MRS. WHITNEY'S COOK SUES

WAS BURNED BECAUSE KITCHEN MAID COULDN'T SINGE REDHEADS.

Wants $15,000 Damages From Mother-in-Law of Fred Kernochan—Expert Testimony on the Duties of Kitchen Maids and the Higher Technique of Cooking Ducks.

Supreme Court Justice Keogh in Brooklyn listened to expert testimony yesterday in which was defined the duties of a kitchen maid. The proper method of preparing redhead duck was also explained at length. This interesting testimony was given in the suit of Augusta Skoglund, an expert cook, against Mrs. Mary S. Whitney of 11 East Twenty-sixth street, Manhattan, to recover $15,000 damages for injuries sustained on Jan. 11, 1896, while she was in Mrs. Whitney's employ. The plaintiff was preparing dinner in the kitchen when she was severely burned. She alleges that the accident was due to the incompetency of a kitchen maid and that Mrs Whitney was responsible for the maid's carelessness. Mr. Lundgren was counsel for the plaintiff and J. Frederic Kernochan, prominent as a rider in the Meadow Brook Hunt, represented the defendant, who is his mother-in-law.

The plaintiff testified that she was a Swede, 47 years old. She said that the kitchen maid, Margaret, had been in Mrs. Whitney's employ about six days before the accident occurred.

"Define the duties of a kitchen maid," said her counsel.

"A kitchen maid," said the witness, "peels the potatoes, prepares the vegetables, has the coffee ground and the milk prepared. Keeps the pans, pots and tins clean, assists the cook and also cooks the meals for the help."

The witness said she had complained of the incompetency of the kitchen maid to Miss Duggan the housekeeper, who employed all the help. She said that Margaret could not perform any of the duties required of her. The result of this complaint was that another maid was engaged the day of the accident, but instead of allowing the new maid to assist the cook Miss Duggan compelled Margaret to continue to do it.

"I was preparing for a dinner party of sixteen," the plaintiff continued. "We had sixteen ducks to cook. The alcohol was burning in a pan as I had to singe the ducks. Margaret came in and said 'Let me do it.' I said, 'Can you do it?' and she said, 'Yes, I know how.' I said, 'Have you ever done it before?' and she said, 'Yes.' Then I said, 'You do it, and when the alcohol burns you call me.' Then I went to prepare the fish. I turned to look at Margaret and she had an alcohol bottle over the pan. She dropped it and the pan upset and the flames got on my clothes and Margaret ran out in the yard. Other people came in and put me out."

"You mean they put the flames out?" asked counsel.

"Yes," said the cook, "they put me out."

The witness said her right ear was partially burned off, and her neck, her right arm, both breasts, her sides and legs were burned. She was in the New York Hospital for eight months and in the Flower Hospital from Sept. 3 to Dec. 20. She said she customarily earned from $50 to $75 a month and had been an expert cook for fourteen years. She acknowledged that Mrs. Whitney had paid for her care in the hospital.

Margaret Conlon, an expert cook for eleven years, was then asked what the duties of a kitchenmaid were. She said:

"A kitchenmaid gets up in the morning and makes the fires and helps get breakfast. She sees that the coffee is ground and that the cream is ready. Then she peels the potatoes and prepares the vegetables and cleans the fish and poultry for the cook.

"Is it the duty of a kitchenmaid to singe the fowl?"

"Why certainly," said the witness. "It's not the cook's place."

Dr. Charles Lunbeck testified that the plaintiff was so badly burned that she would never recover.

Miss May Duggan, the housekeeper, testified that she supervised Mrs. Whitney's household and that she engaged and discharged the help.

"Is it the duty of a kitchen maid to singe ducks?"

"I never heard of a kitchen maid singeing ducks—not redhead ducks anyway. A kitchen maid is not competent to singe redhead ducks. Ducks of that kind cost $4 or $5 a piece. You have heard men pride themselves on being able to tell the difference between a redhead and a canvasback duck. Now if the flesh is burned while the duck is being singed no man can tell the difference and it might as well be an ordinary fowl."

"Is it more difficult to singe a redhead duck than any other fowl?" the witness was asked.

"I should say it was," replied the witness. "That is, if you do it right and prevent its being burned."

"Does the incompetency of an ordinary kitchen maid to singe a redhead duck apply to other fowls?"

"No."

"It does not apply so the fowls that you and I eat," said Justice Keogh to counsel.

"But these fowls, your Honor, said counsel, "were being prepared for Mr. Kernochan."

The case will be continued to-day.

MARYLAND BREWING CO.'S AFFAIRS.

Stockholder Asks for a Receiver, Alleging an Intended Default of Interest.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 27.—Application was made to-day in Circuit Court No. 2 by Raymond H. Whiting, who says he owns twenty-five shares of stock, for a receiver for the Maryland Brewing Company. Judge Dennis refused to sign any order on the petition and announced that he would not take action until he had consulted all those interested.

