

## ATTEMPT TO DRIVE OUT THE SALOONS

Chicago Prohibitionists Propose to Make It an Issue At April Election.

READY FOR THE COMBAT

NO-LICENSE LEAGUE CIRCULATES A PETITION TO HAVE THE QUESTION PLACED ON THE MUNICIPAL BALLOT.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 26.—"Wets" and "drys" are preparing to fight it out at the polls next April over the question of whether the saloons shall be banished from Chicago.

Petitions to have the proposition submitted to the voters at the aldermanic elections are being circulated under the direction of the No-License League, an organization which sprang into existence a year ago during the Sunday closing agitation. About 80,000 signatures of legal voters are required, the local option law providing that the petitions shall contain at least one-fourth as many names as there were votes cast in the last election, and from the success met by the first canvassers who went in quest of autographs the "drys" expect to have their task finished before the end of January. The last day for filing the petition with the election board is February 25, or sixty days before the election, April 6.

Both Sides Ready for Fray. For months past the "drys" have been organizing for the fray, while the "wets" have been quite as diligent. This time the anti-saloon forces declare their intention of profiting by the experience of the big political parties and of shaping their organization on the lines followed by the Republican and Democratic county central committees. Chicago is to be organized by precincts, the smallest political subdivision being taken as the basis for houses to house canvassers and personal appeals to the voters.

The next step higher in the plan of organization is the ward club, to be composed of the precinct officers, and still higher there is to be a controlling committee to consist of two or three delegates from each ward club and to have control of the campaign.

Within the next week or two the circulators of the petitions expect that a general banding together will be brought about between all the leagues and societies in the city having kindred aims with the no-license men. The Chicago Law and Order League is taking active part in the work of getting the petitions signed. It is closely affiliated with the No-License League, and in fact is considered the parent of the later.

"Wets" Well Organized. The Prohibition party, of course, is in the movement. So is the Anti-Saloon League. They have been hammering away since the agitation a year ago, when the "wets" tried to get upon the little ballot the question whether Sunday closing should be observed in Chicago. The issue did not come to a vote last spring, but throughout the year both sides have understood that an effort would be made to get the no-license question on the little ballots next spring. Hence both camps have been industriously getting ready for the fracas for over a year, so that the struggle when it does come will be one of the most tremendous that ever enlivened a day at the Chicago polls.

The issue will be concise and clear-cut, the form which the question will take being stated in the petition which reads:

"To the Election Commissioners of the City of Chicago:—The undersigned, residents and legal voters of the City of Chicago, respectfully petition that you cause to be submitted, in the manner provided by law, to the voters thereof at the next election the proposition:—

"Shall this city become anti-saloon territory?" For some time it was debated as to whether the judicial election in June would not afford a better opportunity for a vote on the saloon question than the aldermanic elections. This question was settled only a week or two ago in favor of the April polls, for the reason that the vote at that time will be larger than in the June elections, and because the leaders of the movement were against dragging a fight over the saloon into a judicial election which is held in June.

## DEWEY NOT WELL AT THE AGE OF 71

Birthday of Hero of Manila Bay, Saturday.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 26.—George Dewey, admiral of the United States navy, is 71 years old today. The admiral is not well. For some days he has been suffering from a severe cold and sciatica. There will be some visitors to the admiral's house today, all of whom will ask to see the little covered book. This diary was begun ten years ago, and under date of May 1, 1898, it contains the admiral's son's account of the battle of Manila.

Stones which are used by the lithographers all over the world in making colored pictures are found in a little district not more than four or five miles long by two or three broad near Nuremberg, in Germany. Quarrying has gone on there for more than a century.

## ATTRACTIONS AT LOCAL PLAY HOUSES.

### THE DEVIL UP TO DATE

AS PRODUCED IN  
Henry W. Savage's  
ONLY AUTHORIZED  
VERSION.



"The Devil." The Hungarian colony in New York, with its 100,000 people, was worked up to rare state of enthusiasm when Mr. Henry W. Savage presented his sole authorized production of "The Devil" in the metropolis. The play is by Franz Malnar, the first Hungarian writer to get a hearing in the new world, and the expatriates evidenced not only their appreciation of the play, but condemned in strongest terms the managerial interlopers who presented fake versions of "The Devil." The Hungarian papers, of which there are all told about a half dozen, enthusiastically supported Mr. Savage in his fight to maintain his rights as the only producer sanctioned by the author to present this remarkable play in America. At the Gennett January 1 to matinee and evening.

