

GORDON TRIAL NEARLY ENDED

Testimony is All in and Attorneys Begin Their Arguments.

DEFENSE MAKES POOR SHOWING

Attorney for Former Police Judge Pleads Precedent and Sociological Theory in Extenuation of Their Client's Leniency.

The proceedings before Judge Dickinson to impeach the former police magistrate, S. I. Gordon, for incompetency and corrupt methods were carried to a conclusion at yesterday's recess with the testimony of the indubitable vindication promised by Judge Gordon's lawyers at the commencement of the hearing. The testimony was completed and the counsel made a start on the arguments, the city attorney being first to present his case. The defense was content to enter a mild denial of the multitudinous charges and plead an incomplete showing on the part of the prosecution. "Considering the instances where our client is alleged to have continued cases until the complaining witness was appearing in court and then to have dismissed them for want of prosecution, there has been no evidence that these complaining witnesses neglected to appear," they argued, "and the presumption under the law is that these witnesses did appear and so the charge falls groundless."

One of the attorneys found mitigating circumstances in Judge Gordon's leniency from the standpoint of a sociologist. "Laws are for the good of society and not for the sake of the individual," Judge Gordon accomplished greater good socially by commencing sentences and remitting fines than by sending men to jail." The city attorney, by way of reply, told the court he thought a law enforced was attended by greater benefit to the community than if it lay dead on the statute books. Another phase of the case on which the defense laid strong emphasis was that it had not been proved that Judge Gordon, in his laxity and questionable methods, had ever acted with intent to be corrupt. "The fact that the judge has remitted fines after they were paid to the clerk and has suspended sentences after the men were in jail might be evidence of leniency and corruption if it could be proved that he willfully intended to be corrupt and corruptly acted," but there was no evidence to sustain this theory and when it comes to judicial acts it cannot be presumed to have been with this intent; it must be proved.

Many Charges Unanswered.

To many of the charges the defense preferred to answer only in a general way, finding protection in the fact that the police magistrate must of necessity be lenient. There is not a court in the land, it was said, where so much latitude and leniency are required. At one time when the attorney wandered from the point at issue in a general justification of Judge Gordon's methods with regard to the specific charges the court found it necessary to drop a reminder that the police magistrate would be tried only on the allegations mentioned in the complaint. The defense placed a great deal of reliance in the fact that Judge Gordon was merely following precedent when he suspended sentences, remitted fines and accepted straw bonds without the authority of the law. It has been done ever since the office was established, according to the statement of Judge Gordon's attorney, a magistrate preceding Judge Gordon and the present incumbent of the position were cited to show that Judge Gordon is not a worse offender than they.

City Attorney Connell concluded the arguments with a reading of the judgment of the supreme court, which showed that where negligence is so gross and disregard of duty so flagrant as it has been in the case of Judge Gordon, the court is justified in assuming that there has been corruption. The case, he declared, does not stand on a single charge, but is based on many of them, and at least six were not answered in any way. "It must appear that the actions of Judge Gordon, which he attempts to excuse by his theory of the law, are right and which were so flagrant on numerous occasions, will make a stronger case against him than if there was only one charge on which to base the impeachment proceedings," declared the city attorney. "The plea of ignorance of all the circumstances under which many of the fines were remitted and the sentences suspended will not furnish an excuse for any of Judge Gordon's actions, because under the law he is presumed to know all that relates to his office." Judge Dickinson took the case under advisement.

Attorney General Must Wait.

The routine of the criminal branch of the district court was again interrupted yesterday by the haste of Attorney General Smyth to force his case against the Omaha National bank to a trial in the supreme court before the expiration of his term of office. The attorney general was on hand to ask for an immediate hearing on his motion made last Saturday for a new trial. In the ordinary course of procedure the motion will not come up for a hearing until next Saturday. It matters could be hastened, the attorneys connected with the case say that it might be

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Short Term Members of School Board Show Courtesy to Incumbents.

ARMY OF YOUNGSTERS AT SCHOOL

Sixteen Thousand Two Hundred in Daily Attendance During the Last Week at the Various Buildings in the City.

