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Charles A. Goss Recalls With

Joy Home Run He Knocked

on College Team 40

Years Ago.

By J. T. ARMSTRONG.

There is dignity in every line of

he broad, straight figure of Charles

A. Goss, presiding judge of the dis-

This dignity is accentuated by

heavy iron-gray hair, a frock coat

and gray ascot trousers; and a de-

liberateness of speech and action.

Few if any of the scores of attor-

neys who appear before Judge Goss

would guess that this man hears

their cases and rules on them in such

a grave, scholarly manner once had

ambitions to set the world on fire

Here's the Truth.

But here is the truth about Judge

He was once the best hitter and

the most clever shortstop on the Mt.

He had ambitions to play profes-

ional baseball, and on one occasion

tecame a hero by knocking a home

run in the Tri-State league of Ohio,

And he is still so greatly inter-

sta in baseball that he kceps a

"hetting average" which has nothing

whatever to do with baseball, but

which tells how he's "hitting' as a

14 Straight "Hits."

West Virginia and Pennsylvania.

Union college baseball team.

after the manner of "Babe" Ruth.

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Judge Julius S. Cooley, "Most Misunderstood Man in Omaha," Holds No Bitterness for Shabby Tricks Fate Has Played on Him

Police Court Lawyer, Butt of Many Jokes, Finds Pride in Achievements of Relatives and Classmates; Has Satisfied Hope of Being "Lawyer of Working Man."

#### By A. R. GROH.

This is a biography of Julius S. Cooley, one of the bestknown and least-understood men in Omaha.

For years the jest of the thoughtless, butt of many a joke, the "judge" goes his quiet way, wrapped in illuminated memories of the grand days when youth and ambition and ideals were his.

No doubt his memory paints these pictures in extraordinary hues and adds many high lights. For the "judge" holds a quiet pride in such periods as the time when he "was associated for five years with John M. Thurston, general attorney for the Union Pacific and United States senator."

Tears come to his eyes and flow down his swollen cheeks as he tells of the romantic meeting with his sweetheart in New York, their later separation and their final marriage.

Now he is 63. His clothing is old and usually badly soiled. His body carries some unwholesome fat. His step is slow. He picks up a precarious living at the South Omaha police court, and lives alone in a room over a store at 2715 Q street, across the street from the Armour packing plant.

But the soul of the judge is unconquered. He still, wears the jaunty velour hat. Still, in his buttonhols, is the fighting for a man against a railroad flower, usually faded. Still he gives out cigars to those he in St. Louis. I declined it. meets. (Very bad cigars, we can testify, but that doesn't "Forty-one years I have been in po

matter). nore laboring men, union men, poor The Cynic's Tear. those with whom he has come in con people than all the other lawyers put w of Mr. Cooley is not tact is a marked characteristic, evi together. I've got thousands of them Such a vie shared by hardened policemen and dent throughout his narration. out and saved their jobs for them, There were eight children. Four of good, hard-working, honest men they him. his sisters and a brother are still were." court attaches and cynical police re

Distinguished Family.

Mrs. C. H. Pinkham, lived at South

Bend for years. Her son, John started the first boy's newspaper in

the united States and her only

daughter married a man who was

"My sister, Mrs. Marion Keifer

of Oakland, Cal., has a wonderful

family. Her daughter was chosen

as the best singer on the Pacific

coast and sent to a competition in

the east. She passed through here

with her mother. Her son, Donald,

who is a close friend of Hiram

Johnson and Herbert Hoover, went

to France and entered the French

army before we got into the great

war. Her other two sons were lieu-

"My brother, Thomas M. Cooley

named after his uncle, who was

chief justice of the supreme court

of Michigan and dean of the law

ool at Ann Arbor, lost his life

once mayor of Berlin,

tenants in the navy.

"My brother, Asher, lives on a

porters. They have been, for years accustomed to judge the lonely and living unkempt habitue of the courts by appearances only. No sympathetic soul has looked farther. They play farm. north of Lincoln," he said. innumerable jokes upon him. They "My oldest sister, Mrs. George E. even tell of alleged sharp practices. Sayles, resides at Cedar Creek Infirmities may have caused the Neb., and her son is county cleri judge" to do some things which of Cass county, ' The next sister

to eyes already prejudiced, may no

ed correct. He was accuse several times and finally he departed sadly from the shining halls of Central police court, where only the strictly upright and pure in heart are permitted to be.

