

CHANGES ON HILL'S BOND

Case of the State Against the Ex-Treasurer Given to the Jury.

ONLY ONE FACT TO BE DETERMINED

If Hill had a Bond During His Last Term of Office, the Verdict Must Be for the State for the Full Amount.

LINCOLN, May 10. (Special.)—The case of the state against the ex-treasurer of the state given to the jury on the point of the validity of Hill's official bond as state treasurer at 4:50 p. m. Prefacing the charge of the court, Chief Justice Norval said that should the jury find that Hill's official bond was a valid one it must bring in a verdict for the state for \$236,364.60, with interest at the rate of 7 per cent per annum from the 11th of January, 1893, to January 1, 1895.

The morning court announced that it had decided to leave the question as to the validity of Hill's official bond to the jury. Upon the question as to whether or not this bond was legally executed and delivered the jury was to decide, and upon this point of fact alone. Upon all other questions the court would rule.

At the afternoon session Judge Wakeley presented the opening argument to the jury on the validity of Hill's official bond. He congratulated the jurors upon the patience with which they had followed the case. The court had received them of consideration of all questions of fact and law, and to explain the nature of the case, and to state the questions of fact, and to state the questions of law, and to state the questions of fact, and to state the questions of law.

WHAT THE STATE CONTENDED.

Judge Wakeley said that the state contended, and authorities had been quoted to that effect, that when Hill signed the bond on a bond with the intention of completing it in the future, and did deliver the same, whether his name was again affixed to the bottom of the bond or not, became his act and bond and he was bound by it. What the evidence disclosed? Hill had taken it to Mosher and Harwood and Wright in the city of Omaha, and they had signed the bond and he was bound by it. What the evidence disclosed? Hill had taken it to Mosher and Harwood and Wright in the city of Omaha, and they had signed the bond and he was bound by it.

Prof. R. S. T. Patton, late chemist of the Chicago Health Department, reports that Price's Baking Powder is a scientifically prepared pure mixture.

R. B. HOWELL OF OMAHA IS CHOSEN

Board of Irrigation Elects Him to Be Secretary—His Assistant Named.

LINCOLN, May 10. (Special.)—The State Board of Irrigation today elected R. B. Howell of Omaha to be secretary of the board, and the following under secretaries: R. M. Aiken, Nuckolls county, for the First water district, and Frank Bacon, Dawson county, for the Second water district.

General Cowin followed Mr. Wheldon for the defense and did not travel over the ground previously utilized by his associate. He took up the line of testimony in which Hill had positively asserted that he had never signed the bond until he had secured the money and had not broken his promise. To Hill's present contention the bond had never been approved. The fact was urged General Cowin that Hill had signed the bond and been treated as a traitor in this case to the state. But nothing was farther from the truth. All

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Prospects in Antelope are Good

Antelope Small Grain Has Decreased and Corn Increased

NELIGH, Neb., May 10. (Special.)—Antelope county today has better prospects for both small grain and corn than for several years. The acreage of small grain this year will not be as large as last, but considerable more corn is being planted, probably one-third more.

Boyd's Theater

Boyd's Tuesday May 14, One Concert—One John Philip Sousa's Peerless Concert Band