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Chief Donahue Points Out that Police-men Will Exercise Judgment in Shooting Dogs Without Muzzle.

Here is one side of the Dahlman dog muzzle mandate.

"We have sold thus far eleven dozen dog muzzles since the order has gone into effect requiring all dogs to be muzzled," said a Farnam street hardware dealer Saturday morning, "and we could have sold many more of them had we them on hand. It is interesting to hear the people kick and the women do the most of it. They blame not only the city authorities, but charge the dealers in this class of goods with being in collusion with the scheme in order to get their rakes off in the sales of muzzles. One woman came in and complained that the order was an outrage, as in her case her dog was 14 years old, had no teeth and had to be fed with a spoon. I tried to pacify her with the statement that the dog catchers didn't take time to examine the teeth of dogs, but that a dog without a muzzle was all they wanted."

The owner of a fine bird dog was standing by and remarked:

"The order falls heaviest on the owners of bird dogs. As a rule bird dogs are perfectly harmless and must have exercise. It ruins a bird dog to tie him up, but it is still worse to muzzle him. This order is going to ruin many a valuable dog in this city and particularly hunting dogs."

"Net All Dogs To Be Shot"

Mayor Dahlman and Chief of Police Donahue Saturday morning held a conference regarding the recent dog muzzling proclamation which will become operative April 8, unless, as reported, the Nebraska Humane society officers secure a restraining order. Chief Donahue said a wrong impression prevails that every stray dog found on and after that date will be shot on sight by a policeman unless the canine

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is properly attired in a muzzle. The chief said some judgment would be used in the premises. He has instructed his men not to shoot dogs on the street, but in cases where unmuzzled stray dogs are found the owners will be looked up first whenever possible and warned. But vagrant dogs without muzzles or visible means of support will be caught and taken to the pound. The police expect to work with the pound attaches, who will begin operations on April 8.

Foundmaster Millard, who is interested in humane work and Edgar H. Scott, attorney for the Nebraska Humane society, called Friday afternoon on the mayor, who said he was firm in the stand he took on the dog muzzling matter. The mayor and chief of police agree that Omaha dogs need something (muzzles) for what ails them. The chief said his department had occasion Friday to shoot seven dogs on requests of owners.

In the meantime City Clerk Butler is working hard issuing dog licenses. Saturday morning nearly 150 were issued.

INCREASE AT BRANDEIS BANK

Capital Stock Doubled and New Officers for Institution Chosen.

The capital stock of J. L. Brandeis & Co. bankers, has been doubled. The bank was organized a few years ago with a capital of \$50,000, and the deposits have steadily grown from the beginning until the last statement of the bank, published March 21, shows \$232,112. J. L. Brandeis & Co. have been busy enlarging their commercial business and erecting the new Brandeis building, nevertheless the bank has grown and prospered because of the high standing and character, and by reason of the efficient management of Frank N. Clark. The capital is now \$100,000 and it is the intention to increase it still further from time to time and make the bank one of the leading financial institutions of the city. The banking facilities also will be enlarged and eventually the bank will be located on the corner of Seventeenth and Douglas streets with a Seventeenth street entrance.

Ex-Congressman John L. Kennedy takes a part of the new issue of stock and becomes a director and vice president. He will give personal attention to the bank.

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BUSINESS BREAKS RECORDS

Bank Clearings for the Last Month Over Fifty-Four Million Dollars.

Another record was broken by the banks of Omaha during the month just past in the matter of bank clearings. The total clearings for the month were \$54,521,823, which is the largest month in the history of banking in Omaha. The clearings for March last year, which was the record until this month, were \$47,137,129.88.

"These figures show a great business activity, as well as being a record of the property of the city," said Luther Drake, president of the Merchants National bank, when shown these figures. "The figures represent the growth of Omaha and the entire country back of us. The building of the grain market adds to the bank clearing figures and March is especially large because of the ultimate payment of real estate transfers throughout the state, which are made through the Omaha banks."

Railway Notes and Personal.

W. A. Cope, passenger director at Union station, has been promoted to the position of agent and will run out of Denver on the Union Pacific.

Railroad officials in Omaha say they believe the reported epidemic of scabies that the rate on lumber from the Puget sound country to St. Paul had been raised by several cents. Several messages have been exchanged with officials at Seattle and they say they know nothing of the raise in rates.

Henry Roth, formerly trainmaster of the Union Pacific for the Wyoming division, has been appointed assistant superintendent of the Rio Grande Western between Ogden and Helper. His appointment was made by W. A. Whitney, who was formerly superintendent of the Wyoming division of the Union Pacific and who is now general superintendent of the Rio Grande Western.

William C. McClellan has been appointed assistant superintendent of the Wyoming division of the Union Pacific, vice A. F. Vick Kop, who was promoted to be superintendent of the Colorado division to succeed Ernest Stenger, who was made general superintendent of the Denver & Rio Grande. Mr. McClellan has been with the Union Pacific for over thirty years, starting in as a brakeman.

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TESTS FOR SHOPPER'S USE

Some Points About the Buying of Silks, Linens and Wooleens.

WOOL'S CHARACTERISTICS ARE EASY

Fineness of Lanes Easily Ascertained—Methods of Detecting Presence of Cotton in Fabrics—Fixing the Quality of Silk.

Shopping tests for linens, silks and wooleens are simple and easily applied.

In purchasing linen for sheets, pillow cases, napkins and table cloths, fineness is to be desired. A linen tester, a small magnifying glass, by means of which the threads in a given space are counted, is essential to determine this point.

