THE OMAHA DAILY BEE: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1893.

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 He 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. The general interest felt in the case, together with the fact that Morgan, the alleged murderer of Ida Gaskill, was to be arraigned, crowded the court room to its full capacity. When the case was taken up some little time was spent in arguing the point raised counts charged two separate offenses. The county attorney, while he persisted that the two counts were perfectly proper in the information, asked that the court listen to the evidence before deciding, in order to see whether or not the two offenses of obtaining money under false pretenses and obtaining the signature of the mayor to a warrant by false pretenses, arose out of the same transaction

The attorney for the defense objected to the court doing this, and then the county attorney read a number of authorities which sustained his position. After hearing them the court said that he was still of the opinthe court said that he was still of the opin-ion that the counts charged separate offenses under the statute, but that good authorities appeared to be against him. He therefore said that he would hear the evidence before deciding whether to compel the county at-torney to elect on which of the counts he would try the defendant. The defendants' attorney attempted to ob-fect, but the court cut him off. The state's

TOO LATE TO QUASH.

Before his testimony was given the attor-ney for the defense asked that Spoerl be allowed to withdraw his plea of not guily and move that the information be quashed. The court held that it was too late for the motion because the jury had been empaneled, and the examination of the witness was pro-

creded with. Throughout the examination of Mayor Bemis and of the city officials that followed, almost every question was objected to. The evidence adduced from them, however, only consisted in proof of the appointment of Spoeri as dogcatcher, and in showing that the warrant which Spoerl and Frank were charged with fraudulently obtaining in the secont count, had been regularly issued and paid.

paid. The records showed that Speerl had been appointed dog pound master and the defend-ants' attorneys objected to their introduction because the information charged Speerl as dog pound master and dog pound keeper. The objection was overruled. Comptroller Theodore Olsen testified to Speerl's eath as being official and legal and the bond was introduced as evidence. He also showed that the warrant had been legally issued and paid.

issued and paid. County Attorney Baldrige stated that he

would at onc: take the testimony of Thomas McGuire, as the witness was anxious to leave the city. McGuire is the detective employed by the city to keep tab on the dog pound. McGuire testified that from August 1 to 14 and from August 28 to 31, inclusive, he had hern employed to keep count of the num-ber of dogs drowned at the pound. He had heen assisted by John E. Bell, who was at the present time outside the jurisdiction of the court. He had been at the pound every day and had been present on every day on which drownings occurred. Israel Frank was also present except on one day.

HE GIVES HIS FIGURES. McGuire testified that nine dogs were

coat and spotted blue overalls, his prison IS MAKING HIM dress, but through this unbecoming apparel the fine physique of the man stood out. His the fine physique of the man stood out. His well formed head and good looking, smooth shaven face were not at all in keeping with the prevalent picture of a brutish criminal which had been fixed in the minds of the great majority of the crowd that filled the court room. He could not look the judge in the eye and if by chance his eyes rested on the county attorney as he uttered the words of the information they were averted at once when the official looked up at him. There was little sign of emotion or nervousness in the man beyond the fact that the fingers of his hanging hands twitched frequently and at intervals he ap-peared to gulp down something in his throat, but when the question was asked after each of the counts had been read: "What do you plead to the charge, guilty

"What do you plead to the charge, guilty or not guilty?" he answered "Not guilty," in his natural high tones.

He said nothing more until the court asked if he had money to employ counsel. He said that he had not, and then with some garrulousness he went on to say that an attorney had been waiting on him and that he was satisfied with him. The court appointed two attorneys to defend him, and then asked the county attorney when he wished the case set for trial.

The county attorney answered that he wished the case to come up in the coming week. He was all ready for trial Friday night, that the information in its two and did not think that Morgan's attorneys would require much time to prepare. The court thereupon set the case for Tuesday morning, or as soon thereafter as possible, if the Spoeri case was not finished by that

Morgan did not say a word about the matter and when the court informed him that he was through, he turned and followed the deputy sheriff quietly out of the room.

