

DESIRE FOR DRINKS LEADS TO LARCENY

Teamster Sells Employer's Junk to Buy Himself Liquor.

A penchant for selling scrap iron and copper for the price of drinks or something better, led Frank McCorrison to become a boarder of Sheriff Bates for the period of 60 days.

When Frank regains his liberty all the robins will be here from the southland, gentle breezes will blow from the lake and he will have to think of buying a straw hat right away. He may miss some rough weather by reason of his incarceration, which simply demonstrates the saying that "nothing's so bad but it might be worse."

McCorrison drives, or did drive, a wagon for the Duluth Iron & Metal company. He has been in the habit, according to Max Zalk, proprietor of the place, of at various times exchanging part of his outside load for an inside one, or, in other words bartering the scraps that were entrusted to him for delivery for the stuff that cheers. Mr. Zalk has caught him at it several times, he says, and each time forced a confession from McCorrison's reluctant lips. A strict account is taken of every load of scrap taken away and delivered as to weight, says Mr. Zalk, and in this way the teamster's short comings were made apparent.

"One time," said Mr. Zalk, "he came back with a weighing receipt showing a shortage of 120 pounds on delivery. I asked him if he had swallowed it or lost it. He had to say then that he sold it. But we forgave him, for he was a good teamster. This time we determined to teach him a little lesson."

When asked if the man drank much, the proprietor replied, "He does everything."

McCorrison was accused this time of disposing of 75 pounds of the scrap, valued at about \$9. He was arrested yesterday afternoon when he returned to the yards on a warrant sworn out by Mr. Zalk.

When brought before Judge Windom he pleaded guilty to the charge of petty larceny and was given the alternative of forking over \$75 or spending 60 days in the bastille. By necessity he was forced to accept the hospitality of the latter.