

SMILE AT McCROY.

Attorneys Amused at His Attack on the Legal Profession and

Pronounce Him a Bigot.

Supreme Justice Clark Did Not Agree With the Clergyman.

GOODLAWYERS TRY TO BE HONEST.

Their Indecor Is to Secure Justice for Their Clients.

LIVING UP TO THE CONSTITUTION.

From criticizing Sunday newspapers the Rev. J. T. McCroy has turned to roasting lawyers about receiving contingent fees and the part they play in acting as attorneys for license applicants.

It was at the weekly meeting yesterday, of the United Presbyterian ministers on Ninth street, and the subject under discussion was "How far will Christian ethics permit a lawyer to go in defending a criminal, or supporting an un-Christian cause?"

Mr. McCroy had been selected to open the debate, and he came loaded with a paper on the subject, which he read. He started out by quoting the late Chief Justice Sharswood, who said that the responsibilities of a lawyer, legal and moral, arise from his relation to the court, to his professional brethren and to his client.

To this Mr. McCroy files the exception that the Chief Justice has left out the lawyers' responsibility to the Supreme Court. Then he jumped to the character of the laws and the legislation to be administered. "May there not be a law," he asked, "which may be of such a character that the Christian man could not assist in putting it into operation. It is reasonable to hold that a lawyer has no right to go into court as a Christian, but as a lawyer who is to carry on an un-Christian business, or one that is inimical to the best interests of society."

General Denunciation of Liquor Laws. Mr. McCroy rapped the license laws, and claimed according to all evangelical denominations they are anti-Christian and immoral. The Methodist Church says all liquor laws are vicious in principle and powerless in practice. The liquor traffic can never be legalized without sin. The lawyer who appears for a license applicant is putting anti-Christian laws into operation. The man who takes the license keeps a petition is disciplined by the church; why shouldn't the lawyer receive the same treatment who makes a plea for him?

Next he condemned the practice of taking contingent fees, and said it had scarcely a voice in its defense. He claimed many lawyers were paid \$50 as a preliminary fee by saloon men, and then if the applicant was successful they received more. He read a newspaper clipping in which such lawyers as John S. Robb, W. J. Brennan, C. F. McKeene, Joseph A. Howard, Montoith Bros., A. H. Howard, William McCutcheon and others were mentioned as reaping a harvest out of the license business.

On the subject of how far a lawyer should go in defending criminals, he said it is agreed among them that the attorney should fight to a finish, even if he is convinced his client is guilty. He concluded by saying that with his present conscience he wouldn't make a good criminal lawyer.

All the ministers present, with the exception of Rev. Mr. Wilson, of Mt. Pleasant, agreed with McCroy's views. Mr. Wilson answered the argument with the objection that Mr. McCroy makes the lawyer the judge, thereby denying a man the right of trial by jury.

When the speech was brought to the attention of members of the bar the majority regarded it as too frivolous to answer. A few expressed their disapproval, but with most of them the paper made their sides ache with laughter. A. M. Brown, as one of the oldest and foremost lawyers at the Allegheny county bar, was sought out for his opinion. "I saw how you do you newspaper men pay any attention to a man like McCroy?" he began. "Such men and their foolish talk are self-inflicted wounds. I have seen the judge's eyes and ears and commended to read the article. He soon came to the criticism on Justice Sharswood.

"But, but," remarked impatiently, "I knew Sharswood and he was a fine Christian character, a member of the Presbyterian Church, I believe. Why this is nothing but a religious hostility; the man of the highest and greatest man on a subject about which he knows nothing. I haven't any patience with such preachers. And as for his accusation that lawyers defend criminals because they know to be guilty, that is not true."

A Fair Trial for Every Man. A man is not a criminal until he is convicted after a fair trial. How is a lawyer to know that his client is guilty? He may have his suspicions, but he has no reason why he should abandon the case. I am not a criminal lawyer, but occasionally go into that court to defend prisoners. I have known the murderer of a man in my time. In two of them the fact of the killing was not denied, but the men were acquitted. They had not committed murder in the legal sense. I don't believe a lawyer will defend a man that he thinks is guilty. I have often seen attorneys throw up a case in court and admit they had been deceived. They were satisfied their client was guilty. They were satisfied their client was guilty. They were satisfied their client was guilty.

