

COURT COSTS MOUNT HIGH

Douglas County Pays Large Sum to Maintain Tribunals.

EXPENSE OF THE DISTRICT COURT ALONE

Almost \$100,000 a Year is Paid Out to Judges, Jurors, Witnesses, Bailiffs, Attorneys and Others Who Get in on Fees.

Douglas county supports, directly and indirectly, a much larger army of retainers than would appear at first glance. Aside from the regular army of county officials and their deputies and clerks, there is the very large army of talent, muscle and cleverness attached to the district court in one capacity or another.

To begin with there are seven judges of the district court in this county, each drawing \$2,500 a year. Then there are seven official stenographers, each drawing \$1,300 a year. These salaries are paid by the state.

There is one bailiff in each court with the exception of the criminal branch, where there are two, making eight in all. These bailiffs draw \$900 a year each, at the rate of \$15 a month. This pay goes on during the summer vacation of three months.

Jurors and Witnesses.

Every three weeks while court is in session 120 citizens good and true are drawn for jury service. On an average 90 to 100 of these will be available for service, after all legitimate excuses have been exhausted. These draw pay at the rate of \$2 per day for five days in each week, unless caught on a case which drags over Saturday, when they get paid for every day actually served. Saturday is motion day in court, when juries are not needed of used.

There are "clouds of witnesses," to use the old and highly expressed term, of whom are brought from long distances at the expense of the county, while others sit in the court rooms or corridors for days, in some instances, awaiting their call to testify. Their fees, like the gas meter, keep on piling up just the same.

In the fiscal year of 1903 the cost to the county for witnesses and jurors in the district court amounted to \$73,551.90. To board jurors on hung cases during the same year cost \$704.25. Besides this the grand jury for the same year cost \$23,520. Once in a while a physician is called to attend a sick juror, though not often, and the fee is \$5.

In the fiscal year of 1903 lawyers assigned by the court to defend pauper prisoners cost the county \$3,410. Figures for 1904 are not available, but the cost is not likely to be any less, it will probably be more. This is another division of the court army that is sometimes lost sight of, but justice is jealous of her reputation and will let not even the guilty man go undefended.

In a Smaller Way.

Justices and constables get in the way of fees from the district court \$300 to \$400 a year. What are known as "fees in statu casus" are no negligible. They bring to a large number of people, in small amounts, an average of \$5.00 a year, which gets into the hands of an unnamed but no less substantial portion of the army.

For 1904 the cost of witnesses for the three terms of the district court, as shown by the books of County Clerk Drexler, was \$5,000.40. This was divided for the three terms as follows: Winter, \$1,652.30; spring, \$1,644.40; fall, \$1,703.70.

During the same year there was paid out for jurors fees the following sums: January, \$1,437.50; May 18, \$3,000.00; June 16, \$296; July 14, \$3,375.00; December 21, \$1,920.00—a total of \$23,672.50. To this should be added the cost of subsistence, as noted above, probably in the neighborhood of \$800.

In passing it may be said that the army of jurors maintained by the county for almost two-thirds of the year is not a very hard-working detachment. Sometimes half of the panel will be excused from day to day, awaiting the argument of law points or the convenience of the lawyers. It must be said for the judges that they are generally ready for business as it comes, unless in case of sickness.

High Priced and Steady.

It will be seen from the foregoing that the court phalanx of this county is a solid, high-priced division of men. It does not move in massed column on the treasury, still it gets there right along. The hours are short as a rule, and the pay is sure, even if a trifle slow. Any man with a county warrant, desiring to have it cashed, finds men entirely willing to shave it 5 per cent or so and take chances on drawing interest from the county on unpaid warrants that become due.

The rule of the four law courts is to meet at 9:30 and if there is anything doing to sit, with one five-minute recess, until 1 o'clock. The sitting is resumed at 2, unless the court thinks proper to shorten the noon recess. Then the court sits until 5, with a recess in between. These are the outside hours in ordinary cases, but in some trials the judges and jurors put in from a half hour to an hour more time. In the three equity courts the time for opening is 9:45, with the same rule as to adjournment. As a rule these three branches have a less strenuous time than

the four others and the hours of actual session are shorter. Law is scrappy and contentious; equity is smooth and calm, albeit strict on interrogations.

