

POLICE COURT NEWS

The Litman brothers, Samuel and Abraham, yesterday secured a dismissal of a case brought against them by Inspector Kielley, charging violation of the city building ordinance.

They proved they had nothing to do with the construction of an addition to their store against which the complaint was filed. Samuel Litman had taken out a permit to construct an addition which met with the requirements of the ordinances—or some of them. A later agreement with the owner of the building, Fred C. Bader, resulted in his undertaking to put up the shack in consideration of advanced rental.

The inspector detailed attempts by himself and members of his staff to stop the erection of the addition. Verbal and written warnings were served upon the Litmans and they, being unable to understand the language, failed to grasp the significance of the warnings.

When Bader, subpoenaed as a witness by the defense, but placed on the stand by the prosecution, detailed that he agreed to supply the material and pay for the work incident to erecting the addition the court put an end to further litigation against the Litmans by dismissing the case.

Jail Sentence Denied Dinshaw.

In spite of pleadings to be committed to the county jail for a period of 60 days Joseph Dinshaw, bartender at 631 West Superior street, convicted of selling liquor to minors, was yesterday forced to pay his fine of \$100 and retain his freedom.

Louis Hill, 17 years old, appeared as witness against Dinshaw and testified he secured a glass of beer over the bar, served by the prisoner. Dinshaw explained that three young fellows came in and one of them, not Hill, paid for the drinks. "I didn't take any money from him, your honor," declared the defendant.

"I fine you \$100," replied the judge. "Well, judge, won't you let me go to jail and serve this out?" As Dinshaw had \$100 up as bail with the city the court decided the fines should be paid and denied the man the privilege of boarding with the county.

Dinshaw paid a fine of \$100 Monday, after pleading guilty to selling liquor on the Sabbath. He appeared to believe himself the target of persecution, and so pleaded for a change of atmosphere in order to let himself and his employers out of the public eye.

Says He Stole Shoes.

John Mikroot pleaded guilty to petty larceny yesterday and was sentenced to 30 days in the county jail. He was complained against by John Vikich, who conducts a boarding house in the West End. Vikich alleged Mikroot stole a pair of shoes and left the house without paying his board bill.

Wanted to Get Home.

Richard Robbins, charged with trespass by a Northern Pacific railway watchman, told the court he was stealing a ride in a freight car and wanted to get to Cloquet where his family resides. The court suspended sentence pending a continuance of the journey.

Cases Continued.

Charges of third degree larceny filed against John and Henry Silver were continued to April 22. Theo-

dore Swanson, charged with selling liquor to a minor asked a continuance of his case to April 16 and the request was granted.

Raised Rumpus; Goes to Jail.

John Gorn, charged by the police with being drunk and disorderly, admitted he was creating trouble in a Bowery saloon, and was fined \$5 and costs or five days. He chose the latter.

Abused Policeman; Jailed.

John W. Roberts was fined \$5 and costs or five days in the county jail when a patrolman reported the man became abusive when he was arrested. He pleaded guilty and decided to spend the time in jail rather than pay a fine.