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## TALK OF THE TOWN

### JUDGE WESTOVER HAD BUSY TIME LAST WEEK

**Dispenses Justice with a Sure  
and Unerring Hand.**

District court in Cherry county occupied a conspicuous place in the daily papers last Sunday in quite a lengthy account of the criminal cases and the order issued by Judge Westover at the close of court to the sheriff and county attorney which has caused much favorable comment in our city. The criminal docket was large and speedy work disposed of it in one week most creditably. Peter Ladeaux was tried for stealing horses some two years ago and found guilty. The case was reversed by the supreme court on the insufficiency of the evidence. When arraigned this time he plead guilty, which reverses the supreme court and sustains Judge Westover and the jury that found him guilty. The judge gave him three years.

Henry Pretty Eagle also plead guilty to stealing a horse and was given two years.

Thomas Fielding and Charles Conner plead guilty to the charge of larceny and were each sentenced to one year in the pen.

Harry Thorne, a colored ex-soldier, plead guilty to shooting with attempt to kill and also got 1 year.

Wm. Craig and Wm. Rash, colored, were found guilty of murdering Elijah Custard, M Co. 25th Inf., on the 17th of Sept. It was on Sunday afternoon when Craig and Custard became engaged in a quarrel in a house of prostitution run by the former and with little ceremony Craig rushed behind the bar and picked up a big six-shooter with which he struck Custard over the head, partially stunning him. Some other soldiers caught hold of the revolver to stop his further action and Craig finding the weapon securely held, took a second revolver which Rash handed him after being told to "shoot the S— of a B—" and deliberately shot Custard in the top of the head, who at the time was sinking to the floor from the blow he had received from the other revolver. A complete report of this case would fill the paper. Enough to say that they were found guilty of murder in the second degree and Craig sentenced to the pen for life and Rash was given ten years.

Clarence Frazier was tried for the murder of David Harris, a companion, at the same resort. Frazier had tried to get a gun away from Loyd Wilson to shoot a girl who had shot at him because he demand 50c which he complained that she took from him. In the struggle for this gun it was discharged, shooting one man thro the arm and another bystander, David Harris, in the groin and through the liver, lodging near the backbone from which he died a few days later. Frazier was found guilty of manslaughter and sent to the pen for four years.

During these trials it developed that the keepers of these resorts were engaged in the selling of liquor and that they conducted gambling in violation of the law. Accordingly at the close of the last case Judge Westover issued an order to Sheriff Layport to make a raid on all the sporting houses, to collect and take charge of all gambling devices and paraphernalia which he may find. Howard Layport and H. S. Savage were sent out in a wagon and soon returned with a wagon load from the two houses south of town. At Stratton's place another haul

was made. At Price's place they arrived too late to make a haul. Someone in the meantime had given them a tip and everything was cleared out before the deputies arrived there. The order from Judge Westover also directed the county attorney to issue warrants for the arrest of violators of the law and to prosecute them, which will be done at once, and proceed to prosecute until the violations cease to exist. It will mean a constant recurrence of prosecutions if gambling is not abated and if liquors are continuously sold. The duties in part of the county attorney as defined by the general statutes of Nebraska are hereby set forth and he should have proceeded upon this course without awaiting an order from the court to perform his duty.

### The County Attorney's Duty.

(General Statutes of Nebraska.)

ART. 692, SEC. 16. (DUTIES.)

It shall be the duty of the county attorney when in possession of sufficient evidence to warrant the belief that a person is guilty and can be convicted of a crime, to file the proper complaint against such person, to appear in the several courts of their respective counties and prosecute and defend, on behalf of the state and county, all suits, applications or motions, civil or criminal, arising under the name of the state, in which the state or the county is a party or interested. \* \* \*

### THANKS ARE DUE JUDGE WESTOVER

The tax payers of Cherry county owe Judge Westover a debt of gratitude for the way in which he presided at the term of court held last week. There was a long list of criminal cases, which if prolonged, would have cost the county two or three thousand dollars, but by his prompt and wise rulings the judge disposed of them in a single week.

The people of Cherry county also owe him a debt of gratitude for ordering the raiding of the dives in this vicinity and confiscating the gambling devices and vile picture machines. It is said that many of these devices are owned by saloon-keepers in this town. It is appalling that men who run these vile dens in town are not satisfied with that, but must reach out for what money they can make and have their villainess spread over the county.

Also for his orders to the county attorney to do his duty and see that the laws are enforced. It would also be a blessing if the judge would give a similar order to our county commissioners and the town board and have them do some cleaning up. When we see loads of liquor leaving town to be sold at the dives, and with the large amount that is sold throughout the county illegally, it is time that our officials were coming to action.

Yesterday I was talking with a little girl eight years old and she told me that a certain woman in this town was not a nice woman because she allowed saloon-keepers to come to her house. When things in our town become so vile that school children eight years old notice them, is it not time that our officials are waking up and doing their duty?

The town board was elected to stop gambling, have the saloons closed on Sunday, etc., and yet two or three professional gamblers live here, who are said to make their living that way. It is surely time we are having a cleaning up.  
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