THE NEWS OF BROOKLYN.

AFFAIRS IN THE TOWNS OF LONG ISLAND—HAPPENINGS IN NASSAU AND SUFFOLK.

BROOKLYN SOCIAL WORLD.

Announcement is made of the engagement of Miss Elizabeth Wisner, daughter of the late Frederick Wisner, and Albert A. Hoffman, of Basle, Switzerland. Miss Wisner is a cousin of Mrs. Josiah T. Marean, of Wilson-st., wife of Justice Marean of the Supreme Court.

The Alumnæ Association of the Berkeley Institute gave its annual dance on Monday evening at the Berkeley Assembly Rooms. Among the patronesses were Mrs. E. Wallace Cone, Mrs. Charles A. Boody, Mrs. Henry C. Evans and Mrs. Maude B. Carey.

The engagement of H. Olin Wilson, of McDonough-st., and Miss Levia Castleman, of Louisville, Ky., is announced. Mr. Wilson was a corporal in Troop C and served through the Porto Rican campaign. He is a member of the Crescent Athletic Club.

Announcement is made by Mr. and Mrs. William Young, of Hancock-st., of the engagement of their daughter, Miss Grace Young, to Leonard E. Obrig, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Obrig, of Greene-ave.

The Amphictyonic dance will take place on Friday evening at the Germania Club.

Company H of the 23d Regiment will give a dance on Wednesday evening in the squad drillroom of the armory. It will be in charge of Alfred W. Bowie, Rufus L. Scott, jr., Alfred H. Rust, G. Herbert Potter and Charles E. Rickerson.

The marriage of Miss Munde E. Goodwin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gilman R. Goodwin, of No. 22 Arlington Place, and George F. Dobson, jr., son of George F. Dobson, of No. 134 Remsen-st., took place on Wednesday afternoon at the Church of the Epiphany.

The subscription dance on Friday evening, February 15, at the Knapp Mansion will be in charge of Miss Elsie McKee, Miss Florence Best, Miss Josephine McKee, Miss Mabel Gray, Miss Miller, Miss Patterson, Miss Mary Patterson, Miss Laighton, Miss James, Miss Lethbridge and Miss Dora Lethbridge.

Mrs. Edward G. Dickson and Miss Dickson, of No. 6 Spencer Place, will give the third of their series of "at homes" on Tuesday.

Mrs. Edward H. Litchfield and the Misses Litchfield will give a reception on Thursday afternoon, February 14, at No. 2 Montague Terrace.

Mrs. Samuel Rowland, of No. 79 Willow-st., was assisted in receiving by Mrs. John M. Knox, of No. 101 Willow-st., yesterday afternoon.

Three at homes will be given by Mrs. Henry N. Whitney and Mrs. Howard F. Whitney on Tuesday afternoons, February 5, 12 and 19, at No. 6 South Oxford-st.

Mrs. Eugene L. Maxwell, of No. 130 Eighth-ave., has issued invitations for a large reception on Monday evening, February 11, to be followed by a dance.

Mrs. John R. Gibb, of No. 67 Remsen-st., will receive with her sister-in-law, Mrs. A. Bryan Alley, of Larchmont Manor, on Mondays in February.

A wedding of interest to Brooklyn society will be that of Miss Jessie V. Benson, daughter of the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Manly Benson, and Joseph F. Eastmond, of this borough, which will take place on Tuesday, February 12, at Gananoque, Canada, in Grace Methodist Church. A reception will follow at the home of the bride, No. 17 Sydenham-st. Mr. and Mrs. Eastmond will be at home in Brooklyn on Wednesdays in March at No. 31 Madison-st.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore E. Greene, of Putnam-ave., left Brooklyn yesterday on a tour of the South and West. Their first stop will be at New-Orleans, and from there they will go to the City of Mexico. On the return trip they will spend a month in California. They expect to return to Brooklyn about April 1.