"A Woman of the West." The Rocky Mountains have an atmosphere all their own. There is a fascination about them which takes possession of the soul of all who live in or close to them. Once brought under this influence it is almost impossible for a person to again wholly divorce himself from it. He may leave the mountains for a time, but he is sure to return. The mountain charm grips and holds. The scenes of Father Vaughan's play, "A Woman of the West," are laid in the "Heart of the Rockies." In her production of the piece Annie Mack Berlein has invested it with a scenic dress which reproduces the fascinating mountain atmosphere. The miner's cabin, the old stage road, the mountain mission church, the interior workings of a gold mine are a few of the scenes which contribute to this effect. While in no sense depending upon its scenic effects for its great success like a beautiful girl, the charm of "A Woman of the West" is enhanced by correct and elegant dress. Gennett theatre December 30.

## HORSE THIEVES TO FIND HARDER TIMES

Organization of County Detective Association Now Under Contemplation.

WOULD PROVE A BENEFIT

WEBSTER TOWNSHIP HAS ORGANIZED AND ESTABLISHED PRECEDENT WHICH MAY BE ADOPTED BY COUNTY.

It is very probable that as the result of the organization of the farmers of Webster township into a protective association against horse thieves, the movement will become general in the county. Wayne is one of the few counties of the state that does not have a closely organized and very effective horse thief detective association. A few years ago a similar movement was put on foot but the plans for organization were not consummated. It was believed at the time by a number of the prominent farmers, who were asked to co-operate, that the police organizations in the cities and towns was sufficient to protect the property of the rural residents against theft. The thieves have grown in their daring, however, and their system has been perfected to such an extent that a county-wide movement is now being contemplated.

## Gomez Strikes Castro's Friends

Drastic Action Is Taken Against Revolutionary Outbreak in Venezuela—Prisoners Will Be Deported.

New York, Dec. 26.—A special cable dispatch to the Tribune from Port of Spain, Trinidad, says that passengers arriving that Acting President Gomez has taken drastic steps to suppress friends and supporters of Castro. In order to check any possible rebellion on behalf of the overthrow Executive Gomez, the dispatch says, is having every prominent sympathizer of Castro placed under arrest. The jails are

thus being filled to overflowing with political prisoners. The leading followers of Castro, it is said, will be deported as further precaution against a revolutionary outbreak. It is believed here that the energetic measures of the Gomez government will prevent any possibility of an uprising. All of the soldiers in the Venezuelan army who sympathize with Castro have been discharged and the ranks have been filled with supporters of Gomez.

One of the suggestions provides for the county organization with the Webster township society as a nucleus. The Webster organization has elected officers. With James B. Unthank as president, and Dewitt C. Jay, as secretary, it is believed Webster township can secure enough men upon call to run down any thief, who may be sufficiently daring as to attempt a repetition of the Crowe affair. At the present time the certain Mr. Thief, who departed with the horse and buggy of Mr. Crowe is a badly wanted man. The price of \$300 has been placed upon his head in case of conviction. Mr. Crowe offers \$100 of this amount for the recovery of his property and the organization of the township owners of live stock has hung up a purse of \$200 for the arrest and conviction of the thief.

Polio, Elwood vs. Richmond, Monday, Dec. 28.

## THEY WERE LOVERS FROM YOUTH

Pretty Hagerstown Romance Ends in Marriage.

An attachment that began five years ago, when the bride was but fifteen years old, culminated in the marriage in this city Wednesday, of Paul Lamar and Miss Maggie Petty, of near Hagerstown. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Morton Hobson. The Hagerstown Exponent says the young people are among the best known residents of that community, and a large circle of friends wish them success. After visiting in this city, Mr. and Mrs. Lamar went to Indianapolis and other points, after which they returned home. They will reside on a farm. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Miles Lamar and the bride the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Petty.

Enticing Lobsters to Death.

In the neighborhood of the Bermudas the sea is extremely transparent, so that the fishermen can readily see the horns of lobsters protruding from their hiding places in the rocks at considerable depths. To entice the crustaceans from these crannies they tie a lot of snails in a ball and dangle them in front of the cautious lobster. When he grabs the ball they haul him up.

Hogan—Do you believe in dreams, Mike? Dugan—Faith, an' I do! Last night I dreamed I was awake, an' in the mornin' me dream kem thrue.

## A MYSTERIOUS SHOT

Leads to Arrest of Prominent New Yorker After the Nurses' Charge.

GIVES A GENERAL DENIAL.

Chicago, Dec. 26.—Falkner Court Mason, 41 years old, who says he is president of the Victor Paint and Varnish Company of New York, was arrested early today following a mysterious shooting in his apartment on the fourth floor of the Stratford hotel.

Mason said he fired at a burglar, but the police believe the intruder to have been an imaginary one. He was locked up at the Harrison street station on a charge of shooting within the city limits and disorderly conduct.

The prisoner was held to the grand jury Thursday by Municipal Judge Mill in the Harrison police court on charges preferred by Ruth R. Lee, a trained nurse.

The man says he was not out of his room last evening, but the police say they have evidence of a taximeter cab ride. When Mason was arrested on the charge made by Miss Lee he said he was a victim of locomotor ataxia and said at times he was unaware of his actions.

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