One can tell the quality, perhaps, as much by the feel of linens as by any more complex method. There is a crisp feeling to pure linen that is unmistakable. When crushed in the hand it yields with a crunching sensation which denotes its purity. It has also a slippery feeling quite different from cotton, which is quite dead and without elasticity when run through the hand.

If linen fabrics are frayed at the edges and the threads pull out it will be found that they will unravel without breaking, while cotton threads will break or snap in two.

Another test for linen, and one in vogue with old-fashioned housekeepers, is to dampen the finger and hold it beneath the material. If the moisture appears on the surface it is a pretty good test that the material is linen, but if there is no dampness visible then one may be pretty sure that the material is, if not all, at least part cotton. Cotton absorbs the water, while the linen does not.

A very good test for linen is to unravel a portion, taking a couple of threads, one of the warp and one of the woof, and to touch a match to them. If cotton is present in the weave the thread will burn quickly, leaving a charred bit. If linen, it will be longer in burning.

In drawing threads from both fabrics it will be found that the linen ones will hold

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their body, while cotton will draw the material away and usually snap off quickly before the thread is half pulled out.

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How to Tell Silk.

It is probably in the buying of silks that the greater number of women are taken in. Frequently it is their own fault; they are tempted by bargains, and good silk is always expensive.

In one of the large dry goods shops in New York City there is a man who has presided over the silk counter for more than fifty years. By simply running the silk between his fingers he can tell where it comes from, its purity, its quality and its cost. This is the result of long experience. But once a woman becomes accustomed to the feel of pure silk she can never forget it. There is a slipperiness and crushableness about pure silk that stamps it as the real article. There is also an unmistakable swish about a pure silk. Then if one takes the material in both hands and snaps it there is a report like a pistol shot from a pure silk, which will aid in the selection.

Materials in which the threads running both ways are silk are springy and to the touch full of life and electricity, while those of pure silk, with cotton admixture, are dull and heavy, or perhaps lifeless in the better part. In tactile there is a high sheen and lustre in the best qualities which is convincing, while pongee has a dull finish. With lousiness the softer and finer the more to be desired they are. When they are mixed with cotton, set a lighted match to a sample after unraveling the threads out. If there is cotton present in the fabric then it will burn rapidly, curling up almost in a flash into a crisp, while silk will hardly have started to burn.

The same test may be applied to wool materials in which it is suspected that cotton may be woven. Cotton burns very

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Test for Wool and Cotton.

If one takes up a piece of wool cloth and a piece in which cotton is present the former will feel very soft and yielding to the touch, while the latter will be hard and rather smooth than otherwise. In unravelling out woolen materials, when the threads are untwisted, the wool will fray and the ends curl up, while cotton will break off evenly without any ends.

A chemical test which can be employed at home is the application of muriatic or nitric acid to woolens. If a sample of wool goods is dipped into one or the other of these chemicals it will turn a reddish yellow color if no foreign threads are present. If cotton is present the chemical sets it away immediately, leaving behind only the yellow warp of the wool.

Women have often been subjected to disappointment in buying jetted laces for handsome reception or dinner gowns. There will be advertised a beautiful looking robe gown for \$25, and alongside another for \$15. To all appearances there is very little difference, and a woman purchases the cheaper of the two only to find to her sorrow the first time she wears it that she has left behind her a trail of pallidettes to mark her path.

In the cheaper gown the jets are simply run on without being fastened securely, and as a consequence when the thread breaks they all go. So if one desires to be economical in the buying of jetted robes it is well to go over the entire pattern with strong silk and knot each piece securely before wearing.

Black silk nets either in allover or in edgings that have cotton in them present a gray look when the material is held up to the light on a level with the eye. There is such a thing, of course, as having a lace all silk, but yet not a good black, but the difference between what is termed a good black and that peculiar gray appearance is the test the buyer should apply when investing in these finer grades of goods.

Salmon Case on Trial.

WARSAW, Mo., March 30.—The taking of testimony was begun here in earnest in the case of Major Harvey W. Salmon, charged with grand larceny, in connection with the failure of the Salmon & Salmon bank at Clinton.

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THREE INJUNCTIONS GO OVER

Restraining Order Against Council a Thirtieth Street Puts Off a Week.

TIME ALLOWED TO FILE AFFIDAVITS

Two Cases Pending Against Mayor and Council of South Omaha Postponed for Hearing by Court.

Three injunctions which were set for hearing in the district court Saturday were continued. The hearing of the case of the Omaha Grain Terminal company against the mayor and city council of Omaha was continued one week to give an opportunity to file affidavits in support of the allegations. The council was restrained temporarily by Judge Kennedy from passing an ordinance ordering Thirtieth street opened. This street at the railroad tracks is occupied by the elevators of the Omaha Grain Terminal company, permission having been given the company by a previous council to so occupy that space. The mayor and council are now seeking to build a viaduct across the tracks there. The hearing on the suit of Frank Waltheber against the mayor and council of South Omaha to invalidate the purchase of a number of tracts of ground for park purposes was continued until next Wednesday.

The suit of Hugh Murphy against the mayor and council of South Omaha to restrain them from interfering with him in removing \$20,000 paving brick and 1,000 yards of stone from Missouri avenue, where he had them preparatory to paving that street, was continued indefinitely.

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Building Permits.

The following building permits have been issued: Mawhinney & Ryan, 30 South Fifteenth, \$50 repairs; L. C. Stoner, Twenty-third and Oak, \$150 cottage; George Reif, 1219 Spring, \$1,500 cottage; Chicago & North-western Railway company, Thirtieth and western, \$200 repairs; C. S. and J. M. Lawport, Fourteenth between Oak and Leavenworth, \$2,000 retaining wall; William F. Leavitt, Thirty-fourth and Center, \$200 dwelling.