

## A Dastardly Crime.

Hannaford Enterprise: A little girl, ten years old, Anna Stone, whose home is one mile east of town, was assaulted and maltreated by one Magnus Ofedabl as she was going home from the Hannaford school Tuesday, Sept. 7.

The offender is twenty years of age. He immigrated to this country about two years ago. He has worked as a carpenter this summer in the vicinity of Hannaford. At the trial in justice court he pleaded not guilty and was bound over to the district court.

That such an offense can be committed by anyone in a rural community of loyal, respectable people, and against an innocent child, is very deplorable indeed. Let the virtue of women and the innocence of children be their best protection. They do not require any protection of the law and why, for whose sake should they need it?

The offender will, however, be given a fair and judicial trial.

Our people have presumably sense enough to understand that lawless bad acts can neither be atoned for nor stamped out by illegal revenge and other lawless acts.

What we all need in our community, as everywhere in our country in our time, is the protection of the strong arm of law and justice.