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Morgan Park Citizens War Against Illegal County Saloons

The citizens of Morgan Park and the faculty of the Morgan Park Academy are up in arms against four illegal saloons which are located just beyond the limits of the town. Efforts have been made from time to time to dislodge them, and a concerted move is now on foot to end their existence.

The people of the village are especially incensed at the Board of County Commissioners in granting licenses to these places in direct violation of the state law, which provides that no county board shall grant licenses to operate saloons within two miles of any incorporated town.

President Brundage of the county board has been asked to revoke the licenses and has replied as follows:

"Replying to your favor of the 18th inst. in regard to the issuance of various licenses to sell malt liquors to parties less than statutory distance from the limits of the village of Morgan Park. The statute fails to vest the Board of Commissioners of Cook County with power to revoke the license after having issued the same.

If the facts are as stated by you the license issued by the Board of Commissioners of Cook County is of no effect, and those acting under it are violating the law and liable to prosecution.

I presume that the licenses were issued under a misapprehension, or lack or knowledge as to the exact location of the various saloons.

I would suggest that you lay this matter before the State's attorney, as it is his duty to prosecute those who are violating the laws of the state.

Yours very truly,

Edward J. Brundage,

President."

A strenuous effort will be made to prevent the issuance of new licenses when the present ones expire at the end of June.

The matter has been placed before State's Attorney Healy and he has been asked to take steps to close up the illegal resorts.

Congressman Boutell Champions Liquor Cause

Littlefield's Measure Strongly Opposed by Saloon Representatives. People Urged to Act Quickly

Congressman Boutell is a Representative of the 9th District of Illinois which embraces that part of the City of Chicago lying north of the Chicago River and East of Halsted street and Racine Avenue and extending as far north as Graceland Avenue. It embraces one of the finest residence districts of the City of Chicago, consequently contains many of the finest people and the largest and most influential churches. It also contains some sections that are not considered to be the most desirable localities in which to live.

During the closing part of last year and the early months of this year a wave of crime seemed to sweep over certain portions of the city, which resulted in an uprising of the people against the saloons. It was in Congressman Boutell's district that most of these crimes, especially against women, were committed. It was in this district that the famous Hollister murder took place and four or five other similar cases wherein women lost their lives. During all this time the daily papers of

Chicago were crediting the open saloon as the direct cause of these horrible tragedies, and it can be said that a large number of these crimes took place in a vicinity where Mr. Boutell's German societies are especially strong. As a result of these crimes the people of Chicago became indignant and demanded that the saloon license be raised from \$500 to \$1,000, in order, as they said, they might have better protection from the results of these breeders of crimes.

It seems exceedingly strange that a Congressman coming from a district composed so largely of good people, should go out of his way to champion the cause of the liquor forces at the national capital, for his address before the Judiciary Committee against the Littlefield Bill can be interpreted in no other way. We have his entire address before us and his personal letter and we make this statement in the light of each. In his address before the Committee he eulogizes Phoebe Cousins who has gone on record for the liquor crowd in about the same