

WILL OBEY THE LAW.

The Retail Liquor Dealers' Association Takes Action on the Sunday Closing Matter.

The Retail Liquor Dealers' Association held its regular weekly meeting yesterday afternoon in its hall at 1013 Walnut street. Owing to the fact that an announcement had been made that the Sunday closing matter would be discussed and acted upon, there was a large attendance. After some other matters had been disposed of the Sunday question was announced open for debate. Several of those present at the meeting made speeches, in which they inveighed against the "Sunday closing cranks" and "religious bigots." They declared that it was an outrage for the city and the county and state to tax them nearly \$900 for the privilege of running their saloons and then compel them to keep closed on Sunday, which, with some of them, is the best day in the week for business. The Times was severely scored by two of the members of the association for "sending reporters to spy upon the saloon men."

Notwithstanding the statements of those who felt aggrieved because of an attempted enforcement of the Sunday closing law, the majority of those present argued that it would be better to obey the law. They said the saloon men could hope to gain nothing by getting into a fight with the Sunday closers, and a resolution was accordingly adopted to keep their saloons closed next Sunday and following Sundays.

The adoption of the resolution does not mean that all the saloons in Kansas City will be closed on Sunday. Of the proprietors of the 347 saloons in the city, less than 125 belong to the association. It can only bind its own membership to Sunday closing and the other saloonkeepers of the city can close or keep open according to their own idea of which is the best thing for them to do.