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LAIID UP ON THE SHELF.

Allegheny Police Magistrates Get a Black Eye—The Matter of District Attorney Clarence Burleigh's Proposed—Think They Will Get Too Much.

Allegheny prospective police magistrates were again laid on the shelf last night. The sub-finance committee in charge of dividing the city into police districts and fixing the salaries of police magistrates met last night. Charles Simon presented a plan of division to make the First district comprise the First four wards and fixing the salary at \$1,200 a year. The Twelfth and the proposed Fourteenth wards (Spring Garden borough) were to comprise the Second district, the salary to be \$100; the Tenth and Eleventh wards to be the Third district and the salary to be \$100; the Fifth, Sixth and Ninth wards to comprise the Fourth district and the salary to be \$800, and the Seventh, Eighth and Thirteenth wards to be the Fifth district and the salary to be \$800. The total amount for salaries would be \$3,000.

Mr. Henderson objected to the outlay of so much money. He said that in 1919 he only received \$2,000 per year and attended to all these matters. Now the Mayor requires \$4,500, and it was proposed to tack on an extra \$3,000 for work which he could do.

Mr. Simon's proposition was voted down, and Mr. Nesbit offered a resolution that Police Magistrates were not necessary, and that the question of locating police districts should be left until such time as the city was divided into new wards. This was first adopted and afterward ruled out of order on the grounds that the committee had nothing to do with the appointment of Police Magistrates. A resolution was finally adopted laying the whole matter over for the present.

YOU CAN LICENSE YOUR DOG NOW.

License Plates Can Be Had at All Police Stations To-Day.

If you have a dog you can now get a license plate that will carry him safely past the dog catchers on May 1, 1922, provided some other fellow has the dog on the plate or the dog in the meantime. Chief Brown yesterday ordered license plates to do with the appointment of Police Magistrates. A resolution was finally adopted laying the whole matter over for the present.

Richardson Cut Five Times.

Burnett Uses a Knife Freely in an Allegheny Footroom.

William Richardson, colored, 38 years old, was arrested in the side and back of the head by William Burnett, who is also colored, in an Allegheny poolroom, about 10:30 last night. The poolroom is owned by Jerry Keys, and is located on South Diamond street. At the time of the row the proprietor was away, and young Richardson was running things for him. Burnett was somewhat intoxicated, and refused to pay for the game and a row followed.

During the scuffle Burnett is alleged to have pulled out a pocket knife and stabbed Richardson five times, twice in the left side and three times in the back. Officer Cavitt took the parties to the police station, where Richardson's cuts are not considered serious. Burnett lives in Allegheny and Richardson lives on Arthur street, on this side of the river.

A NEW NATIONAL BANK.

Wilkinsburg Acquiring All the Airst Belonging to a Metropolitan.

The new Wilkinsburg First National Bank will open for business for the first time tomorrow morning. The officers are as follows: President, A. W. Duff; Vice President, T. D. Turner; Cashier, P. J. Pierce; Directors, J. Weinman, W. T. Mitchell, W. C. Lyne and Mrs. H. S. Pershing and J. E. Rigg. There will be a meeting of the board of directors at 8 o'clock. The need of a bank has been long felt in Wilkinsburg, and there is general satisfaction over the establishment of the new institution. The gentlemen connected with it are all representative citizens of Wilkinsburg.

GAMBLE WEIR'S MEMORIAL.

A Testimonial to Relatives From His Associates and Friends.

A beautiful memorial of the late Superintendent of Police Gamble Weir has been completed and will be presented to the relatives as a token of the esteem in which he was held by his newspaper friends and his associate police officials. The memorial is a handsomely engraved copy of the resolutions adopted at the time of the Superintendent's death, bound in heavy brown Russia leather covers in album form, and encased in a substantial plush basket. As Attorney Scott S. Gordon appeared for the committee, the memorial will be presented to County Commissioner Weir.

Prominent Men to Be Present.

