

THE RANGE PEDDLERS.

The towns on the range are liberally sprinkled with peddlers and hucksters of every description. The authorities have of late been inaugurating a system which makes it obligatory upon the house-to-house retailers to pay tribute to the villages. Ordinances fixing licenses have gone forth, and in a large number of cases have died by reason of not being enforced. Now the ordinances have been resuscitated by justices of the peace, and are trotting a lively heat for the benefit of the violators of local laws.

Several examples have been made lately, and those peddlers who would not pay or sold their wares without license are suffering. Some in lieu of the cash are sojourning in the county jail. In Eveleth an especial war is waging against the traveling fraternity.

Samuel Guinn sold a pair of stockings to Lucy Jillson April 27. The constabulary immediately apprehended him, and he was taken before Justice N. J. Kavanaugh, who imposed a fine of \$10 or 30 days in jail. The peddler was convicted upon the oath of Matt Shortall, and as he could not disgorge, or rather refused to, he was brought to Duluth and incarcerated in jail to serve the sentence.

Yesterday upon the application of Guinn, Judge Morris issued a habeas corpus writ and the proceedings will be had in the latter's office this morning as to whether Guinn will be liberated. Guinn's attorney prays that he be discharged on the grounds that the commitment, which was signed by Justice Kavanaugh is not legal; that the ordinance upon which Guinn was tried is unconstitutional, and that the justice had no authority to sentence the defendant.