Elkhorn Again Changes Time To take effect Sunday, Nov. 24, the fol-lowing changes of time will occur in time of trains on F., E. & M. V. R. R.:

trains on F., E. & M. V. R. R.: Black Hills Express will leave Omaha 2:10 p. m. daily. Arrive Hot Springs 8:05 a. m., Deadwood 12:00 a. m. next morning, connect-ing at Frement for Lincoln daily and for Su-

ing at Fremont for Lincoln daily and for Su-perior and Hastings lines daily except Sun-day, at Scribner with Albion line daily ex-cept Sunday, and at Chadron with the Wyo-ming line except Sunday. Norfolk local will leave Omaha 7:50 a.m. The defendants' attorncy attempted to object, but the court cut him off. The state's witnesses were sworn and Mayor George P. Bemis was called to the stand. TOO 1.4770 metand.

Norfolk local will arrive 10:25 a. m.

Quotations from "Burns':" Haviland's new "Helene" dinner set only \$18.75. Thin blown tumblers, cut edge, 60c doz. Haviland's chop or salad set, \$5.00. Old Dresden d'uner set, cnly \$9.75. All for "Thanksgiving." 1318 Farnam.

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No. 6, Omaha, 5:45 p. m., Chicago, 8:45 a. m. No. 2, Omaha, 4:45 p. m., Chicago, 7:45 a. m. No. No. Chicago, 6:00 p. m., Omaha, 8:10 a. m. Chicago, 10:45 p. m., Omaha, 3:35 p. m. Omaha, 10:30 a. m., Chicago, 7:00 a. m.

Chicago, 4:30 p. m., Omaha, 9:20 a. m THE NORTHWESTERN LINE. City Ticket office, 1401 Farnam street.

BURLINGTON ROUTE.

Personally Conducted Excursions to California.

From Omaha every Thursday morningthrough to Los Angeles without changeeverything first-class but tickets.

Fast time-you reach San Francisco Sunday evening; Los Angeles Monday morning. Experienced excursion conductor accompanies each excursion-uniformed Pullman porter with each car. Only personally conducted excursions to the Pacific coast which pass Call at the city ticket office, 1324 Farnam street, and get full information, or write J. Francis, general passenger agent, Omaha. The big sale of men's shoes begins tomorrow at the Nebraska Shoe House. 1415 Douglas St.

Homeseekers' Excursion.

Via Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Ry. Tickets McGuire testified that nine dogs were drowned on August 1, twelve an August 3, twenty-four on August 6, fifteen on August with final return limit Dec. 31st. For full

Edwards Having Hard Work to Get a Bond. MAY FINALLY BE COMPELLED TO BUY ONE

HUSTLE

Responsible Parties Not Anxious to Be Surety for Officials Who Have Heretofore Condoned Crooked Methods.

That the path of a successful office-seeker is not an easy one is the experience of the majority of the candidates who were elected to city and county offices at the recent election. Most of them had imagined that when they had successfully run the gauntlet of the conventions and the election the rest would be easy, but they are facing a snag that had not entered into their calculations. Nearly all of the city and county officials are required to give bonds in sums ranging from \$5,000 up, and it now develops that the number of eligible capitalists who are willing to become sureties on these bonds is exceedingly limited. The recent treasury defaications allied to

the general conservatism of the times and the doubtful responsibility of many of the officials recently elected have operated to create a general reluctance on the part of property owners to having their names endorsed on bonds and especially on those of some of the officials who have won their title to office solely through their efforts to shield the perpetrators of public frauds and con-done corruption in office. Even the best of the prospective officials are discovering considerable difficulty in getting satisfactory bonds, and others who possess the confidence of business men in a less degree are prac-

tically up a stump. The difficulty which is experienced in this particular is freely acknowledged by a num-ber of the candidates. One of them who would naturally be expected to have the least trouble in procuring bondsmen said yes-terday that much to his surprise he was having the greatest difficulty in getting re-sponsible property owners to go on his bond. Half a dozen men who he had supposed would be willing to become his surety for the asking had declared point blank that they were not going to go on any bond at all this year. "And if I am bothered this way," continued the speaker, "I don't know what some of the rest of these fellows are going to do."