Mr. Whiting charges that the company is about to default in the semi-annual interest on its bonds due March 1, and that it is unable to meet its obligations as they mature and that the company is insolvent. Bernard Carter, one of the attorneys for the company in the pending litigation with R. B. Sperry, said after reading the bill that the company is not insolvent.

The Citizens' Trust and Deposit Company is made a joint defendant with the Maryland Brewing Company in the proceedings.

HIS CAKE WALK VEST IS GONE.

And He's Locked Up With the Lady He Accused of Stealing It.

"You stole mah Sunday pants and mah pretty yellow vest with dem red dots an' green stripes an' you spoiled mah cake walk."

A six-foot negro shouted this to an undersized colored lady in the "big block" West Sixty-first street between Amsterdam and West End avenues last night.

"You lie, you niggah!" retorted the lady accused. "Youah gal stole youah cakewalk suit, not dis lady."

Then they clinched. Policeman Quinn took them both to the station. He said he was Edward Brown of 32 East 122d street. She said she was Bettie Brown of 207 West Sixty-first street. They were locked up.

Meding Silk Strike in Paterson Off.

PATERSON, Feb. 27.—The strike of the weavers at the Meding silk mill which started yesterday was declared off to-day. The weavers asked for about the same scale of wages that was paid six years ago, but Mr. Meding met this with an offer of a 10 per cent. increase at present and the full increase asked when the warps were run off. The weavers refused this and went on strike. To-day another conference was held and Mr. Meding offered an advance of 25 per cent. at once and agreed to pay the full wages asked by the weavers as soon as the present warps are run off the looms and new ones are put on. After a long discussion the weavers agreed to accept this and they will return to work to-morrow morning.

Bills Signed by the Governor.

ALBANY, Feb. 27.—Gov. Odell has signed these bills:

Assemblyman H. Wilson's, authorizing the State Land Board to convey to the Government certain lands under water at Governors Island in New York Harbor.

Senator Ellsworth's amending the charter of Niagara Falls by increasing the number of wards and changing the number of city officers and salaries of firemen.

Assemblyman Nelson's, authorizing the Deputy State Comptroller to act in place of the State Comptroller during the latter's absence or in the event of death.

English Railroad Men Guests of the New Haven.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Feb. 27.—Directors of the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railroad of England, who are in this country on a tour of railroad inspection, were the guests this afternoon of the officials of the New York and New Haven road and were taken over the New York division of this road to inspect its construction. The Englishmen have been in the United States for several weeks getting ideas on railroad construction and equipment.

SIGN IN THE SKY, SAYS TOTTEN.

Wise Men, He Declares, Have Been Looking for the Bright Star for Twelve Years.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Feb. 27.—Prof. C. A. L. Totten, who was once instructor in the military department in the Yale Sheffield Scientific School, to-night in discussing the new star in the constellation of Perseus said:

"THE SUN closes an article of Tuesday with these words, 'The sign of it is in the sky.' Yes, and inspiration tells us of old that the heavens shall melt with fervent heat, the stars speed into the abyss, and the firmament roll up as a scroll. This is the inevitable accompaniment of all material things, and planet life is but a degree or so above plant life—for are there not trees alive to-day that are as old as Adam's date?

"The appearance of such a star as that of Nova in Perseus is not a novelty, but rather is it to be remarked as a rarity. It is useless to speculate upon how these conflagrations come about or why. There they are. They cause one to think; they are signs and that is sufficient.

"Astrologists and astronomers and the magi of many other classes of prophetic and prognostic sciences, have been on the watch for such a phenomonon as this for the past twelve years, but chiefly have they been looking for the reappearance of the so-called star of Bethlehem, which is said to have been seen last in the days of Tycho Brahe.

"It is notable that the period of the present star may fit both the date of Tycho Brahe and that of the visit of the Magi to Bethlehem 1902 years ago, for 1902 divided by six yields 317 years, which is just about the interval required for its periodic outbreak, which period, if assignable, puts the star in active operation in the spring of 2 B. C., 316, 633, 950, 1287, 1584, and 1901 A. D. Tycho Brahe was born in 1546 and did not die until 1601. He wrote 'Novus Stellus' in 1573, a year or so after his star appeared, but it was not until 1587 that he wrote 'Progymnasmata,' while his 'Historic Coelistes' did not appear until 1605.

"Finally, this star is not at all a thing of the supernatural. It may fade out just as quickly as it came into the camera. But its lesson is—will be—all the more significant if so, because then it will prove how quickly an entire universe can be set at naught."

NEW TRUSTEES FOR BABY BROWN.

Two More Men to Help Manage the Affairs of an Infant Worth Millions.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Feb. 27.—John Nicholas Brown, the richest baby in the world, to-day had two new trustees appointed for him by the Rhode Island Supreme Court. Daniel Leroy Dresser of New York, and William Watts Sherman were appointed co-trustees with George W. R. Matteson, under the will of John Nicholas Brown, father of the baby.

