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CONVICTED PARTIES SENTENCED SATURDAY

JUDGE POLLOCK SENTENCED FOUR PARTIES SATURDAY—TAKEN TO WARD COUNTY JAIL—JUDGE GIVES TALK ON SITUATION.

THOMAS HAMMER, Buford, one year, \$600 fine and costs.
OSCAR WEBB, Williston, one year, \$600 fine and costs.
G. P. BORLAND, Williston, 90 days, \$200 fine and costs.
PETER HAMMER, Buford, 4 months, \$300 fine and costs.

Saturday afternoon Judge Pollock sentenced the four men above mentioned. Thomas Hammer of Buford, convicted of running a blind pig, was sentenced to one year in jail, fined \$600 and costs. In case of failure to pay fine and costs he will have to serve another six months. The fine and costs were placed as a lien against his property in Buford where the pig was run.

Oscar Webb of this city, the colored man convicted of running a blind pig, was sentenced to one year in jail, fined \$600 and costs. In case of failure to pay the fine and costs he will have to serve an additional six months. Both fine and costs are made a lien against the property.

G. P. Borland, convicted of selling intoxicating liquors while running the pool room in the basement of the Wegley building, was given 90 days, \$200 fine and costs. In case of failure to pay fine and costs he will serve an additional thirty days.

Peter Hammer of Buford, younger brother of Thomas Hammer, was sentenced for four months, and fined \$300 and costs. Ninety days additional in case of failure to pay fine and costs.

All four men were sentenced to serve their time in the Ward county jail, this jail being considered unseque.

In sentencing Webb and Thomas Hammer the judge criticized them severely and in speaking of the Oscar Webb case he said:

"Your case is somewhat similar to that of Mr. Hammer, except that you have your location different. But, if I understand the situation, your place has been a stench in the nostrils of the people of the City of Williston for quite a long time. I am inclined to think, if I understand the testimony, and I have been listening to testimony for a great many years, you have something there, sir, which is even stronger and contains in it more than just simply a place where liquor is unlawfully sold. A woman who gets one dollar a bottle for beer is undoubtedly keeping a pretty tough house and I am perfectly satisfied from the evidence in this case that you and your wife have been keeping a brothel here of the worst nature right within the limits of the City of Williston and right at a place where young people are corrupted by the nuisance which you have had there and have kept during the time mentioned in this indictment, if not more."

G. P. Borland was the only one of the four who had anything to say when asked if he had any reasons why judgment should not be passed upon him. He admitted selling malt but stated that it was under circumstances where he didn't believe he was very much to blame. He stated that he run the place for McDermitt while the latter was away to bury his wife. He also stated that he had never worked for Fred Wegley as some were anxious to show, and that he never was in any way connected with Mr. Wegley in the business. Borland said he had received a fair trial and would serve his sentence like a man and do no kicking. He made a good impression during his talk, which lasted about twenty minutes.

Before passing sentence upon any of the four men Judge Pollock reviewed the situation and made one of the best talks regarding the enforcement of the liquor laws and on the liquor question,

ever heard in this county. He said:

