

ATTORNEY VS. PROMOTER

Won In One Round Rush By
Mr. Eugene O'Dunne.

THREW VISITOR FROM OFFICE

John S. Alexander, Of New York,
Wanted Mr. Allan McLane In-
dicted For Perjury, He Said.

Persons near the office of State's Attorney Owens, in the Courthouse, were surprised yesterday morning to see a well-dressed man thrown out of the office and into the corridor by Deputy State's Attorney Eugene O'Dunne. When the man had recovered himself he struck at Mr. O'Dunne with an umbrella he carried, but the door had been closed, and the blow was of no effect.

Mr. John S. Alexander, a promoter of New York, was the man who was so unceremoniously ejected from the office. He had aroused Mr. O'Dunne's ire by insinuations which the Deputy State's Attorney vigorously resented.

Mr. Alexander's avowed object in seeing the Deputy State's Attorney was to have Mr. Allan McLane, formerly receiver of the Maryland Trust Company, indicted for perjury.

"I want to have Mr. McLane indicted for perjury by 10 o'clock this morning," Mr. Alexander said, and explained that he desired this to be done so a suit would not be brought against him.

"We don't indict people so as to prevent suits being brought," Mr. O'Dunne informed his visitor.

Mr. Alexander also declared that the affairs of the Maryland Trust Company were so foul that their odor was perceptible all over the United States.

A lot of papers were produced by Mr. Alexander to support his assertion as to Mr. McLane. Mr. O'Dunne examined the papers carefully, but told Mr. Alexander that neither they nor Mr. Alexander's statement was sufficient to justify sending such a case before the grand jury. Mr. Alexander's request that he be sent before the grand jury to make the charge against Mr. McLane was also refused. He was told by Mr. O'Dunne that if he could produce sufficient evidence to support the charge, the case would be sent to the grand jury. He was also told that he might make complaint before a police magistrate.

"You are protecting Allan McLane in the management of the Maryland Trust Company, and that's why you won't prosecute him," Mr. Alexander blurted out when Mr. O'Dunne refused to take any action against Mr. McLane.

Mr. O'Dunne was on fire instantly. "How dare you! Get out of here!" he exclaimed, rising to his feet and grabbing Mr. Alexander by the throat. Mr. Alexander was overpowered by Mr. O'Dunne's vehemence as he was rushed across the State's Attorney's office and to the outer door. The door was open, and Mr. O'Dunne threw his unwelcome visitor into the corridor and closed the door before Mr. Alexander could use his umbrella.

Mr. Alexander did not attempt to enter the office again, but left the Courthouse.

Several months ago Judge Dobler decided adversely to a claim made by Mr. Alexander against the Maryland Trust Company. By the auditor's account Mr. Alexander was allowed \$37,500 and a judgment against another person under which he claimed \$80,000. The award was much less than he claimed to be entitled to.