

It is not at all surprising that Police Judge JOHNSON has decided the policy shop ordinance to be illegal. JOHNSON was formerly the assistant of MARCY K. BROWN and was the pet candidate of the "gang" which is organized in Kansas City for plunder. The protest of public sentiment was strong enough to bring about the closing of the policy shops for a time, but now the Police Judge takes upon himself the responsibility of the Supreme Court of the state and brushes aside an ordinance which interfered with part of the "gang's" illicit profits. The policy sharks evidently had information of the relief that was coming to them, for they anticipated JOHNSON's decision and began locating dives in various parts of the city several days ago. Perhaps it is not an unmixed evil. The "gang" and their agents, official and otherwise, are preparing for the wrath to come, and the more material they provide the quicker and the surer and heavier will be the retribution.

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