

Police Court News

War Over Cook Stove.

Police court today will be the scene of the last battle in an argumentative war over a cook stove and 12 lengths of pipe thereunto appertaining, which began several days ago when Mike Polinsky of 326 East Second street purchased an installment plan cooker from J. W. Wood, 420 East Fourth street.

Wood signed a warrant charging Polinsky with larceny yesterday and will be in court today accompanied by his wife and George Crane of 119 Fourth avenue East, to press home a number of statements damaging to the erstwhile probrly of Mike.

The complainant states Polinsky picked out a stove and made a down payment of \$1 and promised to pay a like sum each week until the cost of the article was liquidated. Wood says he was not in the store when Polinsky came for his stove and later discovered he had taken advantage of the absence to select a \$10 range, not at all the sort of contraption first chosen.

When he asked Polinsky to return the stove or pay the difference, he was told to come after it. For some reason, unexplained, Wood hesitated to enter the Polinsky home to claim his hardware. He went to the police station instead and deposited the down payment with the blue coats and sent word to his customer to bring back the stove and secure his dollar from the police.

Polinsky repeated his advice that Wood come and get his stove if he was so anxious about it. Wood then wrote out a warrant and the law entered the Polinsky home and dragged the protector thereof away to court. The value of stove and pipe is placed at \$12 in the complaint.

Accused of Abandonment.

Napoleon Venner faced the court charged with the abandonment of his wife, Bella, and their two sons, Napoleon, Jr, aged 9, and Togo, aged 8. The prisoner asked for examination and said he would make a vigorous defense. Bail was set at \$500. The

case will be tried today. Mrs. Venner filed the complaint.

Kook Pleads Guilty.

Charles Kook, a foreman employed in the brewery of the Duluth Brewing and Malting company, did not wait for the day set for his trial on a charge of providing intoxicating drinks to minors, but came to court yesterday and announced he had changed his mind regarding his guilt and would now plead guilty. He was fined the \$100 he originally deposited as bail. The case was on the calendar for today.

Miss Jean Poirier, a factory agent, in making her rounds of inspection, observed young boys employed by the company drinking beer. Inquiry revealed that the foreman of the place dished out the suds and Miss Poirier promptly secured the aid of the law to end the practice.

Held for Grand Jury.

The hearing was held in the case of the state against Katerina Kolosky of Ely Lake, charged with conducting an immoral resort. Testimony was submitted by J. H. Selleck and E. W. Vivian and upon their evidence the woman was bound over to the grand jury in \$1,000 bonds.

Elsie Cumby, cook at the home of the Kolosky woman, charged with receiving support from the earnings of

immoral women, was released from custody, while Percy Hald, an inmate of the place, charged with lewd behavior, waived examination and was bound over to the grand jury in \$100 bail.