

LICENSE THE ISSUE AT SHELTER ISLAND.

Unless the Town Goes "Wet" the Big Hotels Will Not Open This Season.

Its Citizens Have Kept It "Dry" for More Than Two Hundred Years.

IMPROVEMENTS TO BE STOPPED

Residents Are Thoroughly Aroused and the Contest at To-day's Election Will Be the Most Exciting They Have Ever Known.

Greenport, L. I., April 6.—Shelter Island folk are thoroughly aroused over the liquor license question, and all other issues will be lost sight of at to-morrow's town election. For two hundred years and more the town has been "dry." Unless all signs fall, it will be "wet" after election.

The permanent residents of the island, who are the only ones entitled to create an ordinance, have gone to town to-morrow to see if the hotels will have time to get their liquor licenses before the year after year voted against the granting of licenses. It was always "dry."

It was not until Shelter Island became a fashionable summer resort that the question of licensing places to sell liquor was ever raised, and then it was quickly disposed of. Great hotels and handsome cottages were erected on the heights overlooking the bay and Greenport Harbor. The "come and go" crowd, and among the guests were many who ordered wine with their meals and called for liquor and beer to quench their thirst.

The supervisor of the town and the pastor of the local Presbyterian church, together with the Justice of the Peace and the Highway Commissioner, met and talked the matter over. Rumors had reached them that the hotels were having the liquor to sell to the guests, and they felt troubled at heart.

When the Justice of the Peace argued that the sale of liquor was an encroachment upon their time-honored custom of total abstinence, and ought to be immediately stopped, all agreed with him.

The pastor was rather inclined to doubt the truth of the rumor, and was for sending the town committee on a smelting expedition to see if he could obtain proof that liquor was for sale at the hotels.

Then up spoke the Highway Commissioner. He was a man of the world, having been out in all kinds of weather, and was rather inclined to boast that he was not narrow-minded.

"What is the use of making so much fuss about the matter?" demanded he. "No citizen of Shelter Island town has ever been able to 'wet' a drink at the hotels, who care? I don't!"

The conference came to an end, and the officials closed their eyes to the fact that the hotels were dispensing liquid refreshments in a "dry" town. Their decision has never been questioned, because the business prosperity of the town depends upon the hotels and the cottages.

There would have been no trouble had it not been for the Raines Excise law. The authorities realize that excise will now have to be called cheese and whiskey, wine and beer be known as liquor, with in the meaning of the law. If the hotels are to dispense intoxicating beverages they must have a license, or the town authorities will make themselves liable to fine and imprisonment.

From the city comes the announcement that the big hotels and many of the cottages are not to be reopened this season unless the voters go to the meeting and cast their ballots for "license." There have been numerous conferences, and the ultra-temperance people have looked under the banner of the Rev. Mr. Mallin, the Presbyterian minister. They profess to be sincere in their declaration that no vote for "license" will be cast by any of the "church people."

Ex-Mayor Frederick A. Schroeder, of Brooklyn, who is the president of the Shelter Island Heights Association, owning most of the hotel and cottage property in the town, is now at Shelter Island looking after his interests, and incidentally finding out how the Islanders stand on the matter of granting liquor licenses. Mr. Schroeder is quoted as having advanced some very strong arguments why hotel licenses should be granted.

WOMEN AGAINST LICENSES. They Hold a Mass Meeting to Protest Against Liquor Selling.

Amityville, L. I., April 6.—A mass meeting was held to-day at Amityville, L. I., for the purpose of advising citizens to vote against granting license to hotel and liquor saloons in the town of Babylon. Dr. James Latourrette, of Massapequa, who complained of Otto Dittmar for selling liquors to minors, and caused his conviction and sentence, was at the head of the movement.

Printed circulars were distributed, and women are travelling from house to house to ask voters to vote against license. All hotels and places of business were closed Sunday in Amityville, Lindenhurst and Babylon.

