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WILL ANYTHING BE DONE?

An interview with the sheriff of Salt Lake county will be found reported in another column. It is in continuation of the series of interviews with some of the responsible heads of that office, and is quite interesting. It is to be remembered that the sheriff is the executive officer of the Third District Court, and is the chief officer of the law in this county on the subject. It is a mockery for persons charged to engage in the liquor traffic, to

"Sell, give away, or otherwise dispose of any intoxicating drink at any place other than that for which a license is authorized to be issued by the county commissioners, except the medical profession, and the sacrament of a physician."—Revised Statutes, section 1775.

The penalty is

"A fine in any sum less than three hundred dollars, or be imprisoned in the county jail not exceeding six months for each and every offense, at the discretion of the magistrate."—Id. 1776.

We agree with the sheriff's sentiment that the law should be enforced or repealed, and we add that the law that establishes should be promulgated or wiped out of Salt Lake county, because the only ones who are aware of the fact that there is such a law are those who are in the liquor business, and those who are their customers. We have heard of the law in question, but we have never seen it, nor have we seen it in print in any Gentile jurisdiction, and we have lived in Salt Lake City for years. We are not familiar with the law, but we think it would be a good thing if some steps were taken to put down the nuisance at the earliest possible moment.

HOODLUMISM.

The "News" for yesterday called attention to the manifestations of youthful hoodlumism in this city, of which complaints have been made by citizens. At last issue we thought it desirable to call the attention of the public to the other side of the question, namely, the conduct of the police in the premises. We do not think that the police are responsible for the hoodlumism referred to, but we do think that they could do much to prevent it if they would. It will be needed to all the strength in other parts where the drug evil is so prevalent, namely, the action of the police in connection with the matter. If they do not do their duty in the premises, it will be a matter of regret, and it will be a matter of complaint, and it will be a matter of regret, and it will be a matter of complaint, and it will be a matter of regret, and it will be a matter of complaint, and