

# CHIEF HALE ON THE STAND.

## He Is Subjected to a Searching Cross-Examination in the Water Works Case.

Chief George C. Hale was on the stand all day yesterday in the water works case and J. V. C. Karnes, attorney for the company, subjected him to a searching and exhaustive cross-examination, taking as his text the testimony of the chief on Saturday. The principal points of the chief's evidence were that the extravagant eulogiums passed on the water works company and appearing in the annual reports of the chief, were written by Major Jones, superintendent of the company; the chief also testified that there were several large fires during the past two or three years where the water pressure was insufficient and good luck only saved the city from disastrous conflagrations.

These utterances were the subject of the rigid cross-examination yesterday, but the chief stuck to his story with unflagging pertinacity, though admitting that he had been perhaps a little too childlike in extending to Major Jones the freedom of the columns of the reports. The chief also reiterated the previous statement regarding the insufficiency of the water pressure furnished by the company on critical occasions. He made the statement that he was compelled for safety to have the fire engines in readiness and to use them, being afraid to trust to the water pressure furnished by the company.

The cross-examination was concluded yesterday afternoon and new witnesses will be placed on the stand to-day.