

TESTIMONY AGAINST SPOERL

State Makes a Good Start in Examination of Witnesses.

DEFENSE OBJECTING TO ALL QUESTIONS

Effort to Get the Information Quashed Declared by the Court to Be Too Late—McGuire on the Stand.

With the exception of a few minutes of time which was devoted to other matters, the entire morning in the criminal court was occupied with the case of John Spoerl, the dog catcher, charged with obtaining money under false pretenses from the city.

When the case was taken up some little time was spent in arguing the point raised Friday night, that the information in its two counts charged two separate offenses.

The defendants' attorney attempted to object, but the court refused to grant the objection because the jury had been empaneled, and the examination of the witness was proceeding.

Before his testimony was given the attorney for the defense asked that Spoerl be allowed to withdraw his plea of not guilty and move that the information be quashed.

The records showed that Spoerl had been appointed dog pound master on August 3, 1895, and that he had been in charge of the dog pound since that time.

McGuire testified that nine dogs were drowned on August 1, twelve on August 2, twenty-four on August 6, fifteen on August 13, and fifteen on August 23, a total of seventy-five.

There was only one drowning on any one day and this occurred either between 10 and 11 o'clock in the morning or between 4 and 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

The time for drowning was learned from the man in charge of the pound. The witness said he had always been in an excellent position to see how many dogs were drowned, because they were carried from five feet from the pound to a wagon and then some distance from the wagon to the river.

McGuire, on cross-examination, said that he was a detective from Chicago. Previous to coming to Omaha he had been employed by a detective for the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad company.

He came to the city about July 9 at the solicitation of Chief of Police White to do some special work. He had rendered two accounts against the city, one for \$60 and the other for \$100.

The examination proceeded no further, Judge Scott adjourning court until Monday morning at 9:30 o'clock. The defense asked for an order requiring McGuire to be present at that time for further cross-examination.

It was deemed unnecessary by the court on the statement of McGuire that he would be in attendance.

GEORGE MORGAN ENTERS HIS PLEA. In Court He Denies Having Murdered Ida Gaskill.

"Not guilty." This was the plea of George Morgan to each of the two counts of the information in which he is charged with first criminally assaulting and then murdering 11-year-old Ida Gaskill.

As the man stood before the bench with his hands hanging by his sides, listening to the long information as it was read, with eyes fixed on the cabinet panel behind the judge, it was difficult for the spectators to believe that he was the man being arraigned for the brutal crime with which he was charged.

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