

ter complaint. If he feels morally sure but realizes that he has not evidence to convict, it does no good what ever to talk about the suspects, indeed, it only puts the lawbraker on his guard.

#### HOW IT OPERATES.

The working of the prohibition law in this city is employing the minds of a number of our citizens these times for the want we suppose, of something more exciting. The move has a number of enemies, and though they have a great minority on their side they live in hopes that the people will see the error of their ways, and return to the good old plan of having one or two licensed drinking palaces in the town where the thirsty wayfarer and the bibulous citizen can meet on common ground and be filled with the spirit of alcohol, while the officers of the law look on with a sickly smile if they do not approve, and realize that the city under which they operate has been paid for their tolerance. The more some well known opposers of prohibition criticise conditions under present regulations, and better we ought to be satisfied that the measure is likely to be a success. It is pointed out that wine is being imported from Dixie, and that whisky is being brought in from other settlements and drank here, and it is evident that if people want strong drink they will have it whether the traffic is licensed or not. All this is doubtless true as is partly attested by the fact that at least 4 patients were treated for inebriety by justice Palmer last Monday, and it is said that other cases have been heard of. But when the officers of the city face a drunken man under present conditions neither the drunkard nor his friends can say that either the city authorities or public sentiment has contributed anything to the man's situation. It always has seemed to us very inconsistent to issue a license to a saloon keeper to sell liquor to men which makes them drunk, and then send the officers to put the drunken men in prison for drinking that which the city had been paid for allowing to be sold, when it is a foregone conclusion that if intoxicants are sold there are many people who cannot resist the temptation to get drunk. Some difficulty it is said has been experienced by people in this city lately who need liquor for sickness, but this trouble if it did exist has been eliminated as, the article is now kept by Cedar's licensed druggist, Mr. Knell who has the right to sell under the laws of the city on a doctors prescription. It is currently reported however that our kind hearted Doctor has been imposed upon by some of the whiskey lovers or their friends, and his prescriptions have in some cases been swallowed by the wrong patient. It does not seem to be sufficient in such cases to know that the application is bona fide, but it is equally necessary to know that the messenger is trustworthy. Complaint is being made by certain of our dealers and others that they have been accused unjustly of selling liquor on the sly, contrary to law. One gentleman in particular, who when the prohibition law went into effect last month found a ready sale for a quantity of Orange Bitters which he had on hand has been strongly accused of breaking the law. People should be very careful about making such accusations, and if they be made, the man who makes the accusation, should wait till he has what he considers is sufficient proof and the en-