

# Law and Order League fought drinking and gambling in 1895

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but some the names were revealed in the Jan. 8, 1895, edition of the *Telephone*. They were: the Rev. S.R. Lyons, pastor of the United Presbyterian Church; W.P. Rogers, an

attorney; the Rev. T.J. Clark, pastor of the First Christian Church; James Karsell, a local businessman who had milling, grocery and limestone interests; and James A. Woodburn, Indiana University professor of history and an incorporator of the Bloomington National Bank.

Apparently the league had

enough influence to stage a public hearing that involved the mayor, county prosecutor and the services of a stenographer. In establishing the ground rules for the hearing, there was some discussion about whether those who gave testimony would be liable for prosecution.

Negotiations on behalf of the league were handled by Bloomington attorney J.B. Wilson, who later became a judge.

Marshal Owens told the *Telephone* that many of the persons who were anxious to testify against him were men whose names figured on

the mayor's docket and who had been spared additional prosecution because their families would suffer. "as there were affidavits hanging over them." He also stated that the investigation was politically motivated.

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