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Charged with being drunk and disorderly, Garret Wilmerink was last night arrested by Officer George B. Wells at the same saloon where Wilmerink's brother was shot and killed while attacking the crippled bartender about four years ago. Wilmerink was drunk and had gone to the saloon on Butterworth avenue to obtain some beer. He became enraged because the bartender would not sell him liquor.

Officer Wells came along during the disturbance. He had seen Wilmerink and his wife earlier in the evening and would then have arrested the man had he not been in company with the woman, who seemed able to care for him. Wilmerink pleaded guilty in Police court and was fined \$15 and the costs or thirty days.

The trouble four years ago leading to Wilmerink's brother's killing was almost a parallel. The bartender refused to sell Wilmerink any drinks and would not drink with him. Wilmerink attacked the bartender, who was a cripple and unable to defend himself, and the bartender fled, inflicting a mortal wound. The bartender was exonerated by the coroner's jury and was never tried for the offense.