

ARGENTINE.

Mayor Willard Again Orders the "Joints" Closed, Because of the Sale of "Hop Tea."

Mayor Willard yesterday morning issued a verbal order to Chief of Police Harry Higinbotham to close all of the "joints" that were evading his order by selling "hop tea." The chief of police immediately acted on his instructions from the mayor, and by noon the "joints" were all closed. The jointkeepers were told that the mayor had ordered them closed or to be arrested and arraigned in the police court and the heaviest fine imposed that the law allowed. All of the joint men closed immediately and will remain so.

One of the jointists stated yesterday that he had closed his place and intended to remain closed, as business had been dull for some time, and that he was not making any money, but that if business was good he would remain open, in spite of the mayor's order, and pay the heavy fine.

A number of the keepers of "joints" called on the mayor in the afternoon, but what their business was with him could not be learned.

Mayor Willard stated yesterday that he had given the order to Chief Higinbotham and that he had been investigating the sort of liquid refreshments sold as "hop tea" and thought the sale of it irregular and would stop it. He also said that the written order given the chief of police relative to the closing of the "joints" several weeks ago had not been rescinded and would not be as long as he remained at the head of the city affairs.

Will Mandamus the Mayor.

Mandamus proceedings to compel Mayor Willard to show cause why he should not sign the warrants for money due Councilman David West as sewer inspector for the city of Argentine will be instituted in the district court today. Mayor Willard signed the appropriation ordinance, in which was included \$97.50 to pay the salary of Councilman West on June 20, thereby acknowledging the claim of Councilman West. The city council appropriated the money.

Councilman West Fined.

As a result of the heated discussion engaged in by Councilman David West and Mayor F. A. Willard Tuesday night before the time for the council to meet the mayor yesterday obtained a warrant in Justice Cook's court for the arrest of Councilman West on the charge of disturbing his peace.

Councilman West heard of the complaint filed by the mayor and proceeded to the justice's court without waiting to be arrested by the constable and pleaded guilty to the charge, but as he had important business to attend to in Kansas City, Kas., the justice excused him from tarrying longer at that time. Late yesterday afternoon Councilman West again appeared in court. Justice Cook then fined him \$1 and costs, which he paid.

Late yesterday afternoon friends of Councilman West caused a warrant to be issued in Justice Trowbridge's court for Mayor Willard on the charge of peace disturbing.