

PITTSBURGH, TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 1891.

LICENSES IN DEMAND

Seventy-Five People Yesterday Told the Judges Why They Want to Keep Saloons.

GOOD START ON HEARINGS

Made by the Court on the First Day of Its Sitting for Selecting Next Year's Men.

R. C. CHRISTY AGAIN IN THE FIELD.

With a Long List of Speak-Easies and Marked Men and Places to Fire at the Unsuspecting.

OTHER OLD LANDMARKS TO BE SEEN.

The Usual Run of Letters in the Lobby to Enjoy the Fun Between the Judges and the Unfortunate Victims.

PROGRAMME TO BE FOLLOWED IN TO-DAY'S WORK

The parable of the "Servants and the talents," with a few variations, was enacted in the License Court yesterday, and on account of its popularity the play is on for about a six weeks' run.

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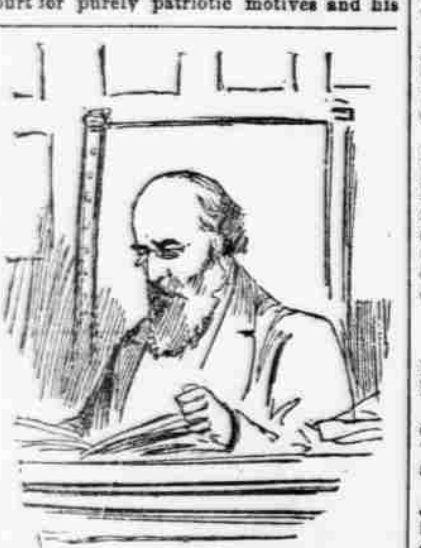


The Lawyer Helped Him Out.

to be sure of what you had, for fear that the coming year you would be given another chance. You are no longer my servant. Get these and dig mud on the streets or chew kum; I'll have none of ye."

Some of the Old Landmarks. Had a man left the License Court one year ago and not returned to Pittsburgh yesterday, and then drop into the same court, he would have sworn that he dreamed the year away. The same crew was on deck when the doors were thrown open at 9:30, and the same men struggled vigorously for a "front seat" to lean against the rail and listen to Judge White fire harshness at the

There was another familiar old landmark. Attorney B. C. Christy, and some go so far as to suggest that the initials of his name only indicates his antiquity. Mr. Christy says he represents no one, but is attending court for purely patriotic motives and his



Looking Up the List.

own gratification. He has the liquor business down to a T. Every old establishment is known by him as well as by any other body in the city. In fact, if Mr. Christy was inclined to over-indulge, he would certainly know where to find the saloon paragon of rock and rye. For a long time he has had before him a sectional map of the city, showing the location of every saloon and former saloon. He also seemed to know personally everybody inclined to run speak-easies.

He had the order of business in the following words: "There are nearly 2,000 cases to be heard; to get through in six weeks we must average 75 per day; the order of proceedings will be as follows: First the applicant will be examined by the Court, then the applicant or his attorney may be heard; then the respondent; then the applicant may reply; then two or three witnesses may be heard as to matters in dispute; the opponent can state his objection briefly, to which the applicant may reply. This, I think, will facilitate business. No case should have more than five minutes. The list will be heard at public tables."

Chief Formula of the Dialogue. And then the regular grind began, a gist that has been ground and reground for years. If a man is a new applicant his antecedents must be inquired into, and if his grandfather went to jail his goose is cooked. If it is an application for a renewal, the following is about the dialogue: Q. Have you obeyed the law during the year? A. Yes, sir.

Q. Is there any drunkenness about your place? A. No, sir. Q. Do you think you could continue to keep the law and prevent man getting drunk in your restaurant? [not saloon.] A. Yes, sir.

If any unhappy applicant is not well drilled in his lines and so far forgets his cue he is asked to repeat it. "You have done your duty decently and honorably. You obeyed the law and made right use of your talents. Therefore, you shall for another year be licensed to deal out grog and other unrighteous drinks in righteous quantities (and qualities) to your neighbors."

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One of Mr. Christy's Objections. as to acknowledge that one man was given drink by bartender after he was in the third stage of intoxication the hopeful lawyer who is acting as support on the "may if you get the license" plan, immediately puts down the work on the side of his judge. It doesn't very often occur, however.

A Good Day's Business Done. All previous records of speedy business were broken yesterday. On the first day of the License Court of 1890 66 cases were disposed of in 6 hours and 30 minutes. Yesterday two wards, the First and Second, were disposed of. There were 79 applicants and only 1 withdrew without application. That work was finished between the hours of 9:30 and 1:30 and 4:30, in all not more than 6 hours. This is remarkably good time. The judges expect to go through the work at the rate of 75 cases daily.

The man who withdrew yesterday was Thomas J. McGilte, who wanted a license at 74 Third avenue. A remonstrance was lodged against him, and he decided to let the whole thing pass.

THE FORENOON'S WORK.

