

THE LEAGUE REPLY

Manning Replies to Municipal League.

SAYS HE FEARS NO WAR

Dares the League to Publish Any Letters.

MEETING TO BE HELD TUESDAY

Alleged Promise of District Attorney Does Not Result in Police Raids, and League is Gathering Its Munitions of War.

The Municipal League is gathering munitions of war for its campaign. Tuesday evening a secret meeting will be held and final plans laid for the public attack upon the county official. Thursday the Municipal League gave John Manning an ultimatum. He was to have ordered the chief of Police Thursday night to raid certain places where gambling was said to be going on. If the chief of Police did not raid these places, District Attorney Manning was to have filed information against that official by noon yesterday. The league was to declare war on the District Attorney if these projects were not carried out.

The chief of Police raised no gambling houses, no indictment was filed against him yesterday by District Attorney Manning, and, therefore, war between Mr. Manning and the Municipal League is on. May Have Changed His Mind.

Thursday afternoon the chief of Police was visited by an Oregonian reporter, who asked the official if any raids were contemplated for that night. At first the chief of Police denied knowledge of any, but later he made a statement.

"The police are to gather some evidence," he said, "as is the duty of the police to do. I am always willing to aid in enforcing the law."

"If we find money on the tables," replied Chief Hunt, "the officers will, no doubt, make arrests."

The chief then stated that there would be "something done" at 8 o'clock at night. He detailed two sergeants, Hogeboom and Glover, and Policemen Roberts, Goltz, Burke, Batey and Smith to aid the sergeants in the work. Every indication pointed toward a gambling house raid and the carrying out of the plan of the District Attorney whereby he was to save himself from the Municipal League, and Chief Hunt was, in turn, to save himself from the District Attorney.

At 8:15 o'clock the large number of officers reserved giving the indication that the raid was to be one of proportions. Five minutes before 9 o'clock just as Chief Hunt called Sergeants Glover and Hogeboom into his office to give them their orders, District Attorney Manning hastily entered Police Headquarters and stepped into the chief's private office.

Ten minutes later Chief Hunt and Attorney Manning emerged, and the chief instructed his men to raid the Green Front saloon and the vandeville house connected therewith and bring to the Central Station all women found there. This was immediately done, after which the chief of Police said the night's raid was completed.

It according to his own ideas instead of the way in which I view it, and in this I prefer to abide by my own interpretation of the law.

There Was Time Limit.

Contrary to published reports yesterday afternoon, there was an agreement, according to Miller Murdoch, of the Municipal League, between the league committee and Mr. Manning that the District Attorney should do the things designated by a certain time yesterday. Mr. Murdoch does not deny that he carried on a conversation with Mr. Manning in which the District Attorney agreed to govern himself by this time limit. Mr. Murdoch declined to talk further of the matter yesterday than saying that everything depended on the meeting of Tuesday night. It was understood that there was a slight misunderstanding among the leaguers yesterday afternoon regarding the policy of allowing the matter to become public before definite plans had been arranged, but the misunderstanding passed away with the setting of the sun, and all are now agreed that since the matter has become public it is known also that Sheriff Word has made other statements to the effect that he had been offered bribes to allow open gambling.

On the other hand, Mr. Manning makes a fair statement and states that he is not afraid of anything the league can publish regarding him. He declares that he is running his office in a proper manner; that he will not be dictated to by any organization; that he interprets the law as a lawyer and not as the league would have it interpreted, and that when war begins he will be at the head of his troops ready to "give battle."

NEW BOARD HOLDS MEETING.

Chamber of Commerce Trustees Plan Work for Year. A special meeting of the newly elected board of trustees of the Portland Chamber of Commerce was held yesterday morning at 10 o'clock pursuant to the call of president Wheelwright. Besides the president there were in attendance Vice-President R. H. Hoge, Secretary Samuel Connelley, Julius L. Meier, Hugh McGrath, Paul Weeniger, J. Ernest Laidlaw and Jay Smith.

