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Crime and Punishment in the Early 1900s

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While reading some old Tulsa World papers. I found some criminal cases that were perhaps common back then and was interested to see how they were punished. In this case of January 8, 1916, the Tulsa World reads as follows:

On the criminal docket twelve cases were disposed of: Jack Wildbird charged with stealing a hog from a smokehouse, pleaded guilty and was fined \$10 and sentenced to 10 days in jail. David Floyd, charged with assault and battery on his wife, pleaded guilty, and was fined \$5

Seems like the assault on the hog in the smokehouse was a worse crime than beating up your wife back then.

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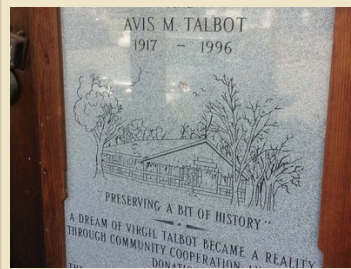


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