As a matter of fact, although nearly three As a matter of fact, although hearly three weeks has elapsed since election, Police Judge Gordon is the only city official elect who has qualified and illed his bond with the city clerk. The charter provides that every official must qualify within ten days after his certificate of election is issued and the fact that a materia of the official the fact that a majority of the officials elected have not yet called for their certifi-

elected have not yet called for their certifi-cates, indicates that they are so far unsuc-cessful in obtaining a bond. The trouble that A. G. Edwards is having in obtaining the bond that attaches to the office of city treasurer, although reduced by half, as it has been by an accommodating council, is a matter of general knowledge around the city hall. When Mr. Edwards first blossomed out as a candidate he was disposed to be amused when some one sug-gested that it was a difficult task to get such a bond. "Why, I congo out and get a bond for \$2,000,000 in twenty-four hours." declared Edwards, "and it will be gilt-edged, too." But since then he has learned several things, and one of them is that the heavy things, and one of them is that the heavy property owners and bankers of the city are not disposed to risk their names on the bond of a man who insured his candidacy by assisting to cover up the defalcations of his predecessor. Edwards had not gone far his predecessor. Edwards had not gone far
in his effort to get his bond before he discovered that something would have to be done. The treasury ordinance that he had once assisted to turn down was resuscitated in the expectation that its passage would operate to infuse a little confidence into the capitalists. This failing to produce the desired effect, the majority in the council was appealed to, and the bond was reduced if rom \$800,000 to \$400,000. But even now Edwards is wearing a worried look, and it is stated by a friend of his that at 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon he had not obtained a



enty-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 wit ness said he had always been in an excel lent position to see how many dogs were drowned, because they were carried twenty five feet from the pound to a wagon and they some distance from the wagon to the river Only one dog was carried at a time. He had been concealed at one point in the weeds and Bell at another and their counts of dogs tallied.

The dogs were placed in a box which was lowered into the river. On every day he found this box dry when he arrived. The witness said that the box required five or six hours to dry after being in the river. After the dogs were drowned Taxidermis Gilbert skinned them. McGuire on several occasions counted the bodies and found that count tallied with that of the number of dogs that had been put in the river.

McGuire, on cross-examination, said that he was a detective from Chicago. Previous to coming to Omaha he had been for nine years a detective for the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad company. He never was in the employ of the Pinkerton agency. He came to the city about July 9 at the so-licitation of Chief of Police White to do some special work. He had rendered two accounts against the city, one for \$66 and the other for \$100. He presented them to D. Clem Deaver; they were not against him, but

against the city. The attorney for the defense then attempted to show that McGuire had been employed by Deaver as an individual, and not as police commissioner. The examination was close on this point and was frequently objected to by the county attorney. The court finally said that he considered these objections as re-flections on the rulings of the court.

The examination proceeded no further, Judge Scott adjourning court until Monday moting at 9:30 o'clock. Th 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

assauking and then murdering 11-year-old Ida Gaskill. As the man stood before the bench with As the man store by his sides, listening to his hands banging by his sides, listening to the long information as it was read, with eyes fixed on the oaken 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.

He was arrayed in the short, dirty, brown



\$9.50

Beautifully trimmed Freuch felt hats, with fine ostrich tips, velvet and ribbons,



203 S. 15th St.

Tuesday afternoon he had not obtained 13, and fifteen on August 28, a total of sev- information call at Rock Island ticket office, 1602 Farnam St.

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HOMESEEKERS' EXCURSIONS.

Via the Burlington Route. Nov. 27 and Dec. 11-Points in Arkansas, ndian Territory, Oklahoma, Texas, etc. Just bout HALF RATES. Get tickets and full information at 1324 Farnam st. or write to J. Francis, G. P. &

T. A., Omaha, Neb.

Men's Arctics, \$1.00; Women's Arctics, 9c. Omaha Tent and Rubber Co., 1311 Farnam.

OMAHA, Nov. 22, 1895. The firm of George Burke & Frazier is this day dissolved by mutual consent, George Burke will continue the business and will collect and pay all liabilities.

GEORGE BURKE. (Signed) J. A. & W. FRAZIER, By JAS. A. FRAZIER. I bespeak for George Burke, the successo to the firm of George Burke & Frazier, the

same patronage given by the former customers of the firm of Burke & Frazier J. A. FRAZIER. (Signed.) HOMESEEKERS' EXCURSION.