The infant is the only child of the late John Nicholas Brown of this city. The father died shortly after the birth of the child. The estate to which the young John Nicholas Brown is heir is estimated at many millions and consists of the strongest and most valuable investment property, both manufacturing and otherwise, in the State of Rhode Island. The mother of the child was formerly Miss Dresser of New York, and her brother is one of the new trustees appointed to-day.

HOUSES WHITE RATS HAVE.

The Striking Vaudeville Actors Now Have Leases for Seven Theatres.

The vaudeville strike has reached the point where both sides are holding fast waiting for the other to surrender. Both the White Rats and the managers say they are winning and go on fortifying their positions. Every day the managers are strengthening their fences by engaging new talent. New recruits come from all quarters, even church choirs giving up their quota to the vaudeville stage.

The White Rats are meeting this by increasing their membership and leaving no stone unturned to induce other performers now doing turns at the contiguous houses to join their ranks. They are also going into the managing end of the theatrical business somewhat on a large scale themselves. Last night it was announced that they had engaged the following theatres for the week beginning March 4: Auditorium, Boston; Auditorium, Philadelphia; Temple, Rochester; Bastable Theatre, Syracuse; Koster & Bial's in New York and Philadelphia, and the Academy of Music in Brooklyn.

President B. F. Keith of the Eastern Managers Association says the strike is the best thing that could have happened for the business of the vaudeville theatres.

"The eyes of the managers have been opened!" said Mr. Keith, "and they have learned that the number of people who can entertain an audience is practically inexhaustible. Here the managers have been engaging year in and year out the same old performers and the same old turns, never listening to the wail of the public for a change. Now it is different. We have given the public something new.

"The public appreciate this, I know, for I receive dozens of letters every day now telling how sick the writers were of seeing the same old actors do the same old stunts. As far as the managers are concerned they consider the strike over. We will never treat the White Rats as an organization."

ABOUT MARTIN LUTHER.

Prof. Reiner Asks Prof. Griggs to Say That a Certain Bull Was a Forgery.

In Association Hall in Fulton street, Brooklyn, on Tuesday night, just after Prof. Edward Howard Griggs had closed his lecture on "Martin Luther," which he delivered under the direction of the Brooklyn Institute of Art and Sciences, a middle-aged man in semi-clerical garb arose in the body of the hall and addressing Prof. Griggs by name, said:

"A word if you please.

The speaker proved to be Dr. John M. Reiner, a convert to Catholicism, who is a professor in a college in Wayne, Pa., complimented Prof. Griggs on the retraction of an unfavorable statement in relation to Pope Leo X. made from the same platform three weeks ago.

But I want you," he went on, "to put the seal upon your fairness by stating that the list of indulgences, which you read to this audience, is a forgery. No, priest, Bishop, Cardinal or Pope can forgive sins for the payment of money. If you had read that bull on indulgences as a scholar ought to do in the original, you must know that the word 'remission' in relation to indulgences does not mean the forgiveness of sins."

Prof. Reiner also insisted that Luther did not possess the qualities of a courageous man, or hero, and that while engaged in the translation of the Bible, he was, according to his own admission, burning with the lust of the flesh and sensuality.

Prof. Griggs made no reply. Several persons in the audience, who sympathized with Prof. Reiner, followed him out of the hall. Prof. Reiner said he would be pleased to meet Prof. Griggs in a joint debate on the life and character of Martin Luther.

BANKER PALMER ARRESTED.

Liquid Air Man's Liabilities in Three Banks Amount to $80,000.

CHICAGO, Feb. 27.—Edmond Palmer, the banker, was arrested at his home in Desplaines at 7:30 o'clock this morning. Chief of Police Hanson and a member of his force took the President of the three insolvent banks to police headquarters, where he will be held until taken by officers of Ashley, I. Palmer made no effort to resist arrest.

Palmer is a lawyer as well as a banker and has been teacher of physics in the Englewood High School, and in the college at Quincy, Ill. His recent liquid air investments are believed to be the cause of the closing of the three banks. The liabilities of the Desplaines Bank are put at $25,000, Colfax on the Ashley bank are stated to be $30,000 and those on the Ellettsville Bank, $30,000.

Sea Captain Hanson Kills Himself.

Capt. Charles Hanson, 50 years old, who had followed the sea for several years, and until recently was captain of a steamer plying between this port and Halifax, committed suicide last evening in his apartments at 287 Clinton street, Brooklyn, by shooting himself in the head. He and his wife had occupied rooms in the house for a year. He had been a sufferer from heart trouble for several months and his apprehension that he would not recover his health is believed to have driven him to the act.

FIRE EMPTIES THE COURTS.

SCRAMBLE FROM BENCH, BAR AND JURY BOX INTO CENTRE STREET.

Prisoners Wanted to Join When the Criminal Courts Building Attic Blazed Up, but They Begged Cops to Go First—Glass Dome Smashed—Little Damage—Nobody Hurt.