I talked to Mr. Cooley for more than two hours, one afternoon recent. ly, in the deserted South Omaha police court. In that time not one swear word" passed his lips. Everything he said could have been said and said profitably in the family

#### Gentle of Voice.

Speaking in a low, gentle, cultured voice, the judge recalled the days of ing ago. And if sometimes he seemed to "paint the llly," his conversation displayed only admiration



Helping the Poor

"When the poor fellows came

to the police station on cold nights

get a place to sleep. Especially the

ves.

took most of his cigars were the leas appreciative in what they said about

A Wedding Present. lice court work. I have defended When I was about to get married I sent invitations to many people and I included Judge Cooley because I always had a kindly feeling toward

"I'll never forget the afternoon of ny marriage, shortly before the cereony, here came Judge Cooley with "You've probably contributed to a package. "'Fred,' he said, in his courtly elp the unfortunate at times?"

ger could possibly hope to boast. "Oh, thousands of times." Cooley way, 'I want to wish you the best oice trembled and tears came to his of everything in the state of matri

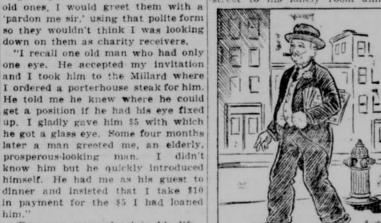
Judge Goss' record shows that he as made 14 straight "hits," or, to be ony upon which you are entering nore lucid, it shows that the supreme wanted to get you something nice ourt has held that in deciding the ut I found I had only 75 cents, last 14 cases Judge Goss was entirely I just got you these cherries. They tren't worth much but they express ight "I played four years with the Mount he feelings I have for you

Union college team back in Alliance, "They were nice red cherries and I O.," related Judge Goss. "I was a was deeply touched by the kindly fairly successful infielder and I led pirit of the 'judge.'

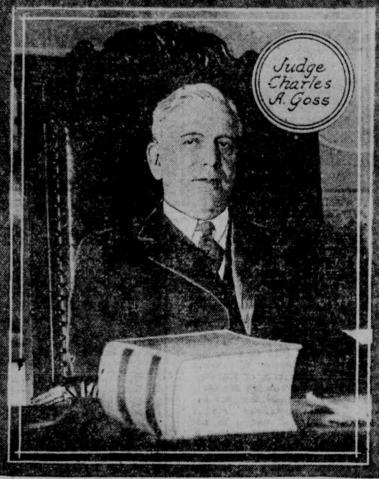
We left the deserted police court Ousk was gathering. "Thank you very much for com

ng to see me." said Mr. Cooley, then, and study law in the winter, but 'I am going home now.'

Slowly he walked westward on O sary.' reet to his lonely room amid the



Dignified, Deliberative Omaha District Judge Once Aspired to Enter Big League Baseball; Now Law Umpire



In other words, Judge Goss keeps a record of how cases he decides East Liverpool team, and Darrow, a much watching the boys play big league pitcher, was pitching for baseball on the local "sand lot" diawhich are carried to the supreme East Liverpool. Darrow was a local monds and in keeping his supreme court are finally decided. He calls court "batting average" up to date. boy and the pride of the village. "batting average" and it is Although it happened 40 years ago This meant nothing to Judge Goss, much higher than any basebad rlug-

however, for the first time at bat he Judge Goss admits that as he sits at slammed Darrow's offering far the massive criminal bench in court room No. 1 and listens to unending enough to run home for a tally. Now Law Umpire. testimony he can sometimes hear the

Now Judge Goss has to contend cheers and applause which greeted imself with umpiring cases of law, that home run which beat East Liver-He spends pool and won for his home town, and decideding them

Omaha Uni. Debaters

The University of Omaha delate The University of Omaha student the team in batting, if I do say it teams will get into action for the body will visit the Armour Packing nyself. That was 40 years ago, I first time this season against the plant Monday, Tuesday and Wednes wanted to play professional baseball Midland orators, March 16. day of this week

will de-Saturday morning my father decided it wasn't neces- bate the Omaha affirmative team at freshman class, accompanied by Jacobs hall in the afternoon, It will Professors Gould, Johnson, Porter

