

## TEARS, IDLE TEARS.

### I. Lieberman and Son Weep Bitterly in Court But It Helps Not.

When the Liebermans, Isador and Jacob, father and son, were tried in police court yesterday morning rubber boots were in demand. The rubber stocks went up for the reason that it looked for a time as though the court room was to be flooded out with the briny tears of the two defendants.

The Liebermans were arrested charged with running a pawnshop without a license. It seems that they had a license for running a second hand store but not for running a pawn shop. It was charged

was standing in front of the store looking in when Owens redeemed the watches. At this both defendants jumped from their seats and began to jabber to the court in so excited a manner that nobody could tell what they were saying. Young Lieberman argued with the court on the basis of a supposition that the court wanted to pawn his watch. This had no visible effect on Judge Gearhart, who was trying the case.

The older defendant declared that Detective Troyer had put up a job to get innocent people into trouble while young Lieberman relieved himself by shouting at the witness:

"You are the biggest thief in Duluth.

out a check for the amount, \$27 in all with another blinding burst of tears.

Detective Troyer, desiring to teach young Lieberman a lesson swore out a warrant for his arrest for slander, designating the words already quoted, as the slander. Young Lieberman was brought into court in the afternoon and arraigned before Judge Gearhart. He was undecided how to plead. He pleaded not guilty at first and his trial was set for tomorrow morning. He had scarcely left the court room, however, until he changed his mind, returned and pleaded guilty. He asked the court as a "personal" favor to let him off for that time and claimed that he was very sorry for what he said to Detective Troyer. The court fined him \$5 and costs, however, and the young man paid.

In the complaint that young Lieberman loaned James Owens money on a watch and charged him the interest usually charged by pawnbrokers for the loan. Owens and Detective Troyer were the principal witnesses. Owens testified that he had pawned two watches at Lieberman's place of business, 313 West Superior street, getting \$5 for them. The city showed that the Liebermans kept a sign of three balls, the usual pawnbroker's sign in front of their store.

The defendants took the stand in turn and swore that they did not lend money on a watch to Owens. They claimed that Owens tried to pawn a watch at their place but they refused to accept it.

Then the excitement began. Detective Troyer took the stand and testified that he

Mr. Troyer; you are a scoundrel; you are a rascal."

Then both defendants burst into tears. There was a slight variety in their weeping. The old man staggered to a seat, threw himself into it, covered his face with his hands and wept silently. The younger man cried in an open hearted frank manner that had an extraordinary effect on the court and the spectators. Tears peured down the faces of the two men in rivulets, rivers and torrents and fell on the oil cloth covering of the court room floor with patter that spread the idea that the roof was leaking.

This grief did not save the defendants, however. Judge Gearhart fined them \$20 and costs. After considerable talk about the matter the elder Lieberman wrote