

79 COPS ON DUTY IN "LOEB-DAVIS" POLICE STATION

Three Shifts at Board of Education Rooms Are Ever Vigilant.

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[Dean of Chicago Police Reporters.]

Policemen detailed in The Tribune building to guard the rooms of the board of education were resting on their arms when a reporter visited the new station last night.

Lieut. William Coles was in command of the twenty-four patrolmen and three sergeants who were detailed on the middle shift—from 4 p. m. to midnight.

Two other shifts of the same number of men also are assigned at the new station, making in all seventy-two patrolmen, three lieutenants, three sergeants, and one captain.

Little Doing.

The reporter strolled about the "Loeb-Davis" station, as the policemen call it, and found it unlike any other station-house he had ever seen. Three floors—the sixth, seventh, and eighth—on which are the rooms of the board of education—are used for station purposes.

"Yes, it is rather quiet tonight," said Lieut. Coles, yawning. "If something doesn't happen pretty soon I don't know what we'll do."

"This is the second night we've been here waiting for an air attack of some kind, but nothing stirring. Say, sergeant [turning to speak to Sergt. Forrell], wake up, there. No sleeping allowed on duty."

"If a fellow could only get out and get a fresh one it wouldn't be so bad," continued the lieutenant. "Nothing doing. I've played pinochle with three or four of the men and beat them out of 10 cents, and now they won't play any more. I never saw such a station."

All Kerry Men on Sixth.

At this juncture Sergt. Thoma, who was in charge of a squad of men on the sixth floor, approached the lieutenant and saluted.

"Say, lute," said the sergeant, "why did you pick out all the Kerry men for my floor? There ain't one of them who can play sixty-six. That's the only game I know, and all they can play is forty-five."

"If somebody would only come upstairs and report a lost kid or a door open it would relieve the monotony," resumed Lieut. Coles. "I'm relieved at midnight by Lieut. Ben Burns. When he comes on he will ask me if there is anything doing."

Can't Even Tie It.

"And when he goes off and is relieved by Lieut. John Hogan he will be asked the same question. Can you beat it? We all have to leave reports to Capt. John Alcock."

"O, if there was only a fight or something to make a fellow forget his loneliness. This awful quiet is getting on my nerves. I wish they'd send me back to my own station."

And the clock struck midnight.

Banks Honor Vouchers Presented by Teachers

School teachers had no trouble in cashing their pay vouchers yesterday in the office of the city treasurer.

As announced yesterday in THE TRIBUNE, Clayton F. Smith, the treasurer, honored all checks, and the banks, aware of his action, did likewise.

It is Mr. Smith's contention that a de facto board was in power when the checks were sent out, but to avoid future complications, he said he would not, for the present, consider vouchers on contracts of the board or other of its matters pertaining to the payment of money.