The quarterly session of the Grand Division of the Sons of Temperance will be held in Carr University Hall, to-morrow afternoon and evening. A number of prominent persons will be present as delegates. Among them are General Robert B. Beath, Rev. W. G. Best, John Shallers, John H. Mason, W. M. Shelly, John B. Walters, M. M. Everson, W. A. Galt, General Louis Wagner, Wm. McConach and H. M. Padden. After the evening session the Golden Circle Division will give a banquet to the Grand Division at the same hall, corner Second avenue and Grant street.

An East End Man's Wife Elopes.

The wife of James Vale, Superintendent of the East End Gas Company, has eloped with George Baker, a former employe of the company, and a boarder at Vale's house, who had been confined in the city for several days. The woman is now living in a house furnished with furniture bought in this city at Vale's expense. She took two of their children with her, but has returned them to Vale. Vale declares he is done with her forever.

Money for Their Church.

The members of the Central Baptist Church, colored, held a well attended meeting Sunday afternoon at Penn Incline Hall. The Rev. Mr. Pryor, pastor, presiding. About \$435 was raised to assist in paying for their new church which is being erected on Lawson street near Wylie avenue.

Preparing to Cope With the Exchange.

At the mass meeting of the Building Trades to-night, the position held by labor organizations in the present struggle will be discussed. The meeting will be held at the Builders Exchange, facts and figures will be presented to show just where the trouble lies.

A DRAW TO A BOB-TAIL.

Citizens of Millvale Hope Luck Will Stay on Their Side.

WORKING WITH THE COUNCILMEN.

One of Them is Wavering and May Be Won Over to the P. A. & M.

BURGESS REED'S PICKWICKIAN REMARK.

Diplomacy has taken the place of rioting in the Millvale street railway agitation. It had been intended to hold an indignation meeting in the First ward last night, but better judgment prevailed. The outcome was that a committee of some 30 influential First ward citizens waited on their Councilmen last night, and tried to get a promise from them that they would come around in favor of the Pittsburgh, Allegheny and Manchester ordinance.

The caucus lasted for several hours, and the proceedings throughout were private. After the meeting over a Dispatch reporter saw C. L. Walters, but that gentleman refused to give up, claiming the matter was not of public interest. A man was found later who knew how matters stood. "The First ward Councilmen," said he, "are still with the bob-tail line. The committee reasoned with them for over two hours, but to no avail. They both say they will stand by their statements made at the special Council meeting of April 18. Then they said they would vote for the passage of the Pittsburgh, Allegheny and Manchester ordinance. They both say they will stick to this for at least 60 days."

Still With the Bob-Tail.

"The idea in this is to hold back the passage of the ordinance with the hope that enough prestige can be brought to bear to finally win out for the 'Bob-tail' line. This leaves the matter in a rather peculiar position, possibly. There was some very diplomatic maneuvering done yesterday, the result of which is yet to be known. A Third ward Councilman was approached by some prominent citizens. He admitted there was little for him to do, but he stepped into line after the victorious manner in which his constituents denounced his action at their meeting Saturday night. It is thought he will be with the citizens in a day or two. The committee is expected to see the Third ward Councilmen, who probably will fulfill its mission to-morrow. The members of the committee feel rather confident they can show their Councilmen where the money is going."

Monday night is the time for the regular Council meeting. The ordinance may pass second reading then. This depends on what will be done with the Third ward Councilmen. If one man joins the popular side before that time, the ordinance can be voted on successfully. The ordinance would then have three Councilmen for it and three against it.

Burgess Reed With the Peop.

"It is a well-known fact that Burgess Reed is with the popular side, and he would decide a vote in favor of the Pittsburgh, Allegheny and Manchester ordinance. Reed is one of the Councilmen in the First and Third wards change their views before they go to Council Monday night, there will be no effort made to bring the matter up, so I am told. I got an inkling to-night of the citizens were not going to back to see what would be accomplished in the Monday meeting. If the four men still want to hold out against the ordinance, another plan will be adopted. The citizens of the whole Third ward will hold a mass meeting some time during next week, and there is little doubt that the resignation of all four Councilmen will be demanded."