The learned Judges, the intelligent jurymen, the prisoners, and also the lawyers, witnesses, cops and benchers in the Criminal Courts Building all got together yesterday afternoon in a democratic rush for outdoors when somebody discovered that the northwest corner of the attic was on fire. Recorder Goff was charging a jury in Part IV. when somebody rushed into his court room and yelled "Fire!" The Recorder cut the charge off right there and announced that court was adjourned. But nobody seemed to hear him.

The jury tumbled out of the box, not in single file, but in twos and threes, and joined the court room crowd in a scramble for the corridor, which was already filled with men and women rushing for the stairs and elevators. Some of those running added to the fuss by taking up the cry of fire, and they seemed to think they were doing something heroic, such as saving life and property.

Judges McMahon, Foster and Cowing were holding court in the other three parts of General Sessions. They were all notified of the fire upstairs by policemen, who whispered the news across the bench without stirring up the crowd. Judges McMahon and Foster immediately adjourned court and advised everybody to lose no time in getting to the street, but told them to go quietly because there was no immediate danger. This advice to be calm was heeded for about two seconds, that is until the crowds from Parts I. and III. got out in the corridors, where the excitement was too much for them. In Part II. Judge Cowing thanked the policeman for warning him of the danger, but refused to budge. He was presiding at the trial of the Bellevue nurse charged with killing Hilliard and kept right on with the case until the proper time for the luncheon recess came.

Up in the Coroners' office, which is on the floor next to the top, they were so busy "being notified" of other people' deaths that they didn't realize that there was a fire till a line of hose burst in the corridor in front of their door and a stray stream spouted in and drenched a bunch of "suddens, without a doctor."

District Attorney Philbin's office is on the same floor. He didn't know that there was a fire till the Grand Jurors filed down through his rooms from their quarters upstairs and mentioned, in passing, that they were fleeing for their lives. Mr. Philbin fled along too. So did some of his assistants. Some others stayed behind to save valuable records, including the papers in the Molineux case.

For down on the first floor where Justices Holbrook, McKean and Jacobs were presiding in Special Sessions, there was nothing to ruffle the dignity of the bench. The courts were adjourned ahead of time, but everybody retired in good order except the twenty-five prisoners. Those twenty-five and those in similar plights in the other courts and pens tried to make out of the excitement a golden opportunity for themselves. Said one prisoner to a cop who was dragging him along toward the over-worked elevators:

"Run, officer; save yourself. Never mind me. I'll meet you in the Tombs if we are both saved."

And the other prisoners showed the same interest in the welfare of the cops. But not a cop let go and the eighty-five prisoners were all hustled across the Bridge of Sighs into the Tombs.

In the meantime a score or more persons had run from the court building across the street to Engine Company 31 with as many still alarms. The firemen rolled out the engine before them turned in the third alarm. A dozen lines of hose were carried up three of the outside walls of the building and two more were dragged up the stairs inside. One fireman, forgetful of the standing order not to smash glass, broke the stained glass dome over the rotunda and thrust a ladder through the hole. The ladder wasn't used, and it's not why the dome was broken nobody could tell. A shower of the tinted glass fell from the dome on to the crowd of folks on the street floor who were rubbering for a glimpse of something interesting up toward the attic. Those scratched by the glass were the only persons hurt. A lot more were stretched, though, by the brawling streams which poured down the stairs and the cataracts in the elevator shafts.

The fire was all out within half an hour after the arrival of the firemen and by 2 o'clock in the afternoon business was resumed in all departments in the building. Judges, counsel and witnesses appearing in goloches. A mass of paper in which the fire started was destroyed up in the attic. They were a lot of old Civil Service and Health Board records. They were set afire by an imperfectly insulated electric light wire.

The 250 prisoners in the Tombs were all locked in their cells at the time of the fire excepting a few who were doing jury duty and some of the racket outside and some of them were a little nervous, but there was no uproar.

DISCORD OVER DROPPED SOPRANO.

Miss Maconda's Dismissal Said to Be Resented by Brooklyn Congregation.

The dismissal of Miss Charlotte Maconda, the soprano, from the choir of the First Reformed church in Seventh avenue, Brooklyn, which is to take effect on May 1, is resented, it is said, by a large portion of the congregation, who believe that she has been unfairly treated by the Music Committee and the consistory. The efforts put forth for Miss Maconda's retention in the choir have been abandoned, and already Miss Shannah Cummings of the West Presbyterian Church, Manhattan, has been engaged as her successor at an increase of $300 a year in salary.