By in computing the army that waits the call of the courts of Douglas county, and gets paid for answering, we must count in judges, lawyers, bailiffs, jurors, witnesses, hotel keepers, doctors, reporters, male and female, old and young—in all a right goodly number.

And a late addition to the hosts that wait on and enjoy some of the largesse of local justice is the juvenile court, with its probation officers and a full set of judicial machinery. This class of cases is to add something to the number of witnesses, but probably not much in the line of jurors.

Once in a while the county treasury gets a drawback in the way of unclaimed witness fees, but this is not large enough or regular enough to cut the total outlay to any appreciable extent.

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS AS HOSTS

Cadet Officers' Club Provides a Fine Evening for Friends and Guests.

The high school patriots did quite a little toward swelling the cadet camp fund last night at Creighton university hall and incidentally gave a little toward furnishing themselves with an evening's amusement. For the Cadet Officers' club entertainment was in vogue. The most little theater was well filled with high school boys and their friends and every number on the program was greeted with uproarious applause. The most ambitious part of the entertainment was a burlesque, "An Awkward Squad," in which the whole strength of the club took part and in which the recruiting officer, Lieutenant Mustard, in the person of Raymond G. Steele, and his sergeant, Addison Mould, got together a bunch worse even than any squad that has ever adorned the high school campus. Homer Searle played Cyrus Green, Walter Roessig, Hans Anderson, Pliner Wurtzenburger, Homer Conant was Harold Perry Hooper-Hooper, at one time with a corset and later was a Salvation army girl without one. Robert Switzer played Michael J. O'Shaughnessy; Raymond Howard was Maud and Ernest Hayward was Potter. Everybody did well.

The high school orchestra furnished music for the evening in a satisfactory manner. An octette composed of Messrs. Mould, Long, F. Hoffman and W. Hoffman, Conant, Bryson, Steel and Durward, sang pleasingly. H. Thom was the accompanist. Caroline Conkila played a difficult violin solo in a very effective manner. Jo Barton sang "A Son of the Desert Am I" in such a splendid fashion that he was required to come out and sing again, which he was gracious enough to do.

Homer Conant did a chalk talk in a very entertaining way. He drew some impressive representations of cadets, girls and other objects familiar to the high school soldiers.

There were two very good military exhibitions which showed that the public school soldiers are up in the school of the soldier. The first of these was a performance of Butt's manual by the first sergeants, C. Peake of a company, H. Koch of B. C. Potter of C. J. McCague of D and S. Millard of E were the participants. The drill included the manual of arms, the bayonet drill and firing exercises. The evening closed with an individual competitive drill in which two cadets from each company participated. They were Harry Koch and H. Sigmanson of Company B, Sam Millard and Guy Robertson of Company F, J. McCague and A. Sweeley of Company D, J. Latenser and A. Gulgard of Company A, E. Burkett and S. Slaughter of Company E, and H. Thom and C. Potter of Company C.

Rare Disease for Omaha. "There is no spinal meningitis in Omaha so far as we know," said Health Commissioner Ralph E. The epidemic that seems to prevail in New York City has not been reported here. Cerebro spinal meningitis is a rare disease in this city. Occasionally there is a case or two, but very few deaths result. It is not regarded as dangerous as any more contagious than typhoid fever, if as much so.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Judge Vinsonhaier of the county court is away on a business trip to Kansas City. Della E. Distelhorst has been granted a divorce from George A. on the ground of non-support by Judge Sears.

A sneak thief entered the room of Louis Rose at the Farnam Street Lodging house Thursday evening and stole his watch. The Board of County Commissioners has a meeting scheduled for 10 o'clock today, but there is nothing of an exciting nature on the agenda.

Burglars entered the rear window last night at the office of the Alameda dairy, 207 Farnam street, and secured \$1 from the cash drawer.

