

SAID TO BE PRACTICING BLACKMAIL.**Complaints Made by North Side Residents of the Dog-Catchers.**

Several prominent families on the North Side are about as indignant as they well could be at the dog-catcher and his assistants. If the stories told by some of the best-known citizens in the Twenty-fourth Ward are true—and there seems to be no reason for doubting them—a system of blackmail, or rotten sand-bagging, is being carried on. No attention, apparently, is paid by the dog-catcher to homeless, collarless curs that wander the streets, but if he sees a fine animal with tagged collar trotting along Dearborn avenue, or reposing on the grass plot by the curb in front of some fine Pine street residence, the wires are put on the animal and he is taken to the pound.

The theory seems to be that the man who has a big house will take the trouble to go after his dog, inasmuch as he has been careful to pay for a license to keep the animal. There is one harmless creature about 12 years old that belongs to a prominent resident on Superior street. There was a collar on the dog and a tag showing he was licensed, but he was loaded into a wagon in a most cruel manner a couple of days ago and carted off. This makes the fourth time the owner of this dog has been compelled to go to the pound and get him, and each time he has had to pay a fee of \$3.75, as well as a cab bill of \$2 or \$3 to take him to Lawndale and back with his pet.

OBJECT TO FORCED PATRIOTISM.**High School Boys Refuse to Attend the G. A. R. Exercises.**

Four little boys gathered at the Oak Park High School Friday afternoon to hear several posts of the G. A. R. conduct patriotic exercises. The hundreds of other boys and girls that usually attend the school were not there. They staid at home nursing their wrath or went fishing. The G. A. R. orators accordingly repeated their orations to themselves, Principal Goddard, and the bare walls of the big building.

The children were on a strike, and all because Principal Goddard had told them they would be compelled to attend the exercises unless they could furnish satisfactory excuses from their parents. The children objected to being dosed with patriotism under compulsion, and failed to attend the ceremonies. The four little boys who did attend were threatened with "lickins" by the big boys. Principal Goddard, it is said, is not pleased with the reception of his patriotic program, with none but the orators in attendance, and fun is expected at the high school Monday morning.

HIS CASE SET FOR HIS LUCKY DAY.**"Koresh" Teed In Justice Everett's Court Consents to a Continuance.**

Dr. Cyrus W. Teed appeared in Justice Everett's court shortly after 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon to answer the charge preferred by Thomas Cole, who claims that Teed wrecked his home. Thirty of Teed's "angels" followed him into the court. The court-room was crowded, and Teed grew visibly nervous. Lawyers Forrest, Hill, and May represented Cole, and Greenfield and Newell appeared for Teed. Mr. Forrest asked for a continuance, declaring that much time had been taken up in tracing Teed's "straw" bail bond, and that he had been unable to summons all his witnesses. Dr. Teed's counsel objected to a continuance, and Teed himself asked that his case be tried at once. "How will next Friday do?" asked Justice Everett.

"Yes, let it be Friday by all means," cried Teed. "That is my lucky day."

The case was set for June 3, at 10 o'clock in the morning. Before Teed left the court Deputy Sheriff Jones served him with summons in two cases of \$100,000 damages each for alienating the affections of the wives of Sydney C. Miller and Thomas Cole. Dr. Teed's bail was reduced from \$2,500 to \$1,000, and Frank Foster became his surety.