

Laborer Fined \$10.

On a charge of assault preferred by Otto H. Bruns, Joseph Mingo, a transient laborer, plead guilty and was fined \$10.00 in Justice West's court Monday forenoon. The assault was provoked by Mr. Bruns' refusal to pay the accused and three companions for services rendered on his threshing rig a few weeks ago. They were employed on the Bruns farm, and due to a small break on the separator, it was necessary to close down a few hours to make repairs. Mr. Bruns attended to this personally, and when he had finished he sent word to the men that he was ready to resume threshing. During this interval the men had become engaged in a friendly game of cards, and refused to go into the field again for the balance of the day. In the conversation that followed, Mr. Bruns gave the laborers their choice of resuming work or "taking the road without pay," whereupon they chose the latter and came to Binford and later secured employment on the Holt rig. Saturday the boys came to town again and accosted Mr. Bruns on the street and inquired if he was going to pay them, adding that they would, or had, filed a labor lien against him. Mr. Bruns was satisfied to let the law take its course, and refused to make settlement until then. One of the men, he accused one, became angered and struck Mr. Bruns in the face, and threatened him with "I'll get you yet, you — —." This threat led Bruns to make a complaint of assault against Mingo. Sheriff Nelson came up from Cooperstown Saturday evening and took Mingo into custody until Monday, when the hearing was held. On the promise of Mingo and three companions that they would not molest him further and that they would not attempt to do him any injury, Mr. Bruns did not press any further charges against Mingo. The Times understands that the men will file a lien against Mr. Bruns to collect their threshing wages.