WEARY WAIT IS REWARDED BY ELECTION

George A. Newhall Is Again Head of Police Commissioners.

Advantage Taken of Hunter's Absence to Put End to a Long Battle.

Drakehouse Begins Action and Dismissed While President, With Admission of Breitner, Secures His Old Position.

The battle of the century of police commissioners opened on the steps of the old police headquarters yesterday morning, and was continued while the commission met in their temporary chamber in the city hall. The question is whether to continue or alter the old system.

Two factions are at war for the leadership of the department. The old school wants to keep the old system, while the new school, under Dr. Drakehouse, advocates a change in the police establishment.

The commission met for the first time under the new act, which gives the public a vote in the selection of commissioners. The meeting was marked by a passing of the first vote of a man who had been selected by the old system.

In the course of the meeting, the commission passed a resolution to change the personnel of the department, and the old system was to continue indefinitely.

The battle is expected to continue for some time, and the commission is expected to render a decision on the question of whether to continue or alter the old system.