The marriage of Miss Celia Gottlieb, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Gottlieb, of Prospect Park West, and Alfred Pfeifer, of Little Rock, Ark., took place on Tuesday evening in the main gallery of the Pouch Mansion. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Dr. Nelson, of the Temple Israel. Miss Frances Halper, of Derby, Conn., acted as maid of honor. The bridesmaids were Miss Reschauer, Miss Marion Jacobs and Miss Jennie Spiegal, of Brooklyn, and Miss Bertha Pfeifer, of Little Rock, Ark. The best man was Adolf Lowenthal, and the ushers were Messrs. Popper, Jacobs, Reschauer and Louman. The bride gave each of her bridesmaids a wishbone of gold inlaid with pearl, and the bridegroom gave the best man and the ushers diamond studded links. The ceremony was followed by a reception.

Miss Cornelia Lewis and Thomas J. Buckley were married on Wednesday afternoon at the home of the bride's parents, No. 869 Union-st. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Dr. Newell Dwight Hillis, pastor of Plymouth Church. The drawing rooms were effectively decorated with palms, ferns and roses. The bridesmaids were Miss Elizabeth Graham and Miss Alice Pitzer. Miss Louise Lewis, a niece of the bride, was flower girl. J. Irving Crane, of Cranford, N. J., was best man. There were no ushers. The ceremony was followed by a reception. Mr. and Mrs. Buckley will live at No. 32 East Washington Lane, Germantown, Penn., where they will be at home on Wednesdays after March 1.

At the golden wedding of Colonel and Mrs. Lewis C. Hopkins, which was celebrated on Wednesday evening at the home of S. V. White, No. 210 Columbia Heights, there were fourteen members of the Hopkins family present. The drawing and dining rooms were decorated with golden tulips, daffodils, yellow carnations and roses, tied with broad white satin ribbons, on which were embroidered in gold the dates, "January 30, 1851—1901."

The marriage of Miss Edith Day, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Day, of No. 38 Rutland Road, Flatbush, and Robert Carter, took place on Wednesday afternoon at the home of the bride's parents. The parlors, halls and dining room were decorated with palms, smilax and white roses. Miss Mildred Day, sister of the bride, acted as maid of honor. The bridesmaids were Miss Grace Day, a cousin of the bride, and Miss Mary E. Carter, a cousin of the bridegroom. The best man was Eugene Carter, brother of the bridegroom. The ushers were Oliver Carter, cousin of the bridegroom; Henry L. Day, brother of the bride, and Wilson Harris, cousin of the bridegroom. The ceremony was followed by a reception. After the reception the bridal couple went to Bermuda. On their return they will live at No. 350 Flatbush-ave.

Among the guests of Mrs. Frank R. Baker at the dove euchre at her home, No. 540 Bedford-ave., on Friday afternoon, were Miss Ethel Stockwell, Miss Florence Knapp, Miss Florence Hegeman, Miss Lillie Drisler, Miss Ruth Peters, Miss Edith Bergen, Mrs. Alexander Whittaker and the Misses Howe.

The fourth of the series of monthly subscription dances was held at the Hotel St. George last evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver S. Ackley announce the marriage of their daughter, Grace C. Ackley, to Walter C. Carter, on Wednesday night.

GUILFOYLE ANSWERS CHARGES.

John Guilfoyle, Commissioner of the Department of Buildings, Brooklyn, has sent to Mayor Van Wyck an answer to the charges made against him some time ago by Stephen M. Hoye, a lawyer, on behalf of John H. Dunbar, a taxpayer. The Commissioner declared it was absolutely false that he maliciously prosecuted the petitioner and caused the destruction of his building, and that he was trying to collect four or five times the value of the work performed in taking down the building.

