

GAOL FOR INDECENT LANGUAGE

Two Men Imprisoned For Week

ANOTHER FINED HEAVILY

USE of indecent language by three men incurred the displeasure of Messrs. W. L. Blight and A. H. L. Goode in Pirie Police Court on Saturday.

Walter Arthur McKay pleaded guilty to a charge of having used indecent language within the hearing of persons in Mary-Elie street on Friday.

John Limbek and Michael Raud denied similar charges, the offences of all three being alleged to have been committed at the same time and place.

Sergt. Noblet prosecuted.

Plainclothes-Constable A. B. Phillips gave evidence that as he was passing a house occupied by Limbek in Mary-Elie street about 8.15 p.m. on Friday he heard defendants make a lewd remark. Looking over the back fence witness saw four men sitting in a circle, and heard defendants use more indecent language. Women and children were in the vicinity.

"YOU GET OUT!"

Det. J. J. Evans gave corroborative evidence. He said that at the rear of defendant Limbek's home he saw the latter and three other men drinking. There were a full bottle of wine, one empty, and one partly filled. He threatened to arrest Limbek on a charge of having used indecent language.

"You get out of here," Limbek said to witness. "I can do as I like

in my own house, and you can't come in here." Later there was a scuffle in the house, and witness arrested Limbek.

Limbek told the court that he had not been drunk. He had not used bad language. All the liquor they had was two bottles of beer. The assertions of the police were not correct.

"HUMBUG," SAYS BENCH

Similar evidence was given against Raud, who denied the evidence.

William Tait, who gave evidence for the defence, said that one man had used indecent language.

The bench declined to listen to his evidence, and described Tait as a humbug.

Mr. Blight said that the police did not give evidence unless it was true. He was satisfied that the three defendants had used filthy language, and a stop must be put to that. Women and children in the locality must not be exposed to the risk of hearing such language.

Raud, against whom there was no previous conviction, would be fined £2 and 5/ costs, in default seven days in gaol. Limbek (five convictions) and McKay (six) were ordered to gaol for seven days each.