made that clean streets and alleys had been subordinated to the park and playground crusade.

"This attack is so contemptible that it hardly warrants a reply," said Ald. Beilfuss. "Any anonymous assault is cowardly, but one that seeks to bring religion into politics is doubly so, particularly when there is no basis for it. All I have to say is that I am proud of what I have been able to accomplish in adding to our small parks and playgrounds, and furthermore, I know the great mass of the people not only of my own ward but of the city appreciate it."

Watch for Fraud.

Extraordinary precautions have been taken by the board of election commissioners and County Judge John E. Owens to prevent fraud in the river wards. Fifty men have been detailed as special agents of the County court.

An official communication was sent to Chief of Police Gleason by the commissioners and Judge Owens during the afternoon urging him to issue special instructions to the police to preserve order and arrest all who seek to violate any part of the election law. Particular stress was laid on the suggestion that the chief also instruct his men detailed at polling places not to handle or count any ballots.

The charge following the election of a year ago that the bond issue then voted on had been "counted in" by the police prompted the board at the demand of Commissioner Czarnecki to ask the chief to see that a similar complaint would have no foundation this year. The chief sent special orders to all commanding officers in line with the board's request.

First Ward Detail Refused.

A suggestion that the special officers under command of Maj. Funkhouser be assigned to First ward polling places to pick out inmates and keepers of dives who might attempt to vote was not complied with. Word was sent back to the board that the men had been assigned to other wards before the suggestion was received.

Commissioner Czarnecki was not pleased with the reply from the chief's office and asserted he would demand that every protection be given the women watchers for Miss Marion H. Drake, opponent of Ald. "Bathhouse John" Coughlin. The board will have a special officer in each First ward precinct.

Fight Appointment of Girl.

Attorney Frank L. Childs, representing "Bathhouse John" Coughlin, protested against the appointment of Miss Viola Norman, an art student living at the Young Woman's Christian association, as a Democratic judge in the Eighth, the "toughest," precinct in the First ward. Miss Norman came to Chicago seven months ago from Tremont, Ill.

"This girl doesn't know whether she is a Democrat or a Presbyterian," said Childs. "The board would make itself ridiculous by appointing a mere country girl to such a position."

Commissioner Czarnecki suggested Mrs. Michael Kenna, wife of Ald. Kenna, be appointed. Miss Marion Drake said this would be satisfactory to her, but Attorney Childs said Mrs. Kenna would not serve. No decision was reached by the board.

In the Twentieth Ward.

Two squads of detectives are ordered to make swift moving tours of the Twentieth ward, while 100 other plain clothes men and patrolmen are to be on duty in that turbulent bailiwick.

Capt. James D. Storen, in command of the district, said he expected trouble and was prepared to meet it. Warnings were given to the men of his command that they would be stripped of star and uniform if they failed to do their duty. Just what their duty consists of may cause some of the bluecoats to worry.

Theer is no secret in city hall circles that the H.-H. administration is determined, if possible, to vanquish the Sullivan candidates, H. L. Fick and Matt Franz, and elect the "independent" H.-H. duo, Ald. Hugo L. Pitte and Assistant State's Attorney Abel B Kretske.

The board removed Meyer Verler, a Democratic judge in the Second precinct of the Twentieth ward, on complaint of the Sullivan candidates. Ald. Pitte said he would appeal to Judge Owens.

Mayor Revokes License.

Mayor Harrison personally took a hand in the Twentieth ward imbroglio in the afternoon when he revoked the license of Charles Vogel at 1440 South Halsted street, the saloon in which Pitte and Kretske and their followers clashed with Sullivanites Sunday night. The mayor said he acted on the report submitted by Capt. Storen to Chief Gleason. The report charged Vogel and his wife interfered with the police in their efforts to arrest the alleged assailants of John Scanlan, a member of the H.-H. crowd.

Public Offices to Close.

All offices in the county building and city hall will be closed today, except the police and election board. The offices of the board of education also will close, while sessions in all the schools will be shortened one hour so teachers may reach the polls in time to vote. Mrs. Ella Flagg Young, superintendent of schools, said she would set her subordinates an example by exercising her right to vote.