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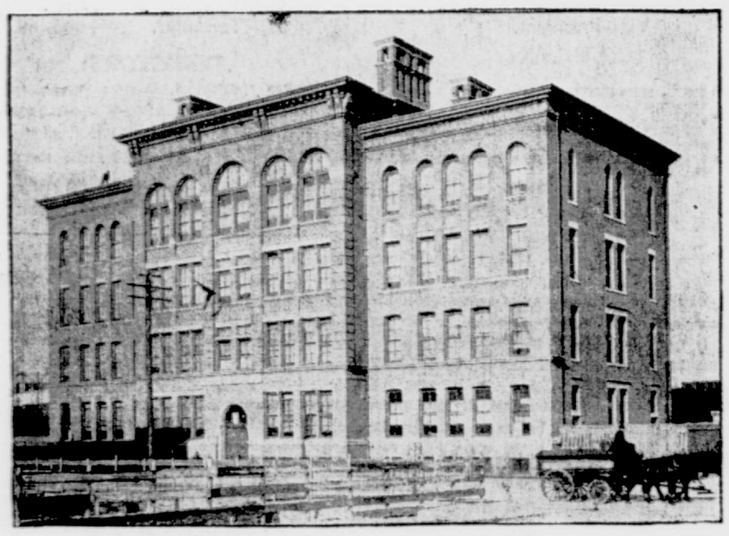
A CRUEL SCHOOLHOUSE SCARE.

PUBLISHED REPORTS ABOUT TWO BROOKLYN BUILDINGS WHICH APPEAR TO HAVE CAUSED UNNECESSARY ALARM.

The published reports of structural weaknesses in two of the newer public school buildings of the Ridgewood section of Brooklyn appear to have been based on grounds so purely technical that they amounted to cruel sensationalism. The schools mentioned were No. 116, at the corner of Knickerbocker-ave. and Grove-st., and No. 106, at Hamburg and Putnam aves. No. 116 is a primary school, and an evening school is also held in the building. In both cases the teachers of the schools were wholly unprepared to explain the situation to the children under their care when they arrived at the schools with the information that the buildings had, according to reports in the morning newspapers, been found dangerous. The teachers had received no official information, and very naturally denounced the reports as false. The visits of inspectors from the Building Department during the day and the reiteration of the reports in the afternoon papers had an effect not difficult to imagine.



PUBLIC SCHOOL NO. 116, BROOKLYN.
Which was officially declared unsafe.

The principals, however, had by the next morning learned enough of the situation to talk somewhat more intelligently on the subject, and the official declaration that the necessary repairs could be made without suspending the sessions had a quieting effect.

The first reports of the alleged faults of construction emanated from the office of C. B. J. Snyder, superintendent of buildings, Department of Education, who discovered that the substitution of iron floor beams for wood had not been accompanied in one of the buildings mentioned by changes in the wall plans to provide for the additional weight. An inspection disclosed that the plaster on some of the piers of the front wall of No. 116 was cracked, and the Commissioner of Buildings was called upon to make a more thorough inspection. Chief Inspector Thornbury and Chief Engineer Fairlhault, after inspection of the buildings, reported that there was no immediate danger, and that repairs could be made without interfering with the sessions. The roof truss of No. 106 was discovered to have spread a fraction of an inch, and the use of the assembly room was temporarily abandoned, pending repairs, which will prevent further spreading. Defective framing of the timbers was given as the cause of the spreading of the truss.

FOR NORTH SHORE IMPROVEMENT.

ASSOCIATION OF RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THAT PART OF LONG ISLAND.

Residents and property owners of Glen Cove, Oyster Bay, Locust Valley and of the shores of Hempstead Harbor, Oyster Bay and Cold Spring Harbor have organized a corporation under the name of the North Shore Improvement Association, with Harvey Murdock as president, General Lloyd S. Bryce and W. Bourke Cockran as vice-presidents; William J. Matheson, treasurer, and Wilmot T. Cox, secretary. The directors are William H. Baldwin, jr., Leonard J. Busby, Lloyd S. Bryce, W. Bourke Cockran, Paul D. Cravath, Townsend D. Cook, Robert W. De Forest, Howard Gould, Alexander C. Humphreys, Walter Jennings, Edward R. Ladew, J. Rogers Maxwell, William J. Matheson, Auguste P. Montant, Harvey Murdock, Henry F. Noyes, Frederick B. Pratt, Arthur D. Weekes, C. W. Wetmore, Frederick E. Willits and Walter R. Willets.