Town Elections on Long Island. Local elections will be held in all the towns on Long Island to-day. The Raines is believed to have much influence upon the voters, and the Democrats are confident of winning. The contest has been the advocates of license and no license is expected to be particularly exciting in Riverhead and Brookhaven, in Suffolk County, and in Newtown and Hempstead in Queens County.

To Play "An Honest Man." The Lyceum Dramatic Association, an organization of talented Brooklyn amateurs, is rehearsing the comedy, "An Honest Man," which will be presented in Prospect Hall, Prospect avenue, near Fifth avenue, Brooklyn, next Monday evening.

Among the performers will be Mrs. Georgia Platt, Miss Lynn Bennett, Miss Agnes Gray, James J. Sullivan, Francis B. Little, Charles F. Stejtel, Louis Kessler, Charles Hollins, William Kolte and Arthur J. Brady.

THE BROOKLYN THEATRES.

Jefferson at the Columbia, Harrigan at the Park, "Sporting Duchess" at the Amphion.

Joseph Jefferson, the oldest and best-loved American actor, appeared at the Columbia Theatre last night in his masterpiece and creation, "Rip Van Winkle." The theatre had been closed over Holy Week, and the large and enthusiastic audience acted very much as if it were a first-night. Curtain calls were many, and the veteran actor was visibly touched by the reception.

As in the play, it was perfect, but all eyes were for Mr. Jefferson alone. He has so grown into the character—so loving and human with all its failings—that it would be hard to tell where Jefferson ends and Rip Van Winkle begins. Many of Brooklyn's society people were present last night, and the publication of their names would read like many pages of the "Blue Book." The company was superb. Mr. Jefferson is a good one, which is high praise when one considers the magnitude of the part. "Rip Van Winkle" will be presented again to-night, Wednesday and Thursday evenings, and at the Saturday matinee. On Friday and Saturday nights Mr. Jefferson will present his double bill, "The Cricket on the Hearth" and "Lead Me Five Shillings."

This afternoon Mr. Jefferson will lecture before the students of Pratt Institute.

DAIKI-THIATRE. Mr. Edward Harrigan was seen last night at the Park Theatre in his popular and favorite production of "Old Lady." He sang his songs in the choicest manner which has heretofore inspired him. Mr. Dan Collier as Smoko was excellent. Mr. Dan Collier was the only one who has not to be mentioned here. Mr. Harry Fisher, Hattie Moore and Lillian Stuart.

"The Sporting Duchess," which came to the Amphion Theatre after a successful run in New York, started in last night to pack that commodious house. The cast includes such favorites as E. J. Ratcliffe, Alfred Fisher, Francis Carlyle, Beresford Webb, William Harcourt, R. A. Roberts, J. H. Stoddard, Harry Gibbs, Agnes Booth, Cora Tanner, Agnes Proctor, Jessie Busby, Mary Standish, Alice Fletcher and many more whose names are but little less familiar. Juvenile parts are always interesting. In this there is a very pleasing little aspirant for histrionic honors in the person of Master Roy Richardson, son of Mr. G. Richardson, who was for years treasurer of the Park Theatre.

MARRIED AGAINST ADVICE Miss Abrams and Mr. Langdon Evade Watchful Eyes and Are Happy After a Secret Wedding.

Far Rockaway, L. I., April 6.—Ellsworth Langdon and Miss Drusilla Abrams, of East Rockaway, were lovers for some time, but their courtship was not approved of by the parents of Langdon. The young couple tried to elope about ten days ago. They succeeded in getting away from the home of their parents, but were not married, because they could not find any minister at home. The appearance of Mr. Abrams on the scene also had something to do with the young woman returning home.

By, however, continued to pay each other attentions, and it became known to-day that the young couple had been secretly married on Wednesday last. The Rev. Mr. Orgz, of the First Methodist Church, in Rockville Centre, performed the ceremony.

SECOND WIFE TO A MAN. No. 1 Was a Cripple, the Second a Penitent with Facility.

