

CHRISTMAS APPEAR

Again in His Favorite Role in the License Court Lottery This Term.

COMES IN AT THE FINISH

With Almost 500 Remonstrances Against the Applicants.

BOTH CITIES ARE WELL COVERED.

Hesser, McClure and Price Also Take a Whirl at the Game.

CLERKS OVERBURDENED BY THE WORK

The last day for filing license papers was a busy one at the Clerk of Court's office. Remonstrances, and commendatory petitions to offset them, kept rolling in all day, and besides those filing them there was a crowd present composed of saloonkeepers and their attorneys anxious to learn if any of the dreaded documents were entered against them.

Mr. Christy filed a few early in the day against Harrison township parties. When doing so he asked Clerk of Courts McGinnigle to keep his office open late night, as he had a large number of others to file. Mr. McGinnigle and his assistant, George Treusch, remained at the office until 9 o'clock last night and were about to leave, when Mr. Christy entered with a bundle of 450 remonstrances.

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Many Personal Letters Filed. Some of the remonstrances filed yesterday make interesting reading. As on the previous day a number of personal letters to the court were filed with the other papers and in one of two of them some important information is imparted. The impression about the Court House is that no matter how liberal may be the intentions of the Court, the prints made by many of the remonstrants will certainly have their effect.

Joseph Stolzer's sister, in a letter to the court, asks that she be refused a license in the Twelfth ward. She says she is an immoral man and unfit to have a license. In 1890 she says she married a man who was a fatherless and in spite of entreaties of the family kept her there until 1898, compelling his sister to leave, so that she has no home today, because she refuses to return to his home he has circulated stories damaging to her character.

Benjamin Barsh ofaddock, writes an old letter remonstrating against Louis Anshel. He says Anshel is the meanest man in the town. He is not a practitioner of medicine in the place, and it is claimed that persons wanting drink would get it from Anshel's ward without paying a license. Anshel is said to have a large stock of liquor in his place, and he is said to have a large stock of liquor in his place, and he is said to have a large stock of liquor in his place.

Knockville wants to Re-open Dry. A general remonstrance against any license being granted in Knoxville borough is signed by 40 persons, who claim that it is not desired to have any saloons, they never have had any, the place is purely one of residence, and it is not a practical proposition to have saloons in the borough, which has no police protection, and the saloons would be a source of trouble to the borough.

Bradnock's Keepers Given a Whirl. There are 21 signers against W. E. Lawrence of Bradnock, who has a saloon in Bradnock township, the reason given is that the township is a prohibitory district and the applicant being on the line between it and the borough would practically nullify the restriction.

MONUMENTS AGAINST THEM.

The reasons are that they are unnecessary and the township would be better off without a saloon. One of the papers against each applicant is signed by a child, and in many cases others are signed by about 100 citizens against each applicant.

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McClure filed others against Henry Hoesel, Michael Devins and Fred Goldstrom, of Forward township, each having 27 signers and each giving as reasons that the place is unnecessary. In the objections filed against George McDermott, North Versailles, the reasons given are that he has no lease on the proposed tavern, which is located at the railroad station on the opposite side from the population of the town of Fort Perry, and would therefore be a nuisance to the township.

Some Other Remonstrances. George L. Jones, Washington street, First ward, Bradnock; reasons, not necessary, neither house nor applicant in the township, the location very undesirable; 43 signers. Fred Felek, Snowden station, Baltimore and Ohio Railroad; reasons, not necessary, not a fit person; building located within 200 feet of the schoolhouse; 20 signers.

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The Officer Refuses to Appear Without an Attorney—Charges Said to Be Drunkenness and Neglect of Duty—Lively War of Words.

The case of Police Captain Bell, who was suspended from the Allegheny force on Monday night last, was heard by Chief Murphy, of the Department of Public Safety, about noon yesterday. When Captain Bell was suspended no reason was assigned by Superintendent Muth. When the Captain reported for a hearing at 11 o'clock yesterday he was accompanied by K. T. Mead, his attorney. Chief Murphy ordered all those not interested in the case to leave the room.

Attorney Mead at first refused to appear, but he was present to look after his client, that no charges had been made against the officer and that the public had a right to know how the case was disposed of. The chief forced him out of the place, however. All the reporters were also compelled to leave. Captain Bell was then called, and to him Chief Murphy said:

"You ain't a bit better than any other officer who was ever given a hearing, and if you want a hearing I will give it to you, but I will not allow you or any other set of broken-down politicians to come here and try to run my department. I am chief of this force, and I am going to run it the way I suit myself, and I don't intend allowing you or any other person to interfere."

In reply Captain Bell said: "I don't know what the charges are against me, and consequently I did not know who I should call to appear as witnesses in my behalf. I am willing to go on with the hearing, and I will prefer to make it a public one and allow the reporters and all others who desire to be present to attend." Captain Bell then agreed to go on with the hearing, provided the witnesses were sworn, but to this proposition Chief Murphy objected, and then Captain Bell refused to go into the hearing. Chief Murphy, however, went on with the hearing. The charge against Captain Bell was drunkenness and neglect of duty. Several police officers appeared as witnesses and at the conclusion Chief Murphy said he would formally dismiss Captain Bell from the force.

When Captain Bell was informed last night of the charges made against him he said: "Everybody in Allegheny knows that I never take a drink. I have never attempted to conceal this, but I defy any one to indicate a time or place when I was drunk or neglected my duty as a police officer. I have been especially careful since the reconstruction of the city and since I have understood that the drunkenness charged against me dates back to a time when Chief Murphy and myself were out together having a little sport. That is why Murphy refused to have a public hearing. He wanted to keep it secret, and he wanted to keep me out of it. He wanted to keep me out of it. He wanted to keep me out of it."

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