The purposes of the North Shore Improvement Association are to secure co-operation among the residents and property owners of the part of Long Island the members represent in securing good roads, in protecting the waterfront on the Sound and harbors, preventing and abating nuisances, securing a capable and effective town government and promoting other protective measures.

The association is already engaged in efforts to prevent the threatened destruction of the bluffs of Cove Neck, which are among the markedly beautiful natural features in the vicinity of New-York. The association is backing up Oyster Bay in injunction proceedings that the town has begun against Walter D. Starr, to compel him to remove spiles that he has driven in Cold Spring Harbor, on which he proposes to erect a trestle and machinery to take away the sand from the banks, intending, it is said, to build a wharf, for which he has a permit from the War Department.

DEATHS IN BROOKLYN.

GEORGE BRADY.

George Brady, who was one of the oldest members of the Old Guard, died on Friday at his home, No. 120 Milton-st., Brooklyn. He was eighty-six years old. The Old Guard will be represented at the funeral this afternoon. Mr. Brady was formerly connected with a Manhattan bank.

THE REV. LAURELL W. DEMERITT.

The Rev. Laurell W. Demeritt died on Friday at his home, No. 632 McDonough-st., Brooklyn, from typhoid fever. He was born in Brooklyn on October 25, 1875, was graduated from the New-York University in 1897, and in 1900 had the degree of doctor of phisosophy conferred on him by that institution. In that year he was graduated from the Union Theological Seminary. On June 8, 1900, he was ordained in the Greene Avenue Presbyterian Church, of which he was a member, and became assistant to the Rev. Mr. Sylvester, pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church of Albany.

PLANNING ROADHOUSE TRUST.

A plan is now under way to acquire by purchase or lease roadhouses all over Long Island, from ten to twenty miles distant from each other, and situated on good roads, which are now or may be in the future used by bicycle and automobile riders and other tourists.

According to the plans of the syndicate all its roadhouses will be painted uniformly and in a distinctive color. They will be equipped with gasolene and kerosene tanks and there will be repair rooms for bicycles and automobiles. A general purchasing agent will buy all supplies in large quantities at wholesale, which will enable the syndicate to give its patrons cheap rates for service. The names of the projectors of the scheme will be announced later.

A HOME FOR COLORED ORPHANS.

The Rev. R. H. Keller, for many years city evangelist of Birmingham, Ala., and founder of the Alabama Colored Orphans and Old Folks' Home, is in the North on a second mission, to solicit $3,600 for the indebtedness and completion of the Home. This is a non-sectarian institution, and has existed three years in rented quarters. On Mr. Keller's first mission in the North he collected $1,270 28, which enabled the Board of Managers to begin the erection of a twenty-four room building. Mr. Keller is indorsed by the clergy of every denomination of Birmingham. He is at No. 132 Ashland Place, Brooklyn.

GOSSIP OF THE BOROUGH.

The announcement that Register Howe intended to devote $50,000, the net profits of his office for one year, to the erection of an equestrian statue of Washington in the plaza at Bedford-ave. and Division-st. has brought to public notice the fact that there are in reality very few public statues in Brooklyn in comparison with other places of the same size. The Grant equestrian statue in Grant Square, in front of the Union League Club, Bedford-ave., is the only one of any considerable proportions. The Beecher statue in front of the Borough Hall, the statues of Lincoln and Stranahan in Prospect Park, the G. K. Warren statue on the edge of the Park plaza and the Hamilton statue in front of the Hamilton Club, on the Heights, are about all the public statues in Brooklyn. As a matter of fact, the Hamilton statue was erected by the club on its own ground, and in no sense belongs to the public. In Prospect Park are busts of Payne, Moore, Irving, Beethoven and Mozart; also the Maryland monument, commemorating the Maryland regiment which was destroyed on the side of the shaft. Within a year statues of General H. W. Slocum and General E. B. Fowler, one now being constructed, and the models for the other being prepared, will be in position in the Park plaza. But this list is brief when compared with the list of statues in Manhattan, Boston, Baltimore and other cities.