Mrs. Emma Behre, fifty years old, the wife of Antoine Behre, an organ grinder, twenty-six years old, of No. 109 Reeling street, Williamsburg, who was arrested a week ago on a charge of being an habitual drunkard, was discharged yesterday by Justice Gordon. The complaint against Mrs. Behre was made by her husband.

The couple were married a year ago, Behre being a widower at the time. His first wife was a cripple. Behre used to compel his wife, according to her story, to accompany him about the streets and collect pennies while he played the organ. Mrs. Behre, who was then a young girl, was full as the former wife had been. She was too robust. As a result her life, she alleges, was made happy. She declared her husband wanted to get rid of her.

SERVICE MEDALS PRESENTED. Many Members of the Forty-Seventh Regiment, Brooklyn, Rewarded.

General J. Mearns last night reviewed the Forty-seventh Regiment, of Williamsburg, at the armory, Marcy avenue and Lynch street. The distribution of medals for long service followed the review. The officers' trophy was also presented. The gallery around the drill room was filled with spectators during the presentation. The regiment assembled in full State service uniform. A reception followed and was attended by the members of the Veteran Aid Society of the regiment.

The officers' trophy was presented to Company A, which company has held it for the past two years, and the State long-service medals were received by the following members:

Fifty-two years—Private George W. Place, Company B; Adjutant Walter Barnes; Staff Captain D. C. Sullivan, Company E; First Sergeant T. E. Mearns, Company E; Sergeant J. Kelly, Company G; Corporal W. T. Cherry, Company I; Musician J. E. Bruen, Company B; Private George H. Dickson, Company B.

Ten Years—Captain H. C. Lyon, Company A; Captain M. J. Calligan, non-commissioned staff; Ordnance Sergeant W. L. Counts, non-commissioned staff; Sergeant W. Smith, Company G; Sergeant J. F. Place, Company E; Quartermaster Sergeant J. J. Smith, Company G; Quartermaster Sergeant W. H. Hayes, Company B; Private H. H. Spencer, Company B; Private A. A. Blinnest, Company I; Private T. B. Thomas, Company K; Private W. W. Wynn, Company I; Private W. H. Geary, Company G; Musician S. H. Sphal, Company B.

DEATH OF MRS. TALMAGE. Well Known and Esteemed in Huntington, L. I., for Her Charitable Acts.

Huntington, L. I., April 6.—Mrs. Jane Talmage, a well known resident of this village, died at her residence last night from pneumonia. She was the daughter of the Rev. Dr. Robert, and her grandfather was the Rev. Dr. Robert Davidson, president of Dickinson College, in Carlisle, Pa. Her father was president of the Presbyterian University, in Lexington, Ky., and was pastor of the Methodist Church at the time she was born, July 16, 1834. Dr. Robert subsequently moved to New Brunswick, N. J., where his daughter became acquainted with Thomas A. Talmage, son of Thomas G. Talmage, who was Mayor of Brooklyn in 1846.

She wedded him, but he did not live long, dying from consumption. She subsequently moved to Huntington, where she gave much assistance to the poor and was liked by all.

McKinley Not a Hibernian. Columbus, Ohio, April 6.—There is no truth in the report that McKinley has joined the Ancient Order of Hibernians, a secret society in this city. He has not been asked to do so, and furthermore, that it is a well-known fact he is and always has been a Protestant.

A SNAKE HUNG ITSELF.

Mr. Hoile Found His Big Boa Dangling at the End of a Long Chain.

There Was a Monkey at the Other End, and the Hungry Snake Had Swallowed It.

BROKE FROM ITS BOX AT NIGHT. Made a Raid in the Animal Store, and the Unfortunate Monkey Was Its First Victim—Many Cages in the Place Were Smashed.

This is the story of a snake which hung itself—a big Indian boa constrictor, eighteen feet in length, which went out foraging for a midnight supper, and succeeded in leaving its long body suspended by a chain from the ceiling of the room.

