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Sights, Incidents and Occupants of the County Building.

WHERE JUSTICE RESIDES

The Loungers in the Lobby, the Official Financiers and Other Employees of the City and the Sheriff.

The Big House on the Hill.

The great stone structure up on Farnam street, between Seventeenth and Eighteenth, occupied by the officials of Douglas county and known as the county building, is a busy hive of industry from 9 o'clock in the morning until 5 in the afternoon of every day in the week except Saturday.

Numerous are the kinds and conditions of men who daily mount the long stone stairways which lead from the street to the main entrances of the building. There are three of the latter, but the most used leads from Farnam street to the north entrance.

Well-known lawyers who have grown gray in their profession and have earned by hard knocks and persevering toil alone the laurels they now wear; others of the same calling who, either through inability or lack of application, have lost the one opportunity and now as a consequence, can but earn a precarious livelihood by doing the menial work of their profession; young, ambitious students fresh from the law offices, who in the county building behold an image of the capital at Washington and perchance the white house; mendicants seeking aid from the county, clerks of both sexes, men of business and men of idleness, loafers in fact, and all sorts wearing stairways into the great building.

The courtrooms, naturally enough, are the primary attraction to the idle, and more particularly is this true of Judge Groff's room where the criminal cases are heard. Many a poor sinner has been sent out of that room to a life of penal servitude, amid the gaping curiosity of the mob that throng that daily gathers there. There are habits of the place that become nearly as much a part of the regular fixtures as the chairs, and whose absence, should they chance to miss a day, would probably not only be mentally noted by the bailiffs, but by the judge himself, in much the same manner that he would miss the clock from the wall. Upon cold and stormy days the room is filled with a motley crew of loungers who have no better place to go. Hour in and hour out, they listen, with more or less attention, to the cause being heard, but as far as their presence is concerned, it makes but little difference whether the case is a murder trial or an action of the most trivial importance. They are there just the same, evincing the greatest interest and impartiality.

Here, every morning, during term time, the four judges of the district court, Judge L. A. Groff, Judge E. Wakely, Judge M. R. Hopewell and Judge G. W. Doane, sit while the journal is read after which Judges Wakely, Hopewell and Doane go to their chambers to hear the cases assigned to them. In Judge Groff's court, besides himself may be found one of the official

stenographers and Lewis Grebe and H. B. Hunt, bailiffs. The other court rooms are across the hall on the same floor. Judge Wakely has for his bailiff Henry Grebe, known about the building as the "old man." The other bailiffs are John Norberg, in Judge Hopewell's court, and Pat McQuillan, in Judge Doane's.

The official court stenographers are Bird C. Wakely, Cal C. Valentine, T. P. Wilson and A. M. Hopkins, all young men and rapid—that is as far as writing short hand is concerned.

Upon the same floor, in front, is the office of Sheriff William Coburn, who before his election to his present office, was a clerk at the quartermaster's depot. It is he who, every morning at 9:30 raises his voice in the district court room in the refrain, "Hear ye! hear ye! The honorable district court is now open pursuant to adjournment."

At the southern end of the building, will be found Frank Moore, clerk of the district court. He is the military looking gentleman, who reads the journal in the district court room every morning. Before he was elected to office last year upon the republican ticket, he was connected with the Wabash railroad. He has for his assistant V. M. Mackey, deputy. Mrs. C. E. Perkins, stenographer, and Charles Mayne, file clerk. Mr. Mackey, the deputy, has been in the office ten or twelve years, and, of course, is well acquainted with every detail of the business.

On this floor, also, will be found the office of the county auditor, which is presided over by J. H. Evans as auditor.

So much for the third floor. Leaving it and going down one flight of stairs and turning to the left, the office of the register of deeds will be found, and at the register's desk T. K. McGeath can be seen. Near him is W. R. English, his deputy, and in an adjoining room are at least a dozen clerks. Many men and maidens, the same who may always be seen tripping up the stairs as the clock is on the point of striking nine. Not always strictly attentive to duty are these latter. The mischievous youngsters will chew gum, talk a little and flirt a little, but, on the whole, they are sufficiently attentive to duty and accomplish the tasks set before them. In addition to clerks regularly employed in the office, there are clerks sent there by abstractors to make transcripts of the records.

Across the hall is the office of the county treasurer, Henry Bolin, who is now serving the county in that capacity for a second term, having been in office about four years. He is one of the few republican officials in the buildings. Associated with him in performing the duties of the office are John Groves, his deputy, and William Schwab, book-keeper and Henry Beckman, collector. Treasurer Bolin isn't bothered much by loungers. People are not prone to go there unless they have to.

Along the corridor on the same floor will be found the office of the patriarchal James B. Bruer, county superintendent of instruction. "A long title," says he, "with a short salary." But then he takes comfort in meditating upon the good he is doing, having nearly twenty-five thousand children indirectly under his instruction. Mr. Bruer has been in office six years and performs the duties alone, having no assistants or clerks.

Across the corridor can be found County Clerk M. P. Roche, elected to the office two years ago upon the democratic ticket. Mr. Roche has for his deputy J. C.

Guilfoif, and for his chief clerk Mrs. B. M. Howe.

As for neighbors, Mr. Roche has none less than the honorable board of county commissioners. Volumes might be written of this body. There are many of the elements of a circus about this branch of the county government.

Their deliberations and doings and misdoings furnish a never-failing source of news for the reporters. The board at present consists of W. J. Mount, chairman; Richard O'Keefe, L. M. Anderson, P. J. Corrigan and William R. Turner. The board meets in regular session on Saturdays, and samples of their doings that float about the room upon these occasions would put a Webster to blush. All is not harmonious in the board and sometimes the members will become somewhat emphatic in addressing each other, but this is soon forgotten when the session is over.

At the clerk's desk A. J. Webb will be found. Mr. Webb has occupied the position since January only, having succeeded Billy Moran, who, while clerk of the board, became insane, and is now in the asylum at Lincoln. Webb, in addition to being a clerk, is an artist of no mean ability, and devotes his leisure time to making sketches of the fillets lounging about the room. "Whiskey Jack" was up there a few days ago and Webb drew his portrait. Jack pronounced the likeness all right and the sketch now hangs in front of John Taylor's desk. John Taylor, by the way, is something of a character in a quiet kind of a way. He does piece work for the register of deeds and is one of the best copyists connected with the office. He has worked in the building for years and years, and is known by everybody. He occupies a corner of the county commissioners' room, but the confusion in these districts him not, as John is hard of hearing. He is forever complaining of a pain in his chest or in his back, and to hear him talk one would think he had one foot already in the grave; but, bless you, if, in a moment of ill-advised levity, you should undertake to be unduly familiar with him, look out for John is loaded, and is one of the best non-professional boxers in the city, and loves a few impromptu rounds as much as Jim Creighton does Jefferson square. Clerk Webb knows all about it.

The remaining rooms on this floor are occupied by the county court, presided over by his honor, Judge Shields. E. F. Moriarity fills the position of clerk of the court. William Shields, clerk of probate matter and Miss L. Maud Busben is official stenographer.

Going down stairs into the basement, the first room on the right is occupied by City Comptroller C. S. Goodrich. Mr. Goodrich is in office two years. Previous to his election he was engaged in the mercantile business in the city. J. K. Coulter is Mr. Goodrich's deputy and John, Fred and E. B. Alexander are the clerks.

Back of the office are the rooms occupied by the county surveyor, C. H. Hawes, and his assistants, George Smith, deputy, and M. S. Palmer, C. U. