# NEWSPPPER MAN IS LOCKED UP WHEI CLEAN TOWH IS PLEADED 

## Two Commissioners Standing Pat Against The Chief

## HANGER GOMMSSIONERS GIVE GHEE DARRISH FIFTEENDAVG'MORE TIME

## Chief of Police Byron B. Parrish was placed on fif-

 teen days' probation at continuation of the city commission's investigation into open gambling Wednesday af-ternoon. A. Davenport, police and fire commissioner, said that he would be willing to give up his responsibility for the police department if gambling was not closed in that time.
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inefficiency and failure to keep his inefficiency and failure to keep his promises are clear to
me. I am against continuing him," said Commissioner me. I am against
M. R. Newnham.
gambling has been open and the chief has craw is that gambling has been open and the chief has failed to stop
it. We have not proved corruption, but we have faced in. We have not proved corruption, but we have faced bach. Mayor M. H. Haraman and Commissioner R.M. Davenport were in favor of further investigation of the porice depariment. "If there is one good man down
the Hagaman.
One civilian and scveral officers were investigated a
the meeting of the commission. The civilian testified
that he had been in a gambling house on Marston street, opposite the Presbyyterian church, on Monday afterrioon,
and that a hundred men were present, fifty of them plavand that a hundred men were present, fifty of them play-
ing. He said that two officers of the Ranger police de partment were present, one in plain clothes, the other in uniform.
"From the street you could watch the numbers of men entering the stairway and coming down, between 4
and $5 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Monday. The testimony of Parrish the and 5 p . m. Monday. The testimony of Parrish the day hefore
Sunday.
"In the room where the games were going on, one of closed up on account of some jam with the police we but that it probably would be straightened out that night," continued the witness.
An effort was made to locate the officers reported to
be present at that game, whohout success. In reard to gambling one of the officers, when
asked, "Did you know eambling had Ranger?" replied. "I didn't know it ever quit."
knew it chief told us not to do any raiding without he knew it. We had raided all these other places and there
was a kick." was "The chie Other officers testified that no white men had been
arrested for gambling lately.

## FILESSUIII AGMIST

 PARAISHWHY has open gambling persisted in spite of general knowledge of it?

WHY did Chief of Police Parrish wait until Sunday night to close the open games, in the most recent siege of gambling, when he admitted knowledge of them as early as Thursday?

WHY did the chief tell a representative of the Times that "his hands were tied" and tell the city commissioners that no one had a string to him?

If his hands were tied, why did he not tell who had tied them?

WHY has Ranger gained, in Mayor Hagaman's words, a "notorious" reputation becausc of the open gambling under Parrish's regime?

WHY did he want co-operation of the commissioners in executing a task that demanded the attention of any conscientious officer?

WHY did he evade and say, "Close the cabarets and IYl close gambling?

WHY did he fall down on his last promise to the city, that he would close every open gambling game in town and keep it closed?

WHY was the original pledge, given when Parrish took of fice, broken?

## No gun-toting; <br> No high-jacking <br> NO GAMBLING.

WHY are conditions in Ranger "so rotten, so crude, so stinking" that a city commissioner should feel ashamed of the office he holds?

WHY does Parrish claim he wants the cabarets closed, when he called a meeting of several cabaret owners in his home and suggested that they secure an attorney to obtain an injunction restraining county officials from closing cabarets, and offered to help them secure this injunction?

These questions are being asked by citizens who want a lawabiding citizenship and realize the laxity of law enforcement.

AN UNMUZZLED PRESS FOR A CLEAN CITY
In following up the stand it has always taken for a clean lown, the Times Wed nesday encountered organized opposition in the person of officers vested with au-
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one cily. He is striking at a bigger thing than one newspaper, or the newspapers which will take up the fight. He is striking at one of the corner-stones of the liberty on which America's plan of government is based.

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There have existed, before now, men who considered themselves large enough dictate the words that those organs should utter. The theory has been held, at times

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