#### BEHIND THE PRISON BARS.

The Preliminary Examination of John W. Lauer Completed Last Evening.

COMMITTED WITHOUT BAIL.

The Last Witnesses and the Stirring Speeches of the Counsel-Lauer in Jail.

The Third Day.

The examination of John W. Lauer was resumed yesterday in the police court, beginning at half-past ten o'ciock. No startlingly new developments were made in the testimony, though several points which have hitherto been obscure, were cleared up.

N. J. Burnham, sworn and testified. I remember the condition of the weather on Saturday morning, a week ago. I got up about half-past two o'clock that morning. Outside it was remarkably brightalmost as much so as at noonday. I was awake until 3 o'clock in the morning, and noticed this remarkable brightness

P. E. Her, sworn, and testified: I was at Mr. Lauer's house the morning Mrs. Lauer was shot, probably about two o'clock in the morning. I went in through the hall door. Then into what through the hall door. Then into what you would call the dining room or sitting room. When I got there, I saw Mr. McShane. He was in the dining room. In the bed-room were Mr. Maul and Mr. Drexel. Mrs. Lauer was then lying on the cooling board in the bed-room. When I went in, I observed that the stove was very light. I remember I asked at the time why it was that the light in the stove did not enable Mr. Lauer to distinguish his wife. I also noticed a lamp on the bureau in the bed-room. It is my recollection that it was a student lamp. collection that it was a student lamp. When I spoke to Mr. McShane about the stove, he said that he had shaken the coals down. The stove had isinglass windows which were clean and allowed the light to shine through. The coals

windows which were clean and allowed the light to shine through. The coals were a bright red.

I had a conversation with Mr. Lauer about the occurrence. I asked him how it could have happened. He said that he mistook Sally for a burglar. Afterwards when the body was removed to the front parlor, I went in there and sat down beside it, and commenced to question Lauer about the occurrence. I told him that I did not see how it could possibly have happened. I said to him, "I should have thought that if you could have taken aim so straight, that you ought to have been able to tell your wife from a burglar." He remarked that he didn't see how he could have aimed so correctly. He then went on to tell that he was awakened by hearing a voice in the next room. He stopped a moment to listen, saw the form advancing, and then fired instantly. Then he got up immediately and found that he had killed his wife. He told me that his wife had died before she fell to the floor, and was dead before he got thave. When Larrived at Lauer's house. the floor, and was dead before he got there. When I arrived at Lauer's house there. When I arrived at Lauer's house I at once suggested that a doctor be sent for. Mr. Drexel or Mr. Maul said that it was unnecessary to send for a physician as Mrs. Lauer was dead, and Mr. Lauer acknowledged that he had killed her.

Cross-examined—Mr. Lauer told me that after he shot he looked to see if there was another burglar, and then feeling heads him saw that his wife was missing.

was another burglar, and then feeling beside him saw that his wife was missing. He jumped up and found that his wife had been shot. When I went in and found the stove so bright, I asked Mr. McShane how it could be so light when Lauer claimed to be unable to see his wife, and he accounted for it on the ground that he had shaken the fire down and caused it to burn up more. The windows were tolerably clean.

Henry Voss, architect, sworn and testi-fied: I was at the Lauer residence Sunday morning. Saw Lauer there—he was being shaved at the time. The next day I called there to finish my diagram. and he explained to me how his wife fell. I went again Wednesday or Thursday. I told Lauer that I had to make another measurement and he said that that was all right. I showed him the measurements and he said that they were correct. He asked me what the talk was in town about the killing. I told him that I didn't take much notice of what people were saying-that some people said one thing and some another. Then he remarked that the newspapers were doing their best to stir up a feeling against him. Here Mr. Voss testified that Lauer had said that "Rosewater was to blame for it all," and then applied a vile

