

Police Court News

Poor Queens His Undoing.

Theodore Asp and John Hart were arraigned in police court yesterday charged with swindling. Felix Anderson claims Asp won \$14 from him in a smear game conducted in the card room of a saloon with Hart acting as his betting commissioner. An examination will be conducted tomorrow and the men are being held in \$1,000 bail.

Anderson arrived here yesterday from Biwabik with the sum total of his wealth in his pocket. While taking in the sights he fell in with Hart, who later asked if he drank anything. Anderson answered that he did not but would take a soft drink. So they entered a saloon. Seats were found in a card room and about that time Asp dropped in.

Asp and Hart engaged in a smear game in which the former won all the money and the game developed into dealing cold hands. Anderson received a quartet of queens and immediately succumbed to a desire to bet. Hart advised that he place \$5 on the ladies and this was done. Asp happened to be holding four kings and got the five.

The game continued interesting for three hands when it was interrupted by Anderson running out of funds. He set up a wail that he was in a strange town and without money to buy a dinner. So Hart took him outside the saloon and gave him \$2 with which to purchase an employment ticket and return to the interior.

Anderson met a man he knew and later they sought the police. Detectives had no difficulty in nabbing Asp and Hart within an hour. In their belongings was found a check book from the First National bank of Missoula, Mont. with a number of blanks torn out. There was no writing on the stubs.

Brought Cash to Court.

Julius Cook, saloonkeeper at 527 West Michigan street, proved a ready contributor to the finances of the city when arraigned yesterday charge with keeping his saloon open on Sunday, June 16. The court wanted to know if he was guilty or not and Cook replied he was and would like to learn what the charges might be.

"You are fined \$100," said his honor.

"Here is the money," said Cook, as he counted out the bills and left the courtroom.

Lunchmen Mix in Squabble.

Because William King, counter-man at the Boston lunch, 413 West Superior street, tossed Philip Goldstein, an assistant, into the street the tosser and tosee were both in court yesterday. King was let out on bail of \$15 and his promise to appear tomorrow and stand trial on a charge of assault. Goldstein will appear as complaining witness and Tom Paul, a night cook, has been asked to take the stand and testify impartially. King says he is responsible for the cash and when he entered the serving room from the kitchen and found Goldstein fluttering about the register he ordered him to get out. When Goldstein paid no attention he threw him out. "Goldstein said he would get even with me," said King, "and I suppose that is why he swore out a warrant."

Hooper's Case Is Continued.

L. O. Hooper, charged with passing a worthless check for \$68 at the St. Louis hotel was on the docket for preliminary hearing yesterday but asked a continuance of his case for one week. The case was set for June 26.

Vag Reprimands Court.

John Olson secured a suspension of sentence when he promised to begin work right away if the charge of vagrancy against him should be dropped. Olson said his becoming involved with the police department was an accident as he had no thought of such a thing when he started for a stroll through the Bowery.

The prisoner did not overlook his opportunity to recall an instance upon which Judge Cutting was a visitor in the police court at Minneapolis and Olson was brought in. "You really owe me something for the way the court handed it to me after you told him who I was," said Olson. The court said Olson got ten days on that occasion.

Being Redecorated.

The decorators began to remodel the appearance of the council chamber, city hall, yesterday. The room is receiving a new wall paper and the wood work is being scraped and done over into a rich mahogany. When completed the gathering place of the city fathers will be cozy and home-like.

Powder Not Dangerous.

Yesterday, a three cornered knit handbag, with a silk lining and containing a powder puff, was picked up at 407 East Ninth street and delivered to the police. The powder is of the face variety and the police will return the bag to its owner.

Department Called Early.

The fire department was summoned to a residence at the corner of Sixth avenue East and Fourth street at 9 o'clock yesterday morning. The fire men were unable to discover the cause of the alarm.