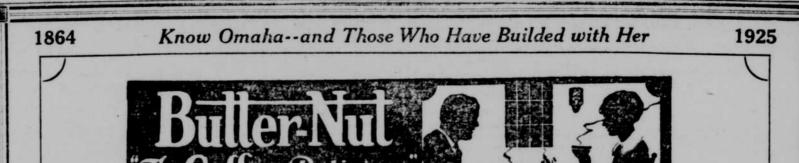
But, despite this parental objection be a no-decision debate. The teams Wright and Kuhn, made the tour o a great ambition, Judge Goss man- will debate on the state inter-col- and in the afternoon the other half, aged to get into a few games after he legiate question; "Resolved, that con- with Professors Vartanian and Ridgwas graduated from college. On one gress should be empowered to annul ley, toured the plant occasion he was drafted to aid the by a two-thirds vote those decisions

Alliance Tristate team at the last of the supreme court which declare Ever notice that those who hunt The team was playing the acts of congress unconstitutional." trouble usually find it minute.

University Students to

Glee refee club orchestra, a feature o oncerts, are Haldean Brown, Pau , Claude Welch, Albert Baldwin Clark, Phil Taylor, Dwight Alle umir Havlicek.

to Congressman Robert Sixth Nebraska district. employed in the Simmon ing law at Fremon



332 Students Enrolled

### in Gymnasium Classes at Superior Schools

Superior, Neb., Feb. 28 .- Superio chools have been putting on an el nsive program this year along the ine of athletics and physical educa

During the first semester, 120 boys and girls took part in the different pranches of athletics, football, basket ball, volley ball, etc. Fourteen gym nasium classes are conducted each week with 332 students enrolled There is also a girls hiking club of 55 members.

In the ward schools a program i being conducted to interest the pupils in various games and play ground work. The plan is to reach the large group of students, rather than the development of a few in a special

Physical education department of he Junior High school gave an ex hibition and program before a packed ouse at the Junior High school audi orium. One hundred and fifty pupils ook part, all of the seventh, eighth and ninth grades. The program con sisted of tumbling, pyramid building alisthenics, games, gymnastics, follo and schottische dancing, an athletic medley, boy scout work and singing. The exhibition was given under the lirection of A. L. Keester, physical lirector of the city schools.

Doane College Notes.

A reception was tendered President and Dean by the college Monday eve-in Gaylord hall. The rooms were tifully decorated with roses sent by Omaha trustees. A short program given, three numbers by pupils in junior plano department, a reading

Taylor. Modern Language club will have an open meeting March 4. All other depart-mental clubs are invited to attend. A French play will be given and songe of different nations sung. Sunday evening service at the First Congregational church will be held under the auspices of the college Y. M. C. A. Dr Edwin B. Dean, president, will de-liver the sermon and the Doane Men's Glee club will sing two numbers. Men's Glee club membership is as fol-lows: First tenors George History

Kinney, First tenors, George Blakeley, Caine, Carl Kinney, Kenneth Mc-& Walter Spencer; second tenors, Spnett, Haldean Brown, A. Radford, Taylor, Claude Welch; baritones, Baldwin, Herbert Ambler, Lloyd Frank Sanderson, Phil Taylor; Dwight Aller, Wallace Banta, Jelinek, Andrew Nuquist; accom-, Lumir Havlicek, Lloyd Clark, Mr. McKanzie gave an address at Monday appropriate for Washing-Dirthday. Kennel

to Meet Midland Team Tour Armour Plant

ood and beautiful and noble thing of life. The dilapidation and neglec of his physical appearance does no extend to his heart and mind.

No sense of failure, no railing against fate, no dissatisfaction with things as they are.

"I would do it all over again as I have done," he said in reply to a question. "When I came to Omaha, 40 years ago, I determined to be the lawyer of the working man, the downtrodden and the oppressed and I have kept that faith in spite of all.'

Tears Course His Cheeks. His voice broke and two tears broke from his puffy eyes and coursed down the cheeks He tried to cover his emotion with a little laugh.

"Of course, I was often imposed on. I am too tender-hearted. Time and time again I defended men who had no money. They would ask me to collect at some given time later. When I would call, the wife would tell me her husband was out hunting work and they had no food or fuel. And I would give them my last \$5 bill. I don't like to mention a thing like that. I don't want to boast.'

Julius S. Cooley was born on a farm near the village of Pavilion, Kalamazoo county, Michigan, March 31.

#### Of Puritan Blood.

1861.