The Omaha Improvement league will meet Saturday evening at 8 o'clock in the rooms of the Park board at the city hall. The public is invited.

The women of the Helping Hand society of Kountze Memorial church will hold an all-day bazaar today at the Young Men's Christian association building.

Members of the park board spent Friday going over the proposed route of the north boulevard suggested by Dr. D. Mercer. They said they had reached no conclusions about the matter.

The session of the juvenile court this morning, if one is held, will be presided over by Judge Kennedy. Day is in Chicago getting pointers on the working of the juvenile branch of the courts in that city. He will also examine into the method of jury drawing in vogue in Illinois.

Frank Farrell was fined \$5 and costs in court Friday for creating a disturbance at the home of his brother-in-law Andrew R. Lund Thursday night. His wife and daughter have left him and are staying at the home of Mr. Lund, 263 Decatur street. He went there and tried to kick the door down after being refused an audience with his wife.

AFFAIRS AT SOUTH OMAHA

Fire and Police Commission Grants Number of Saloon Licenses.

BERLIN & HEALY APPLICATION REFUSED

No Action is Taken on Petition of Ministerial Association to Have the Saloons Closed on Sunday.

Last night the fire and police commissioners held a meeting at the council chamber and granted the following liquor licenses: Charles Krug, Polk and Railroad avenue; John Kowalski, 232 L; Exchange hotel, Union Stock yards; Charles Miles; Jacob Kaufman, Thirty-ninth and L; Louis Lundin, Twentieth and Missouri avenue; John Buck, 241 N; Anton Brunck, 222 Q; E. A. Higgins, 225 South Fourth; G. W. Tierney, 231 North Twenty-sixth; W. F. Weber, 208 Q; C. F. Weymuller, 200 Q; John Zitzberger, 261 Q; William Ludwig, 253 N; Anton Koszuta, Twenty-first and S; Dolph Palmtrag, Railroad avenue and Madison; M. E. Welsh, 39 North Twenty-sixth; John Corvessy, Twentieth and Q.

With the licenses granted last night a total of sixty-four have been ordered issued by the board. Another meeting will be held this evening to take action on other applications. The application of Berlin & Healy, 243 N street, was refused. Member Nolan drew up a resolution declaring that the applicants for license were not men of reputable standing.

Officers Shields and Lowrey were permitted to accept a reward from W. W. Fisher for recovering property stolen from his home over a year ago.

No action was taken by the board in regard to the request of the South Omaha Ministerial Association for the Sunday closing of saloons.

Health Officers Alert.

Thursday John Dubig was arrested for violating the city ordinance by dumping refuse in the rear of his dwelling in the northwestern portion of the city. When brought into police court yesterday Judge King fined Dubig \$9 and insisted that the refuse dumped must be loaded and hauled to the city dump. Since this conviction under the city ordinance the health inspector has started out on a crusade and has quite a list of persons who are violating the health laws. It is the plan now to give those violating the laws a certain number of days to clean up and in case the order is not obeyed arrests will follow. Property owners in all parts of the city are careless about the condition of their back yards and alleys. A general cleaning up is to be ordered and the orders, so it is stated, will be enforced. Special attention is to be paid to the work of garbage haulers and no dumping inside the city limits is to be permitted.

Painter Falls from Scaffold.

While working on a scaffold in front of a building at 239 North Twenty-fifth street Friday afternoon C. F. Metz, a painter employed by Koutze Bros., fell and sustained a number of severe bruises. Metz and George Dunn were working on the staging about twenty feet above the ground when one of the supporting ropes broke. As the staging fell Dunn grabbed a rope and was not injured, but Metz was plucked up by men standing about and did not appear to be severely injured. He complained of a pain in his back, but was able to walk to a buggy and was driven to his home, Twenty-eighth and E streets.

Dr. John Keane, center of learning, stated that Metz was not seriously injured. The ropes supporting the scaffold were spotted and work on the building was continued.

Officer After Pearl Farrell.

