

BROOKLYN CITY.

CITY COURT.

The Trials of a Young Husband Through the Influence of a Mother-in-Law Over His Wife. Before Judge Thompson.

William Pinder vs. Eliza Stothoff. This was the title of an action which, having occupied the attention of the court and jury for two days, was concluded yesterday afternoon, when the verdict awarded six cents damages for plaintiff. The damages on which the suit was based was for the recovery of \$10,000 from a defendant, who is the mother-in-law of the plaintiff. Mrs. Stothoff was a widow in her bearings and may be briefly cited as follows:—The plaintiff, who is a good business in Brooklyn, married the daughter of Mrs. Stothoff in May, 1862. Shortly after their union the mother instituted a series of advice and recommendations to the wife against permitting her husband to get the upper hand of her and otherwise make her obedient to his mother-in-law in her domestic arrangements, as tending to alienate the affections of her daughter from him. This influence eventually succeeded in separating the husband from his wife, who the latter left in September, 1864, taking with her the child, the result of the union. Since that period she has made repeated overtures, it was claimed on the trial, to bring about a reconciliation, but these have all failed. Her conduct has been such that she has been confined to her room, and she has been treated with the utmost severity. She has been driven from her home a welcome refuge for her and her child. She had chosen her mother's home of her own free will and without constraint, and even when her husband, who had shown that he was incapable of making her happy.

Considerable testimony was taken on both sides and the verdict was rendered for the plaintiff, as above stated.

KINGS COUNTY SURROGATE'S COURT.

Before Surrogate Veeber. The wills of the following named persons were proved in the Kings County Surrogate's Court during the past week:—John Colicchio, of New Jersey; Aaron Kingsland, John J. Welch, Patrick Connolly, Joseph Lockett, Sr., Maria A. Stuberbach, Aletta M. Snydam, Henry Snydam, James Cortey and Ludwig Inaust, all of the city of Brooklyn. Letters of administration were granted on the estates of James Jennings, of New Lots; Charles H. Casie, Emily Dugan, William G. Church, John Hardy, Mary A. Pick, Edith M. Pick, Joseph M. Pick, Joseph P. Brewster and Mary Ann St. John, all of Brooklyn. Letters of guardianship were granted to Helen L. Bove, John Gilmore, Helen Lowell and Robert Drummond.

BROOKLYN INTELLIGENCE.

ACCUSED OF PRIZE FIGHTING.—A young man, who gave his name as Peter Rose, about twenty years of age, was arrested before Justice Kelly yesterday and held to await the action of the court for participating in the prize fight in Giddings' saloon, Hudson avenue, in May last.

FELICIOUS ASSAULT.—A laborer named John Cunningham was arraigned before Justice Delmar yesterday for striking one Ann Kelly on the head with the butt of a pistol, at her residence, No. 127 East 12th street, released on bail to appear for future examination.

ACCIDENT TO EX-MAYOR BOOTH.—While Ex-Mayor Booth was driving round the corner of Myrtle and Carlton avenues yesterday afternoon his wagon collided with a vehicle going in an opposite direction. The result was that the horse was killed and one of his legs was fractured.

THE RECENT BANK FORGERY.—The preliminary examination in the case of Joseph Perez, Alonzo Brett, William Delfor and Henry Varney, charged with being implicated in the attempt to pass forged notes on the Brooklyn Central Bank was continued before Justice Cornell yesterday. Varney was discharged from custody on his being clearly proven that he was not connected with the transaction beyond the fact of his following the boy to the bank at the solicitation of Perez and Delfor. A considerable amount of testimony was taken, and the examination was then adjourned until to-morrow (Monday) when it will probably be concluded.

INSULTING LADIES.—Two laborers employed on Prospect Park, named John Ferry and Timothy Leary, were arrested by Officer Hargrove, of the Park Force yesterday, for insulting a lady by shooting at her. The accused were fined on being taken before Justice Cornell.

THIS MILITIA ENROLLMENT is progressing favorably in Brooklyn. Twenty-eight thousand names have been enrolled within the past two weeks of persons liable to service under the 1st Act. The work will be completed this month.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT.—Michael Gillen, a youth employed in a glass-making establishment on Kent avenue, was seriously if not fatally injured by being struck in the leg by a red hot glass blower yesterday. An artery was severed and the poor fellow nearly died. He was taken to his home in Skidmore street.

WHISKEY DISTILLERS SEIZED.—A copper still of the capacity of about two hundred and fifty gallons, together with mash and whiskey, was seized in a building on the corner of John and Gold streets yesterday morning by the officers of the Second Collection District. Another still of about the same capacity, located at 128 York street, was also seized by the same officials. There were no claimants on either.

DEATH FROM SCALDS.—A boy, four years of age, named Robert W. Gleason, of 88 South second street, Eastern District, accidentally fell into a tub of boiling soap fat on Friday evening, and was so terribly scalded that he died yesterday morning.

ATTEMPT AT SELF-DESTRUCTION.—Christian John, residing at 250 South Fourth street, Eastern District, attempting self-destruction yesterday morning by shooting himself in the head with a pistol. He was taken to his home in Skidmore street, where he is recovering from his wounds.

THE WASHINGTON PARK IMPROVEMENT. Commencement of the Work and Design Thereof. Since the passage of the act by the Legislature of 1867 giving the Prospect Park Commissioners full control over the management of the parks located within the limits of the city of Brooklyn, heretofore under the care of the Common Council, a marked and highly creditable and advantageous improvement has been evinced in the general aspect of these public pleasure grounds. Carroll Park, South Brooklyn, has undergone a thorough rejuvenating manipulation under the hands of the skilled gardener. The walks there have been renovated, drainage facilities, trees from France, hedges planted, flower beds laid out in artistic form, and a plan has been made to make this hitherto much neglected little park a most desirable place of resort for the residents of that neighborhood has recently been accomplished under the supervision of Mr. James S. T. Stranahan and the other members of the Board of Park Commissioners.

Of Prospect Park so much has been said in these columns from time to time, that it remains but to say that this great undertaking is progressing steadily, but slowly, towards its completion. In point of location, in the tower of fame which for artificial and engineering skill combined with the peculiar natural advantages of location must be awarded to it.

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