Lovers of flowers may find many beautiful varieties throughout the winter at the Prospect Park conservatories. There are fresh blossoms in the Japanese garden, in the main house, with its parterres of baby primroses, cape primroses and lilies of the valley. Blue daisies, calla lilies and forget-me-nots are seen here and there among the dwarf evergreens. There is a profusion of carnations, camellias and Roman hyacinths, and on the benches are displayed Chinese azaleas and primroses. An interesting collection of begonias is blooming in the old flowering plant house, and there are many fine orchids that are well worth seeing on a Sunday afternoon.

Sergeants at the desks in Brooklyn police stations have to listen to many stories of excited individuals who believe that something has happened to their friends because they do not come home exactly at the customary time. One Saturday night not long ago a man came rushing into the Classon-ave. station and wanted to have the police look for his father. Questioning brought out the fact that the father, who had gone out on a strike, had been doing picket duty all the afternoon at the mill in the Eastern District. The son feared that there might have been trouble and his father injured or carried away by non-union men. The sergeant spoke reassuringly, and suggested that his father might have gone to the home of a friend for the evening, or have been otherwise detained.

"There's a big fire in the Eastern District, you know," said the sergeant; "perhaps your father is watching it."

The worried look passed away from the son's face, and he laughed almost hysterically from the sudden relaxation of the strain.

"Oh, that's all right!" he said. "If there's a fire the old man is there. He would go miles and stay up all night to see a good fire."

A certain postman, whose route is on the Heights, has adopted an idea which saves him many steps. In his morning trip he frequently sees the housemaids cleaning the windows or porch steps. Attracting their attention by whistling, the carrier then deftly sails the letters from the sidewalk to the porch. He does this with a clever twist of the wrist, which seldom fails to land the letter where he wants it. The carrier then passes on, while the girl comes out and gathers up the mail.

Those who have business in the Municipal Building, Brooklyn, have been much amused at the heterogeneous crowd of people who have been coming to swear off their personal assessments. More than half of the people who have been singled out by the Board of Assessors look as though they had never owned personal property worth $50 in their lives. Some of them come down to the Tax Office threatening all sorts of vengeance, while others are puzzled and go around trying to find somebody to tell them what it means. Everybody would like to know where the assessors got the lists of those whom they put down for personal property worth $5,000 or $10,000. It is said that they took it out of the directory, while some stoutly assert that the Board went into a trance and then made out the list. The assessors smile and say nothing. They are kept busy, however, taking the depositions of those who declare that their debts exceed their assets, although the assessors accuse them of having all sorts of fortunes. The assessors feel justified, however, in the belief that they will collect a much larger personal tax this year than ever before.

MOTION TO TURN OVER REAL ESTATE.

ANOTHER MOVEMENT IN ANGLO-AMERICAN SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION CASE.

A motion was made yesterday by Charles A. Deshon in the Supreme Court, Brooklyn, before Justice Gaynor, to accept the report of ex-Judge Reynolds, as referee, to the effect that the equities in realty of the Anglo-American Savings and Loan Association, which is now in the hands of Charles S. Wilbur and Edward D. Candee, receivers, be turned over to the Empire State Realty Company. The realty company is composed of directors and other members of the Anglo-American Savings and Loan Association, and some of the stockholders are opposed to the transfer. In the plan is included a reorganization of the Anglo-American Association, to which, it is said, about 60 per cent of the stockholders in December last consented.

Meyer Nussbaum, for the permanent receivers, read an affidavit setting forth that advantageous offers had been received by them for property in Brooklyn, Buffalo and Philadelphia, and that the scheme of the Empire State Realty Company was not feasible.

