

BREAKSTONE IS HEARD IN OWN DEFENSE, TODAY

Expect Adjournment Until Judge Quinlan Can Testify, Soon.

Adjournment of the disbarment proceedings, against Irving Breakstone, former Oconto county district attorney, charged with improper conduct toward two women clients and unethical practices, was expected this afternoon. The hearing will be resumed when Judge William B. Quinlan, now a patient in Mayo Bros. hospital, Rochester, Minn., can testify. A number of attorneys from the Oconto county bar will be called as character witnesses by the defense.

Breakstone, who took the stand late yesterday, completed his testimony this morning. He denied the charges of improper conduct, and outlined his dealings with the two women.

While district attorney in 1921, Breakstone testified, he had prosecuted the son of Fred S. Wright on a statutory charge, and had secured a conviction and a prison sentence. It is the defense's contention that Wright is behind the present charges in a spirit of revenge. R. E. Puchner, special prosecutor, when called as a witness testified that Wright was assisting him.

Couldn't Lock Door, Claim

Wright, when called to the stand just before the noon recess, testified that he had been in Breakstone's office, and that the door could be easily locked. The defense claims that this applied to the office occupied by Breakstone in 1921, and was not the same office in which the alleged improper conduct took place the following year. The door of the latter office could not be locked, several defense witnesses had testified.

S. B. Stelke was called as a character witness by the state, to testify that the reputation for truth and veracity of Mrs. Martha Schroeder, one of the women witnesses, was good.

Breakstone took the stand shortly before adjournment last evening, after an afternoon of rather uninteresting testimony. He testified that he had graduated from the University of Wisconsin in 1917 with honors, that he had served in the army overseas in several major engagements; that he had entered the practice of law in Oconto upon his return from army service, had been elected district attorney in 1920, and returned in 1922 without opposition. He was returned again in 1924, after a bitter contest, in which the allegations upon which the present trial is based were freely aired. Fred Wright, former sheriff of Oconto county, was one of his bitterest opponents, he said.

He had started to describe the visit of Martha Schroeder to his office when Judge Risjord announced a recess until this morning.

Other witnesses included Arold Murphy, defense counsel, who testified to sending his brother Adrian, to Detroit to obtain a statement from Mrs. Cora Longrie. Adrian was unable to obtain it, he said, because Long-

AROUND TOWN

AUGUST LINDSTROM, ST. PAUL, paid a fine and costs totaling \$7.83 in Police court this morning on a drunk and disorderly charge.

WILLIAM JABERS, CHARGED with assault and battery upon the person of Walter Johnson, was found not guilty in municipal court this morning.

THERE WILL BE A MEETING OF Boy Scout Troop 4 in the Columbus club building this evening, according to Scoutmaster Carl Tickler. All boys who were members of the troop before it disorganized are urged to be present, and bring their manuals with them.

THE CASE OF "DR." WILLIAM Horner, charged with violation of the medical laws by practicing without a license, scheduled for preliminary hearing in Municipal court today, was held open, owing to the illness of Dist. Atty. Raymond E. Eyrard, and the absence from the city of A. McComb, defense attorney.

EXTRADITION PAPERS TO secure the return of Abdul Hassan, held in jail here, to South Bend, Ind., to face trial for grand larceny, are being prepared, according to word received by the Green Bay police. Hassan, it was reported here, is charged with the theft of \$500 in cash and \$200 worth of linens from a room in South Bend.

WILLIAM DONLEVY, GLADSTONE, Mich., who received a broken foot when he jumped from a window in the city hall yesterday in an attempt to escape from police who were holding him for examination on a bad check charge, is in the city jail, where he will remain until his foot is sufficiently well to permit his appearance in court. A warrant has been sworn out for him, charging forgery.

io, whom Adrian declared was drunk, refused to let his wife sign any paper unless he were paid \$4,000. Both Murphys denied that any offer of settlement was made or authorized. Mrs. Longrie had testified that Murphy had sought to make a settlement to guarantee her silence, and that her husband had named \$4,000 as the amount for which they would settle.

William B. Hall, city engineer, of Oconto, testified that, due to settling of the door, it would have been impossible for Breakstone to have locked his office door in the manner which Mrs. Schroeder described. This was corroborated by Clarence Davis, a deputy sheriff, and Gladys Gallagher, Breakstone's stenographer, who stated that she was in the custom of entering the attorney's office without knocking to inform him when a client was waiting.

James A. Donlevy, justice of the peace, testified that Breakstone's warning to Mrs. Schroeder to remain silent as to what had transpired on her visit to Oconto was merely so that the young man whose arrest was sought would not be "tipped off." The justice added his own admonition to that of Breakstone, he testified.

Walter Roy, former sheriff, testified that he had admitted Breakstone to the cell of Mrs. Longrie in the county jail, when she testified that he had made improper advances to her, declared that he had been a witness to the whole interview, and that no such incident had transpired.