Harold L. Ickes, chairman of the Progressive county committee, at night questioned the authority of H. L. DuCharm, Moose committeeman in the Thirty-first ward, to throw the Progressive support from Mrs. Julia Agnew to Earl C. Hales, the Republican candidate supported by former Gov. Deneen.

Ickes referred to DuCharm as the "alleged Progressive leader" in the ward, and charged that he and Mr. Deneen had been "caught in the act of trying to get votes for the Republican candidate under false pretenses."

Mr. Ickes and Miss Grace Abbott of Hull house spoke at Twenty-seventh ward rallies for Olive L. Watson, nonpartisan.

Frank Paschen, H-H committeeman in the Twenty-eighth ward, served notice of a $10,000 suit on H. R. Brenke, chairman of the Progressive executive committee in the ward. The suit is said to have resulted from the fight between T. H. Donoghue, the Democratic candidate, and Malcolm J. Dempsey, Progressive entry.

LA SALLE "WETS" BLOCK "DRY" TEST

Get Writ Holding Up Local Option Election; Lee O'Neill Brown's Work?

NO VOTING THERE TODAY.

Anti-Saloon Forces in State Predict Victory; Guard Against Violence at Polls.

La Salle will not vote today on the local option question. One of the hottest of the 300 "wet" and "dry" fights supposed to be settled at the polls today in Illinois was estopped by a writ of supersedeas granted by State Supreme Court Justice Charles C. Craig at Galesburg.

The eleventh hour move by the "wets" which terminated in the granting of the writ was credited last night by "dry" leaders as a personal victory for State Representative Lee O'Neil Browne.

Browne had been defeated in an attempt in the lower courts to have the "wet" petition thrown out, after he had made a vain attempt to have the question of its validity submitted to the board of supervisors of La Salle county.

Anti-Saloon League Victor.

The Anti-Saloon league was forced to seek a writ of mandamus to compel the town clerk of La Salle township to print the local option question on the ballot. Judge Hawthorne granted the writ and Town Clerk Dillon was ordered to acknowledge the orders of Judge Hawthorne by 9 o'clock yesterday morning. Dillon failed to comply with the court order.

In the meantime W. A. Pannek, representing the "wets," arrived in Galesburg and secured the supersedeas order from Justice Craig. This legal action blocks the vote in La Salle until the Supreme court gets a chance to pass upon legal points involved in the preliminaries.

Dillon has been cited for contempt of court of Judge Hawthorne's order, and will be given a hearing at Ottawa on Friday.

Vote in Sixty-seven Counties.

Sixty-seven of the 102 counties of the state are involved in the voting today. Women generally, for the first time will vote directly on the abolition of saloons from most of the important cities and villages.

Chicago, Peoria, and East St. Louis are the three big cities not involved in the hostilities. Notice has been served, however, in Chicago that the anti-saloon forces propose to make local option the big issue of the 1915 mayoralty campaign. The fight will be begun this week. The plan, it is known, is for the saloon opponents to fight it out in Peoria and East St. Louis next year.

Today's battling is right at the doorstep of Chicago. Seven Cook county townships are voting, one of which cuts into precincts within the city limits at the northwest corner of the city.

Many Arrests at Pana.

Pana, Ill., April 6.—Numerous wholesale arrests were made here tonight, when several saloon keepers tried to interfere with the printing of the ballots for the local option election here tomorrow. The printing was being done at night in order that the ballots would be on hand for the election tomorrow.

Michigan "Drys" Win.

Detroit, Mich., April 6.—Practically complete returns from the twelve Michigan counties which voted today on the local option question gave the "drys" a victory in the winning of Ingham county, in which Lansing, the state capital, is located. The "wets" won in one of the counties and lost one to the anti-saloon forces. Michigan, as the result of today's election, has thirty-four "dry" counties and forty-nine counties which are "wet."

OAK PARK WOMEN EXPECT BIG FIGHT AT POLLS TODAY.

Five Thousand New Voters Plan to Take Part in Fiercest Election Contest in History of Village.

