

FEW PARCHED THROATS.

Some Saloons Were Closed Yesterday, While Others Were Run Wide Open, as Usual.

Yesterday the saloons of this city were supposed to be closed. Several of the saloons of the better class did remain closed all day. Their shades were up to the tops of the windows and the screens removed to give a view of the bar to those who tried to get in to quench their thirst, and to others.

Most of the saloons had the front doors locked, but the side and rear entrances were open, and the thirsty wayfarers took advantage of the fact and stepped into the bar and quenched their thirst with the beverages that were dealt out in the usual every day manner.

The hotel bars and those on Union avenue and West Ninth street and several near the junction of Ninth and Main streets did a thriving business all day. It is said that one of the owners of a Union avenue bar yesterday morning had the porter close and lock the front door of his resort and stationed a man on the outside to direct the patrons of the place to the rear entrance. A few hours later he ascertained that his neighbors were keeping open house and ordered the front door opened, but the porter was unable to unlock it.

It is said that it is the first time his door has been locked in six years and he was compelled to send for a locksmith to work the combination. Those who are familiar with the city and the resorts did not experience any particular difficulty, however, in securing drinks of all kinds.

Mr. S. A. Legg, who has been active in the Sunday closing movement, said last evening that the committee which was yesterday looking for saloons with their doors open did not intend to use the evidence which might be secured in court—that is, not at present. "There was no systematic canvass of the city made yesterday," said he, "to spot the saloons which were violating the law, but each of the committee did what work he saw fit in the way of securing evidence. The object of this is that when we appear before the mayor or the police board and ask to have the saloons closed, we will be able to prove that they are not closed. We do not intend to swear out any warrants—that is, not for the present." There will be a meeting at Legg Bros.' music store, No. 811 Main street, at noon today, at which the committee will report and compare notes to see whether or not, according to their observations, the saloons were closed yesterday.