

# 'GANGSTER LAW' VOTE DUE TODAY

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## *Supervisors May Approve ex-Convict Registration*

## *Fight Expected Over Naming Medical Director*

## *Plan to Appoint Dr. Wood Stirs Up Enemies*

Two important county ordinances, one providing that persons who are ex-convicts be compelled to register at the Sheriff's office, and the other creating the job of medical superintendent at the General Hospital for Dr. Neal N. Wood, are scheduled to be acted upon today at the weekly meeting of the Board of Supervisors. Both are expected to be adopted in some modified form.

Postponement of action on the new measures was taken last week by the Supervisors until the return of Supervisor Quinn, who went to Detroit to attend the national convention of the American Legion. He returned Saturday and is expected to be in his seat today, when the two ordinances will be presented again for consideration.

### **TIME LIMIT SOUGHT**

The so-called gangster ordinance may be adopted by the board as outlined by Dist-Atty. Fitts with the exception that a time limit of seven years will be inserted in the measure. That is, persons who have been out of penal institutions for seven years or more will not fall under the provisions of the ordinance.

The road for the new ordinance creating Dr. Neal N. Wood as medical director, or medical superintendent of the General Hospital does not look so bright. A hotly contested fight, led by Supervisor Shaw, who for a number of months has been trying to oust the doctor from the hospital, is expected. Shaw is contending that the office of a medical director at the hospital is superfluous since N. R. Martin was appointed chief business executive at a salary of \$8000 a year and full maintenance.

### **ACTING MEDICAL DIRECTOR**

Since Martin's appointment Dr. Wood has been acting medical director of the institution at a salary of \$8000 a year and full maintenance, the same as he drew when he was general superintendent.

Some members of the board, particularly Supervisor Thatcher, are of the belief that if a medical director is appointed his salary at the most should not exceed \$6500 a year.

The matter of retaining Dr. Wood came up, during the absence of Supervisor Quinn, last Thursday, when his position terminated under a special resolution adopted at the time Martin was appointed. Supervisor Wright was for letting the matter remain unchanged until the return of Supervisor Quinn. This was fought, however, by Supervisor Shaw. Finally three of the members voted to make him assistant to the superintendent in Unit No. 1 at a salary of \$450 a month until final action was taken today.