Mrs John G. Lee sworn and testified: I live in Mr. McShane's house. I remember the morning of the tragedy. I was awakened by Mr. Lee's getting out of bed, in answer to Miss Lauer's cries. I got up and dressed and went over as soon as I could. On the way over I met Miss Lauer and heard her say John had shot Sallie accidentally. I was prevent-ed from going in by Mr. McShane's hired man, Mat Galdon. I don't think that I said to Mat that I wasn't surprised to hear that Lauer had shot his wife. don't remember of making any such I never heard of any trouble between Lauer and his wite. They al-ways seemed to live peaceably together. All I heard to the contrary was what I saw in the newspapers and what people

Cross-examined-I have lived for seven months in the house next door to Mr Lauer's, and always thought they lived happily. Mr. Lauer seemed kind and attentive to his wife. It appeared to be the general sentiment of the neighbor I that since their reconciliation, Mr. and Mrs. Lauer had had no trouble of

Major George Dennis recalled and tes titled: Mr. Lauer said at the inquest that the blinds in the bed room were elosed at the time of the shooting. He said that the blinds of the large window on the west side of the house, were open, but that the curtain was pulled down. The curtain was a buff-colored one, and of light material.

Miss Lauer, recalled, testified: When Mr. Lauer came to the back door that leads from the dining room into the hall, I was standing at the front door. The bed now in the room, with the mattress, pillows and clothing, are the same as they were at the time of the shooting. not know whether any one has slept

in the bed since the shooting, Deputy Sheriff J. P. Ewing, sworn and testified. Have resided in Omaha seventeen years. Saw Mr. Lauer at his hous last night. I went there with Mr. Cowin and Mr. Estelle. There were Miss Lauer, Mr. Lauer and two gentlemen then was went I went there with Mr. Cowin in the house. After we went in these parties stepped out out and went up stairs. The folding doors between the two rooms—bed room and dining room-were opened. The stove was a hard coal base burner, and the isinglass was very clean so as to throw out considerable light. The lamp was standing on the table in the dining room. Mr. Cowin put out the lamp and there was then no other light in the two rooms. excepting what came from the stove.

Mr. Cowin then told me to lie down on
the bed, and I did so. He then stood on
the threshold between the two doors. I

Cowin and Mr. Estelle laid on the bed. I could easily distinguish them. I could have told from the light given out by the stove that there was somebody lying beside me in the bed without being obliged

stove that there was somebody lying beside me in the bed without being obliged
to feel. I remember the Frieley night of
a week ago. I got home about a quarter
past II o'clock. I noticed that the night
was extraordinarily light—so that the
shadows east upon the sidewalk were almost like those cast at noonday.

Cross examined—I did not know why
I was going up to the Lauer house last
night, but was told what I was expected
to do when I got there. I am aware
that when a baseburner is closed up at
night, that it will deaden down considerably in five hours so that there will
scarcely be any light from it at all.

Mrs. Bell sworn and testified: Have
resided in Omaha ten years. I used to
wash for Mrs. Lauer. She was then living back of Mr. Gallagher's. One day I
saw a difficulty between Mrs. Lauer and
her husband. Mrs. Lauer was getting
dinner ready. She seemed to be very
nervous and in a great deal of
trouble. I asked her what the
trouble was. She finally told me what
she was worrying about. She said that
her husband wanted some cranberries
for dinner and they hada't come patil she was worrying about. She said that her husband wanted some cranberries for dinner and they hadn't come until very late. She told me that if her husband came home and found that the cranberries were not properly prepared he would abuse her. We fixed them the best we could and put them on the table. Lauer came home about half past twelve or one o'clock and sat down to the table. When he saw the cranberries he said, "what kind of a looking mess is that you've got for a man to eat! The next I saw of her she came out of the dining room and her face was spotted all over with cranberwas spotted all over with cranber-He had thrown them at her head. was crying when she came out of

the dining room.

Cross examined—When I heard Mr. Cross examined—When I neard Mr.
Latter make that remark, I was standing
in the door near the dining room. I first
told the remark to Charley Edgerton
last week when I was in his office. I
have not spoken of it to anyone else until
now. I don't remember whether this
transaction took place before or after
their separation.

