

SPEAK EASIES IN THE COURT HOUSE.

A Number of Applicants Fail to Talk Loud Enough to Be Heard by the Judges.

FIVE DAYS' WORK A WEEK SATISFIES THE LICENSE COURT.

Yesterday Afternoon's Proceedings Made a Little Livelier by Attorney Christy and His Little Remonstrances—Sixty-Eight Cases Disposed of During the Day—Seventy-Five Docketed for Monday—No Court to be Held To-Day—Few Saloons Expected Near Churches or Schools—The Court Thinks No Saloon Keeper Should Touch Liquor—Restaurants Shouldn't Be Subordinate to Barrooms.

There will be no session of the License Court to-day. On Monday the Court will hear the last 12 applicants from the Fourth ward, beginning with James Madden, and all from the Fifteenth and Sixteenth wards, 75 in all. Yesterday 68 applicants were heard. Few of them were Irishmen or Germans. Quite a number of the applicants from the Twelfth ward are Hebrews.

The speak-easy list was several times referred to, but no applicant would admit that he had sold illegally. One old German gentleman became very indignant, and declared that he could lick the man who put him on the speak-easy list.

For citizens of the Thirteenth ward, Attorney Christy made a vigorous fight against all the applicants from that ward.

The judges were furnished carefully prepared ward maps by Mr. A. Y. Lee, and during the day carefully marked the location of all the proposed drinking houses on these maps.

Judge Ewing chose a decided objection to the location of any saloon in the vicinity of a school or church. One of his holdings, that a proprietor ought to pay more attention to his dining room than to his barroom, is generally criticized by attorneys, who hold that such a ruling is contrary to human nature. Both of the Judges give much regard to the reputation of a house, holding that to be almost as vital as the reputation of the man.

PENN AVENUE AGAIN.

EIGHT TIMES AS MANY APPLICANTS FOR SALOONS.

As There Are Now Enjoying the Trade of That Neighborhood—Court Opens Pretty Promptly on the Fifth Day—Maps for Convenience of the Court.

The Court began work yesterday morning by taking another trip out Penn avenue to the Twelfth ward, from which district 42 applicants bobbed up serenely, struggling for the license now controlled by five or six licensed houses and 30 speak-easies. Court was only three minutes late in opening. Judges Ewing and Magee had two or three letters to look over, whether from friends or enemies of the applicants into the Court knows.

Mr. A. Y. Lee, the draughtsman, had prepared careful and nicely printed ward maps, which he handed up to the Court. Judge Ewing has been asking for such aids daily since court opened.

The work opened by the calling of Samuel J. Abrams, who was in license in 1888, but Judge Ewing said that he had not seen him for a year ago. At that time Mr. Abrams was spreading meals to about a score of people daily, but when the liquor flow was stopped he shut up his place. Judge Ewing anxiously inquired what had become of his boarders, but the applicant was unable to answer that question.

"The trouble is that I have no boarders," said Judge Ewing. "If the people could get along without your restaurant the past year, they could get along without it this year."

Mr. Abrams had a furniture store at No. 2708 Penn avenue, and desires to change it to a saloon and restaurant. He kept a saloon until two years ago, but did not apply to the license law. His health is not good.

Henry Leach, at No. 2019 Penn avenue, desires to close out his drygoods stock and put in a saloon. "I found that the drygoods business don't pay me," he said. He was refused a license in 1888.

John Lynch, a gentleman with very long red mustaches, lives at No. 2903 Penn avenue. He calls his place a hotel, furnishing from 30 to 60 meals daily. Prior to 1888 the house was kept by Fred Field. During 1888 it was run as a hotel, but was not occupied as a justice office.

James Miller, No. 1918 Penn avenue, at the corner of Twentieth, is now using what he calls a saloon. He was refused a license in 1888. He has a saloon at present on licensed house on Penn avenue.

Thomas McKeena ran a saloon and restaurant at No. 3001 Penn avenue for five years. His liquor license was cut off a year ago, but he said he had kept up his restaurant as a saloon. The building, however, is occupied by Malague O'Donnell. Judge Ewing said that the occupancy of the upper hall by outside parties was objectionable.

Richard Muse, No. 2417 Penn, never applied for a license for the Westinghouse Machine Company. He said he was brought up at the hotel business in Towlaw, County Durham, England. The place was run as a saloon and was formerly occupied by Thomas Beck, who applied for a license in 1888. In behalf of Mr. Muse a number of personal letters and a long petition were presented. Some of them were from good friends.

Judge Ewing said: "The place has a poor reputation, and is adequate. A new man might improve it, but there ought to be better accommodations. The standard out there is very low. If there are new applicants who seem to be good, it gives us an opportunity to select. If no good ones appear, why, I suppose we can refuse all, as one year ago."

he was knocked out, as I had the whole house on my hands the rest of the year. I couldn't rent it."

George McClane, corner of Penn avenue and Twentieth street, wants to succeed a man who now keeps a dining room in that place, but he could not get the man's name. During 1889 he was a barkeeper; in 1888 did not appear before the court. He said he did not think there would be much demand for meals in the proposed neighborhood.

At 2:30 o'clock a recess was taken until 1:30 P. M.

SPEAKING TOO EASY.

A NUMBER OF APPLICANTS FAIL TO TALK LOUD.

Hard Work for the Judges and Steno-grapher to Hear Them—The Court Thinks No Saloon Keeper Should Drink—Attorney Christy Appears Again.

During the forenoon 31 of the Twelfth ward applicants were heard and the time occupied was three hours. There remained for the three and a half hours allotted for the afternoon session 37 cases. Court resumed at 1:35 o'clock. There was an immense crowd of generally dirty people in the lobby.

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Another mistake discovered. James T. Smith, big and ruddy, asks for a license at No. 430 Thirty-third street, though he published last year Thirty-sixth street. The house between Harding street and Millwood avenue. It was a licensed public house for 20 years. "Nearly time it should stop," said Judge Ewing.

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A TIP TO THE COURT.

About Three Hundred Licenses Ought to be Granted This Year.

SUCH IS ROGER O'MARA'S OPINION.

Reports of Chief Bigelow and the Assistant Police Superintendent.

COMMON AND SELECT COUNCILS CONCUR.

Assistant Superintendent of Police Roger O'Mara gives his views of measures, men and things generally connected with crime and government to the Department of Public Safety for the year ending January 31, 1890. His report starts with the cheering intelligence that Pittsburgh, as a moral, law-abiding and well-governed city, leads any village of similar proportions in the United States.

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MARKETS IN THE MUD.

Bad Roads Have a Depressing Influence on General Business.

REACTION IN THE IRON TRADE.

Southern Competition Affects the Prices at Pittsburgh.

BIG INCREASE IN RAILROAD EARNINGS.

(SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.)

NEW YORK, March 21.—Special telegrams to the Dispatch to-day say: Indications point to a more active distribution of staple merchandise among leading trade centers at Kansas City, St. Louis and Omaha only. Throughout the region tributary to the West the country roads are still heavy, to the detriment of the jobbing trade and of farmers having produce or stock ready for market. The country roads are still heavy, to the detriment of the jobbing trade and of farmers having produce or stock ready for market.

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