"It may not be amiss to look this situation with which the court is confronted straight in the face. It perhaps may not be so much of an offense viewed from one standpoint, to sell a glass of beer or a drink of whiskey. Greater crimes than that are committed every day, and if this question was simply one of dealing with the sale of a single glass of beer or whiskey, the Court would not be confronted with a very difficult proposition. This court has been in session quite a length of time. The judge of this district, Hon. E. B. Goss, ordered a special term and called a Grand Jury. That Grand Jury has acted. They have investigated certain condition that have existed in this county. They found certain indictments. In some instances the parties who were indicted were found not guilty. I have now been holding this term for a period of about two weeks and a half, and I think that nearly all the trials involving violations of law, as indicated by the Grand jury have come before me. I have tried to patiently and carefully understand the situation which has confronted, not only the Court, but for some time the officers of the law in this county, which was presented to the Grand Jury, and later sifted by the accurate rules of evidence which obtain in the trial of a case before a petit jury. Is this controversy, which appears charged in these four indictments, simply a question of selling a glass of beer? I think not. There is something back of all the acts charged here taken as a whole. Of course each case has its own peculiar condition and the actors are very different, but taken as a whole this means in the largest sense a defiance of law. In many instances of the grossest and worst order. Take the Buford matter for instance. What has been before the court here from day to day? The court has seen in one instance that property has been destroyed; persons have been injured. The jury in that case said the defendants tried were not guilty, yet the fact remains that it was done, and these places against which the law inveigs so strongly are the very nesting grounds of such acts of violence as we all know was committed in the village of Buford. Do you wonder that the legislature in its wisdom has said that all places where persons resort for the purpose of drinking intoxicating liquors as a beverage are common nuisances? Why have they said so? Because they know, and the experience of ages has demonstrated that those places are the very ones where crime of all nature is conceived and from which it is carried out. So you can see, gentlemen, that this is not simply the question of the sale of a glass of beer. Not by any means. We have a very much larger proposition and the Court is confronted with a condition which has existed in this state, which is a blot upon the fair name of North Dakota. I love the state of North Dakota, I love its fair name and so do you. You regard it just as high as do I. Far be it from me at this moment because I have the power to punish to lay one straw upon the backs of you four men that you ought not to bear. But when the court sees after having sat here for two weeks and a half that these dens and places have brought the fair name of Williams county into disrepute by virtue of

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OLD PLANTATION JUBILEE SINGERS

Plantation Quartette Will be Last Number of Lyceum Bureau Course—Lovers of Music Should Attend.

The sixth and last number of the Lyceum Bureau of entertainments will be given by the Plantation Quartette of Jubilee singers in Gates Opera house Friday night, March 13th. This quartette of singers is highly recommended and draws as large if not larger houses wherever they go than did the Dixie Jubilee Singers, who were with us last year. The prices have been reduced to 25 cents for children and 50 cents for adults and the hall is sure to be filled. Get your seats reserved early.

MORE LAND THROWN OPEN

LAND OFFICE ISSUES NOTICE THAT TWO SECTIONS OF LAND WILL BE OPEN FOR ENTRY APRIL 6.

The following notice has been sent out from the Williston Land Office regarding the throwing open for filing of two more sections of land in this district. This land was not surveyed until recently and for that reason was not subject to filing.

United States Land Office, Williston, N. D., Feb. 27, 1908.

Monday, April 6, 1908, a plat of survey of Sections 31 and 32, T 149N, R 96W, and Section 36, T 149N, R 97W, 5th p.m., will be filed in this office, and on and after said date we will be prepared to receive applications for the entry of lands embraced in said sections 31 and 32, T 149N R 96.

GEO. W. WILSON, Register.
VICTOR CHAFFEE, Receiver.

COLORED WOMAN GETS ONE YEAR

JUDGE POLLOCK SENTENCED MARY WEBB TO ONE YEAR IN JAIL AND FINE OF \$200.

Mary Webb, who was tried at the same time as Oscar Webb, and convicted on the charge of running a pig, was sentenced Monday by Judge Pollock to serve one year in the county jail at Minot and to pay a fine of \$200. Mary Webb came up for sentence Saturday but A. J. Bessie, attorney for defendant, raised several points as to why she should not be sentenced so the judge continued her case over until Monday. Arguments were heard at this time but all motions were overruled and sentence passed.

SUPT. WALKER HAS RESIGNED

Several Changes Made in Officials on Montana Division—Garrish Goes to St. Paul.

S. A. Walker, superintendent of the Montana division of the Great Northern, has resigned, his resignation to take effect the tenth of the present month. Mr. Walker resigns to take a better position with the Milwaukee. Theo Loerey of the Northern division will succeed Mr. Walker.

Pete Jaymeson, one of the passenger conductors will be assistant superintendent and Mr. Garrish, present assistant superintendent, will be moved to the Willmar division with headquarters at St. Paul.

M. W. of A.

Woodmen, don't fail to meet in Camp Monday night. There is special business to attend to and we want you all to be there.

Signed Clerk.

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\$1.25, \$1.50
and \$2.00



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