AFTERNOON SESSION. The court opened at 2 p. m. The lobby was not so large as it was during the earlier sessions and lacked the stray element of pecuniary and commercial responsibility which has thus far been noticeable in it. The prisoner and his sister occupied their accustomed places, while Loc Her who has been quite regular. while Joe Her, who has been quite regular at the session, allowed himself to bake

behind the stove.

Coroner Drexel, recalled and testified:
The hair was down and loose, and in pulling it from under the body to wash it, I found a couple of hairpins. The hair was auburn and quite heavy, and was about two feet long.

"That's all," said Gen. Cowin.

"That's our ease," said District Attorney Estelle. Judge Thurston then rose and stated

that masmuch as it would take some time to get his witnesses, he would like to have an officer sent for Mr. Woolworth, whom he wanted to ask a tew ques-James Richards sworn testified: I live

on Sixteenth street. Have charge of ma-chinery in nailworks. Knew Mr. and Mrs. Lauer. I should think they lived happily from what I could see of them. happily from what I could see of them. I saw her Thursday night before her death in the yard of the nailworks. She wanted to know how I was getting along in buying the lot Mr. Lauer had been talking about. Lauer and I went to see it and if I didn't want to buy it he would buy it for me. Mrs. Lauer's mother had a little money and it would be a good place in which to invest it When I saw Mrs. Lauer it was twenty minutes to five. I told Lauer and he came out and saw I told Lauer and he came out and saw her. Mrs. Lauer was reading at the time. I saw him go out and saw them both talk and laugh on the scales and I should think they were happy. On the 3d or 4th of August I put up moulding to hang pic-tures on. She talked to me and said the next thing she would like would be paper the house, but before doing that she would get a little further along and then they would be very happy indeed. I was in the house Saturday night and took charge of the house without being told. I was at the house last night about 9.20. As soon as I got my coat off I fixed the fires anh went to bed there. There wasn't a bright glow there. A dog woke me up, and the fire was dull, and I could not see much beyond the dining-room I could not have distinguished any person stand-ing on the threshold. When the fire is left bright it would take two hours to have the fire go right down. I was there when Voss verified his measurements. Lauer did not make such statements about Mr. Rosewater as Voss testified to

· Cross-examined by Estelle: Came here Went to nailworks three years When I was putting up the mould-Don't know how long before that I had been at the house. When I built the barn for them I was in the house lots of times. Lauer was always away or at the nailworks. I never went there unless I was ent by Lauer from the nailworks. When I was there Mr. and Mrs. Lauer always seemed pleasant. Do not know that they ever had had trouble between themselves. Mrs. Lauer was at nailworks on Thurs-Saw Laner and together. Saw Lauer a few minutes later. Saw ber also, thought she was waiting for him. Did not see them later.
When I saw them it was about 5:45. Works shut down at 6 p. m. -Lauer was in shirt sleeves, when I saw him first. Next time he had his coat on. Frequently talked with Mrs. Lauer when I was working in the house. Spent the whole afternoon there. When I was building a fence there she said they were ing to have a happy home. Woke up last night; did not know what time it was. I thought it was 2 o'clock in the morning, because it was dark. Yes, it was dark when I came back from It was so dark that I could not distinguish my cuffs. Curtains are buff in color. The walls around are white; they are rather smoky. The blinds were closed. In the night I could not distinguish a woman from a man laying the room near the doorway I could not distinguish any object. The

room was quite dark. J. M. Woo.worth, sworn, testified: I know Mr. Lauer. Have known him a long time, to speak to him. The first personal acquaintance was a year ago when he was left by his wife. I was called by a telephone from Mr. Her to come to fown to talk over a matter of personal import to Mr. Lauer. There were there J. A. McShane, P. Her, James were there J. A. McShane, P. lier, James Creighton, Mr. Lauer, and a gentleman named Williams. Very likely John A. Creighton was present, though I can not state positively. I was called there at the instance of Mr. Iler. Mr. Lauer said in the first of the talk, if I recollect cor-rectly, that he had nobody but himself to blame; but later, he made some reflec-tion upon his wife's mother; but later. tion upon his wife's mother; but, later, at the instance of somebody, he recalled it and said he had nobody to blame. He made a conveyance, a transfer of his property, at the time. He turned over all his goods. I don't remember that there was a notary present. He said he had done wrong, and was willing to make it right. He wanted to turn over all his property, and go a way and begin life again. I can not say what was the value of his property. I understood that this desire to turn over his property to could see him plainly and see who he was. Could also notice plainly his collar and cuffs, and his necktie. The dining room was quite light, except that portion obscured by the back of the bod. Could read the larger type of a paper which I had in my hand. I hen went into the next room and Mr.