The body of the boa, which is to be skinned and stuffed, was sent to Columbia College yesterday. It came from the animal store of H. Hoile, at No. 248 Grand street, Williamsburg, where its death occurred.

The boa, which was the property of Mr. Hoile, was recently on exhibition at the Atlanta Exposition. After the show there was over it was brought back to Williamsburg, where it remained in a big box not unlike a packing case, waiting for the Rockaway Beach season to open, when it was to be exhibited at a menagerie at the beach.

In the back room of Mr. Hoile's store there are monkeys, and parrots, and rabbits, and many odd-looking animals in cages. There were the neighbors, among which the big snake found itself. A few of the rabbits and pigeons were sacrificed every day to feed the boa.

On Friday night proprietor Hoile locked up the store at 10 o'clock, and went home. The animals were all secure in their cages. When Mr. Hoile entered the place on Saturday morning he found cages broken and animals running about at liberty. A big tank or aquarium had been upset, and the goldfish which it contained had been scattered over the floor.

There were all the evidences of a terrible struggle having taken place. The wooden cages were broken into splinters, and the rabbits had hidden in fright beneath what was left of the woodwork. Hoile is an old animal tamer, and is familiar with all their tricks, but he could hardly believe his eyes when he saw the boa constrictor, which he had left before he went to bed, hanging from a chain from the ceiling.

The night before there had been a big Java monkey attached to the cage. It was nowhere to be found. The boa was dead, and its body and tail were bruised where it had rubbed the air in its struggle. This accounted for the broken cages and generally dilapidated condition of things in the back room of the store.

First making sure that the snake was really dead, Hoile and his assistant, who had come in, cut down the boa, and discovered that the boa had swallowed the monkey, and that it was firmly lodged in the snake's stomach. The animal itself, the monster had strangled to death at the end of the chain.

The pigeons and rabbits would have been much more to the taste of the boa, but as they were in stout cages and the monkey was with it, easy reach, the snake chose to lunch off the latter. Hoile said that the snake was a very active and sharp-tongued animal, in which it had been confined since it had been brought to the store. The board was drawn out with it.

CONQUERED THE HORSE. Although Thrown, Miss Henderson Drove the Animal Until He Became Docile. She Escaped Injury.

Far Rockaway, L. I., April 6.—Miss Eugenie Henderson, of this village, is considered a very lucky young woman. While on her driving yesterday she was thrown from her carriage by a horse, but by becoming fastened at a bicycle ridden by William Wills.

Miss Henderson was dragged 150 feet, but luckily held on to the reins, and she was found she has escaped injury. She got into the vehicle, saying she was much more to the taste of the horse. She drove to Hempstead, Garden City, Freeport and back to Far Rockaway. This drive was thirty miles, and the animal was a docile when placed in the stable for the night.

MISAPPLIED PHILANTHROPY. Money Alleged to Have Been Collected for People Who Didn't Receive It.

Numerous complaints reached Police Captain Early, of the Ninth Precinct, Brooklyn, concerning a woman who was collecting money for philanthropic purposes. Mrs. Kate Storber, of No. 409 Monroe street, was one of these complainants. She gave the woman a small amount of money for the object of her visit. Mrs. Wright was very indignant that any one should have mentioned her as an object of charity.

Mrs. Storber informed the police, and her story was told to the street. Mrs. Eliza Russell, of No. 339 Marcy avenue, a widow who formerly taught in Public School No. 14, Mrs. Russell lives with her mother at the address.

Mrs. Storber went to the Gates Avenue Court yesterday, when night charges preferred against the policeman.

After Justice Goetting had heard his story he said the policeman was in the wrong when a man cannot stand on the sidewalk in the middle of a block without being arrested. What protection is there against a policeman being in the same position? Policemen have no right to make such arbitrary arrests. Keale was discharged.

