

# The Friend of the People.

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## AWAITING COUNCIL DECISION.

Chicago, Dec. 27.—[To the Friend of the People.]—The city bought the property at Racine and Monroe about two years ago for the purpose of building a new police station. A year ago the buildings on the property were wrecked. The ground has been idle for a year. The need of a new and sanitary station is urgent. What is the reason for the delay?

PETER DOYLE.

Pending the decision of the council committee which has under consideration the communication of the general superintendent of police dated April 23, 1917 (council proceedings of April 23, page 11), outlining a plan for the reorganization of the police department, this department is without authority to proceed with the construction of a station on this site. This reorganization plan recommends the consolidation of forty-five police stations into twenty-two.

FRANK I. BENNETT,

Commissioner of Public Works.