Captain Shields of the police force is in Kansas City and upon returning Saturday night he is expected to bring back Pearl Farrell and the man whom the girl alleges kidnapped her. On account of the indifference shown by the girl's mother and the stepfather, Hill, the police are not greatly interested in the case. Chief Briggs does not take much stock in the stories told by the girl and he places very little dependence on what the mother and stepfather say.

Mandamus Case Postponed.

The proceedings brought by Hugh Murphy to compel the mayor and city council to complete the contract for the paving of Missouri avenue was called in Judge Sears' court in The Bee building, yesterday. W. C. Lambert, city attorney, stated last evening that the case had been continued without date. The request for a postponement came from all parties interested, even Judge Sears suggesting that a continuance would be agreeable to him, as he had other matters to attend to. It is thought this case will be taken up some day next week.

Male Child Gossip.

J. W. Cunningham, 408 K street, announced the birth of a son. William Healy has gone to Sioux City, where he expects to engage in business. J. W. Green has left for Omaha, Neb., to look after some business matters.

With light receipts the live stock market here was slow and dull yesterday. Walter E. Wood was called to Chicago last evening by the death of his mother. A daughter has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Phair, Twenty-sixth and L streets.

Rev. D. K. Tindall is to preach morning and evening on Sunday at the First Methodist Episcopal church. Patrick Raggree, Thirty-second and T streets, secured a permit Friday for the erection of a \$1,000 dwelling.

The musical entertainment given at the First Presbyterian church last night by the Wesleyan quartet was well attended. The South Omaha Trades and Labor council has moved its headquarters to the Jetter building, Twenty-fifth and N streets.

Seven directors will be elected by the local Young Men's Christian association on Monday. All active members have a right to vote.

T. P. A. GROWTH IN NEBRASKA

State Now Entitled to Ten Delegates in the National Convention of the Order.

The Travelers' Protective association now has 70 members in Nebraska. This means that the association is entitled to ten delegates to the national convention in Savannah, in place of nine. A spirited rivalry for the additional place has sprung up. Nine men were named at the state convention in Nebraska City two weeks ago, but the tenth man will be named by the directors. The association has gained eighty-nine members since the last national meeting and it is expected that this will be made 100 within the year. Forty-four of these members have been gained since the Nebraska City meeting. Nebraska has held the sicer-horn trophy for the greatest annual per cent gain of members for three years, but will lose it this time. The association has grown so large that the percentage of gain is smaller all the time. It is probable South Carolina will get the horns this time. The Nebraska delegation will leave here May 9 for Savannah.

Railroad Notes and Personal.

W. H. Brill, Central passenger agent for the Illinois Central, is home from an eastern trip. C. S. Twissbury, assistant freight agent

of the Rock Island, is visiting local railway offices.

PARKS WILL OPEN AS USUAL

Manawa, Krug and Courtland Will All Do Business During Summer.

After all that has been said of lawsuits and other impediments, it now seems that Omaha is to have its usual summer resorts. Manawa and Krug park, it is certain, will open as usual and probably Courtland beach. Billy Byrne is to manage Manawa again this season and he is authority for the statement that the lake will open for summer business either Sunday, May 28, or Tuesday May 30, which is Decoration day. He has not decided which day will be named. Mr. Byrne says there will be free music and performances in the theatre and other special manifestations to mark the opening of the popular resort. There will be no particular novelties at the lake until later in the season, but Mr. Byrne hopes to introduce some of the latest and best things as the summer grows warmer. He has not let any contract yet for the music and is unable to say whether it will go to an Omaha band or not. Covalt has a bid and is known to be favorably considered. Mr. Byrne considers that the legal controversy about opening certain streets through the resort has been settled for this season at least. He does not believe the commission will ever open these streets.

Krug park will open formally May 15. There is to be a large fraternal picnic there on the 14th and on the following day W. W. Cole will throw the park gates open for the beginning of the regular season. This will be about the usual time for beginning the Krug park season. The Old Mill will be a novelty at the park which will probably prove very popular. It is in reality a water roller coaster and the boat will glide around in a building among scenery and other property effects which are expected to charm the public. The penny arcade will be enlarged and there may be a circular swing added to the equipment. Huster's band nor any other local organization will play at the park this summer. Traveling bands will play engagements here of varying length. The Royal Canadian band which played late last season is among them, but whether it will begin the year or not Mr. Cole could not say.