CONSOLIDATION OF THE THEME. Further Arguments for and Against Greater New York to Be Heard To-day.

Mayor Wurstler will resume his hearing on the Consolidation bill to-day at 1:30 p. m. The consolidationists' side will be argued by General Stewart L. Woodford and Edward F. Linton, one of the Greater New York Commissioners. Eighteen anti-consolidationists will speak against the bill.

When the Brooklyn Board of Aldermen met last night, the president, Alderman Joseph R. Clark, submitted a resolution asking Mayor Wurstler to disapprove of the Consolidation bill. The resolution was adopted by an almost unanimous vote, only Alderman Doyle voting "no."

Collis Makes Wilds His Deputy. Public Works Commissioner Charles H. T. Collis yesterday appointed ex-Assemblyman Howard Payson Wilds to be Deputy Commissioner of the Public Works Department, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Adolph L. Steele. The salary of the office is \$6,000 per year. Mr. Wilds was sworn in by the Mayor at 11 o'clock, and immediately entered upon the discharge of his duties.

EQUAL PRIVILEGES ASKED.

Brooklyn Trolley Roads Do Not Want to Be Shut Out on the Bridge.

Have Offered to Run Their Cars from Any Point to New York for One Fare.

THEIR LETTER TO THE TRUSTEES. A Protest Made Against Discrimination in Favor of Elevated Roads—The Surface Companies Carried 150,000,000 Passengers Last Year.

The recent attempt of the elevated railroad men of Brooklyn to secure the right of transit over the Bridge has forced the surface railroad people to action. They held conference on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, and yesterday sent the following letter to the Bridge trustees, Mayor Wurstler and Mayor Strong.

"Gentlemen: The Brooklyn Heights Railroad Company, the Brooklyn City & Newtown Railroad Company, the Nassau Electric Railroad Company, the Atlantic Avenue Railroad Company, the Coney Island & Brooklyn Railroad Company, and the Brooklyn, Queens County & Suburban Railroad Company, being all of the street surface railroad companies in Brooklyn whose roads connect with the New York and Brooklyn Bridge, offer to run their cars over the Bridge without extra fare and upon terms at least as favorable to the public as have been offered or shall be offered by any elevated railroad company. These surface companies will make mutual traffic arrangements with each other, by which their cars can be run over the Bridge in such a manner as will best promote the public convenience, and under such regulations as shall be prescribed by the Bridge Trustees, and stand ready to agree upon reasonable compensation to be paid by them for use of the Bridge, as well as upon other necessary details.

"During the last fiscal year surface companies carried over 150,000,000 passengers out of a total of 200,000,000 carried by all the surface and elevated railroads in Brooklyn, and reaches every portion of the city and its important suburbs, including Long Island City.

"On behalf, therefore, of our patrons, as well as of our companies, we respectfully request that you will not commit yourselves in favor of any legislation which does not expressly provide that these companies shall have equal facilities for running their cars over the Bridge, with those granted to any elevated railroad company, and we further request you to favor only such legislation as will be for the benefit of the public, and that you will not grant any special facilities to any elevated railroad company, and shall expressly prohibit discrimination in favor of any elevated railroad company, and shall be against the patrons of any other system. Signed by the Brooklyn Heights Railroad Company, C. L. Rover, president; Brooklyn City & Newtown Railroad Company, John N. Partidge, president; Nassau Electric Railroad Company, A. J. Ochs, manager; Nassau Electric Railroad Company, Lessee of the Atlantic Avenue Railroad Company, Coney Island & Brooklyn Railroad Company, W. Sullivan, president; Brooklyn, Queens County & Suburban Railroad Company, C. H. Bostwick, president.

PUPILS STUDY ALGEBRA. The Ainsworth Law Goes into Operation in the Brooklyn Public Schools.

The Ainsworth law, providing that the pupils in all the public schools be instructed in the ravages made upon the human system by alcohol, tobacco and other narcotics, went into operation in Brooklyn yesterday.