ter is, I do not know. Yes, it was, as he expressed it, his all.

Cross examined by J. C. Cowin. I knew Cross examined by J. C. Cowin. I knew nothing about the act being voluntary only as I saw it. I was there as a friend of fier's to advise and suggest. But, I don't know that I led to the suggestion. This meeting was on Saturday night before he left, and I think he went away the very next day. Yes, he came back. I don't think he stated what he had done wrong to his wife. Before I had spoken to Lauer, I was taken aside, I think by a young man named Williams, and there I was told of what took place between Lauer and his wife. I don't think Lauer told me about the serious trouble Lauer had had with his wife. I don't remember that he said he was quick tempered, and wasn't fit to live with her; speaking, generally, I should say he did not. I don't remember that any person there don't remember that any person there said "Is it possible, you have abused her in that way?" I think so because what he had done was not discussed when I

he had done was not discussed when I was present.

Mrs Savage, sworn, testified: I live next door to Mrs. Lauer. It is the nearest to his. I have lived there two years. I have seen nothing except what was perfectly pleasant and agreeable. I've seen them in the house and, yard, and I've been in and out of the house when the Lauers were sick. No man could be more attentive to a woman than Mr. Lauer had been to his wife. I saw Miss Lauer the night of the murder. I brought her into my house to have her put on some other clothes. She have her put on some other clothes. She had on only a night wrapper. Mat Gah-lon, Mr. Lee, Mr. McShane and all of us met in the yard. I wanted to know if I couldn't do something in Mrs. Lauer's house and none of the men would let any of us go in because they said it was not a

of us go in because they said it was not a proper place for any woman to go.

Cross Examined by J. Cowin: The life of Mr. and Mrs. Lauer was as happy as any I had ever seen. Yes, it was as happy as five-sixths of the lives of other people. Yes, Mrs. Lauer said her husband had not struck her with a turkey. No, she did not tell me that he had not struck her with a pistol, but she did say that there were a great many things said about her in the papers which were lies. I was not looking to see Mrs. Lauer. I was not in the habit of seeing her except when she called for assistance about cooking and sickness. Yes, Mrs. Lauer and Miss Lauer, also had been sick in my house. Miss Lauer had a nigh fever and her throat was black and I put her in a room and gave her a bath and put her to bed. She did not go to her own house, because I could take care of her, and I wouldn't let her go. Mrs. Lauer was also sick in her house. She was taken sick at the fair and drove to her house had her thouse had her house at the fair and drove to her house at the fair and drove to her house is a the fair and drove to her house as the remarked and the second side at the fair and drove to her house as the fair and drove to her house as the fair and drove to her house as the fair and drove to her house. house. She was taken sick at the fair and drove to her house, because she was in such pain that she wanted somebody to take care of her. Mrs. Lauer was sick again in my house. The occasion of the sickness was a miscarriage. I don't know what the cause of the miscarriage was. How should I know what the cause of the miscarriage was? No I don't know everything; [to Cowin.] Do you know everything;

everything?

Thurston—"Yes, and he's the only man on earth that does know everything."

Cowin—"No, I don't know everything, but I know a few things you'll subscribe

Ben Gallagher, sworn, testified: I live directly east of Lauer's. Myself and wife are on good terms with Lauer. The character of the relation of Lauer and wife since the reconciliation has been most pleasant.

