## COMPLAINTS OF SHORT WEIGHT IN ICE VERIFIED

Discharge "Jitney" Station
Manager for Selling Cake
Five Pounds Underweight.

A large number of complaints of short weight in ice have come to the office of J. E. Long, city inspector of weights and measures, in the last week. Several of the complaints were from the city's "jitney" station patrons.

"I have investigated the complaints of short weight against ice men driving wagons for private concerns," said Mr. Long. "I have had several of them up in police court and the evidence is that in some cases there was a deliberate plan to give short weight. If an ice man can cut a cake of ice so as to make 12 pieces to sell at 10 cents each when his employers expect him to make only 10 pieces out of a cake, he can make 20 cents for himself on each cake. It is like it used to be with the Pullman Car company when I worked for them. They paid \$30 a month and they expected us to 'get' the rest of

expected us to 'get' the rest of our pay in other ways."

"Consumers should know just how much ice they are supposed to get for their money and then have a scales and weigh the ice when it is delivered."

Mr. Long went to a city "jitney" station on Leavenworth street and bought a piece of ice. He demanded that it be weighed after it was delivered to him and found it five pounds short. He reported this to R. B. Howell, heal of the Metropolitan Water district and the man was discharged.

"A number of complaints have come from patrons of the 'jitney' stations," said Mr. Long. "But in most cases, I think, short weight has been due to the fact that children were sent for the ice and then loitered on the way home so that the ice melted and only a small cake was left when home was reached."

## OMAHA CITY JAIL IS DENOUNCED BY DISTRICT JUDGE

Estelle Agrees With Doctor That It Is a "Hell-Hole."

Conditions at the Omaha city jail were denounced by District Judge Estelle Friday during a hearing on a habeas corpus case brought by George Righey

Rigbey has been held at the city jail for the past 12 days under a new city ordinance which provides that any man found diseased must be held for treatment by city physicians. He was convicted on a vagrancy charge and forced to undergo a physicial examination which resulted in his being held, he testified. Dr. J. W. Duncan, who has been treating Rigbey, declared that the city jail was a bad place for a sick man.

"You're right, it's a hell-hole," exclaimed Judge Estelle.

"Your city jail is worse than any prison camp in France," declared John M. Macfarland, counsel for Rigbey, addressing Mayor Smith, who had been listening to the case.

"You're right about the jail," the mayor exclaimed, "and I hope the

mayor exclaimed, "and I hope the people will tear it down and build a new one. I realize the jail is a poor place for a man who is diseased, but the ordinance must be enforced and the detention home has always been used for women only. I am in favor of putting men in the detention home."

Judge Estells agreed with the mayor on this. He took the case

Speeder Takes Look
At Jail and Decides
To Pay His \$50 Fine

J. B. Nicholas, an oil man living at the Paxton hotel, was fined \$50 and costs on a charge of speeding by Judge Foster in police court yes-

"I'll appeal it!" shouted Nicholas.
"Hold him in jail, then," said the
judge to the court officer.
Nicholas took one look at the

"bull-pen."
"I'll pay it," he said with a shud-

Five others received fines yesterday for speeding.

Paul Peterson, 1819 North Twenty-first street, paid \$5 and costs for speeding his motorcycle; Ray Cooley, paid a similar amount for a like offense; C. E. Holah, 314 South Thirteenth street, was fined \$7.50; W. H. Temme, Keene hotel, \$15 and costs and Henry Englebrecht \$50 and costs. Traffic violations were dismissed with a

## Police Search for Negro Said to Have Threatened Women

Police are searching the vicinity of Second and Williams streets for a negro alleged to have threatened the lives of Mrs. Afnes Patrio, and her two daughters, Friday night.

Mrs. Patrio said the man jumped at them from a weed patch adjoining

their lot and flourishing a razor cried, "I'll kill you all."

She said the negro fled when she and the two children screamed and

and the two children screamed and ran into the house.

Jefferson Jones, negro, arrested yesterday in the Patrio neighborhood as a suspect in the case was declared by Mrs. Patrio not to be the man. He was arraigned later on a vagrancy charge and sentenced to 30 days in jail.

