

A LAW TO LIVE UP TO.

Reputable Liquor Dealers Approve the Proposed Excise Bill. Its Provisions Certain to Command Popular Respect.

"The Evening World's" Course Indorsed by Dealers' Associations.

The Wine, Liquor and Beer Dealers' Central Association has indorsed the proposed new Excise bill, which has been printed in 'The Evening World' and in a few days it will be introduced in both houses of the Legislature.

The Excise Committee of the Assembly, to whom the bill will be referred, is composed of Messrs. Foley, New York; Ott, Kings; Goldberg, Erie; Haley, Onondaga; Gorman, Albany; Rice, Ulster; McCormick, Orange; Conrady, Kings; Wells, New York; Letman, Onondaga; and Clark, Erie.

The Judiciary Committee, to whom the Senate will refer the bill, is composed of Senators Roosevelt, Parker, McMahon, Cantor, McCalland, Bloodgood, Saxton, O'Connor and Mullin.

The new bill provides that the terms of the Excise Commissioners shall terminate coincidentally with that of the Mayor appointing them; it prohibits the granting of a license for any place where the former license has been revoked or annulled, unless the Board shall be satisfied that the former licensee has not and will not have an interest in the business or be employed upon the premises.

It permits one to sell liquor, wine and beer, for one night only, between 9 and 10 A. M.; it permits open bars, in certain cases, between 1 and 5 o'clock in the morning, except Sunday; provides for the opening of licensed places after 1 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

It does not take the dive-keeper should be classified with the respectable liquor dealer. One is a law-breaker, the other desires to obey the law and see it enforced.

"Since we have been in an organization we have tried to elevate the business, and none but men of good character are admitted as members. Under the proposed law we would be able to do much more towards driving the law defying, irresponsible men out of the trade.

"We are confident that if the bill should pass, the bars would be closed during the hours prohibited by law. We would ask that the law be strictly enforced, and would aid in carrying it out.

"We don't care how strict the law is to keep bars closed during those hours. Every member of our association would indorse it.

"As to Sunday opening, I believe that there would be less drunkenness and fewer arrests necessary by the police if bars are allowed to do business during the hours stated in the bill.

"The best argument I can advance in its favor is the editorial in 'The Evening World' advocating a moderate Sunday license. Respect for the law would be increased, and the rights of the poor people, who cannot keep a stock of wine or beer in their houses like the rich, would be preserved.

Second Vice-President Fred Hackman said, when asked for his views on a moderate Sunday license:

"My views are expressed in the new bill to be presented in the Legislature. We want a law which can be lived up to, and which is of benefit to the people."

"I am glad to see that 'The Evening World' advocates our bill to have liquor stores opened part of Sunday," said President Robert W. Oliver of the State Liquor Dealers Association to an Evening World reporter.

"It is a measure calculated to do great good, for under its conditions and restrictions law and order will be observed more closely than under the present statutes.

"The bill which will be presented to the Legislature will be in many respects similar to that introduced by Assemblyman Schaaf last year.

"The question of opening saloons for a time on Sunday is one that appeals to the common sense of every one, for it cannot be gainsaid that it is better to have a law which can be enforced than one which is a farce.

"Public sentiment is not in favor of closing saloons on Sunday, which fact is evident from the repeated attempts made to enforce the law to that effect in the two cities. The poor people demand the right to have their favorite beverages with their meals as well as the rich, who can afford to keep a supply in their own houses.

"Understand me. When I say I favor the opening of saloons part of Sunday—say after 1 o'clock P. M.—I don't mean that we should throw open the front doors, raise the shades

PLAYERS AND PLAY-HOUSES.

Marie Tempest Recovering from an Attack of Grip.

"Straight Tip" McNally Said to Be Writing Another Play.

Miss Louise Beaudet, of the Casino, who is not in the cast of "Nanon," is working very hard, and is prepared at a moment's notice to sing the leading role, for Little Marie Tempest has been suffering for some time, and on Tuesday night it was thought she would not be able to appear.

"The matter of licensing special places to keep open all night," said he, "requires great care. The selection must be made with regard to the surroundings; in many cases it is just as much of a necessity as the opening of saloons. There is a large army of night workers whose only chance to procure liquor is in the early hours of the morning. They have the right to buy it as well as day workers, and for their benefit the convenient places should be licensed.

"Discriminating against the dives is another good feature of the bill. I cannot speak too enthusiastically regarding the bill. It is a disgrace to the city and every respectable saloon keeper is opposed to them. They bring discredit to liquor sellers, who are by all means classed with dive-keepers. They're all alike, some one says, and hundreds answer, 'That's so' without taking time to think.