The policy of the board and the plan of work for the Chamber during 1905 was discussed at length by the members of the board and a course of work was partially outlined.

It was decided that hereafter the meetings shall be held at 11 o'clock. The regular meeting is to be on the second Tuesday of each month, but the board will meet at any time on the call of the president.

The letter from the Honolulu Board of Trade, asking for the co-operation of the Chamber in securing an appropriation from Congress for an improvement of the Honolulu harbor, was referred to a special committee for investigation.

Letters were read from Major W. C. Langright and J. Conch Flanders regarding the acquisition of the wharf-owners to build their wharves out further towards the middle of the river that they might be able to reach the deeper water. It was the opinion of the two gentlemen that the harbor was now too narrow, and it would not be wise to build nearer the channel than at present. The letters were referred to the navigation committee for consideration and recommendation.

The Publishers' Protective Association, recently organized, asked to get into the running with a chance to assist the Chamber of Commerce in passing on the merits of any advertising scheme which might come before the committee for consideration. The proposition was accepted, and now the public will be doubly guarded from the schemes of the wily advertiser.

After electing the Oregon Plating Company to membership, the meeting was adjourned to meet on Tuesday next at 11 o'clock.

SALE OPENS THIS MORNING. Gadski Recital Seats on Sale at Eilers Piano House at 10 Today.

Sleds and Coasters in All the Best Styles and Sizes on Sale at Clearance Prices---Third Floor

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Thirteen and a half hours today in which to take advantage of the thousands of Clearance Sale bargains distributed throughout the establishment---Everything in wearing apparel and homefitting needs is included, and remember, no qualities that equal ours for the low prices---The power of price, combined with the greatest and best-selected stock of high-grade merchandise in the West, is bringing us a phenomenal January business

Men's 50c Neckwear, Choice at 25c

Great special purchase of 300 doz. men's 50c Neckwear in reversible four-in-hands, tecks, English squares, immense assortment of the very best styles, patterns and colorings---Every scarf regular 25c value, choice of entire lot 25c

Men's and Boys' Clothing Reduced

Sweeping reductions on our entire stock of men's and boys' clothing, Suits, Overcoats, Trousers, Cravenettes, Etc., marked at prices every economical man and parent is interested in---Young men's clothing is also being offered at extremely low prices---Second Floor

35c Ribbons 18c Yard

Lot 1-2100 yards of 4-inch wide Satin Taffeta Ribbons, in white, lilac, pink, black, navy and maize; the quality sold elsewhere at 35c yard

Great Shoe Clearance Spec'ls

French, Shriner & Urner's famous Footwear for men---\$4.50 violet kid, kid-lined double sole, Blucher style; \$6.00 patent oxford, double sole; \$4.45 full dress shoes, patent calf at pair

Handkerchiefs Oil Heaters

Muslin Handkerchiefs, used for holiday decorations, 10c value on sale for, each 3c

Children's Garments Greatly Reduced

We are cleaning up our Winter stock of children's Coats, Dresses and Novelty Garments at marvelously low prices---A great part of the stock contains styles and materials suitable for Spring wear---If you have a miss or child that needs new apparel for dress or school wear, unusual money-saving opportunities are presented---Second Floor

Boys' Clothing Bargains---2d Floor

Little boys' Overcoats, blues, grays and fancy mixtures, ages 3 to 8 years---\$3.45

Blankets and Comforters

10-12 white wool Blankets with colored borders, great special value, pair \$3.83

Women's, Children's Hosiery

Children's Cashmere Hose, medium weight, 1-and-1/2 rib, sizes 5 to 9, regular 40c and 50c values, on sale for, pair 33c

Flannel Gowns Fascinators, Etc.

Women's outing flannel Gowns, variety of styles, braided trimmed, best \$1.00 values, for 73c

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Jack Frost nips a little harder every night---There's warmth and comfort stored up for you in our Knit Underwear

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