

Portland, Or. June 20, 1883.

To the members of the Common Council of the City of Portland Gentlemen;

We, your Committee on Judiciary to whom was referred the charges preferred by E. F. Heroy and others against Chief of Police J. H. Lappens would respectfully report that we have examined into the matter, that both the prosecution and defense have been represented by attorneys, that we have examined taken the testimony and affidavits of a number of witnesses on both sides, have had the services of a Stenographer to take ^{down} the testimony who has extended the same and we now report the same to you together with the affidavits and exhibits filed with us in the case.

From such testimony affidavits and exhibits, ~~after~~ we have reached the following conclusion

That the charge first specified that the said J. H. Lappens took money from Carrie Bradley to assist the murderer of J. W. Brown to escape is entirely

groundless and without foundation.
That ^{the} charge that he has failed to execute the laws by prosecuting those who have been selling liquor to minors and selling liquor without a license we find that whenever cases of a violation of the law have come to ~~the~~ ^{his} knowledge ~~of~~ he has so far as we can ascertain, used his utmost endeavors to enforce the laws and bring the offenders to justice, and that he has exercised due diligence so far as such evidence shows in ferretting out crime and prosecuting those who violate City and State laws.
As to the charge that he has allowed inmates of disreputable houses to solicit persons passing on the streets it appears that no person who has testified ever called the attention of the chief or any officer to the fact that such solicitations were being made, and we believe that the ^{police force} of the City of Portland succeeds in keeping this class of offenders in check as much effectively as that of any city of similar size and character of inhabitants ~~within our knowledge.~~

We respectfully recommend
that said Charges be dismissed
and that the said J. H. Lappes be
exonerated from the said Charges.

W. L. Chittenden

D. Mackay

W. H. Adams

Committee on Judiciary

Report of Com. on Judiciary

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