

furnished in violation of law at certain places in the Western Police District, Sunday night, December 3rd. And in which communication you speak particularly of:

Arcade Hotel, (Henry Schonewolf, 17 N. Pine street),

Laurel Cafe', (Henry P. Pearsale, 15 N. Pine street),

Sam's Cafe', (Samuel Nichols, 619 Raborg street.)

the Board of Police Commissioners directs me to say,

That, the department has been giving especial attention to the places mentioned in the "Sun's" publication; members of the force have been detailed for the particular purpose of watching them, in an honest effort to detect any violation of law, if any occurred. The Board proposes to continue its vigilance in relation to these saloons and proceed vigorously against anyone caught offending against the law.

In regard to last Sunday, the Board took up immediately the representations in the article in question. The officers whose duty it was especially to watch these places last Sunday, day and night, say they did their full duty, visited the premises of each frequently, but could discover no transgressions of the law.

The "Evening Sun" was promptly called on and urged to give the department what evidence it had, justifying the publication, in order, not only that proceedings might be taken at once against the alleged offenders, but also that inquiry might be made into the question of performance of duty on the part of policemen.

The "Evening Sun" in this instance, as on previous occasions, flatly refused to tell the name of the reporter, or give what evidence it had, declined, in other words, to give the Police Department any assistance in the premises.

Under the circumstances, as the department has no evidence, and as those who claim to have evidence will not help up, there seems no way to bring these licensees into court. You understand, of course, the press will not and cannot be compelled to produce any evidence in its possession.

It occurs to the Board to suggest that if your society should happen to have any facts with respect to any violations of the liquor law in this locality, mentioned in the publication referred to, or elsewhere, the Board will thank