George W. Schiebler, former chairman of the Music Committee, said yesterday:

"I am confident that a vast majority of the members of the church are opposed to the treatment Miss Maconda has received. We feel that a great injustice has been done her. For five years she has delighted us all with her singing, and I venture to assert that 975 of the 1000 members would vote against her release for the causes alleged by the consistory. I think both the Rev. Dr. Farrar and the consistory owed it to the church to give better reasons for their unfavorable for Miss Maconda. Miss Maconda only reported the disagreeable incident of last winter, when two young men insulted her by making faces at her and by similar actions, after it had become unbearably embarrassing and annoying. I spoke to Dr. Farrar about it and much to my surprise he said we could not afford to antagonize the family of the young ladies with whom the young men were sitting. It was this incident and the unfortunate popularity of Miss Maconda, rather than her concert work, which were her undoing. We think it is an outrage that she has been discharged by a few members, not representing the church feeling, because of petty jealousy."

The Rev. Dr. Farrar said:

"We feel that Miss Maconda has been treated with the utmost consideration and kindness, and those who think she has been wronged are misinformed. The statement that we were jealous of her popularity is too absurd to discuss."

ARRESTED AS AN INCENDIARY.

Mrs. Lizzie Patterson Is Said to Have Had a Grudge Against Mrs. Graham.

Mrs. Lizzie Patterson, 38 years old, of 168 Hamilton avenue, Brooklyn, was arrested last night and locked up on suspicion of arson. There was an attempt made on Saturday night to start a fire in the apartments of Mr. Margaret Graham on the fifth floor of the house at 138 Hicks street, while Mrs. Graham was absent and her two children, 9 and 7 years old respectively, were asleep in one of the rooms. When the blaze had been extinguished by the janitor, a quantity of clothing soaked with kerosene oil was found upon the floor. An investigation made by the Department of Buildings Fire Bureau and the Fire Marshal is said to have suspected Mrs. Patterson was the incendiary. She had a grudge, it is said, against Mrs. Graham and she was seen leaving the house about the time the blaze was discovered. She stoutly denies, however, having had anything to do with the starting of the fire.

Sued for Breach of Promise by His Housekeeper.

BINGHAMTON, N. Y., Feb. 27.—An action for $10,000 damages for breach of promise has been begun here against Albert D. Hoadley, a wealthy retired merchant formerly of New York city, by Miss Mary L. Humphrey. Miss Humphrey's complaint alleges that for twelve years she was housekeeper for Mr. Hoadley. Shortly after she accepted the position, and on various subsequent occasions, he had promised to marry her. When she urged him to fulfill the agreement he at last discharged her, hiring another housekeeper. Hoadley, who is prominent in social and church circles, says it is a clear case of blackmail. The case will be tried at the April term of the Supreme Court.

DEMANDED THAT SHE ELOPE.

When Mrs. Lane Refused Cassels Shot Her in the Head—She May Die.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Feb. 27.—John D. Cassels, a sewing machine agent, shot Mrs. Mary J. Lane, wife of Edward A. Lane, in the head at Long Meadow last night, and the doctors say that she will die. When Cassels left the woman's house he took a big dose of carbolic acid, but he was found in time to effect his recovery. In the police court this morning, Cassels was held in bonds of $5,000 to await the result of the woman's injury.

Mrs. Lane and Cassels first met seven years ago at the former's wedding. They did not become intimate until about a year ago, when Mrs. Cassels went to England on a visit. During her absence, Cassels boarded with the Lanes, and his infatuation for Mrs. Lane developed. On the man were found some passionate love letters from Mrs. Lane, in which she says she cannot live happily with her husband, and that she never knew what love meant until she met Cassels. He wanted Mrs. Lane to elope with him and had threatened to shoot her if she persisted in refusing.

When he went to the house last night he demanded that she go with him, and on her refusal he fired three shots, one of which took effect. Mrs. Lane is 27 years old and has three children. Cassels is 37 years old, has four children. On discovering his infatuation for Mrs. Lane, Mrs. Cassels left him and is now in England.

"I never knew what love meant until I met you and God made me love you, and love you I shall until death parts me from you," is the dramatic way in which Mrs. Lane summed up one letter.

M'GLYNN WANTS HIS WIFE.

Can't Understand Why She Stays With Her Father and Wont See Him.

L. Louis McGlynn, managing clerk for the law firm of Haire & Tinkham of 176 Broadway made application through his counsel before Justice Gaynor in Brooklyn yesterday for a writ of habeas corpus, which was granted, requiring Edward Moore to produce in court on Monday morning his daughter Mary, wife of the petitioner, who, it is alleged, is at the home of her father at 111 Prospect Park West, where her husband has not been permitted to see her for several weeks past. Mr. and Mrs. McGlynn are young people who were only recently married, as it appears, but only Mr. McGlynn's version of the trouble was accessible to reporters yesterday.

Mr. McGlynn said, when a reporter asked him what had led to his resort to the court to recover his wife, that he had become acquainted with Miss Mary Moore in the month of September, 1899, and that he had been a frequent guest at the house of her parents from that time until the following July, when with Miss Moore and one of her younger sisters he went to Asbury Park, where he and Miss Mary became engaged. On July 16, Mr. McGlynn said he and his fiancée with her younger sister left New York for Sullivan county, where they spent two months, and the wedding day was set for Jan. 1, 1901. They were married on that day at St. Augustine's Church at Sixth avenue and Sterling place, Brooklyn, Mr. Moore giving his daughter away, although he had previously been opposed to the marriage.