Justice Gaynor reserved decision.

GIFT TO MR. BOSTWICK.

The assistants in the Brooklyn Public Library, in order to express, in a measure, their cordial feeling toward A. E. Bostwick and their heartfelt regret at his departure, presented him last Wednesday with a handsome set of cuff links and studs and a letter, which was signed by each assistant. Mr. Bostwick wrote an appropriate reply.

'VARSITY COLORS MAY BE WORN BY FEW.

Columbia University's Athletic Association recently adopted the rules for this year regarding the wearing of athletic insignia and the college colors in any combination. To those who do not follow college athletics closely, it will doubtless be a surprise to learn that only those who have achieved athletic distinction may have the right to wear their college colors. Whenever you see a man sporting a 'varsity initial, you may know he is an athletic hero, for that is the greatest emblematic honor an athlete can be given. At Columbia the 'varsity "C" is awarded to the 'varsity oarsmen who row at Poughkeepsie, to the football men who play in one big game, to the baseball players who contest against Yale, Harvard, Princeton and Pennsylvania, and to the regular members of the bicycle, track and gymnastic teams who score in an intercollegiate competition. 'Varsity stripes, alternately light blue and white, are given to the substitutes on the teams and the lesser athletic luminaries.

DON'T TELL YOUR WIFE
what you see in the narrow columns of The Sunday Tribune. She may look and find something that is needed, and of course you'll have to buy it.

THE PURE BEER BILL.

EXPRESSIONS OF OPINION BY LEGISLATORS INDICATE IT WILL FAIL TO PASS THE SENATE.

Albany, Feb. 2 (Special).—According to a poll taken by a Tribune correspondent of the Senate and Assembly, it appears probable that the so-called Pure Beer bill will pass the Assembly but be defeated in the upper house. This measure purposes to prohibit the manufacture and sale of ale, porter and beer in this State unless these products are made of pure barley malt, pure hops or pure extract of hops. If made of any other ingredients than those prescribed by law these products are to be labelled "inferior beer," "inferior porter" or "inferior ale," as the case may be. Any dealer selling other than legally pure beer shall advertise the fact by hanging out a sign having on it the inscription, "Inferior beer sold here." The special provision to the effect that beer other than that of the legal standard shall be labelled "inferior" is for the purpose, it is said, of preventing the manufacture of impure beer in this State. The provision that dealers shall advertise "inferior beer" when selling it is purposed to protect local brewers and to prevent the importation of inferior beer into the State.

The bill was introduced in the Senate by Senator Malby, who represents St. Lawrence and Franklin counties, and in the Assembly by Jean L. Burnett, of Ontario County. Here are some of the comments on the measure by various Senators and Assemblymen:

Senator Malby—I introduced this bill for two reasons: First, to encourage the growing of hops and grain by the farmers of this State; second, to protect the consumers of beer against adulterated products.

Senator Stranahan—I am for an "honest" pure beer bill. Such legislation is possible, as can be seen by England's example in legislating against adulterated beer.

Senator Ambler—If a bill can be passed which will give us unadulterated beer without hurting home manufacturers I am for it every time.

Senator White—The propositions embodied in the Malby-Burnett bill are ridiculous. The bill will do nothing but kill the breweries of this State. Under the Original Package law beers of all other brands can be brought into the State from outside. It would simply put New-York brewers out of business.

Senator Grady, leader of the Democratic minority. This bill is a ruinous piece of legislation. It will never become a law. Such a measure passed both houses two years ago and was vetoed by the Governor. A similar bill was killed in the Senate last year. Such legislation would be suicidal to the brewing industry of this State and would fail to bring about the promised results.

Senator Donnelly—This is legislation which belongs to Congress. The Interstate Commerce law makes it impossible for individual States to enact laws which would not militate against local manufacturers.

Senator Trainor—This would put the breweries of this State out of business. It offers them no adequate protection against the brewers of adulterated beers in other States.

