

**WILL THE AUTHORITIES ACT?**

THE PEOPLE ARE ASKING THAT QUESTION NOW.

As Usual the Washington School Policy Shop Was Gathering in the Dimes of the Little Ones Today—Mayor Cowherd Still Inactive.

The people of Kansas City are now looking to the city authorities to suppress the policy evil, for nobody in Kansas City, excepting a few gamblers, wants policy shops and public schools in the same block. The evidence that these policy shops do exist near public school has been laid before the city authorities and the public is beginning to ask: "What are they going to do about it?"

Mayor Cowherd, president of the board of police commissioners as well chief executive, gave THE STAR another interview on the subject today and here it is:

"Have you recommended to the council an ordinance to prohibit the sale of policy tickets?"

"No."

"Do you expect to include such a message in the budget for the council meeting Monday?"

"As I have said before, if such a recommendation goes to the council, it will more properly go from the board of police commissioners first and I shall take no action in regard to such a recommendation to the council until the board of police commissioners has a meeting."

"Has the board of police commissioners taken action yet or does the board expect to take action?"

"The board on Thursday attached the article in THE STAR to a letter of instructions to the chief of police to investigate the matter and take such action as he deemed necessary to wipe it out once."

"Was the order of the board to Chief Speers Thursday to be construed as an order to raid all policy shops found?"

"You'll find the order in the office of the chief of police. It is a written order."

"Are you convinced that there was a policy shop at the corner of Twelfth street and Locust street?"

"I know nothing about it, excepting what I've seen in the newspapers. If what they say is true I think there was one."

MR. MORROW IS NON-COMMITTAL.

Police Commissioner Thomas E. Morrow was asked this afternoon if the police commissioners will take any action toward suppressing the policy shops that are in operation in Kansas City. He replied: "You were given a copy of the order from the police commissioners to the chief of police. You know that orders have been made under it and it speaks for itself."

This is a copy of the "order":

Thomas M. Speers, Chief of Police.

DEAR SIR: The notice of publication is hereby referred to the investigation, and such immediate action as the law requires or may warrant.

Very truly yours, THOMAS E. MORROW, Police Commissioner, WY. CASE, Mayor, Pres. Board of Police Commissioners.

The publication referred to was THE STAR's expose of the High school policy shop.

Is that letter to be construed as an order to raid all policy shops? was asked Mr. Morrow.

"You can read the order."

Is the police board to have a meeting this afternoon about 4 o'clock?"

"Probably."

"Do you think action will be taken about the policy shops?"

"I can't say until the meeting."

ONE SCHOOL POLICY SHOP OPENS TODAY.

The policy shop at the corner of Twelfth and Locust streets, the High school policy shop, is not open today. The candy store, he "blind," is open and slate pencils and candy are sold, but the man in charge says the policy agency has been abolished and that the store has changed hands. On the contrary, the Washington school policy shop is wide open today. It is at No. 502 Independence avenue, and was exposed yesterday by THE STAR. It is for the special convenience of the Washington school pupils and there are many boys there who know it.

The High school, the Hamblett Ward school, the Lincoln Ward, the Lincoln High school and the Washington school are not the only ones with a policy shop near them. Findlay, in his greediness to get the nickels and dimes of the school children, has established "branches" near other schools, but since THE STAR sold of the High school policy shop they have been conducted "under cover."

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