

ARGENTINE'S MAYOR.

Complaints Filed Against Him by
County Attorney Cobb.

RESULT OF A WAR ON JOINTS.

Other Citizens of the Silver City
Down on the List.

The Conference of the Methodist Church,
South, in Progress—Pulpits Will Be
Filled Sunday by Visitors—
Bender's Condition.

County Attorney Cobb last evening filed a large number of liquor informations with the clerk of the court of common pleas and something less than twenty-five warrants will be issued to-day for the arrest of the parties named in the information.

Among the complaints filed was one against Mayor Frank A. Willard, the Populist mayor of Argentine. The complaint was filed under section 2532 of the Revised Statutes. That section provides that if any sheriff, mayor, police officer or constable knows of any place where liquors are sold in violation of law and fails to report the same to the county attorney he is liable to prosecution and if convicted shall be fined any sum from \$100 to \$500 and that the fine being imposed shall work a forfeiture of the office.

There has been a great agitation over the question of joints over in Argentine the last few weeks, and the arrests will grow out of the agitation. The agitation began shortly after Mayor Willard took charge of the office of mayor. Recently Mayor Willard furnished to County Attorney Cobb a long list of names of witnesses who were supposed to know a great deal about joints. More than a week was spent taking testimony and the informations filed yesterday were the first fruits of investigation.

Mayor Willard's testimony was taken and it is understood that he stated that he knew nothing of any joints in the city except by hearsay, and that he had never been inside of any of them, nor at any time was he a patron.

Opposed to this, the ex-barkeeper of a well known Populist drinking place is reported as testifying to the fact that the mayor, with others, was a frequent visitor and patron of the place. He said he could easily remember the visits of the mayor for the reason that he drank sherry and egg, while most of the other parties drank beer.

No warrants were issued by the clerk last evening, but there will be a large number placed in the hands of the sheriff this morning to be served.