"On both sides of the house Julius was a studious boy. studied while he herded cattle on the cople have been in the United States plains when he was only 10 or 12 for 300 years," he said. "We are years old. Puritans. My father, Griffith Ste-

phens Cooley, and my mother, Julia Cooley, were remarkable. I was named for my uncle, Col. Julius Lilly. He was chosen by General Sherman command the forces that went ahead to reconnoiter and forage on the march to the sea. He was am- go with me to the house for dinner. bushed by Wade Hampton's cavalry. but he fought his way out."

Cooley's delight in the success and distinction of his relatives and all



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## Beware.

now and a banner student. I had Anyone that steals a poor everything for her here, Shetland homesteader's horses steals the living of him and his family.

Folks Welcoming W. J. Bryan at New York,' was exhibited in many places."

Peter Cooper institute.

Katherine McDowell Sutton.

Marriage.

"Years later," he said, "I met

her little daughter here in Omaha

and she said 'Mamma wants to see

you.' I went and we were reunited

"A few years ago my wife inherit

ed a large estate from a maiden

aunt. She and our daughter, Juanita

Leanore, are in Hollywood, Cal.,

settling it up. Our daughter is 15

and were married in 1906.

"One day I and my dog were herdwears invariably, has its little roman tic touch, as he tells it,

ing the cattle when a man drove up "One day a Mrs. Swanson called me in a buggy and asked me what I was nto her florist shop," he said. "She reading. I think it was Macauley's told me she wanted to give me a flow History of England. The man was St. er to wear in my buttonhole. She A. D. Balcombe and I asked him to pinned one on and when I wanted to pay her she said, 'No, I won't take Offer of an Education.

Carlisle.

any pay. When I was a little girl I "When we got there the girls were was gazing into a store window when playing and singing and he was some sleds were displayed and you charmed. He proposed to take me came along and stopped and asked me with him to Plattsmouth and let me whether I had a sled and I said no to school, but I said I couldn't acbut I wished very much that I had. cept such a generosity. Later, of

course, I went to school in Platts. it to me and I want to give you a You went in and bought one and gave mouth before entering the state unifor it.

"I was at the university with such "You see," said Mr. Cooley feeling men as John Hartman, later general ly, "bread cast upon the waters re counsel for the Great Northern rallurns after many days.' read; Dr. B. B. Davis, now an emi-

nent surgeon in Omaha; Nova Z. Anheuser's Judgment. "I believe Mr. Cooley was never

Snell, later a judge; Lincoln Frost, properly appreciated," said Fred Anrecently appointed a district judge; heuser, former city prosecutor. "He has always been the soul of generosity and unselfishness, pouring out

his money among the police officers and court attaches and others. He After three years at the state uni- was always too generous for his own versity during which he studied law good.

in a law office, he found it necessary "I remember once he had a case fo MARLINGTON. 1039 KURO BLDG., in a law office, he found it necessary "I remember once he had a case for W. R. DARLINGTON. 1039 KURO BLDG., to help his folks on the farm. He some out-of-town people. They had taught school at Greenwood, Eagle engaged him on his reputation, hav and Cedar Creek, keeping up law ing seen his name in the papers

1 10 years younger and be Fid of Arrouble, 2380 Gateway Station, Once a large amount of money was warkER, 2380 Gateway Station, Offered me to drop a claim I was "I noticed that some of those who contain directions—any drug store.

d not run smoothly. It was while ise and odors of the packing house ie was on a business trip to New istrict, there to be alone with his fork City that he met her in the iemories.

A block away he stopped and "I saw this beautiful girl of only bought an armful of newspapers from 17, painting, every stroke so gracea ragged newsboy. ful." he said tears starting again

#### from his eyes. "I obtained an in-Dr. R. L. Wilbur to Speak troduction. I met her and a girl to Douglas County Doctors riend and I invited them and her

Dr. Ray Lyman Wilbur, president of Leland Stanford university, will chaperone to dine. They accepted and we went to the opera afterdeliver a lecture on public health at ward. Before I left New York we a public meeting to be held by the were engaged. Her name was Omaha Douglas County Medical solety at the Technical High school But the girl's mother intercepted auditorium, Friday evening, March their letters, he said. She didn't ap-

prove of him because he had no Dr. Wilbur formerly was president money. The young couple drifted f the American Medical association apart and she married a man named

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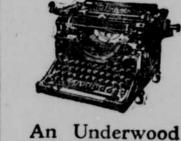
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