

sion, more than half were eliminated on the usual excuses.

Merchant (to new boy): "Has

the clerk told you what you are to do?"

"Yes, sir. I'm to wake him up when I see you coming."

DOINGS OF THE WORLD BOILED DOWN

Boston city council met last night. Called each other liars and crooks for two hours. Then passed bills appropriating \$160,000 for municipal improvements in 5 minutes. Thus is the business of our cities carried on.

Thomas A. Edison says time soon coming when battleships will be operated by electricity.

Thomas also remarked that there was something rotten in the way the Sherman act doesn't dissolve trusts. But one doesn't need to be a great inventor to see that.

West Hammond saloon has been named for Virginia Brooks, the "Joan or Arc," of the village. Yes, Johnny, you are correct. Virginia is peeved.

Pasquale Marchesi, who killed wife and cousin whom he found in bed in home at Kenosha, Wis., held by coroner's jury for double first degree murder.

Manchu imperial forces threaten to butcher all foreigners in Han-Yang. They already butchered the Chinese.

Irish police had to be called in to protect Irish players of Irish play in Maxine Elliott's theater, N. Y., from Irish in audience who thought play slighted Irish race.

Republican editorial association has distinguished itself by coming out for Taft and against initiative, referendum, recall and direct primary. They ought to

have their heads attended to.

John T. Simms, judge of probate court, Kansas City, Kan., wants to stop "marriage at first sight." Going to introduce law to enforce filing of "bill of matrimonial intentions" three months before wedding.

Practical joker placed "vermouth" label on bottle of carbolic acid and laid it beside plate of Alice Tristram Shanks, N. Y. singer. The charge will be murder of Mr. Practical Joker if found by police.

So far there have been six duels over Curie-Langevin divorce scandal in Paris.

P. S.—One man was scratched in the arm, but his opponent apologized, and explained that it had happened because the light hurt his eyes.

Arthur W. Smith, Notre Dame football player, denies he was secretly married to Gladys Van Nest, 15 years old, September 2.

Mrs. L. J. Carpenter, Des Moines, mother of 13 children, has been asleep for week. Doesn't feel jabbing of pins, but takes milk out of bottle quite readily. Physicians expect her to waken soon.

Independence Avenue Christian Church, Kansas City, has instituted check stand for babies.

When liner Prinz Jochim went on rocks, William Jennings Bry-