Cross examined by Estelle-I never cross examined by Estelle—I never made any special examination into their affairs. I live near them and visited them frequently. Everything seemed pleasant. On the morning of the murder, the first man I saw, I think was Mr. Lee. I am not positive. But did I not notice a talk with McShane before I went into the

Mrs. Ben Gal.agher, sworn testified: Have lived next door to the Lauers. I have always been on good terms with ations of each has been most pleasant. Every summer morning I used to take the children and let them play while I read the paper. I could then see Mrs. Lauer flitting in and out, singing, feed-ing her birds, and appearing perfectly happy. I never knew that Lauer ever struck his wife. I once said that with Lauer it was my impression that with him it was a word and a blow and then it was all over, but with her, when she got mad, she never got over it. No-body ever asked me "how many blows I would stand?" I never saw a cut or bruise on Mrs. Lauer. Never told a lady in my house that Mrs. Lauer had told me that her husband had given her the cut she had on her shoulder. I visited Mrs. Lauer when she was sick. Dr. Parker attended her. I have interested myself in this case. I thought it was in the interest of common humanity. I thought these stories about Mr. Lauer were lies and that there were prejudice

against him. Mr. Whitehorn, sworn, testified: I have lived here six years. I have lived four or five years north of Lauers'. Since their moving there, they have appeared agreeable and happy. I have spent from twelve to fifteen evenings in their com-

ited Lauer's about six times in the last twelve months. I never saw Lauer strike his wife. Do not know what he did when I when I was not present.

Whitehorn, sworn, testified: Live near the Lauers', and have been backwards and forwards with the Lauers, and they have done the same thing with us. I have never seen anything that was not perfectly pleasant. Cross-examined by Estelle: Nothing

was drawn out new. Miss Savage sworn and deposed: She resides next door to the Lauer dwelling and kew the family. Had often called and was prepared to state that since their reconciliation Mr. and Mrs. Lauer had lived happily and upon the best rela-

Questioned by Mr. Mr. Estelle: Had never seen Lauer strike his wife or mani-fest any ill temper. Was at the Lauer dwelling almost every day since she had resided in that neighborhood. Minerya auer had come to the witness' home very sick and that witness' mother had prevailed upon her to remain there. Did not know that Miss Lauer had remained from home while ill because of trouble with her brother-in-law and his wife. Witness denied positively that she had ever conversed with her mother about Mrs. Lauer's troubles and had never been given evidence that any differences ex-isted between Lauer and his wife. Dr. Parker called to the stand: Live at

Dodge and Twenty-lifth streets. Was called to attend Miss Lauer during her illness; treated her for a week and saw Lauer regularly. The relations of Mr. and Mrs. Lauer were kindly.

Questioned by Mr. Estelle: As far as

witness' observation went, Lauer's treat-ment to his wife was kindly and good. Denied that he ever said to Dr. Coffman that he never saw such a pandemonium as the Lauer household. Admitted that he said something to the effect that from what he heard there must have been a pandemonium there Hud conversed with Mrs. Savage during Mrs. Lauer's illness, and the lady's statements were derogatory to Mrs. Lauer, she stating that Mrs. Lauer was a person of uncongenial temperament, and she wondered how Mr. Lauer lived with her. Miss Lauer had some throat trouble and was confined in bed on the occasion of witness' first and second visits. Could not remember at which visit he conversed with Mrs. Savage. Admitted that he had formerly said that he had been told that Miss Lauer was sick in her (Mrs. Savage's) house, was due to trouble between the sick woman and her

arrived at Lauer's house, Mrs. Lauer had asked her (Miss Minerva) how long she was going to stay, and being told "but a short time," and remarked that they must contain a strangely-large quantity must contain a strangely-large quantity of baggage for a young woman about to pay a short visit. Mrs. Savage further said that Mrs. Lauer had since made it so uncomfortable for Miss Lauer that she came to her (Mrs. Savage's) home while ill. All this occurred about November 9, within two weeks of Mrs. Lauer's death.

This testimony, which brought the evidence of trouble in Lauer's family, down to the latest date vet optain d, and so

to the latest date yet obtain d, and so close to the tragedy, created a profound

impression in the crowded court room.