James Griffith, manager of Courtland, is in the city, but he could not be found. It is understood however he will open the beach as usual.

HIGH SCHOOL DAY AT LINCOLN

Principal Waterhouse Hopes to Take a Big Delegation Down from Omaha.

Principal Waterhouse hopes to take all of the senior class and a number from the other classes to Lincoln May 19, when the state high school conference will be held under the auspices of the University of Nebraska, with the object of inculcating high school pupils with something of the college atmosphere and giving them an idea of what student life and work means at the commonwealth's center of learning. Last year the Omaha high school was poorly represented, owing to conflicting dates with something else of particular interest to the local students. Principal Waterhouse thinks the fetid day idea is a good one and wants to encourage it. He will take it up with his students at an early date and find out how many will go. Omaha is barred out of the high school track meet to be held in connection with the day, as it was decided that Lincoln and Omaha teams were too strong to compete with most of the others from the high schools in the state and give the latter a fair show. As a result the others will battle for supremacy and the winner will be subject to challenge by Omaha and Lincoln. A three-round meet at Lincoln a week or two later among the three teams is in prospect. The local track squad of about fifteen men is in hard training and Manager Congden thinks it will give a good account of itself in meets this spring.

WORK ON THE BOILER STOPS

Building Inspector Bound to Be Obedied at the New Rohrbach Building.

Building Inspector Withnell on Thursday compelled the laborers engaged in making excavations for the boiler under the new Omaha Commercial college building to quit work. He had the patrol wagon with a squad of officers driven to the site of the building at Nineteenth and Farnam streets and gave the laborers the choice of dropping the job or taking a ride to jail. The men laid down their tools and were transferred to other work. Besides the intent to place the boiler under the theater of the building, the inspector discovered that digging for the boiler endangered the foundation walls. Therefore he decided to stop even the appearance of work.

Permits have been issued to Mrs. M. E. Dennis for a \$500 brick double dwelling at Twenty-ninth and Hickory streets and to W. L. Bomer for a \$2,000 frame dwelling at Thirty-third and Marcy streets.

Held for Shoplifting.

Ed Williams, a colored character well known to the police of this city, was arrested by Officers Ring and Wilson at the jewelry store of Combs & Co., 120 Douglas street, charged with shoplifting. Williams was seen in the jewelry store by the officers and their suspicions were aroused when they noticed that his pockets were pretty well filled. Upon being taken to

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WOMAN RESISTS TWO ROBBERS Miss Fanny Perry Puts to Flight a Pair of Highwaymen by Prompt Action. A lone woman, with no other weapons than her arms and a handbag full of silver, put two would-be highwaymen to flight in an unceremonious manner Thursday night. The heroine is Miss Fanny Perry, solicitor for the Child Saving Institute. She had been collecting money all day and had a goodly store of silver in her bag when she passed along Park avenue between Mason and Pacific streets some time after dark. After passing two silent men who sat together on the curb she was startled to hear footsteps behind her and turned in time to see one of the men preparing to snatch her bag. Miss Perry is as husky as the average

ATHLETES TO KEEP IN GOOD TRIM MUST LOOK WELL TO THE CONDITION OF THE SKIN. TO THIS END THE BATH SHOULD BE TAKEN WITH HAND SAPOLIO All Grocers and Druggists

Hand Sapolio. While a social was being conducted in the Westminster Presbyterian church last evening it was discovered that a gang of well dressed young fellows had almost succeeded in carrying off their choice of the many good things the ladies had provided for the entertainment. When discovered the young fellows made a hasty departure up a dark alley near the church before any of them could be recognized. Dr. Thomas V. Moore was very indignant at the intended assault upon the ice cream and cake, and at his request a policeman was sent to the church in order that an example might be made of some of the boys who have been very active in conducting such raids in that vicinity for some time past.

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