

'PINCH' SWAN HARD ON ASSAULT CHARGE

Alleged to Have "Swatted" Roy
Edelstein in Connection
With Court Case.

Dignity and importance of office failed to save Swan Hard and the poor commissioner of Douglas county was "pinched" on a charge of assault and battery, his case appearing in municipal court yesterday.

It all started when some unkind individual rudely administered an alleged "swat" on the person of Roy Edelstein, proprietor of a furniture store at 518 Tower avenue. Edelstein alleges the aforesaid individual is Poor Commissioner Hard. Hard says he was "only foolin'."

It is alleged the trouble resulted from a lawsuit in superior court some time ago when Edelstein was the plaintiff in an action against Herman Buros, Tower avenue saloon man. Swan Hard was a witness in the case on behalf of Buros. The poor commissioner and Edelstein met on the street.

"I understand you said I was a liar when I testified in that Buros case," Swan Hard is alleged to have said.

"I don't know what you're referring to," replied Edelstein.

Biff!

Edelstein reeled against the wall of a building. He claims Swan Hard's fist was the impelling force which caused that reel. Swan Hard says he just "fainted" with his fist.

Judge Parker will decide the case next week.