Mr. Thurston, resuming questioning—
Witness stated that the word "pandemonium" by him, as applied to the
Lauer horsehold, grew out of impressions
obtained from their general relations
since married. He understood from Mrs. Savage that Mr. and Mcs. Lauer seemed to conspire to make it incomfortable for Mis Minerva, and had given her to understand that she had been visiting

long enough.

Mr. Thurston announced that the defense had finished its testimony. General Cowin asked the court to wait a few minutes until Mrs Poor could be obtained but after a few minutes concluded he

would rest without her.
Gen. Cowin then addressed the court.
He remarked that he did know what impression the judge might have obtained, but the district attorney and himself would insist that the defendant should be held without bail, and if the court de-sired argument on that point he was pre-

sired argument on that point he was prepared to give it.

Mr. Thurston replied that he thought that the evidence did not warrant even the holding of his client, and he was surprised at Gen. Cowin's demands. The defense had opened itself to a thorough examination, and although it would have to face public prejudice, it was prepared to meet trial here.

Mr. Cowin reiterated that the prosecution insisted that the defendant should be held without bail, and quoted the constitution of the state on the point:

All persons shall be ballable by sufficient sureties, except for treason and murder, when

an persons small be ballacted by sameters, when sureties, except for treason and murder, when the proof is evident or the presumption great. Soc. 9. Art. 1. Cont. Nebraska, Gen. Cowin proceeded in a strong speech to remind the court that its most important duty was in the proper con-struction of this provision. He then took up a line of argument full of fervent eloquence. In reviewing the relations of Lauer and his dead wife, the speaker said that Lauer's conduct was more brutal than that of a beast. The crowd in the lobby at this broke into idi-otic applause which was promptly sup-pressed. Gen. Cowin continued and arpressed. Gen. Cowin continued and argued upon the basis of the lights afforded in the fatal chamber to the end that Lauer could have recognized his wife when he tired as he alleges. The argument was forceful, full of pathos and strong emotion, in many passages, bitterly arranging Lauer, who sat with his head bowed and rested upon his hand. "The man," said General Cowin warn

"The man," said General Cowin with soul-stirring fervor, "who would stand by his dying wife, watching her last breathings, and say, 'I leave you for the coroner, 'would commit murder." Once more the lobby rippled its plaudits and the police baliffs rapped thunderously Mr. Thurston replied, beginning by stating that he had not thought if the purpose of any of the counsel in the case

to make a heated argument. He had thought the district attorney would have been willing to submit the case upon its evidence. He accessed Gon. Cowin of coming into the case for the sole purpose of sending the defendant to jail be-fore trial, and to further prejudice Lauer before the public. He knew that at-tempts had been made to intimidate the court by the threat of public opinion in this case, to bind over the defendant without bail. Gen. Cowin had couployed the clause of the constitution upon which he asked that Lauer be committed, to admit Charles Kosters, charged with murder, to bail. It was the precedent that all persons, unless guilty of some bail. Had it not been for the trouble of a year ago between Lauer and his wife, the present tragedy would not have ex cited suspicion. The speaker continued in an emotional strain to relate how Lauer had manifested penitence and at-tempted to make reparation after the first trouble. Mr. Thurston, in touching upon this point, spoke with deep feeling and eloquence. The effect was apparent upon the members, if they may be so called, of the defense, for the lady witnesses used their kerchiefs freely, Miss Minerva wept deeply and Lauer sobbed at intervals. Even Gen. Cowin was not wicked and vindictive enough to allege that John Lauer could have planned the murder of his wife. Mr Thurston then proceeded to take up the circumstances of the shooting. Mrs. Lauer was shot on the threshold of the folding doors and fell forward pierced with a bullet fired at an upward range and necessarily from the bed. The fact that there were no powder marks upon her face indicated that the range must have been of some distance, and judging from the relative positions the shot could only have been delivered from the The fact that there was no quarre that night between Lauer and his wifproved that there was no occasion for deliberate murder. All statements that Lauer manifested any brutality toward his wife after her death were wanton wicked and malicious perversions of the testimony. The stove had been closed and untouched for five hours, and could not have given much light. Lauer had been rendered fearful by frequent incur sions of burglars, and being of an ex-citable character, he had wakened fright ened and confused, and seizing his ready pistol from beneath his pillow fired at the moving object before him with-out questioning its identity. Mr. Thurston concluded by adjuring the court to remember that if the troubles of a year and a half ago were stricken out, there was nothing in the testimony to hold Lauer. It was because that one relative of the dead woman [referring to Joseph ller] cherished resentment and malice against Lauer has put money into the case, that the attempt is being made tosend Lauer to jail with-Mr. Thurston repeated his pre vious statement that he understood that Judge Stenberg had been moved by threats to compel him to commit Lauer, and concluded by reposing the case in trust to the judgment of the court.