Senator Elsberg—I am for a "pure beer bill" if I felt assured it was solely in the interests of the public health. This bill, however, is too arbitrary. It designates, for example, grain and hops as the ingredients and prohibits rice. A great quantity of rice brewed beer is now made in this State which is not deleterious. This bill would put brewers who used rice out of business. The small benefit it might bring to the farmer would be a small fraction of the harm it would do the brewer.

Senator Wagner—I bitterly oppose this bill. It is aimed at the brewers. The beer made in this State is superior, in my mind, to that manufactured in any other part of the United States.

Assemblyman Burnett—I introduced the bill because I do not believe the people should be humbugged. When a man buys a bottle of beer he should know what kind of stuff it is made of. The bill will protect the brewers, because people will learn to know good beer and to ask for it. Accordingly, after the law once becomes operative the increasing demand for pure beer will increase the local manufacture of the product almost 100 per cent. Bavaria passed severe laws against adulterated beer, and to-day Bavarian beer is known and in demand the world over.

Jotham P. Allds, leader of the Republican majority in the Assembly—I was chairman of the Excise Committee four years ago, and from what I know of the subject I believe that it is impossible to frame adequate legislation against adulterated beer. It will simply murder the industry here, and the same beer that is now sold will continue to be sold.

Assemblyman Frisbie, leader of the Democratic minority—The people of Schoharie County are in favor of a bill which will encourage the raising of the hops and grain which the brewers use (and a large part of which (when they use them) they now buy outside the State.

Assemblyman Knipp, chairman of the Excise Committee, to which the bill has been referred—I believe if we can make pure butter and pure food laws which are successfully operative we can pass a pure beer bill with equally good results. I do not want to speak, however, of the present measure until it has been considered in committee.

Assemblyman Rogers—I am in favor of pure beer legislation, if it is honest legislation. I was chairman of the Excise Committee last year, which reported out the Stevens Pure Beer bill, a measure very similar to the Malby-Burnett bill.

Assemblyman Costello—I am in favor of a bill which will make it possible for a man to know whether he is drinking beer or slops. A great part of our city population drink beer in place of water. These people should be protected. They are successfully protected in different German States—why not in New-York State?

Assemblyman Remsen—I am for a bill which will brand an article what it is. Let the consequences take care of themselves.

Assemblyman Hedell—I am in favor of pure beer legislation, but I won't commit myself in regard to the present bill.

Assemblyman Bryan—I will support the bill on general principles. I voted for the pure beer bill last year, and will vote for the one this year.

Assemblyman Fowler—I do not believe the brewers will oppose the measure, when they are given a chance to see how it will work. The retailer's sign, "Inferior beer sold here" will render nil out of State competition by makers of adulterated products. I understand that the brewers of Chautauqua County support the bill.

Assemblyman Everett—Such legislation is impracticable. The authorities could never execute such a law. The saloonkeepers would sell beer from spigots connected with barrels in the cellar, which they could tap to suit themselves.

Assemblyman Price—If it were possible to pass a pure beer bill without political jobbery I would be in favor of it.

ANOTHER "PURE BEER" BILL.

THIS ONE INCLUDES RICE AMONG THE LAWFUL INGREDIENTS.

Albany, Feb. 2 (Special).—A second "Pure Beer" bill was introduced last Thursday by Assemblyman Stevens, of Franklin County, which includes rice among other lawful ingredients. All beers, ales or porters not made of pure rice, pure hops, pure extract of hops, pure barley malt, pure yeast and pure water shall be labelled "inferior." This provision applies not only to beer made in this State, but also to what is made in other States and sold here. The special inspection of foreign beers falls to the duty of the State Excise Commissioner. All sellers, either in the wholesale or retail trade, of what is termed "inferior" beer are to be compelled to hang out a conspicuous sign bearing the words, "Inferior beer sold here." The bill further provides that all brewers and bottlers of beer in the State are to report twice a year to the State Excise Commissioner the quantity of beer brewed or bottled, and what part of it was "inferior" beer.

