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Sentences were passed in federal court Monday morning on Bartlett Richards, Will Comstock, Charles C. Jamieson and Aquilla Triplett, who were convicted of conspiracy to defraud the government in lands.

The sentences are:
Richards, fine of \$1,500 and one year in Douglas county jail.
Comstock, fine of \$1,500 and one year in Douglas county jail.
Jamieson, fine of \$500 and eight months in Douglas county jail.
Triplett, fine of \$500 and eight months in Douglas county jail.

Immediately after sentence had been passed, the cattlemen gave notice of appeal. They will go to the circuit court of appeals on a petition in error. Each gave bond for \$5,000.

In overruling their application for a new trial Judge W. H. Munger said that the evidence in the case, taken as a whole, justified the jury in returning a verdict of guilty.

After overruling the motion for a new trial Judge Munger tilted back in his chair, paused, then asked the cattlemen if they had anything to say why sentence should not be passed upon them.

Comstock spoke in their behalf and thus outlined their position:

"In these land transactions we were acting under and by advice of our attorney, who not only stands high in his profession, but possibly, by reason of his familiarity with the practices and customs of the land office, was more capable to give an opinion on the United States land laws than any man in the state.

"His advice was that we were not only clearly within our legal rights, but also our moral right. He said we were supported by rulings which prevailed in the interior department for the past 30 years. This opinion of his was corroborated by the interior department itself in their action in the Pearman case.

"In this case an investigation was made by a special agent of the government in an affidavit obtained, showing the exact parallel condition to this case in which we were recently tried. The interior department, acting, as I understood at the time, under the special direction of Secretary Hitchcock, immediately ordered a patent issued for the land.

"Relying upon this opinion from two different sources, I felt that I was doing nothing but what was clearly within my rights—for certainly the farthest that from my mind was that in any of these transactions I was disobeying the laws of my country. For we feel that we have a right to depend upon our legal advisers as well as the interior department itself. It has been my desire to so live that when my allotted time should have run people would say that I always tried to be fair and just, and tried to do what was right.

"You, the judge of this court, in carrying out your duty, cannot inflict a punishment that will cause me to feel more deeply this humiliation—humiliation brought about without any intention on my part of disobeying any law.

I would especially ask for your leniency for one of the defendants, Mr. Jamieson. He was not a free agent in these matters—simply a subordinate who believed he was doing right, knowing and relying upon the opinion I have outlined. No man of my acquaintance has a greater sense of honor and integrity than has he."

Afterward A. W. Crites of Chadron, legal adviser of Richards and Comstock and the Nebraska Land and Feeding com-

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Holy Friday at 3 p. m., Rosary and Stations of the Cross.

Holy Saturday at 9 a. m. Blessing of the Paschal Candle of Baptisms and Easter Water; High Mass.

Easter Sunday, Low Mass at 8 a. m. High Mass and sermon at 10:30 a. m. At 3 p. m. instruction for the children.

LEO M. BLAERE, Rector.