

## WOMAN CAME UP WITH POST.

**Mrs. Smith Took an Active Hand in a  
Fight in the Road and Fence War  
of a Long Island Hamlet.**

PORT JEFFERSON, L. I., Dec. 12.—The road and fence war which has interested the hamlet of Echo for two years has broken out afresh. The Brookhaven Highway Commissioners, in an effort to straighten the main road in front of Ansel Smith's property, at Echo, two years ago laid the new lines of the road, but Mr. Smith claimed the highway encroached upon his property to nearly one-half the width of the road. To indicate his continuation of possession he put up a row of posts at the point in dispute. These were removed by the Commissioners, but were replaced by Smith.

A commission was then appointed for the purpose of considering the necessity of opening the highway to a uniform width of four rods through the entire village, a distance of three miles, and assessing damages. The commission decided in favor of opening the road, and awarded Smith \$100 as compensation for his property.

The Highway Commission wanted Mr. Smith to remove the fence, but he demanded the \$100 before the posts were pulled up. Commissioner Terry and Roadmaster Brice and a number of workmen drove to the disputed point yesterday, with the intention of tearing down the fence, but on their arrival they found Smith, with his wife and eldest son, ready to defend their position. Mr. Terry sent here for aid, and Deputy Sheriff Brown and several special deputies went to the scene to preserve the peace.

The workmen then proceeded to take up the posts. Mrs. Smith threw her arms about the first post attacked, but it was pulled up, Mrs. Smith being raised into the air. All the posts came up, but no sooner were the authorities out of sight than Smith and his son replaced the fence. Smith asserts that until he gets the \$100 he will maintain the fence.

## **ECHO FENCE WAR SETTLED.**

**Ansel Smith Brought to Terms After  
a Two Years' Fight.**

PORT JEFFERSON, L. I., Dec. 19.—The Echo fence war is settled, Ansel Smith, who for two years has defied the Commissioners of Highways, having removed the fence he placed in the highway because he claimed the land belonged to him. A week ago the Commissioners of Highways removed the fence by force, but when they departed the posts were replaced.

Commissioner Terry swore out a warrant before Justice Wheeler. Officer Brown went to Echo to serve it, but Mr. Smith had gone away. The fence was again removed while the officer stood by, but before night Mr. Smith returned and replaced it. It was then arranged to have a hearing in the case to-day, but on Saturday Mr. Smith appeared before the Justice and agreed to tear up the fence. He will now receive the \$100 awarded him by the Condemnation Commission.

## **THE PRESBYTERY MEETING.**

**Dr. Van Dyke Did Not Oppose the  
Amendment Offered by Dr. Bliss.**

The statement in the report of the New York Presbytery meeting in THE NEW YORK TIMES of yesterday, that the Rev. Dr. Van Dyke had opposed an amendment offered by the Rev. Dr. Bliss to the McGiffert resolutions is an error.

Dr. Bliss's amendment, in effect that ministers should "distinguish between theories of criticism and certainties of faith," was offered as an addendum to the joint resolutions presented by Drs. Johnston and Van Dyke, which were adopted after Dr. Van Dyke had left the meeting.

As a matter of fact, the amendment offered by Dr. Bliss was taken from Dr. Van Dyke's own papers on the subject, and expresses precisely, Dr. Van Dyke said yesterday, the views for which he had been contending for the last fifteen years. The amendment, moreover, was presented with the full knowledge and consent of Dr. Van Dyke.

The error arose from the fact that the Presbytery holds secret meetings, and the fragmentary reports which are allowed to get out are sometimes misleading.