

# JAIL YAWNS FOR YOUNG THIEF

## Kelley, Convicted of Stealing Watch, May Get Years in Prison

For getting drunk, stealing a watch and bringing it from Superior to Duluth, John E. Kelley, a youth of Butte, Mont., will be deprived of his liberty. He may get a few months in the county jail or five years in the penitentiary. In addition he may be fined \$1,000. He claimed that the watch was given to him.

Judge Dibell's jury in district court decided Kelly's fate in a few minutes yesterday afternoon. They returned a verdict of guilty to the charge of bringing stolen property into the state. The offense is as serious as grand larceny in the second degree, on which the verdict is based.

Kelley took the watch from R. C. McLain, Superior, April 15. He was arrested in Duluth the next morning a few minutes after he tried to pawn the time-piece with Joseph Pollinsky, a Bowery money lender.

Frank Murray, a commercial traveler from St. Paul, entered the pawnshop a few minutes after Kelley. The proprietor had the stolen watch. Murray placed his on the counter and Kelley seized it. He ran down the street pursued by a curious mob. The police took Kelley and Murray in custody, releasing the latter.

Accompanied by George LaSalle, Kelley made many friends with McLain in a Superior saloon. McLain missed his watch and suspected LaSalle of having it. LaSalle proved his innocence when arrested and searched soon after the theft was committed.

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Clintock conducted the prosecution and proved his case by these witnesses: R. C. McLain, Joseph Pollinsky, James L. Brady, John Roberg, Capt. Resche, F. E. Resche.

Kelley told of a burst of generosity when McLain gave him the watch. He was supported by M. Hendrickson, George LaSalle, Richard Lawler and William Smith.

The prisoner is a finished Bowery linguist and his slang phrases afforded the court much amusement. He was defended by J. H. Norton.