Mr. McGlynn said that before the bridal supper ended Mr. Moore came to him and told him that the family physician had said that his daughter was suffering from a bad attack of grip. (Mr. McGlynn said that she did have a cold, he knew.) It had been arranged that they were to go to Florida and it was understood that they would go later, but he lived at Mr. Moore's house with his wife until the early part of February, when he left to go downtown as usual one morning and on his return was met by his father-in-law, who refused to let him in and threatened to blow his head off. His wife, he said, was just recovering from pneumonia. He had not seen his father-in-law since, and Mr. Moore gave him no reason for excluding him from the house that evening.

He said that he had always got along well with his wife and with all the family, except one sister of his wife, and that he had written to his wife since that evening but had received no response, and had been unable to talk with her over the telephone, although he had tried the telephone, which was "rung off" so soon as his voice was recognized. His wife, he said, was 23 years old.

Mr. Moore is President of the New York and New Jersey Transportation Company at 1 Broadway. At his home last evening the announcement was made that the girl had eloped with Mr. McGlynn. Earlier in the day one of the Misses Moore, it was said, had said that Mr. McGlynn had failed to produce the tickets for the Florida bridal trip, and that there had been other cause for dissatisfaction. It was said that Mrs. McGlynn had also been seen and that she was not restrained of her liberty, but that she declined to speak of the case, referring inquirers to her father.

ELECTIONS OF SUPERVISORS.

Gain for Democrats in Wyoming—No Change in Yates County.

BUFFALO, Feb. 27.—The Republicans sustained losses in Wyoming county at the election of Supervisors held there yesterday. Last year the Board of Supervisors contained fourteen Republicans and only two Democrats, but at yesterday's election six Democrats and nine Republicans were elected, with no returns yet received from Arcade. It is thought, however, that Arcade will go Republican.

The towns of Gainsville, Weathersfield and Middlebury voted against license. The entire fight, however, was restricted almost exclusively to the contest for the Supervisorships, and the Republicans claim in view of the bitter fight that was made, that their showing is an excellent one.

ELMIRA, Feb. 27.—Yates county yesterday elected five Democratic and four Republican Supervisors. This is the same as the standing last year.

DECISION AGAINST KEMPSON.

Must Procure the Annulment of the Divorce Decree He Got in Dakota.

TRENTON, N. J., Feb. 27.—Vice-Chancellor Pitney made a decree to-day compelling St. George Kempson, the Perth Amboy editor who has spent several months in jail for contempt of court, to pay a fine of $5 and the cost of the contempt proceedings. Before being released Mr. Kempson must also purge himself by proving to the Court's satisfaction that he has procured the annulment of the Dakota decree of divorce by which he secured a separation from his first wife and on the strength of which he was married a second time. The Court requires that the editor give up wife number two, but this he has declared he would never do, so that unless the decree is set aside or Mr. Kempson backs down he has the prospect of spending the remainder of his life in jail.

ONONDAGA INDIAN LOCKED UP.

Went to Syracuse to Buy His Squaw a Coffin and Got Intoxicated.

SYRACUSE, Feb. 27.—Hawley Hill, an Onondaga Indian, came from the reservation yesterday to buy his squaw a coffin. There was money left, he got intoxicated and was lodged in a cell at police headquarters at an early hour this morning, to the accompaniment of war whoops. When he sobered up Hill told Lieut. Rosenmeyer that his squaw the mother of six children, was dead, and he wanted to get her buried. An investigation revealed that Hill had bought a coffin and the Indian was paroled on his promise to come back for arraignment to-morrow.

Bearing the Memphis Invitation to McKinley.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Feb. 27.—A committee of thirteen leading citizens of Memphis, representing the local entertainment committees of the Confederate Veterans' reunion, the municipal government and the several commercial and labor organizations, left to-day for Washington to invite President McKinley to be in the city during the Confederate reunion. They carry elaborately engrossed invitations. Opposition to the invitation arose, a number of the Confederate veterans passing resolutions objecting to extending a welcome to the President on account of his being other than a Confederate veteran.

On Plans for Tunnel to Brooklyn.

The Committee on Streets and Highways of the Board of Aldermen will hold a public hearing in the Court of Sessions room in the Brooklyn Borough Hall next Wednesday evening on the plans for an underground railway from this borough to Brooklyn. It is expected that there will be a big delegation of Brooklynites at the hearing.

A DUKE, 2 DOGS AND A DUN

FOR WANT OF $1,500 THE DOGS DIDN'T SAIL WITH THE DUKE.

Manchester Wanted Them and Said He Would Pay for Them Within Two Weeks, but Thomas Kelly Said He Must Have Cash—Mr. Zimmerman Wouldn't Pay.

