

HEAVY FINE IMPOSED.

Samuel Karon Pleads Guilty to Receiving Stolen Goods.

Samuel Karon yesterday appeared before Judge Vinje and pleaded guilty to the receiving of stolen property to the amount of less than \$20. The sentence he was to receive was agreed to beforehand and Judge Vinje fined him \$150 and costs. The costs were the heaviest part of the penalty and the total that Mr. Karon paid to the court was \$225.

Karon was taken before Court Commissioner Steele about six weeks ago. He runs a junk shop here and it was claimed by the Eastern Minnesota company that he had been receiving stolen property. This property, it was claimed, consisted of brass, etc., that was taken from the Eastern's yards by some young boys. The company claimed that Karon purchased the material from the boys knowing that they had stolen it. The preliminary hearing before the court commissioner occupied in all about two weeks. A large number of witnesses were examined and as several attorneys were expected to come up in the council meeting this taken down to be preserved for the court, the costs piled up heavily.

Commissioner Steele found cause to bind the defendant over to the circuit court and \$500 bail was furnished. Karon decided finally that, rather than run the risk and expense of trial, he would plead guilty to the charge of receiving stolen goods to the value of not over \$20. This made the offense equivalent to petty larceny. Larceny of goods over that amount would constitute a state's prison offense.
