

DELETE PUBLIC IN SAFETY MEET

Board Admits Session, But
Many Questions Are Left
Still Unanswered.

Dense secrecy surrounds the meeting of the board of "public" safety held Friday night. The board admits holding a meeting, at which the most important thing done was to take the "public" out of the board of public safety.

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Another matter on which Josephson was reticent was whether the board paid any attention to the Beroillon system of measurements, the finger print system and other modern police systems adopted by John Kuespert, former chief of detectives, and thrown into the scrap heap when Chief Kline came into office. The appointment of a sergeant of detectives to fill the vacancy in that department which has existed for the past three weeks, was a matter on which the board was silent.

Great Hold on Vice.

It may be that the board failed to censor Chief Kline and the other "lacking heads," or rather "ranking heads," for failure to protect the patrolmen from attack by thugs and gunmen by refusing to make any effort to arrest the assailant of John Kolacz, night patrolman, who was fired on by a gunman, who is still at large.

The report made by Patrol Sergeant Roberts recently to Mayor Carson that gambling had been broken up in South Bend might also have been acted on by the board, who might have complimented Chief Kline for having such an admirable hold on the vice situation here. The recent raids on houses of ill-fame might have caused some more congratulations for the chief, providing he had been able to answer, if asked, why several disorderly houses were allowed to operate openly in the downtown district.

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COMPLETE PLANS FOR PARK MEET

Convention of Hoosier Officials to Open in South Bend on Aug. 31.

Tentative plans for the annual convention of the State Park Association to be held here Aug. 31-Sept. 1, were completed at a meeting of the city park board held Friday night. The convention will be attended by representatives of the park boards of the six Indiana cities of the first and second class, and mayors and park committees of the smaller cities.

The convention will open at 1:30 o'clock on the afternoon of Sunday, Aug. 31, when delegates and ladies will register at the Rose room at the Oliver. An auto ride around the city, visiting the parks and other points of interest, and ending at the County club, will occupy the afternoon. There will be band concerts in three of the city parks.

At 6 o'clock a luncheon will be given at the County club, and at 7:30 Elbel's band will give a concert at Leeper park. Richard Lieber, of Indianapolis, representing Gov. Goodrich, will give an address at 8:30. Mr. Lieber is chairman of the state conservation and state parks commission.

To Speak on Laws.

The Monday morning session will open at 9:30. Dr. Lippincott giving the invocation. Mayor Carson will deliver an address of welcome, and Mayor Hodges of Gary will respond. Reports of officers, appointment of

committees, and a round table discussion of park matters led by Richard Elbel, president of the local park board, will occupy the time until 11 o'clock, when George C. Dix of Terre Haute, chairman of the legislative committee, will give an address on "The Park Laws of 1917."

After luncheon at the Oliver, J. H. Frost, former superintendent and forester of Chicago, will address an illustrated lecture on "The Park Commissioner's Duty Toward Civic Beautification," and Prof. C. F. Shantz, president of the Illinois Audubon society, will speak on "Birds, the Park Guardians."

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FREE METHODIST.

First—Rev. A. T. Readling, pastor. Class meeting at 10:30 a. m., led by T. Hines, superintendent.

Trinity—Rev. G. W. Payre, pastor. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m.; J. H. Keller, superintendent.

Grace—Rev. R. D. Beck, pastor. Class meeting at 9:30 a. m.; W. C. Whitehead, superintendent.

Epworth—Rev. G. W. Payre, pastor. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m.; J. H. Keller, superintendent.

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