The Duke of Manchester and his American Duchess became fascinated with two of Dog Fancier Thomas Kelly's Boston terriers, Prince and Dick Turpin, prize winners at New York and Philadelphia shows, and on Dec. 3 the Duke announced that he would buy the dogs.

Kelly said they were worth $1,500, and the Duke said he would pay for them before he sailed for England.

He sailed yesterday aboard the Oceanic, but Prince and Dick Turpin did not go.

The Duke and the Duchess, with Mr. Zimmerman, father of the Duchess, had a talk with Kelly at the Holland House, where the dogs were kept in ventilated crates ready for the voyage. This was several hours before the Oceanic sailed. The Duke was preparing to put the dogs on an express wagon when Kelly, who was accompanied by Lawyer Hays, flatly announced that he would like to have $1,500 before parting with the terriers.

The Duke said: "I wish to keep the dogs. I will pay for them within two weeks."

Kelly said in substance, "Money first."

Thereupon, it is said, the Duchess burst into tears.

Papa Zimmerman stood by and said nothing. Later he helped to carry the Duke's hand baggage aboard the Oceanic, but he resolutely refused to put up the cash for the terriers.

After the ducal party had gone from the hotel Kelly opened the crate and let the terriers loose. They greeted him joyously, as if they were mighty glad they were not going to be expatriated.

MANCHESTER GAINS TIME.

Suit Against the Duke Delayed on Account of the Duchess's Illness.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, Feb. 27.—The King's Bench Division of the High Court of Justice to-day ordered a postponement of the action brought by Mr. Sangunetti against the Duke of Manchester and another, on the ground that the Duke could not leave America because of the illness of the Duchess, who was formerly Miss Zimmerman of Cincinnati. The action, which was instituted last May, is brought to recover 5 per cent. commission for negotiating a loan of £10,000 for the Duke.

COLLEGE GIRLS PUT OUT A FIRE.

Bryn Mawr Students Stretch a Hose and Fight Flames Successfully.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 27.—The girls at Bryn Mawr College had a jolly time to-day putting out a fire that started in the cottage occupied by Prof. Scott. The flames had gained considerable headway before the girls who were in their classes discovered them. As soon as the alarm was sounded classes broke up in disorder. The fire brigade under the leadership of Miss G. E. Fowler, went at once to work and lines of hose were carried into the building and the water directed on the flames to such good purpose that when the Ardmore fire company arrived it had little to do.

The loss is estimated at $1,000, which is covered by insurance.

KANSAS RAIDER CONVICTED.

Judge Hazen Rules That Saloons Are Entitled to Protection.

TOPEKA, Kan., Feb. 27.—Baife Stark, tried for malicious trespass in assisting Mrs. Carrie Nation in smashing a "joint" ten days ago, has been convicted of trespass. This was the test case in the matter of establishing whether or not joints have property rights under the law. Stark participated in the raid on the Murphy place on Sunday, Feb. 17. He was arrested at the instance of the proprietor, charged with malicious trespass. Mrs. Nation and others are also under bond charged with the same offence, which is a misdemeanor and is punishable by a fine not exceeding $500, a jail sentence not exceeding one year, or both.

District Judge Hazen ruled against the defendant upon every point of law involved. The portions of the ruling of the judge which relate to the legal aspects of joint smashing follow:

"If you believe, from the evidence in this case, beyond a reasonable doubt, that the defendant, in company with a number of other persons, went to the building described in the information, and that the doors and windows of said building were then and there broken and injured, as charged in the information, and that the defendant was present at the said breaking, advising, counselling or encouraging the breaking of said doors and windows, then he would be guilty as charged, although he may not in person have injured said doors and windows.

"Where an offense has been committed all persons who are present, aiding, abetting, assisting, advising or encouraging the commission of such offence are equally guilty, and the fact, if you find it to be a fact, that the building described in the information was a place where intoxicating liquors were sold in violation of the law would not authorize the defendants to break or injure the doors or windows of said building."

CHARTER REVISION.

Members of the Commission Heard by the Joint Committee on Cities.

ALBANY, Feb. 27.—The Cities Committees of the two houses are fully impressed with the magnitude of the work of examining the proposed revision of the New York City Charter as suggested by the Charter Revision Commission. This was fully manifested to-day at the hearing of these committees on the proposed amendments. George L. Rives, William C. DeWitt, James L. Wells, Henry W. Taft, James McKeen, Charles A. Schieren and George Cromwell were the members of the commission present. Messrs. Rives, DeWitt and Wells, devoted their arguments mainly to show the necessity of the increase in the membership of the Board of Aldermen to 125. This was made necessary, they said, to carry out one of the most important provisions of the revision, which was the establishment of twenty-five local improvement districts throughout the city.

Each district is to have its local Boards of Improvement, to be composed of the Aldermen of the district, who will number at least three, and the President of the borough. These boards will have charge of all improvements in their locality, and, it is expected, will do away with the difficulties now existing in securing improvements in the boroughs outside of Manhattan.