Violation by a brewer or bottler of the provisions regarding stamping and reporting "inferior" beer is to be punished by a fine of $500 or imprisonment for six months, or both. Violation by a dealer of the provision regarding advertising the selling of inferior beer by a sign is made punishable by a fine of $100 or three months' imprisonment.

It is to be the duty of the Excise Commissioner or his deputies to make regular visits to all breweries, bottling establishments and liquor stores for the purpose of enforcing the law.

BEER AND AGRICULTURE.

ASSEMBLYMAN BURNETT WISHES TO BENEFIT THE FARMERS.

To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: A recent editorial in The Tribune on the subject of pure beer legislation leads me to believe that you are in favor of some State enactment which will require the manufacture of none other save pure fermented and malt liquors in New-York, and the sale of none other within the State.

For the last three years I have earnestly advocated the passage of such a measure. Indeed, the Lower House has twice (in 1899 and 1900) passed an act of this character.

My advocacy of the pure beer proposition is inspired for the most part by a desire to benefit the agricultural communities of the State. The opinion prevails among the farmers of New-York that the decline in the price of hops, barley, etc., is due very largely to the fact that brewers use substitutes (and admixtures) for these natural agricultural ingredients, and they believe that a pure beer bill, by prohibiting the use of any other save the natural agricultural agents, would increase the demand for the same and thereby help the growers of grain.

So far as the consumers of beer are concerned, of course, they wish a pure beverage.

I have been very deeply into this subject, and it is my opinion that the people of New-York are very much interested in the passage of some measure along this line. The farmers have not been able to understand why they have not received this legislation before. There is no opposition to such an enactment except from the brewers, and many of them are in favor of it.

I have taken the liberty of addressing you so freely and at such length upon the subject because I hope that The Tribune will help us in our efforts to pass a pure beer bill this year. The Tribune can do more than any other paper in the State to accomplish that end. No paper in the State has the constituency among the farmers that The Tribune has, and no paper has more influence among the legislators.

So far as I am personally concerned I care not a whit whether it is my bill or some one else's bill that passes. I will heartily support any proposition, practical in nature, which will accomplish what is desired by the agricultural interests of New-York. JEAN L. BURNETT.

Albany, Jan. 22, 1901.

JUNIOR WEEK AT CORNELL.

STUDENTS AT THAT UNIVERSITY MAKE GREAT PREPARATIONS FOR THE ANNUAL "PROMENADE."

Ithaca, N. Y., Feb. 2 (Special).—Cornell University is ready for Junior Week, and the festivities which will begin on Monday promise to be on a larger scale than ever before. The week will open with an assembly dance, which the society people of Ithaca tender to the visitors. On Tuesday the Masque will give a play at the Lyceum Theatre. This year it will produce the comedy "The Private Secretary." After the play there will be three fraternity dances, Phi Delta Theta, Phi Kappa Psi and Sigma Chi entertaining at their respective lodges. On Wednesday the first big party of the week will be given in the Lyceum by the sophomore class. It takes the form of a cotillion, and elaborate figures have been arranged for the evening. The decorations will be elaborate in pink and white, and an orchestra of fifty pieces will furnish music. The cotillion will be led by E. E. Walker, of Erie, Penn., assisted by Peter Barnum, of Wilkesbarre, and Edward Burns, jr., of Brooklyn. On Thursday evening the annual Junior Week concert of the musical clubs will be given, after which there will be several fraternity dances.

The largest and most expensive party which Cornell undergraduates have ever given will be the junior promenade, which is scheduled for Friday evening in the university armory. The armory will be decorated in Nile green and white, and a thousand electric lights will be used. A row of boxes, in which the Greek letter societies will have their headquarters, will extend around the hall. Sixty dances will be played before the last waltz ends at 6 o'clock on Saturday morning. Nearly seven hundred guests are expected.

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