Mr. Estelle asked another moment for Air. Estelle asked allotter moment for the prosecution and proceeded to talk: His deepest concern was that he should do right. Judge Thurston had stated that Lauer could command the support of the best citizens of Omaha in giving bail. To this point Mr. Estelle replied, "the defendant may bounde to furnish a million dollars in bail. I probably could not bring to my aid in such an extremity one thousand dollars, but I never mashed my wife's nose with a revolver nor struck her with a turkey." At this, again the irresponsible crowd started up its chronic applause. Mr. Estelle rested the merits of the prosecution chiefly upon the evidence of Miss Minerya.

As Mr. Estelle sat down, Judge Sten-

berg made his decision, as follows:
"Before passing upon this case, I wish
to say that at the moment it was filed in this court I recognized the responsi bility devolving on me, and my mind was made up to do what was right and just to Mr. Lauer and the people of Nebraska. I have avoided conversing with any one upon the topic and reading the newspa-pers, except the reports of the testimony. After weighing the evidence, I am forced to recognize the strong presump-tion that John W. Lauer, the defendant. trouble between the sick woman and her brother-in-law and his wife. Mrs. Savage had said that on the day Miss Minerva court without bail."

# WHO IS THAT MAN?

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#### IN SUITS.

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### OVERCOATS.

Can be found in any style that is worn by man, but the thing that catches is the latest style one, the only one ever seen in Omaha, (See it) and at the same time see those Surtouts. Newmarkets and Sacks in all styles at the following prices.

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The judge spoke slowly, and his voice avered slightly with emotion. silence of the tomb pervaded the court room, and as the strain of expectancy was relieved with the judge's last word the impression on every auditor was profound. The scene would have been solemn, but the policemen had to repress the wretched lunatics in the lobby who would ring in their ghoulish applause. Silence again for a moment prevailed, and then Miss Minerva was heard softly erying. At this Mr. Thur-ston arose and with intentional small to relieve the embarrassment, approached Lauer with some encouraging remark. The unfortunate man had greeted the decree without flinehing, but the depth of sorrow spoken from his red and sunken eyes for once moved the hard reporters to slight sympathy. It was apparent that whether John Laner is guilty or innocent of his wife's murder he was suffering at the moment such penitential torture as few men can

A full ten minutes etapsed before the committed wan and his weeping sister were molested, and again Mr. Thurston brought relief.

"I will accompany you up the hill," he said, offering his arm to Lauer.

The latter arose, embraced his sister tenderly, and yielding her to friends, she was ied from the court room sobbing aloud. Roundsman Whalen walked up to Lauer, and between the officer and Mr. Thurston the prisoner was conducted afoot to the county jail. A mob of the court spectators followed the whole dis-tance, owing to the absence of the fool-

Lauer entered the jail and parted with Mr. Thurston, still maintaining the composure which has characterized his bearing since the tragedy. Joe Miller, the jailor, gave Lauer a cell on the balcony, the most comfortable quarters in the prison, and the unfortunate man lay down, seeming shortly to drop into

Mr. Thurston will, as soon as he can have the testimony printed, attempt to obtain Lauer's admission to bail on a habeas corpus from the district court.

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Arrested and Fined.

