

Mrs. N. C. Rukke, president of the school board of district No. 13, Griggs county, brought suit against Ole Gronli and O. F. Forde, for failure to send their children to the public schools as required by law. This was the first case of the kind ever brought before a court in this county. The defendants wanted to send their children to a Norwegian school, hence the cause of action. The case was tried by a jury in Justice Warner's court, last Saturday afternoon, and a verdict was returned in the case of Gronli of guilty, and he was fined five dollars and costs. Should the verdict have been not guilty it would have given parents the privilege of sending their children to any school they saw fit and would have resulted in many of our schools being almost entirely without scholars and consequently would have to be closed up. The public school system of the United States is the backbone of the country and the law compelling compulsory education should be upheld and enforced. Mrs. Rukke has simply done her duty as a public officer and she is entitled to much praise and credit for the "gritty" manner in which she carried her case through.