"Let us have a law permitting the opening of saloons for a part of Sunday, and I can say with authority that every saloon-keeper will do his utmost to aid the authorities in its enforcement."

Mr. Oliver said that it had not yet been decided who should present the bill. It was yet in the hands of a committee consisting of Messrs. Tekulsky, of this city; W. W. Barnard, of Rochester; Julius Gotschalk, of Brooklyn; M. J. Slattery, of Albany, and J. T. Quinn, of Troy.

Henry E. Deiby is now in Washington with Sarah, who declines to continue without him; Mr. Schofield has gone to Boston with Patti and her company, and Maurice is returning to the city in charge of the Metropolitan Opera-House artists. Mr. Gray probably will not work here, though he bears it with equanimity.

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SPORTING NOTES AND NEWS.

The Big Purses Offered by the Olympic Club Go Begging.

President Day is Friendly to Kelly—Expects It Hardly Back.

Affairs in pugilism are to a very unique condition to-day. The spectacle of a \$10,000 or \$12,000 purse actually going begging for the want of two heavy-weight fighters to contest for it is an unusual sight, and the more peculiar because the majority of fighters claim they are in the business for what they can make out of a fight, not for the money.

Capt. Williams, who represents the Olympic Club, of New Orleans, has been in this city all the week. He is armed with power to make all the arrangements for a fight before his club on Feb. 27, and up to this time he has not been able to secure an affirmative reply from any of the heavy-weights. The captain says: "There are but four men with a possible fifth, who would be at all considered now."

"They are Peter Maher, Bob Fitzsimmons, Jim Hall, Brooklyn Jimmy Carroll and possibly Jim Corbett. The name we would rather make among those named has been Maher and Fitzsimmons. They have fought several times and would make a great fight. The Olympic club would give \$8,000 for such a contest. Billy Madden, Maher's manager, says he will match now, but Maher would not fight the latter unless he would fight him on the plea that the Irish champion has no regular trainer. He would like to see Maher go right to work and fight somebody and do it quick, because as soon as he does something, he will be in the hands of the promoters. The mouths of those fellows who do not want to meet him now, Maher has a little reputation. He has a good record, and a clever handling by his manager. If he doesn't do something very soon, however, they will say that he is a exhibition fighter. We are willing to take Maher on any terms, but we must see him first, and if we can't get him, we will do what I can with Jim Corbett. Corbett and Maher would put up a good fight."

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STABBED THE DOCTOR TWICE.

Then Groover Sloat Made a Coffin in the Mud.

Richard Stahl, the composer (ahem) of "The Lion-Tamer," is now in Vienna. Owing to the fact that his music is generally of a highly refined order, he has been nicknamed Richard Stahl.

Edward L. Alfriend has made several changes in his play "The Louisiana," which is now being produced at the Metropolitan Opera-House. Mr. Gray probably will not work here, though he bears it with equanimity.

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WEAKNESS OF MEN.

QUICKLY, THOROUGHLY, FOREVER CURED.

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old man was there, so I didn't get nothing, but I see how easy it was to get into the house at night. There's a big dog on the place, but we can fix him easy enough. Now, I bet you pard, there's a pile of awn in that house, and you and me's goin' to have some of it. See?"

"I didn't like the job, but I was hungry and desprit, and Foxy always had a stronger will'n mine. And so I give in and agreed to do the trick."

"We waited till long towards midnight and then crep' towards the house. It was as dark as black and a dead nigger. Suddenly the dog began to bark. We halted while till the brute got quiet. Then Foxy, who always carries a piece of poison, meast with him—he wasn't no dog facier—crawled into the yard and threw the stuff to the pup. It was easy sailin' after that. Foxy had a long kick with him and had no trouble in pryin' open the kitchen door."

"The first thing we did was to make for the closet—Foxy knew where it was—and sat what we could. There was cheese and crackers and bread, and I be-

gan to feel glad. I'd followed Foxy's lead. Then we opened the door into the dinin'-room. We hadn't no lantern and run again' a chair and made an internal racket."

"Stop that, you fool!" whispered Foxy. "Stand still."

"We waited fully twenty minutes, but there was no stirrin' overhead. While we were standin' the moon had come up, and by its light we could look about us, and there wasn't much worth takin' in the room 'cept'n the furniture, and we didn't have no van."

"He's an old miser," whispered Foxy. "He's got all the swag upstairs."

"We stole into the hall and began to climb up to the second story. The stairs creaked like the devil, and every instant I feared we'd get a ball from the old man's gun. But Foxy went ahead with-out turnin' a hair, and I followed with my heart and a lump of the cheese in my throat."