

Passed Worthless Checks.

John Messner was brought before the municipal court yesterday, charged with petit larceny, having passed a worthless check on Abraham Levine. It was drawn on the American Exchange bank and was for \$12. Messner, who was recently employed at Block's restaurant, bought goods from Mr. Levine to the amount of \$1.75 and presented the check in payment, being refunded \$10.25 in change. When Mr. Levine presented the check at the bank he found that Messner had no money there, nor did he ever have any. The penal code provides that such an offense shall be punishable by a fine of not more than \$25, and after hearing the evidence the court imposed a fine of \$15 and costs or thirty days in jail. Messner paid the fine late in the afternoon. It is said he also passed worthless checks for small amounts on H. C. Kendall and M. F. Williamson and others, but they have not filed any complaint against him yet.