Attorney W. B. Christie and M. F. Fankhauser, the two men elected to fill short terms as members of the Board of Education, were entitled to take their seats at last night's meeting. They refused to do so. E. E. Bruce and J. J. Smith were elected by the board to fill vacancies until successors should be chosen by popular vote, and would have yielded their seats to the new short-term men had they so desired, but the recently elected members expressed a desire to wait until January 1, 1901, when they will enter upon their duties, together with the five men elected for three-year terms. Superintendent Pearce reported that the total enrollment in the schools during last week was 16,200, or 142 more than during the corresponding month of last year. The total enrollment in the night schools was 223. Of this number 125 were at Cass school and ninety-eight at Comenius. Forty-seven rooms in the schools have an attendance of more than fifty-five and eighteen rooms have an attendance of less than thirty. The Demosthenian Literary society of the High school was granted the use of the assembly room on the fifth floor of the city hall the nights of November 26 and 28. On the first night the society will hold a preliminary debate and the successful contestants will meet representatives of the Beatrice High school the night of the 28th. C. W. Britt offered the board \$400 for a lot situated on Brown street near Thirteenth street. The contract for stone carving at the High school was awarded to A. Schall & Co. on a bid of \$2,600. A resolution of the building and property committee was adopted which provides for the following places: carpenter work and freeroofing on the High school building and that other bids be received until December 17, 1900. The superintendent of buildings was instructed to notify Mr. Frutte, custodian of the High school, to have the American Warming and Ventilating company that the plant must be put in working order without delay. W. F. Johnson was appointed to represent the Omaha Board of Education at the meeting of the Northwest Teachers' association, to be held at St. Joseph November 29 and 30. Mr. Johnson will address the association on "Work and Warnings of a City School Board."

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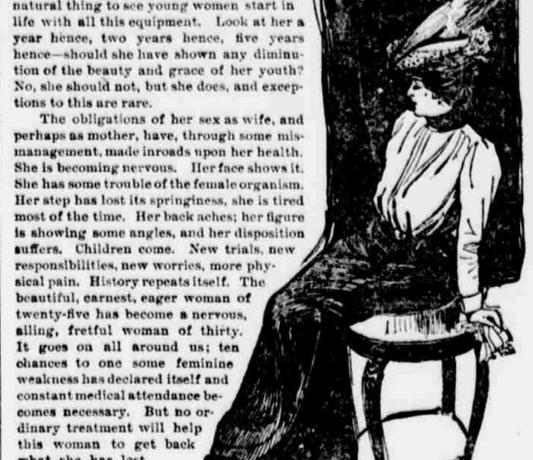
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The obligations of her sex as wife, and perhaps as mother, have, through some mismanagement, made inroads upon her health. She is becoming nervous. Her face shows it. She has some trouble of the female organism. Her step has lost its springiness, she is tired most of the time. Her back aches; her figure is showing some angles, and her disposition suffers. Children come. New trials, new responsibilities, new worries, more physical pain. History repeats itself. The beautiful, earnest, eager woman of twenty-five has become a nervous, ailing, fretful woman of thirty. It goes on all around us; ten chances to one some feminine weakness has declared itself and constant medical attendance becomes necessary. But no ordinary treatment will help this woman to get back what she has lost.



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The will of Henry B. Wilson has been admitted to probate. Samuel T. Dorcas, administrator of the estate, will receive \$5,000. John P. Piggott and wife, residents of Illinois, have brought suit in the United States circuit court against Ella Jones and sister for the partition of certain land in Thayer county, Nebraska, embracing about 2,500 acres.

In the United States district court at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon the petit jury was impaneled for the trial of cases.

The first case on the call is that of Edgar M. Westervelt, receiver, against George A. Mohrenstecher and others.

Rock Island Pacific railroad in the county court to recover damages in the sum of \$200 alleged to have been done to a fire set by the company's locomotives, which pass the plaintiff's farm.

In suit brought by W. B. Ostrander for a divorce from Selma Ostrander, an answer has been denied the defendant setting aside the decree on the ground of statutory offenses and asking for \$1,000 damages.