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terrific blow to our civic pride, and every effort was made by determined citizens to cause Mr. Gill to change his mind, remove his chief of police, and do as the army officials dictated. After six weeks of national disgrace for our city Mayor Gill did remove the chief and appointed in his stead Joel F. Warren, who had been in the Government Secret Service.

At the request of the Government, Mayor Gill then instituted a quarantine station for diseased men and women under the supervision of Commissioner of Health Dr. J. S. McBride. From that time on (and we are still continuing it), when men and women were arrested for certain misdemeanors, they were given a thorough examination, including the Wasserman and Noguchi blood tests, and if found infected, were quarantined and kept away from society until all trace of the malady had disappeared.

There was a great deal of dissatisfaction with the conduct of affairs at the City Hall, for years every campaign having been conducted on police issues. We really did not elect a mayor to conduct the affairs of a great business institution, such as Seattle had become, but to become a kind of glorified chief of police. Great issues were forgotten every time and petty police disputes were in everyone's mouth. A ten-cent poker game received more headlines than did the municipal light and power plant. The trials of alleged grafting policemen filled our dailies while city business ran any old way. The position of mayor was a trying one. With the city just emerging from its frontier past, some of the old ways persisted and the new laws were