

Petty Crimes In Abundance

THE PAST WEEK SHOWS A NUMBER
OF PARTIES OF MORE OR LESS
WRONG DOING.

STEALS WATCH AND CHAIN

MAN ACCUSED OF BREAKING INTO
A FARM HOUSE AND FLEEING
WITH LOOT.

A number of petty crimes are reported during the past week to have taken place in various parts of this county and Barnes, adjoining to the east. Whether the excessive heat brought about this condition or it was simply caused by the vagaries of the human mind has as yet not been deciphered by any learned professors of psychology.

A man, who was later identified as Louis Lamott, broke into the house of Art Gregory last Thursday and appropriated for himself a fine lady's watch and chain. The family was absent from the house at the time but returned shortly after, which evidently scared away the burglar. He was at once pursued by Mr. Gregory and two other men and caught in the afternoon near the farm of Fred Forster, south of Kensal. He was brought to Courtenay and lodged in the village jail and shortly afterwards had a hearing before Justice Bouer and bound over to the district court. Village Marshal Sam Syvertson and Geo. Bouer took the man down to Jamestown where he languishes in the county bastille awaiting trial in the next term of the district court, being unable to furnish the required bonds for \$1,000. The watch and chain were recovered from the thief.

From Spiritwood comes the report that Ed. Gordon had his house burglarized the same day. The miscreant got away with a lady's gold watch, a pocketbook containing \$2.50, Mr. Gordon's Sunday shoes, a cake and a loaf of bread. No attempt was made to follow the burglar and no clue is had for identification in case he is caught.

Monday morning a telephone call was sent here from Wimbledon asking the village authorities to stop the incoming freight train for the purpose of apprehending, if possible, a couple of hoboes who were wanted there for an attempted burglary in the store of John Joos. Several pairs of shoes and other small articles were taken and the store was set afire either intentionally or accidentally but was soon extinguished by the prompt arrival of the fire department. The men were surprised in the act and one of them caught, the others escaping on the west bound freight, it was thought. Marshal Syvertson and a number of deputies held over the freight and a thorough search was made but none answering the description of the fugitives could be found and they were given their release. The burglars are likely to draw a long prison sentence if caught. The one apprehended will be given a hearing and may disclose valuable information regarding the identity of the others.

Anton Scheler was brought before Justice Bouer last Friday afternoon to answer a charge of using obscene language at a public place, on complaint of Mrs. Glen Mansfield. The trouble started at a dance given in a barn

on the farm of Herman Scheler, Sr., the night of the Fourth. The parties had been drinking more or less and some vile talk is alleged to have been used by the defendant. The trial was held in the Fire hall and some lively testimony was given by both sides during the trial, accompanied by gestures and verbatim rehearsals. A jury of six men were impaneled for some eight hours, lasting well past two o'clock a. m., and upon failure to agree were discharged and a new trial set for Thursday of this week. Attorney Stillman appeared for the defendant and States Attorney Kneeland for the state. In the absence of the latter, in Friday's trial, Geo. E. Bouer presented the case for the state. The case is on as we go to press and some sensational developments are said to be expected.

KENSAL

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hoggarth, on July 5th, a ten pound son. Dr. Longstreth reports all parties getting along nicely.

This item was overlooked last week—Dr. Longstreth reported a son born to Mr. and Mrs. Max Donat on June 26th.

Mrs. C. J. Croonquist visited with friends in Fessenden Sunday and Monday.

Mrs. August Swanson, of Heaton visited at the J. W. Johnson home west of town.

Mrs. Albert Hanson and Ida North left Saturday morning for Shelby, Mont., for a two weeks visit with Garfield Johnson.

Chas. Eaton returned home Saturday morning from Rochester, Minn., where he was operated upon for cancer, and is now getting along nicely. He was accompanied home by his granddaughter, Edna Bishop, of Minneapolis.

Mrs. Henry Kirsch and mother, Mrs. H. C. Thorman, left Monday morning for Rochester, Minn., where Mrs. Kirsch will receive treatment at St. Mary hospital.

J. D. Schlect and sister, Nellie, left Sunday morning for Rochester, Minn., where Miss Nellie will be operated upon for an abscess in the hip. We wish for her a speedy recovery.

The Misses Lyda Gossel and Minnie Krubeck visited with friends in Lucca the first of the week.

Miss Clara Klefler visited with friends in Valley City last week.

Clarence Croonquist of Harvey assisted the Kensal boys in their game of baseball at Pingree Sunday with that team.

F. L. Thomson left Monday evening for Mapleton, Ia, where he will spend a week with his mother, sister, and his wife and little daughters, Vera and June. Mrs. Thompson and daughters are spending the summer in Iowa.

Rev. F. Eulert, of Minot, has taken Rev. Leuker's place as instructor of the German class, at the German church south of town.

D. C. Clancy, Sr., and A. L. Casey returned Tuesday morning from a trip through western Canada, and they report good prospects for a bountiful crop there.

Roscoe Brown and Chas. Peacock returned from Belfield, Saturday, where they have been employed for several months.

The Steover studio is under construction and will soon be ready for occupancy.