

ELY POLICEMAN ON THE CARPET

Charges Filed Against Officer
Muhvich By H. Kornfeld, Al-
leging Laxity in Duty.

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ELY, Dec. 1.—The complaint heard against the local police department circulated during the past few days when H. Kornfeld, a local business man, filed formal charges against Officer Muhvich for alleged breach of duty. The council has ordered Muhvich to appear before it Dec. 11 for a hearing and an investigation. According to Mr. Kornfeld it appears that the evening after the fire that partially destroyed his store, a party of boys and young men broke into the store and helped themselves to anything that attracted their fancy. When Mr. Kornfeld saw what was being done he hired a team to remove the balance of the goods to another building which he had rented. During the process of moving his goods a crowd of about 150 men and children gathered, and hooted him, insulting him, and in many ways bothering him. He says that they even went so far as to unhook the horses from the wagon. During the time that this was going on he alleges that Officer Muhvich was standing near the place and paid no attention to the riot that was in progress and that when Mr. Kornfeld appealed for police protection for himself and property he was only laughed at.

Mr. Kornfeld asserts he is an American citizen and taxpayer and claims that he is entitled to police protection.

It is stated that others have complained of the lax manner in which the police have been doing their duty without effect and it is common gossip that if nothing is done in regard to the Muhvich matter some local business men may take it to the state authorities.

Mayor Weinzierl declares that the city is as well policed at the present time as it has ever been and says that he can not see any glaring faults in the policemen.