Grocers, Butchers and Bartenders Anxious to Become Full-Fledged Keepers of Saloons—A Notary's Mistake Causes Trouble—Minor Son Behind the Bar. At 9:45 the name of Joseph A. Aland was called as the first to appear and tell why he should be granted a license at Nos. 113 and 115 Ferry street. He keeps a grocery store and restaurant and formerly kept a saloon. He acknowledged to having been prosecuted for keeping a disorderly house several years ago. He was sent to the workhouse on that charge. To Judge White's question as to his reformation he replied that it was complete.

The second man was Jacob Becker, who wants a license at No. 26 Fourth avenue. He was refused two years in succession, and has been keeping an eating house. He serves 20 breakfasts, as many suppers and a large number of dinners. On market days his place is visited by a great many of the market.

"You are too far from the market," said Judge White. "I am between two stables where markets are put up their horses," said the applicant. "and people stop in my place for dinner." Attorney B. C. Christy immediately sprang into the arena and stated that the applicant was dismissed from the stand in 1888 for evading questions regarding receipts. He answered all right yesterday, and said that his receipts at present are \$15 daily.

The Duties of a Saloon Keeper. Samuel C. Boley, whose hotel is located in the Diamond, wants his license renewed. When asked if he had obeyed the law he replied that as far as he knew, yes. "It is your business to know," remarked the judge.

"I stay it night and day," replied the applicant. Mr. Christy wanted to know about billiard tables, but was informed that none were in the house.

Nos. 27 and 28 Water street is where Matthew Cavanaugh would like to open a bar. He didn't open last year because he was refused. Mrs. Joyce owns the property. Applicant was asked if he was in possession on the 1st of April for three years.

Patrick J. Cool, a brass worker, wants a license for an eight-room house at No. 422 Biddle avenue, now occupied by Mrs. Biddle. He had a license with a young man several years ago. Last year he was refused. His barroom would be 15x15 and dining room 20x15. He was taken possession on the 1st of April for three years.

He Was Caught in a Club. Christy—This man was refused license last year for 227 Penn avenue, and it is alleged that he sold liquor illegally. Cool—In the fall of 1889 a club was located in that place, and a lot of them were "pooled." I was arrested, but no one ever appeared against me. Letters were offered from his employers, but Judge White said time was too valuable to be taken up in reading them. He laid them aside.

Thomas Delaney acknowledged to having been refused two years and was asked why he thought he should have a license renewed. "I have been keeping a hotel two years and it has not been very profitable. No complaint has been lodged against me."

Mr. Christy wanted to know if he was a partner with Reinebach, which was answered in the negative. Cool—The market and Fourth avenue was refused last year, but doesn't know why. During the past year he has kept hotel and been making repairs, including a good barroom. He has about 40 transient customers daily. In the last year he was only liquor in the house was a case of beer in July, which was drunk by himself and some visitors from "up home."

dining room. My daily business amounts to about \$40. Judge Magge—What was your bar business last year? Applicant—About \$30,000.

Judge Magge—Then that was your principal business? There were complaints that large crowds visited your place. Applicant—That worried no one else worse than it did me. I had a policeman at the corner to keep the people away. Judge Magge—You were alleged to have had more rough people visited that bar than any other.

Mr. Christy says that E. K. Porter in the Diamond ran a saloon for years. He was formerly owned by Gottman Brothers. Applicant replied that he had leased Porter the money and was merely getting it back.

A Butcher Wants a License. Louis Eisenberg wants a place at No. 1 Union street. He was two years in George Reinebach's employ. For the last year he has been a butcher. Mrs. Wolfe lives there now and was refused a license last year, but the applicant says he didn't know it. He rented the house on the ground of getting a license. Mr. Christy stated, however, that the landlord refuses to give him a lease whether he secures a license or not.

Attorney McCutcheon spoke for the young man, who is a professional cook and has had experience in Reinebach's employ. He is a good man for the business. George S. Fallon wants to keep a saloon and restaurant at Nos. 13 and 15 Penn avenue, where he applied last year, but was refused. Why he doesn't know. Mr. Cadley lives there now and applicant says he has heard rumors of his keeping a speak-easy.

Mr. Christy's objection to this man is that he rents this house to Mr. Cadley and runs a speak-easy. Applicant—The owner rents the house to the woman. I have nothing to do with it. D. J. Uhlendorf and T. J. Dalry Jr., two young men, came up smiling for a license at 46 and 48 Fourth avenue. The former has been traveling and the latter has been in the grocery business with his father. They have a lease for three years, paying \$2,000 for three buildings. One part is rented out to tenants. They want to keep a saloon and restaurant. Mr. Davis produced numerous letters from business men recommending applicants. William Laird, boots and shoes, and T. J. Jenkins, wholesale grocer, were among the number.

Wants Wholesale or Retail. Oswald Heckman is a portly German who applied for wholesale and retail last year and got the former. Judge White—You sold principally in bottles and jugs. Applicant—I sold by the wholesale in bottles and jugs. Judge White—Why do you ask for a retail license? Applicant—The place is fitted for retail.

Mr. Christy—What United States license have you? Applicant—I had a license to sell by the half gallon from May to January and then I got a wholesale license. Mr. Christy (sotto voce)—I guess there's no mistake in this case. Evidence was offered that he had refused people drinks.