At Public School No. 1 Professor Abbott instructed the boys in the third grammar grade. He said later that he could not tell how the new study was received by the pupils, as it was yet only an experiment.

"Of course we shall teach really from the text books," he said, "because the children will require some explanation of studies which are new to them, and they will, altogether out of the line of anything which they have had to learn before. After these explanations have been made the pupils will take the books home and study them the same as they do their other lessons, and upon their return to school will be examined upon whatever subject they have been reading."

Professor Abbott is to give them a knowledge of the structure of the human body, the formation of its various parts, and the functions of the organs it contains. In addition, special attention will be laid upon the injury done to the entire system by alcohol and tobacco. So far, it is more of a general nature, and what the result of this branch of learning will be, it would be hard to determine at this time.

A POLICEMAN REPRIMANDED. Justice Goetting Declared That Druggist Keale's Arrest Was an Outrage.

Policeman McGrath, who is attached to the Clymer Street Police Station, Williamsburg, early yesterday morning arrested Henry Keale, a druggist, at No. 582 Wythe avenue, for loitering on Gwinnett street. A portion of the street is inhabited by colored people, and it is alleged by the officer that at the time Keale was taken into custody he was selling his wares to another. It was then that the officer advised him to leave the neighborhood, and upon Keale's refusing to do so, arrested him.

When arraigned in the Lee Avenue Police Court Keale denounced his arrest as an outrage, and when night charges preferred against the policeman.

After Justice Goetting had heard his story he said the policeman was in the wrong when a man cannot stand on the sidewalk in the middle of a block without being arrested. What protection is there against a policeman being in the same position? Policemen have no right to make such arbitrary arrests. Keale was discharged.

THREE GUNNERS CAST AWAY. For Days They Lived on an Island in Great South Bay.

East Moriches, L. I., April 6.—The predicament that Lawrence Tutthill, Scott Raynor and Frank Toolser, of this village, were placed in for over three days on an island between East Bay and Great South Bay, will long be remembered by them.

Monday, they started on a gunning expedition in a large catboat, which was stocked with provisions enough to last several days. When night came on the boat was anchored on the flat.

During the night a heavy gale came up, and the anchor to drag. When the men awoke the next morning they found themselves high and dry on a small island. Here they took possession of a deserted gunner's hut.

Their provisions and water finally gave out, and a distress signal was hoisted. A council, however, the morning life-saving station notified smoke rising from the hut, and made an investigation. The catboats were sent off and called for at the life-saving station. Yesterday they started for home in another boat.

RECEIVED THE WHITE VEIL. Eleven Young Women Entered the Order of Dominican Sisters as Novices.

Eleven young women received the white veil yesterday in the chapel of the Convent of the Holy Rosary, at No. 137 Second street. They were received as novices into the Order of Dominican Sisters. Rev. John B. Mayer officiated at the ceremonies, which were very elaborate. The young women who will wear in their religious life are as follows: Barbara Doterweber, Sister Mary Alexis; Emma Blinn, Sister Mary Cherubina; Catharine Smith, Sister Mary Bernadette; Mary Burke, Sister Mary Gonzales; Margaret Rogan, Sister Mary D. Sales; Bessie Walsh, Sister Mary Gertrude; Caroline Jeph, Sister Mary Rosalia; Catharine Mehl, Sister Mary Constance; Mary Robinson, Sister Mary Antonina; John Dubbel, Sister Mary Henrietta; Dorothy Appell, Sister Mary Rose.

A sermon was delivered by the Rev. Michael P. Heffernan.

Clark's Salary Bill Goes Through.

Albany, N. Y., April 6.—It has developed to-night that the Republican machine in Brooklyn has decided to kill the bill reorganizing the Charities Department. The reason given is the belief that better terms can be made with the present commission than could be expected from Mayor Wurstler. At that the politicians care for is the patronage, and if a satisfactory arrangement can be made as to the division of the eight hundred places in the department, the bill reported by the investigating committee will never see the light of day. It was at first thought that the committee's bill could be so amended as to put the appointing power in the hands of the county officers. But as this would surely have been vetoed by the Mayor, other means of securing the desired fractional end had to be sought. The rumor now is that the "dicker" has been made, and there will be no legislation enacted to disturb the Charities Commission.

