

City 'saves face' after Capt. Mitchell's arrest

The arrest of Capt. Mitchell of the Salvation Army in July of 1909 on the courthouse square was, indeed, awkward for everyone concerned.

The captain, who had been doing what he always did at that time — conducting an evangelistic service — had been warned that he would be arrested for obstructing the street at the southwest corner of the square.

PERHAPS he was an admirer of Henry David Thoreau, who advocated civil disobedience. Whatever his reasoning, Mitchell posed a problem for local authorities. The newspaper commented: "To the *Telephone*, Capt. Mitchell said that there was a principle involved and that he would fight the case to the bitter end.

Looking back

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The Salvation Army officer had probably taken his cue from a similar incident involving the arrest and conviction of a fellow officer who was conducting services in South Bend. According to the *Telephone*, Mitchell said that in case he was convicted, he would not pay or allow anyone else to pay his fine. He would, thank you, serve out

the time in the Monroe County Jail.

The public generally looks upon the affair as unfortunate, as in most cities there is no conflict as to the places where the Salvation Army bands shall hold their services," offered the *Telephone* editor. But Bloomington's was a slightly different case.

RECENTLY the City Council had given some consideration to another source of congestion on the southwest corner of the square. Draymen with their delivery wagons congregated there, presumably waiting for potential customers, and there had been complaints. Strange as it may seem to us today, runaway horses and

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