November 27th and December 11th. On the above dates the Missouri Pacific rallway will sell round trip tickets to points in Texas, Arkansas and Louisiana at one fare (plus \$2.00). For particulars, maps, etc., call or address depot, 15th and Webster, or N. E. corner 13th and Farnam streets, Omaha, Neb. Thomas F. Godfrey, P. and T. A. J. O. Phillipi, A. G. F. and P. A.

Charles Shiverick & Co.' have another of their great furniture sales this week, see page 7 for particulars.

Everything Goes to Hammond. Mr. A. H. Noyes, the manager of the G. H. Hammond company, was advised by wire H. Hammond company, was advised by wire this morning that his company had received the highest award at the Atlanta Exposi-tion on all kinds of their product entered for competition. All their products on ex-hibition are manufactured at South Omaha with the exception of Canned Meats, which are put up at Hammond, Ind. The Ham-mond company has a magnificent display at the Exposition. the Exposition

The big sale of boys' shoes begins tomor-row at The Nebraska Shoe House. 1415 Douglas St.

Ten Hours Saved. Second class passengers for San Francisco via the Union Pacific now save 10 hours' time. "Time is money." Buy your tickets via "The Overland Route."

A. C. DUNN, City Pass. and Ticket Agent, 1392 Farnam Street.

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begins tomorrow at The Nebraska Sh. House, 1415 Douglas St.

Consultation Free. Consult your brat interests and go east via the evening Northwestern line, OMAHA-CHICAGO SPECIAL, at "a quarter to six," arriving at Chicago at 8:45 o'clock the next morning

morning City ticket office, 1401 Farnam street.

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Hamilton Warren, M. D., electric and mag-netic physician; special attention to diseases of women and children and all obscure and long standing diseases. 119 N. 16th street,

A Clean Sweep Is what the OMAHA-CHICAGO SPECIAL

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Ludies in poor circumstances can receive ires stiendarios in confinement by applying to the Creighton Med. college. Tel. 1167.

This being the situation it seems probable that the guarantee bond companies will reap a harvest. Under the provisions of a law recently passed public officials are allowed to file a bond of this character, and known to be preparing to file a guarantee bond. The only trouble with this sort of bond. The only trouble with this sort of bond is the expense, which most of them are unwilling to hazard. The guarantee companies exact a fee of from one-half of 1 per cent to 1 per cent per year on the face of the bond, and on a bond of \$10,000 this amounts at the lowest terms to \$100 In Edwards' case the fee for the guarantee

bond would eat up his salary. In the first place the guarantee companies will not issue a bond for more than \$50.000. Consequently in order to obtain his bond of \$400.000 hs would have to get eight companies together to agree on a rate of compensation. At the very lowest rate the cost of such a bond for two years would be \$4,000, and with the cost of the additional bond required by the Board of Education, it would add much more to this amount. It is understood that Edwards will make up as much of his bond as possible in the usual way, and try to purchase guarantee bonds for the remainder.

Homeseekers' Excursion South.

VIA THE WABASH R. R. On November 13, 27 and December 11, the Wabash will sell tickets to Arkansas, Louis-ville and Texas at half fare with \$2.00 added. For tickets and further information, or a copy of the Homeseekers' Guide, call at Wabash office, 1415 Farnam street, or write G. N. CLAYTON, N. W. P. Agt.

Take the electric lighted, solid vestibuled limited train of the C., M. & St. P. R'y, which leaves the union depot, Omaha, daily at 6:00 p. m. for Chicago and all points cast. City ticket office, 1504 Farnam St.

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Leading All Competitors. The exceedingly fast time to Colorado, Utah Idaho, Montana, Oregon and California now being made by the Union Pacific places that line in the lead for both first and second class travel. For tickets, time tables or any information, call on A. C. DUNN, City Pass. and Ticket Agent, 1302 Farnam Street.

To the Ladies. Don't forget to attend the auction sale of Japanese art goods at 1522 Farnam St. every day at 10 a. m. and 2 p. m. Such a display of fine art never before seen in Omaha.

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