After a short and sharp debate to-night, another of the "grab" bills was put through by the Assembly. It increases the salary of President Clark, of the Board of Aldermen, from \$2,000 to \$4,000, and extends his term of office. This bill was introduced by the committee by President Clark himself, and will probably become a law. As soon as it was reached to-night, Mr. McKewen attacked the measure as an uncalculated attempt to increase taxation. He said that there was no reason why the President of the Board of Aldermen should get any more salary than did his predecessors. Mr. Audett said the abolishing of the Board of Supervisors saved the city \$25,000 a year, and greatly increased the duties and responsibilities of the president of the Board of Aldermen. For this reason he ought to have more salary, and the Mayor favored the increase. Mr. Trainor, of New York, said he failed to see any reason for an increase, that practically put the president of the Brooklyn Aldermen on a par with the presiding officer of the New York City Board. Mr. Gulfer, of Brooklyn, tried to amend the bill so that the increase if made should apply only to succeeding presidents. He argued that President Clark had been elected for a specified time at a fixed salary and the people would not pass any such bill as this if it were put to a popular vote. The bill was vociferously defended by Mr. Forrester and Leader O'Grady as a just and proper Republican measure. It was finally squeezed through by the narrow margin of three votes.

When the "grab" bill allowing the machine to seize all the patronage of the District-Attorney's office was reached in the Senate an effort was made to move it by Senator Brush. As it was introduced by Mr. Audett, who is his Assemblyman, he was surprised when Senator Wray objected. But the latter has a similar bill of his own, and wanted the credit for it. The clash put the bill back another day, although the Republicans will undoubtedly pass it.

BANK ROBBERY RECALLED. The Widow of Baker, Seely's Alleged Partner, Has Begun Suits Against Life Insurance Companies.

The April term of the Queens County Supreme Court began at the Court House, Long Island City, yesterday morning, Justice Martin J.ough presiding. In a heavy civil calendar, including three in which the plaintiff is Amelia F. Baker, widow of Frederick R. Baker, the broker who was a depositor in the National Shoe & Leather Bank, and who was drowned or committed suicide in Cow Bay the day Bookkeeper Samuel C. Seely confessed to robbing the bank of \$300,000, most of which he alleged Baker got. Mrs. Baker is suing the Security Mutual Life Association of Birmingham, Ala., Grant Mutual Benefit Association, of Illinois, and the National Life Association, of New York, to recover the amounts for which her husband's life was insured in each company. The insurance companies are defending the suits on the alleged ground that Baker killed himself to avoid payment, and prosecution in the bank robbery affair.

Mrs. Baker claims that her husband was not drunk while committing the crime, and that he was not implicated with Seely as the latter alleges in his confession. The case has been set down for trial on Wednesday.

The suit for damages for defamation of character brought by Captain Anthony S. Moran, of Long Island City, against Mayor Patrick J. Gleason, is also on the calendar, but no day has been fixed for trial.

The suit of Henry W. Sharkey, who was Commissioner of Public Works under Mayor E. B. Sanford, of Long Island City, to recover from the Rev. Charles Park, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Astoria, for slander, is set down for trial on Friday.

Justice Keogh will open the criminal branch of the Supreme Court on Monday, April 20, when Arthur Mayhew and John W. Keogh will be tried for the murder of the late Grand Jury for murder in the first degree for the killing of Old Stephen Powell, the Hempstead L. I. merchant, in that village, on Saturday night, March 7, he will be arraigned.

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MRS. WINKEMEIER GETS A DIVORCE.

The Wealthy Candy Manufacturer Makes No Defense to His Wife's Charges.