"It is one thing to resign, but it has been noticed and appreciated by the people of the town. Ever since the four councilmen showed a disposition to oppose the Pittsburgh, Allegheny and Manchester ordinance the officials have stayed away from Millvale and have let the people decide the question."

THE DISPATCH yesterday gave Burgess Reed credit for pointing out the danger of the Millvale Councilmen had been bought by the "Bob-tail" line. Last night the Burgess was seen and he said: "I did not mean the Councilmen received money or a valuable consideration from the 'Bob-tail' company, but my remarks were meant in a Pickwickian sense."

STEAM VS. ELECTRICITY.

The P. V. & C. Asks for an Injunction Upon the Suburban.

An argument was heard before Judge Stove yesterday in the case of the Pittsburgh, Virginia and Charleston Railroad Company against the Suburban Rapid Transit Company. The argument was on a motion for a preliminary injunction to restrain the defendant company from laying its tracks for a crossing at grade over the plaintiff's street at the junction of South Eighteenth street and Brownsville turnpike roads. Attorney Scott S. Gordon appeared for the plaintiff and Hays & Noble for the defendant. A decision was reserved.

Work Commenced on the Extension.

Men were yesterday put to work on the California avenue extension of the Pleasant Valley road. Tracks will once be laid to Jack's Run. A bridge will here be built to carry the cars into Bellevue. Work will begin on this during the week.

Not Enough Orders.

The Sligo mill in the West End has shut down temporarily. About 200 men are idle. The cause is due to lack of work.

In Memoriam.

FOURTH NATIONAL BANK. At a meeting of the Directors of the Fourth National Bank, held this day, the following "minutes" were read: It is our melancholy duty to record the death of Mr. John M. Horner, a member of the board of directors of this bank, who died at his residence in the city of Allegheny on the 23rd inst., in his 79th year. Mr. Horner was elected a member of the First Board of Directors of this bank May 6, 1884, and served until 1888. He held the same office until 1897, and until his death. He was Vice President from 1897 until 1922, and from 1887 until his death. He was President from 1887 until his death. He was a Director, and seven years of that time was its Vice President. He was conscientious in the discharge of the duties which these positions imposed upon him, and until recently attended regularly at the meetings of the board. His judgment was generally correct and his knowledge of men in business made his presence valuable in our deliberations. He was a wise counselor and a good man, and our associations with him will be pleasantly remembered. S. D. HANSON, JR., Cashier.

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ONE MINISTER'S VIEWS.

He Thinks People Should Only Go to Church to Worship.

A gentleman, prominent in church work and well known as a professing Christian, said yesterday: "I went to one of the principal downtown churches on Sunday and noticed in the congregation, sitting near the pulpit, two gentlemen, one of whom I know to be a business man in good standing and a constant attendant at church, although not a member. This was the first time I had ever seen him in this particular church. At the end of the sermon, the minister said: 'I should like all those in the church who are Christians to stand up.' Nearly the whole congregation, except these two gentlemen arose to their feet. Then the minister said, 'Will all those who desire to be Christians, stand up?' Again everybody but the two strangers arose. Another request was put by the minister: 'Will all those who would like to be prayed for arise?' For the third time the congregation responded, with the exception of the two strangers."

"I do not know whether the minister was angered, but it looked as if he were, for looking straight at these gentlemen, he said: 'I see two strangers sitting just before me, who evidently do not care to take part in our service. I suppose they were passing, and just dropped in to hear what the minister had to say.' This was said in a very sneering tone, and had the natural effect of making the two gentlemen feel very uncomfortable. The proceeding may have been Christian, but it did not strike me so. I think that strangers should be welcomed in a church, and not made to feel as if they were unwelcome, simply because they did not care to stand up and make an exhibition of themselves."

Murphy Does Not Want a Water Tower.

Chief Murphy arrived home from Philadelphia and the passage of the Pittsburgh, Allegheny and Manchester ordinance, where he had been with Chief Coates, of the Pittsburgh Fire Department, inspecting the water towers and other fire apparatus. Chief Murphy says there would be no need of a water tower in Allegheny.

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