A savory trio before Judge Stenberg yesterday morning were George Butts, Caddie Butts and George Brown, They had been quar relling in a house of ill fame on Capitol a venue early yesterday morn ing. It seems that George and Caddie have been friends, but of late have had several serious rows. Sunday morning he went around there with a friend to get some clothes which he had left there, and also to solicit the boon of a days' lodging. Caddle had become soured on on him. She declined to allow him to spend another hour in her mansion. She cast him out utterly and forever.
A quarrel followed and Caddie went out for a policeman. She found Officer Donovan, and all three, including George Brown, were cast into jail.

After hearing the case Judge Stenberg decided to fine Butts \$25 and costs, Brown \$10 and costs, and Miss Caddie \$10 and

"I am glad you're going to send him up, Judge," remarked the woman as she prepared to waltz out of the room, "I'm not going to have anything more to do with that man Butts. He beats me alto-gether too much. Ta ta," she added tauntingly to Butts as she disappeared

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There is wonderful activity at this time among many of the leading religious denominations. The building boom which has revolutionized the business district of Omaha, seems to have taken possession of church goers, to that degree that, before the close of the next year, Omaha will erect a number of costly and beautiful places of worship. The example of Trinity has not been without its effect, in that it impelled a number of other de-nominations to at least get rid of their floating indebtedness. Prominent among these are the Baptists, the Methodists and Presbyterians, who are now holden only for recent improvements in their several

The First Methodist church on Davenport street will signalize the new year by erecting a new church, instead of its present rambling structure, on the southeast corner of Davenport and Twentieth streets. This property was purchased a short time ago for \$4,000. It is immediately north by one block, of the Christian church, which was recently moved to Twentieth and Capitol avenue, from its old subterranean ocation on the corner of Twentieth and

The Congregational church which has ong borne a faded and antiquated exterfor and interior, which poorly com-ported with the wealth, intelligence and taste of its members, is soon to be a thing of the past. It will be moved away to enable a new structure to rise in its stead. This, it is thought, will be one of the finest churches in the city. A building committee has already been appointed each of whom is a man of taste and means, and each of whom, it is understood feels bounden to start the movement, with a handsome contribution. Several other lesser organizations are

now soliciting subscriptions for like purposes, and as a consequence, the liberal giver is not without the means of testing

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Mr. Geo. Canfield has received a letter from a lady purporting to be Mrs. A. L. Chase and dated Providence, Rhode Island. The missive throws considerable light upon the character of Chase, the ex-steward of the Cantield house. This individual, it may be remembered, became involved in row on account of some slanderous stories which he was telling and was obliged to leave town, with a woman whom he claimed to be his wife.
This Mrs. A. L. Chase claims to be the

wife of the ex-steward. Sine says that he ran away from her a year ago in com-pany with a young woman named Mary Williams. He went to Boston, Mass. and afterwards drifted out to Omaha. Mrs. afterwards drifted out to Omaha. Mrs. Chase says that she is poor and in desti-tute circumstances, with a child to suppart. S he asks for the address of her erring husband in order that she may According to the statements of this lady, Chase is a bigamist, as he was married to the woman, Mary Williams,

on August 18th.

Railway Notes and Personals. Col. E. F. Hooker, stock agent for the Rock Island at Des Moines, is in the city and last evening left in company with Matt Clair for the west.

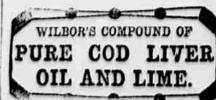
The Union Pacific yesterday equipped the freight brakemen and yardmen with coupling sticks, a device to save the crushing of hands and tingers. The stick is worn sheathed in a belt similar to the policeman's club and is employed to lift the coupling links, which has formerly been done by the hand. The use of the

sticks is compulsory. On the 25th inst., the special train which is touring the Union Pacific system with tailors measuring the employes for the new uniform, collided with a wood train at Linsay on the Solomons district of the Kansas division. A man named J. W. Smizer, who was holding his team near the track, was struck by the ears which were knocked about, and both he and his horses were killed. The damage to the trains was slight.

The police received yesterday from Boston the description and offer of reward for the arrest of Adrian L. Mellen charged with conspiracy to kill and



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