Minnie Arnett, Who Shot Herself at Winkemeier's Door, Does Not Testify.

THE PRINCIPALS NOT IN COURT. Counsel for the Wife Intimates That the Baltimore Woman Was Spirited Away. The Question as to Alimony to Be Settled Later.

Mrs. Maud Williams Winkemeier is now a free woman. Yesterday Justice Gaynor, of Brooklyn, severed the marriage tie which bound her to Christian F. Winkemeier, the wealthy candy manufacturer, of No. 79 Eighth avenue, Brooklyn. The case was tried in the Supreme Court. None of the parties vitally concerned was present.

Minnie Arnett, the young woman who has figured so conspicuously in the Winkemeier family troubles, was missing also. She disappeared from Baltimore a month ago, and could not be found after a most diligent search. It is supposed that she is hiding in Norfolk, Va. Miss Arnett is the young woman who passed as the defendant's wife in Baltimore, and who shot herself in the vestibule of his Brooklyn residence on November 23 last.

Her absence was made up for by the production of her sworn statement, which James R. Soley, one of Mrs. Winkemeier's lawyers, secured before she disappeared. The principal witness in court yesterday was Charles Graham, of No. 900 Greene avenue. He told of a scene occurring at Winkemeier's a few nights before Miss Arnett tried to kill herself. She called and forced herself into the billiard room, where Winkemeier and two friends were playing. Winkemeier ordered her away.

The party then went to a New York hotel to avoid a scandal, and talked the matter over. It was finally agreed that Miss Arnett should accept \$50 and return to Baltimore and remain there. The woman took the money and said it looked very pretty, and added that she would not stir until Winkemeier gave her \$50 more. That ended the conference.

Mr. Soley submitted the testimony of Charles T. Brown, Harry Chase, Henry R. Devery, Charles Grace and William Lyons, residents of Baltimore. Mr. Hummel objected to this, but Mr. Soley said it was relevant, inasmuch as the men had traced Miss Arnett's trunk from Baltimore to the office of Winkemeier's counsel.

William S. Irish, of the First National Bank, informed the Court that last year Winkemeier's weekly deposits ranged from \$1,000 to \$2,000. Judge Gaynor said he would grant a decree of divorce, and settle the alimony question next Friday.

The Winkemeiers were married a little over seven years ago and lived in a mansion on Prospect Slope. Two years ago Winkemeier sued his wife for divorce, and naming a boy as correspondent, but lost his case. Mrs. Winkemeier returned to her parents. The public had forgotten the trouble when Minnie Arnett went to Winkemeier's house on Eighth avenue and shot herself twice. A policeman found her unconscious in the vestibule. She lingered for a week in the hospital. Her statements following the episode led to Mrs. Winkemeier's suit.

CHURCH ELECTION CONTEST. The Bishop Will Probably Have to Decide Which Side Won in Babylon.

Babylon, L. I., April 6.—The election of wardens in Christ Episcopal Church, at West Islip, will have to be decided by the Bishop. There were two tickets in the field. One was made up of members who are loyal to Samuel Moran, the rector, and the other of members who have antagonized him for some time past and who desire a change in the rectorship.

The opposition claims to have elected its ticket by seven majority, while the Rev. Mr. Moran and his supporters challenge the right of some who voted in the opposition ranks to vote. If the challenges are sustained, the majority will be reduced to Mr. Moran will have a majority. The Rev. Mr. Moran sustains the challenges and has declared the ticket favorable to him elected.

Justice Keogh will open the criminal branch of the Supreme Court on Monday, April 20, when Arthur Mayhew and John W. Keogh will be tried for the murder of the late Grand Jury for murder in the first degree for the killing of Old Stephen Powell, the Hempstead L. I. merchant, in that village, on Saturday night, March 7, he will be arraigned.

THE BISHOP WILL PROBABLY HAVE TO DECIDE WHICH SIDE WON IN BABYLON.

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