by the action of the City Council Monday evening when, despite his sneer and the laughter of his followers, the Aldermen decided by a vote of fifty-five to five to enforce the ordinances against gambling by instructing the Superintendent of Police to suppress the evil.

Everybody knows that if George M. Hubbard had had his way he would have suppressed gambling during the Cregier administration as he did during the Roche administration. Mayor Cregier knew that. Hence he placed the suppression of gambling in the hands of Inspector Ebersold with instructions equivalent to a proclamation to the gamblers to go on. The Council had a full appreciation of this fact when it passed Ald. Pond's order Monday evening.

It was an instruction to the new Chief of Police as well as an indictment of the Cregier administration.

After the adjournment of the Council Mayor Cregier wrote a note to Mr. Ebersold, inviting the latter to meet him at the Superintendent's office yesterday morning.

Ebersold was on hand. Hubbard was present a portion of the time. The city ordinances relating to gambling were discussed. The result of the conference was that Ebersold was directed to enforce the ordinances.

WHAT THE LAW SAYS.

Ebersold asked how he could find where gambling was going on. The Mayor frowned on this attempt at duplicity. Another person who was present asked what his two special gambling-discovering detectives, Amstein and Miller, had been doing. There was no reply.

Each of the alleged detectives is paid \$100 a month to find out and report cases of gambling. They are under the instruction of Ebersold. Mr. Ebersold has cost \$250 more.

The Mayor reproved Ebersold for his inefficiency and that of his special detectives. Ebersold took it complacently, as though it was a matter of course—as though he had been paid to do so.

The Mayor next instructed Mr. Ebersold to enforce the ordinances against gambling. He took up a copy of the ordinances and read from that portion of the city charter which gives the Council (not the Mayor it will be remembered) the power "to suppress gaming and gambling-houses, lotteries, and all fraudulent devices and practices for the purpose of gaining or obtaining money or property." Then the Secretary of the conference read the following provision of the anti-gambling ordinance:

It shall be the duty of all members of the police force to give information to the Mayor of each house or place within the city wherein such games, or devices, or tables, or other instruments or things, for the purpose of gaming are or may be set up, kept or maintained, and said police officers shall take all lawful means to prevent and suppress the playing at table the games or devices aforesaid (faro, roulette, or any other device, or game of hazard, chance, or address), and for this purpose, when and as often as any one of them shall have reasonable cause to suspect that any such table, game, or device is set up, kept or maintained as aforesaid, he shall forthwith make complaint thereof before some Justice of the Peace, and obtain a warrant authorizing him to enter such house, houses, or place, or any room within the same; and said police officers shall thereupon have authority to demand entry therein, and any person who shall refuse or neglect to open the door or entrance to such house, houses, or any place or room within the same shall be subject to fine or imprisonment, or both.

EBERSOLD DECLARES HIMSELF.

When this section of the ordinances was read Mr. Ebersold was dumfounded. He was apparently wholly ignorant of the stringency of the municipal law. A conversation followed and Mr. Ebersold was instructed to enforce the ordinances beginning tomorrow evening, the gamblers to be informed in the meantime that they were to be shut up. The conference then broke up.

Of course it was no use to interview the Mayor about the result of the conference. He would only shake his head and look wise. Mr. Hubbard for obvious reasons was silent.

Mr. Ebersold, however, talked freely. He said: "I have orders to suppress gambling wherever I find it. The difficulty is in finding it. But I have good officers. I know that gambling is going on, and I think my men can, with a little exertion, find out where it is. We will shut up the gambling-houses. We are after those fellows, and will teach them a lesson. The Mayor has made up his mind, and I shall act implicitly on his instructions. Pardon me," broke in the urbane and courteous inspector, "I want to see the Mayor at once. I also want to see the new Chief," and he walked off gracefully.

One of the police Captains said: "There is no doubt the Mayor has determined to suppress gambling, for a time at least. THE TRIBUNE has raised such a row about it that the churchgoers who supported him and scratched Roche last spring will force him to do so. I think nothing will be done, however, until Marsh takes hold."

ALD. POND WAS IN EARNEST.

Ald. Pond, who introduced the order for the suppression of gambling in the Council Monday evening, said: "I meant business. I intend to press this matter. I have been in one of those gambling dens. I know that any intelligent policeman can obtain entrance there and prove that gambling is going on. I know that there are hundreds of honest citizens who will give information to the police about those gambling dens if they think the police are in earnest in their attempts to suppress the villainy. If necessary I shall employ an attorney to prosecute cases. It's the sheerest hypocrisy to pretend that there is no gambling in the city. I see that the Mayor in an interview this morning criticises my order and says that it is not directed against public gambling. The Mayor did not read the ordinance, and he was too much excited to follow the reading of it. The order called for the enforcement of 'the ordinances against gambling, which is now openly carried on in this city in defiance of law and good morals.' The Mayor understands English, and understanding it he knows that the ordinance is directed against public gambling. He cannot wriggle out of the position in which the passage of the ordinance has placed him."

Other Aldermen were free to say that the Mayor's auto-election pledges would force him to ignore the action of the Council.

THE NEW SUPERINTENDENT.

Supt. Marsh was sworn in in the Mayor's office during the afternoon. He was accompanied by his recent assistant in the United States Marshal's office, Ira Barchard. His going and coming were hardly noticed. He acted with modesty throughout. After the swearing-in process was through he said:

"I shall take hold tomorrow, but will not

do much work, as my family is suffering from influenza. I shall begin in real earnest Thursday. My first work will be the reorganization of the department. I have carefully read the order of the Council about the suppression of gambling. It will claim my most earnest attention as soon as I have settled down to work. My desire as well as my duty is to enforce the laws, but not in a narrow or vexatious spirit. I shall try to surround myself with lieutenants in whom the people as well as myself can repose confidence. More than this I cannot say."

It is generally understood that there will be five inspectors of police. George W. Hubbard will probably succeed Ebersold at the Central Station. Ebersold may be transferred to the North Side. Lieut. John D. Shea, it is believed, will certainly have charge of the South Division. Treasurer Roosing is urging Lieut. Blottner for Chief of the Southwest Division. Acting-Captain Laughlin will be urged for the Northwest Division. There will be numerous changes in Captains and Lieutenants. Joe Kipley, Herman Schuettler, and Billy Ward are slated for Captancies. Martin Hayes is being strongly urged by his friends. All else is doubt and uncertainty. Much is expected from Supt. Marsh. He is said to be a square, honest man, with the tenacity of purpose of his race. He is an Englishman by birth. Hope is expressed that he will be in fact as well as in name Superintendent of Police.

State's Attorney Longenecker announced yesterday that he intended to call a special grand jury in the latter part of January to investigate the charges about gambling.