

GRAND JURY AFTER PEACE JUSTICES

Lekve of Hibbing and McGilvery of Eveleth Are Indicted.

Two men who reside in range towns and who have dealt out justice in the past yesterday themselves felt the heavy hand of that same justice when they were arraigned in the district court before Judge Ensign on indictments charging them with grand larceny in the second degree. They are S. Lekve, former justice of the peace of Hibbing, and J. C. McGilvery, municipal judge of Eveleth, and they were arrested on bench warrants issued by the court.

In the case of Lekve the indictment charges that as far back as June 3, 1901, the justice caused to be arrested and appear before him George W. Hardman and Martin Imbertson, two Hibbing saloonkeepers, who were charged with keeping their places of business open on Sunday. To the charges the two men pleaded guilty and they were each fined \$30, which they paid.

This money was the rightful property of the county of St. Louis and it is charged that Lekve neglected to forward it to the county treasurer. Lekve's case was one of the first to be considered by the grand jury, which met September 2, and when the indictment was returned the money had not been received by the county treasurer.

On September 8, however, Treasurer Whipple received from Lekve a draft for \$100 which included the \$60 in question and two other fines of \$20 each and this money was forwarded after Lekve had been out of office about four months. The letter enclosing the draft was dated September 2, but the date on the draft was September 8, having been secured by Lekve after the grand jury had considered his case.

The indictment against Judge McGilvery charges that he collected a fine of \$27 from Herbert Clendening July 27, last, and another fine of \$50 from Joe Cherne, Feb. 5, last, both men having pleaded guilty to assault, and neglected to turn the money in to the county treasurer. Both men pleaded not guilty and were allowed their liberty on bonds amounting to \$500 each.

Louis Cohen, a Virginia alderman, and Maurice Mendelson, also of Virginia, appeared before the court to answer to a joint indictment charging them with allowing gambling devices to be operated in their saloon at Virginia July 4. They were brought into court on a bench warrant and gave bail in the sum of \$500.

Charles F. Leland, president of the defunct Commercial Banking company, who was to have pleaded to two indictments yesterday, entered demurrers instead, the grounds being that the indictments do not state facts sufficient to constitute a public offense. The court will fix a time for a hearing on the demurrers.

August Kurkila, indicted on a charge of keeping gambling devices on his premises appeared through his attorneys, Baldwin, Baldwin & Dancer, waived the reading of the indictment, and entered a plea of not guilty.

Paul Markey, indicted on a charge of keeping a house of ill fame, was surrendered by his bondsmen, Frank Ainsley and John Mitchell, and was ordered into the custody of the sheriff. The bond was for \$500.

Thomas Rushton, the colored man, charged with stealing whiskey from the Sattler Liquor company, pleaded not guilty.