More than 5,000 women are expected to cast votes in the village and town election to be held in Oak Park this afternoon, when the hardest election fight ever waged in the village is expected.

Last night it was planned by the women to have representatives present at each voting place, where they will act as challengers and watchers. Mrs. Walter T. Van Derslice, Mrs. Martin H. McGrath, and Mrs. Charles C. Wilmont will be election judges in different precincts.

A close race is expected to develop between James T. Tristram, for the past nine years village clerk, for the office of clerk, and George Willard, and between Justice Arthur J. Kendall, for sixteen years police magistrate, and Frank Aring for the office now held by the former.

Although not allowed to vote for candidates running for the office of justice of the peace, the women are eagerly awaiting the result of the contest between Mrs. Catherine Clark on the People's ticket, and A. S. Tobinson of the Equal Rights ticket, who are in the race for justice of the peace.

JAMES GORDON BENNETT WELL.

Newspaper Owner Who Has Been Ill at Cairo Now Able to Look After His Interests.

[BY CABLE TO THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE.]

PARIS, April 6.—James Gordon Bennett, who has been ill at Cairo for some time, has recovered sufficiently to resume the active direction of the New York Herald and the Paris edition of the same paper.

Election Pointers.

Polls open from 6 a. m. to 4 p. m.

All Chicago men and women who are registered may vote.

Thirty-six aldermen will be elected, one in each ward, excepting the Twentieth, where two will be chosen.

Each voter will be given two ballots. On one is printed the names of the aldermanic candidates. On the other, the "little ballot," are the twelve propositions.

The election board advises all voters to make up their minds as to how they shall vote before going to the polls, so as to avoid delay.

Each voter is allowed only five minutes in which to vote.

Employers are required to give their employés two hours off in which to vote, providing application has been made the day before election.

Election officials request that those who can do so vote in the middle of the day, so as to give the working people a chance to vote in the rush hours.

WHO RULES WIFE'S VOTE?

Politicians Eye Results at Ballots Today for an Answer.

FAIR CANDIDATES HAPPY.

Give Their Analyses of the Situation in Their Wards.

Politicians are watching the polls of Chicago today in an effort to solve that riddle of centuries—a woman's mind. In what way may women be controlled when they cast their ballots is the leading question among the chiefs of the wards.

If the vote shows that women as a rule blindly follow the lead of their husbands, the problem is a simple one for politicians. The old system may continue.

If the women who vote, however, show an independent spirit or even influence the vote of their husbands, a new force must be reckoned with in the future.

It is expected the election will produce some commanding woman about whom other suffragists may gather.

Wives Influence Husbands.

"The majority of the wives in Chicago have taken a deeper and more earnest interest in the aldermanic candidates and their records than have the husbands," said one leader who has been taking an active interest in the nonpartisan movement.

"The wives have not said a man is an acceptable candidate simply because he belongs to a certain political party. They have looked into his record, studied the report of the Municipal Voters' league, and informed themselves thoroughly as to his attitude on all public questions. Quite naturally they have taken this information home with them and laid it before the husband, who has been downtown all day, too busy to bother with politics."

Mrs. Kellogg Fairbank, active aid of Hugo Krause, Progressive candidate in the Twenty-first ward; Miss Marion H. Drake, Progressive candidate in the First ward, and Miss Harriet E. Vittum, nonpartisan candidate in the Seventeenth ward, agree that in wards where the citizens are American born, the wife will undoubtedly influence the husband's vote, but in foreign settlements, the wife is likely to vote as her husband dictates.

Women Candidates Close Fight.

The various women aldermanic candidates put the finishing touches on their campaigns last night, gave final instruction to their committees and went home.

"I am sanguine over the outcome of my campaign in the First ward," said Miss Drake.

"I feel happy over the prospects in the Seventeenth ward," said Miss Vittum. "I feel I have made a good fight and whether I win or not it has been worth a great deal to me. I believe I have a chance to win. The sentiment has been changing rapidly in the last few days."

