

Punishments

From the office of the Lord-Mayor and Captain of the Guard.

No crime comes without punishment!

Flagellation

The criminal is whipped.

- Minor: 1 - 5 lashes
- Small: 6 - 20 lashes
- Moderate: 21 - 50 lashes
- Heavy: 51 - 100 lashes
- Extravagant: 100+ lashes

Hard Labor

The criminal is sent to a guarded work camp, where he works on back-breaking tasks for at least 12 hours a day.

- Minor: 0-4 weeks
- Small: 1-6 months
- Moderate: 6 months-2 years
- Heavy: 2-25 years
- Extravagant: 26-100 years

Imprisonment

The criminal is locked in a cell within Cauldron.

All sentences of Small or larger are served in a prison underneath the primary guardhouse. Others may occasionally be held in gatehouses or even house arrest.

- Special: Until other punishments are met
- Minor: 0-6 months
- Small: 6 months-2 years
- Moderate: 2-25 years
- Heavy: 25-100 years
- Extravagant: Life

Ignorance is no excuse!

The Cauldron Herald

Complaints Rise over New Recruits

This paper has reported on the success of creating a diverse workforce within the militia of Cauldron. It seems though that the public is not happy. Complaints are up, although Captain Terseon Skellerang was quick to denounce them as a knee jerk reaction from the populace. "The people are uncomfortable in being helped by types who are difficult to relate to. We hope that with time people will integrate more closely and these barriers will disappear." However, for most it doesn't end there. Complaints have included incidences of assault, false arrest and manhandling, but Captain Skellerang dismissed this. "I have not been made aware of any such claims. The last thing this city needs is false rumors started in a local rag!"

Merchant Investigated for Strange Activities

In a leaked report to the Cauldron Herald, it has emerged that Maavu Arlinal, a rich and once popular merchant, is being investigated for suspected strange activities at his warehouses. It is not clear whether the merchant is cooperating, but this is just the latest in what seems to be an ongoing exchange between Maavu and the authorities. Maavu Arlinal has been vocal in his protests against the tax rises in Cauldron, citing that Lord Vhalantru is even pocketing some of the money himself. This has made the merchant's popularity drop in many quarters, as businesses detach from any dealings with him. It is hoped by city officials that investigations into his properties will give them the evidence they need to prosecute. However, the Cauldron Herald could not uncover what Maavu Arlinal is being suspected of or what is being looked for in his warehouses. Although, it did emerge that Maavu has made several recent trips to Redgorge, usually under the cover of darkness. Is this a crime though?

Citizens Divided on Rising Taxes

We've all been feeling it. The pinch is beginning to hit as the new high taxes take hold and people are holding onto what little money they have. Businesses have been the first to be affected. Inns and taverns are reporting a 10% drop in sales and the theatres complained about empty seats as people decide to stay at home. It's not all doom and gloom though. Lord Vhalantru has assured us that new businesses will soon be arriving, subsidized by the taxes. "We have also seen an increase in strength of our militia as more of our half-orc friends join the ranks. Soon we will be a city to rival Sasserine" Lord Vhalantru said during his speech at the Cusp of Sunrise last night. Let's hope he's right. This paper has learned of dark talk in some segments. Not all of Cauldron's citizens are happy.