

WASHBURN MAN ARRESTED AGAIN

Attempt to Give Show in Theater
on Forbidden Day Is Frustrated
by Officers.

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WASHBURN, Wis., Feb. 14.—Louis Latts, proprietor of the Bijou theater in this city and chief singer, Paul Gooltz, were arrested here charged with violating the Sunday closing law by keeping the playhouse running on the Sabbath. The arrests were made just after the show had been started. The largest crowd that has ever packed the theater was present, expecting that some move of this kind would be the result as it had been announced that the place would be closed if every man and woman in the audience had to be arrested.

This is the third time that the proprietor, Mr. Latts, has been arrested for the same kind of an offense, and he believes that he is being picked out for slaughter, as none of the other business places operating in the city have been closed. Last week he was given a jury trial in the municipal court and was acquitted of the charge.

Latts is a Jew and he believes that if he observes the regular Jewish Sabbath that he is not violating any law when he runs his theater on the Sabbath. The jury last week believed that he had actually observed one day as his Sabbath and was therefore not guilty of any offense. This week Mr. Latts again observed the Jewish Sabbath and the theater was closed during Friday and Saturday. It was opened again Saturday night and also expected to run Sunday afternoon and evening.

The sympathy of a large number of people of the city is said to be with Mr. Latts and he intends to fight the case to a finish. It is now stated that warrants will be issued for every saloon and store proprietor in the city that failed to observe the law. The case is drawing considerable attention, it being a unique one.