

IRATE CITIZENS RAP POLICE ORDER TO BAR PEDDLERS

Acting Chief Fiskett Tells Why Itinerants Should Be Barred by the Police.

The police department was under fire again yesterday afternoon. An irate group of citizens appeared at the council meeting to protest against interference of the police department with so-called peddlers on Superior street. Commissioner W. F. Murnian of the public safety division promised to attend to the matter.

One of the business men stated that police last week accosted peddlers and asked them to show their permits, telling them that the city clerk had no right to issue permits to them.

They further claimed that the men involved were cripples, Spanish War veterans, and exempt from having to pay licenses to peddle. Carleton Bradley, blind man who sells papers at Fifth avenue West and Superior street was said to be a graduate of Minnesota law school in the class of 1911.

"I called up Acting Chief Fiskett on the phone to ask him about the matter when it was brought to my attention." Harry Witz, jeweler, 502 West Superior street, declared. "I told him I knew the law protected these men, and he said 'to hell with the law, I'm doing this.'"

"The city ordinance provides that no beggars or peddlers should be allowed on Superior street from Second avenue East to Sixth avenue West and from Michigan to First streets," Acting Chief Fiskett stated. "I told the gentleman who called me up that I would not argue over the telephone. He lied if he says I said anything more than that. Mr. Murnian asked me to make out a report to him on the affair and I have done so. If we were to get a reputation for giving beggars and peddlers free rein on Superior street, all the beggars in the country would flock here."