Harry Heck has had a license at 27 and 28 Diamond Square ever since the Brooks law has been in force. He was questioned as to his accommodations, and he furnishes, he says, from 200 to 300 meals daily. He has 25 furnished rooms. William H. Jacoby's place is at No. 7 Union street, and he does not want to quit the business. His restaurant supplies about 280 meals daily.

Called Him a Hundred-Dollar Fellow. No. 27 Penn avenue is where John Kiny would like to keep a saloon and restaurant. He was refused last year, for what reason he does not know. He is employed by Booth & Flint. The place had a saloon in it up to 1888. Judge White—What do you propose to do? Applicant—Run a saloon and, if the law requires it, a restaurant. Mr. Christy—This man has applied three

times, and has called it a Cafe. He runs the Brooks law was one of the \$100 fellows. Applicant—I was not a "hundred-dollar fellow" and did not apply three times. Mr. Christy—It was then some other man's name. Applicant—There are lots of Kings in town. Peter Kolbecker is a little old German who keeps a saloon and restaurant at 35 Diamond square and wants to continue in the business. He serves meals to 50 people daily. Mr. Christy—This man closes at 12 o'clock and opens pretty soon thereafter. Kolbecker—Close at 10 and open at 5 o'clock on the morning.

Mr. Christy—His application says he lives in First ward, Pittsburgh, and has lived there 40 years. Mr. Kolbecker replied that he had lived in Allegheny that long. His application was drawn up by John Redman, notary public, and was signed without reading it. Judge White proceeded to deliver a lecture on the refusal of swearing to an affidavit without reading it, and said: "If applicants go to notaries public there is sure to be some mistake. That'll do."

Peter King, a native of Ireland, sells cigars and "soft stuff" at 25 Penn avenue, and wants to sell "stiff stuff." He answered the usual questions. He had applied before. Martin Logan has a saloon at the Point, Nos. 8, 10 and 12 Penn avenue, in which he employs three bartenders. He is not well drilled in the law, but he is not inclined to throw them out of work. He has a dining-room 32x13, and his bar is 30x24. C. C. Dickey supported him while he was being examined. The applicant owns the property and other real estate to the amount of \$30,000 and \$40,000.

Frank Larkin and John Heck both claimed to have been in possession of the same place at 34 Diamond Square last year, and both were refused. They liked it so well that they wanted to continue. They stood examination like veterans. A Man Who Ought to Be Married. The place where William Maxwell, at present a policeman, wants to open a place to get something to eat and drink, is at the corner of Water and Market streets. He is not married, though a handsome young Irishman, which somewhat surprised His Honor, Judge White. He says he will hire help. A man named Porter applied for there last year. Assistant Districts Attorney Martin says Maxwell is a good man for the place, as it has been open the last two years and he knows all the rough characters.

Marx Bros., John A. and Charles C., want a license at 305 and 310 Market street. The place has been run by Charles as a bakery and a lunch room for five years, and his brother has been in the cigar business on Penn avenue. They want to increase their restaurant, and think they can do it better with a license. "You mean you can make more money that way," remarked Judge White, and it was all over.

Mr. Christy—I personally examined this place, and found it about as ram-shackled a place as I ever struck. The applicants say it is to be fixed up with new millinery. A Minor Behind the Bar. Thomas Nuttridge, at No. 22 Diamond, keeps three bartenders at work, including a minor son, who recently returned from college. The judge gave a short lecture on the evils of having a minor son exposed to the temptations of liquor. "He don't know the taste of it," replied Nuttridge. He then told of the amount of business done, the biggest portion of which, he said, is selling liquor. Mr. Christy wanted to know if women do frequent the place. Applicant replied that about once a week a woman got a drink in the dining room. John Nee, after wearing left handed, the one he had in this story. He had a saloon in 1889, and was refused in 1890, which the judge said looks bad. He now wants a license at the corner of Penn avenue and Second street. Mr. Christy asked if he had not been in the hospital within the past two years on account of over-indulgence in drink. He replied that he had not been in the hospital for five years and suggested that Mr. Christy was mistaken, but he thought not.

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Closing Up the First Ward. John M. White was the last man from the First ward to get a license. He was refused from Carson at 88 and 90 Third avenue, and wants it renewed. He formerly kept the Vienna restaurant, 34 Smithfield street. He paid \$25,000 for the furniture in 24 rooms, bar fixtures, kitchen and dining room furniture and about \$1,000 worth of liquor, and a two-year lease. Judge White—How much did you figure the license at? Mr. White—I bought it in bulk and can't estimate the cost of license. Anderson & Rowan appeared in double team for a license for the Hotel Central. Judge White told a story about how he was passing there one night two years ago when a man was pushed out so drunk he fell. Mr. Rowan replied that he remembered the circumstances. The man went in drunk, he said, and was led to the door by the porter, and then fell out. Arnold S. Munz and Thomas F. Gazzolo claimed the lease for 116 Smithfield street, corner of Second avenue. 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