

HIS RESIGNATION WAS FORCED.

AN EX-POLICEMAN WISHES TO GET INTO UNIFORM AGAIN.

A jury before Judge O'Brien in the Supreme Court yesterday decided, in mandamus proceedings brought by John W. Goodwin against the Police Commissioners to secure his reinstatement as a policeman, that Goodwin's resignation was not voluntarily made. The questions of law in the case will next go before the Special Term for trial.

Goodwin was a roundsman attached to the Fourth Precinct. Aug. 13, 1889, according to his story and that of his wife, being on sick leave, he drove with his wife from his house up town to the office of Dr. Nauman, in Second Avenue, near Twentieth Street, and after that to a place at Water and Dover Streets, where he got a parrot.

Soon after the parrot had been taken aboard, a little dog which was in the carriage attacked it, and got his claws tangled in the skirts of Mrs. Goodwin's dress. Goodwin gave the reins to his wife, and stooped down to disentangle the dog. Then the carriage ran against a truck and was overturned. Goodwin was severely shaken up, and Mrs. Goodwin was made unconscious.

Mrs. Goodwin was taken to the Fourth Precinct Station House and Goodwin followed. When he got there he was locked up, charged with being drunk, and he says that he was told that he would not get out unless he signed a resignation. Being anxious to see his wife, he signed, but as he was adding "under protest," Sergeant Magan snatched the paper away.

When the resignation was shown in court it was found that under Goodwin's signature an erasure had been made. Capt. Carpenter testified that it was made by his direction, because Goodwin had made a scrawl under his name out of which he could only make "o n."

L. J. Grant, Goodwin's counsel, urged that the Sergeant had forced the resignation from Goodwin, determined to break him.

JENKS IS SORRY, TOO.

BUT THERE IS NO SORROW IN THE HEARTS OF BROOKLYN TAXPAYERS.

Corporation Counsel Jenks returned to Brooklyn yesterday from his wedding trip and gave out a statement about the recent decision of the Court of Appeals in the water case.

He deplored the decision for the same reason as that advanced by Mayor Chapin, namely, that it would prove unfortunate and unprofitable for the dear public.

Then he added:

"I may say with all respect that I still entertain an opinion different from that of the court. I am not convinced by the reasoning which leads up to the conclusion of the court. As I read the statute the scheme is to allow the city to condemn within two years and to purchase at any time. This was fair to the city, because it did not put it at the outset at the mercy of the corporation, but gave it the alternative of condemnation. Yet it was but fair that the corporation should not live, or rather exist, under the perpetual threat of condemnation, and, therefore, that there should be a limit to the condemnation proceedings, namely, two years.

"The time for condemnation had passed by September, 1888; and yet I believe the time for purchase ran on indefinitely. I believe that the decision will not affect Mayor Chapin's political future in any way. Mayor Chapin, together with Controller Jackson and Auditor Rutan, decided that the purchase was a proper one for the city, and the reasons have never been refuted. The court has said that the officials have no legal power to make the purchase, that the time has gone by. I think that Mayor Chapin lets his political future take care of itself in the sense that he performs the duties of the present."

"FRENCHY" WAS THE MURDERER.

SO SAYS THE CORONER'S JURY IN THE CARRIE BROWN INQUEST.

The inquest in the case of Carrie Brown, alias "Shakespeare," who was murdered at the East River Hotel on the night of April 23, was concluded yesterday, and the jury, after fifteen minutes' deliberation, decided that the Algerian, Ameer Ben Ali, alias "Frenchy," was the slayer of the woman. Dr. Cyrus Edson of the Health Department, Housekeeper Mary Minter of the East River Hotel, Samuel Shine, the night bartender; Mary Ann Lopez, Alice Sullivan, Mary Harrington, and others related, under oath, the stories already told by them to the police and published in the newspapers, and their evidence was mainly to the effect that "Frenchy" was last seen in Carrie Brown's company, was a desperate character, and carried a knife like that found under her dead body.

Detective Sergeant John Connor of the Brooklyn Central Office squad testified that he arrested the prisoner Jan. 7 last for stealing \$182 worth of property from George Franke, 73 Hudson Avenue, Brooklyn. When searched at the station house a murderous knife was found on his person.

On the rendering of the verdict Ameer Ben Ali was committed to the Tombs for the action of the Grand Jury. A mob of 500 persons in front of the Coroner's office hooted and jeered as he was led from the building, and ran after the street car which conveyed him to prison.

REFORMERS IN THE TWENTY-FIRST.

The Twenty-first Assembly District organization of the People's Municipal League was organized last night at Madison Avenue and Fifty-ninth Street. L. C. Whiton acted as temporary Chairman, and the following officers were elected: President—J. Harsen Rhodes; Vice President—Meyer S. Isaacs; Secretary—Nelson S. Spencer; Treasurer—A. C. Bernheim; Executive Committee—J. Noble Hayes, Sylvester H. Kneeland, Lucien Oudin, Richard A. Zerega, and R. Fulton Cutting. Theodore Schmelling, in behalf of the General Executive Committee, announced that there were 500 names on the list of members in the district.

Gustav H. Schwab and Gustav Le Gros were among those present at the meeting. The Twenty-first District organization promises to be one of the most flourishing in the city. Many of the men who fought valiantly in the last campaign are members of it.

MUST EXPLAIN TO THE POLICE BOARD.

The action of Capt. Stephenson of the Leonard Street police station in refusing to obey the order of Chief Bonner to close West Broadway to the elevated trains Sunday night after the fire at F. H. Leggett & Co.'s building will come up for consideration to-day at the meeting of the Police Commissioners. Capt. Stephenson has submitted his report of the affair, giving his reasons for his action.

The disregard by the police of Chief Bonner's order followed immediately upon a short visit which Col. Hain made to the Leonard Street police station. Col. Hain's opinion as to the danger of the walls falling proved to be much more weighty with Capt. Stephenson than that of Chief Bonner. It is possible that the board will take a different view of the matter.

McMANUS GETS NO RELIEF.

Judge Knapp of the Hudson County courts (N. J.) decided yesterday that a dentist may pull the wrong tooth without laying himself liable to damages. The decision was reached in the case of Joseph McManus of Jersey City against Dentist E. F. Hanks. After one of Mr. Hanks's assistants had operated on Mr. McManus, the patient realized that the wrong molar had been drawn, and he instituted proceedings to recover \$1,000 damages.

It was shown that the tooth drawn was a defective one, and Judge Knapp charged the jurors that if it had been shown that the dentist used skill and care in his work, no right of action lay against him even if he had made a mistake.

The verdict was in the dentist's favor.