"I am sure I will be elected," said Mrs. Julia Agnew, Progressive candidate in the Thirty-first ward. "I have canvassed my ward from end to end for two months from 7 a. m. to 9 p. m."

Mrs. Bernice Napieralski, Progressive candidate in the Twelfth ward, is confident of victory.

WANTS STATES TO GIVE WOMEN VOTE

Palmer Offers Resolution in House Providing Constitutional Amendment.

CALLS FOR REFERENDUM.

Proposes Submission of Question Upon Petition of 8 Per Cent of the Voters.

[BY A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.]

Washington, D. C., April 6.—[Special.]—Representative A. Mitchell Palmer of Pennsylvania today introduced in the house a joint resolution to amend the constitution to provide for woman suffrage. It is in the same terms as that introduced in the senate by Senator Shafroth of Colorado on March 20, the day after the defeat of suffrage resolution No. 1.

The resolution provides that 8 per cent of the legal number of voters of any state may petition and have submitted to the voters of such state the question of granting women equal suffrage.

The members of the congressional committee of the National American Woman Suffrage association, who have been working for the new amendment, are gratified at the action of Congressman Palmer.

Plan Up to Judiciary Committee.

This new amendment will now go to the judiciary committee, where there is pending resolution No. 1, which was defeated in the senate. It is expected by the congressional committee that the judiciary committee will favor the Shafroth-Palmer resolution in preference to the first resolution, which engendered much opposition from senators and representatives of southern states on the ground that it interfered with state rights.

LANSBURY ASSAILS M'KENNA.

LONDON, April 6.—Angered by what he terms the "illegal and indefensible police interference with the liberty of Mrs. Drummond in Hyde Park on Saturday," and other alleged delinquencies on the part of the authorities, George Lansbury has issued the following challenge to Reginald McKenna, the home secretary:

"You permitted Balfour, Law, Carson, Chamberlain, Milner, and other great Tories to preach high treason in Hyde Park at the moment when Mrs. Drummond was being despotically deprived of freedom without the semblance of offense. You permitted a number of men, myself among them, to plead in Trafalgar square that privates in the army be permitted to exercise the same liberty of conscience that is accorded to officers by the prime minister. To speak plainly, we begged the soldiers not to shoot their fellow men on strike.

"Why do you let us go free? Are you not proving day after day that the women are right when they accuse you of fearing men and taking your spite out on women?"

BARS MERGER WITH G. O. P.

Progressive State Committee of Colorado Given New Power.

MAY MAKE APPOINTMENTS.

Medill McCormick Says There Is Rift in Democratic Lute.

Denver, Colo., April 6.—The executive committee of the Colorado Progressives was given power to fill all vacancies and make such changes in the organization as it deems necessary, by unanimous vote of the Progressive state central committee here today.

This action came at the close of a bitter contest and heated debate in which it was charged that an attempt was being made to lead the Progressive party of Colorado into an amalgamation with the Republicans.

It followed the defeat of the resolution proposed by the Progressive state league to take from the executive committee the power to appoint county chairmen and vest it in the county central committees.

"There is a rift in the Democratic lute," declared Medill McCormick, Progressive national committeeman from Illinois, in an address to the party conference tonight. "The harmony which marked the passage of the currency bill through congress is broken, and cries of treason and repudiation mark the long threatened division in the Democracy."

Mr. McCormick said the disagreement over canal tolls confirmed the meaning of the ominous silence with which the Democracy had received the president's recommendation for presidential primaries.

In discussing trust legislation, Mr. McCormick said the Democrats must either retreat from their position and adopt the Progressive position or they must pass legislation counter to the welfare of the country and its business, or they must pass legislation which is a hollow sham."

BELLE GUNNESS IN NEW YORK?

Chief Anstiss of Laporte, Ind., Police Goes in Search of Woman on Receipt of Letter.

New York, April 6.—[Special.]—Chief of Police Anstiss of Laporte, Ind., is here investigating a report that Mrs. Belle Gunness of "Murder farm" fame has been seen here. Anstiss and Inspector Faurot were working on the case tonight. A letter which he received a few days ago brought Anstiss here.