

ARGENTINE IS DRY.

Mayor Williard Orders Every Joint in the City Closed.

Probably the first time since the prohibitory law went into effect has Argentine been kept perfectly "dry" for two hours. The wearers of the blue ribbon were surprised at the change and the proprietors of the tippling shops astonished at the order of Mayor Williard. Although the order to Chief Higganbottom was imperative, liquor was sold before 5 o'clock under a "heavy" watch. The patrons were required to pass in a back door while "cappers" stood on the outside to watch for the police.

Mayor Williard says that he will enforce the municipal laws and in his order says that the "wet" places must be closed and kept closed, and that proof that any member of the police force is aware of any place existing where intoxicating liquors can be purchased or gotten will cause his immediate suspension and expulsion.

Chief Higganbottom immediately notified the saloon men and they closed their front doors and gathered on the street corners to talk over the situation. They were not inclined to abuse the Mayor for doing his duty, but felt that the order was a hard one to obey. There seems to be no trouble among the liquor men and they feel confident of some change. It is understood that the county attorney will bring injunction proceedings against all the joint-keepers in Argentine, and rumor has it that the liquor men brought on the order to escape the threatened action by the county attorney, but is strenuously denied by all concerned.

There was considerable merriment displayed on the streets in the Silver city yesterday on account of the drouth. Crepe was hung on some of the closed places and buckets with crepe tied around them were carried about.

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