The arguments of the Commissioners were practically on a line with the statements in their report. The committee will hold future meetings to hear those opposed to specified changes in the Charter, and afterward will confer again with the members of the commission.

HE WOULDN'T BET, BUT HE LOST.

Ohioan's $150 Ring Disappears With the Toss of a Coin.

Horace Bender of Akron, Ohio, was sitting in the corridor of the Grand Hotel last night when a young man approached him with the remark that it was terrible.

"What's terrible," asked Bender.

"Why, the murder of Dolly Reynolds. Don't you know that that poor girl was killed right in this hotel? Head crushed with lead pipe."

Mr. Bender seemed attentive, and the other man told enough of the murder story to get acquainted. Then he suggested a drink. Mr. Bender accepted. In the café there happened to be the new friend's friend, and he was introduced. The three went to a nearby saloon and then to several more of them, in each of which Mr. Bender's two companions matched dollars. Bender refused to enter the game, but paid his share for the drinks. He was asked to bet a $150 ring he wore on the toss of a coin, but he declined that opportunity, too.

The under-society friend then asked to look at the ring, and Mr. Bender pulled it off. The man grabbed it, threw up a quarter, which came down tails, and put the ring in his pocket.

"You lose," he said to Mr. Bender.

The two crooks fled, but the man who, Bender says, took the ring was caught half an hour later in the Delavan House by Policeman McKeon. He said he was Harry Haven Homer. The ring was not recovered.

TROOPS OUT TO PROTECT A NEGRO.

Gov. Durbin Takes Prompt Action—Young Woman's Probable Mistaken Identification.

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 27.—On Thursday last Miss Dorothy Darter, living just east of the suburb of Irvington, was attacked and injured by a negro while passing along a lonely road to the suburban street car line. The assault created intense excitement and the young woman is now in a serious condition. Yesterday a negro, giving the name of "Doc" Reed, was arrested at New Castle and to-day he was brought here and taken to the Darter home for identification. The young woman hesitated, but later identified the man as her assailant.

Meantime the people of the suburbs had arrived and the police hurried the prisoner back to the city to escape the mob. Five hundred persons followed on street cars and in other conveyances and assembled around the police station, and the scene looked so threatening that a company of militia was ordered out by the Governor to prevent an attack upon the jail to which the negro had been removed for greater safety. The crowd increased and the militia company was marched from the armory to the State House and placed under orders from the Adjutant-General.

While the mob was still around the station, a Mr. Morgan telephoned from Morristown that he had seen the negro's picture in an afternoon paper and that he was in that place all Thursday afternoon. This corroborated the negro's story and indicates that Miss Darter was mistaken when she identified him as her assailant. The mob was finally dispersed and further trouble is not apprehended.

RAGPICKER GOT $3,670 FOR 11 CENTS.

Aged Pair Who Inadvertently Sold Their Savings Now in Want.

CHICAGO, Feb. 27.—In the excitement attending what Mrs. Mary Conley and her husband had hoped would be their last journey, to die among the friends from whom they had parted forty years ago, the savings of a lifetime of the old couple, amounting to $3,670, were sold inadvertently to a ragpicker for 11 cents. The pair vainly searched the alleys and wandered about the city seeking to identify the dealer for forty-eight hours before their story was related to Capt. Hayes at the Thirty-fifth street police station. Despite efforts of the police and private detectives working on the case, no trace of the man has been found, and hope has almost been abandoned by the aged man and woman. Tickets purchased by them for their journey to Australia have been returned to the steamship agent with the request that he return a portion of the money paid for passage, to supply them with the immediate necessities of life.

A YEAR FOR BREAKING SIPHONS.

Heaviest Penalty Ever Imposed in the West Side Court Inflicted on a Bottle Dealer.

Thomas Flanagan, a bottle dealer of 448 West Fifty-fifth street, was convicted in the West Side police court yesterday of breaking up glass siphons and selling the metal tops to junk dealers. Magistrate Deuel committed him to the City Prison for a year. This is the heaviest punishment ever inflicted in the court. Flanagan had twice been in jail for the same offence. In August, 1898, Magistrate Kudlich sent him to prison for 160 days, and in July the next year Magistrate Meade gave him 270 days. The bottles cost the manufacturers 55 cents each. Fanagan sold the tops for two and a half cents each.

YOUNG LOVERS DIE TOGETHER.

Boy's Parents Refused to Let Him Marry and the Couple Chose Suicide.

DENVER, Col., Feb. 27.—The bodies of Louis Burch and Addie Taylor were found in an empty house near La Junta to-day. A bullet hole in the head of each and a revolver with two empty chambers lying between the bodies told the manner of death.

The couple, each aged 18, had decided on death as preferable to separation, the boy's parents having refused to allow him to marry the girl.

H. S. IVES'S WIDOW DEAD.

**Passes Away