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Another Tune

N. Solomon, the Portland pawnbroker claiming the \$200 reward offered by the county for the capture of safe-crackers Davis and Clayton, is now singing another tune. In the hearing before the County Court four weeks ago Mr. Solomon and his attorneys made the plea that Chief Wells was not entitled to any portion of the reward, but now they write Chief Wells that if he will divide the reward with them they will drop the case. However, Mr. Wells is now in a scrapping mood and refuses to hearken to the proposition. Through his attorney, Geo. W. Denman, he has told the Portland bunch he will give them \$50, all they were ever entitled to, and more than they should have now that they have raised such a row. And the public here will readily agree with Mr. Wells' attitude, and will support the County Court in turning that reward to Chief Wells who so certainly earned it. The Portland bunch did nothing that the law does not compel them to do on request, but Wells offered to pay them for their time and trouble. But for Wells the robbers would not have been located, and but for his carefulness and first-class detective work in finding the proper evidence, these men would not have confessed and could hardly have been convicted. Up to date no encouragement has been offered the officials, who in this instance are represented by Wells.
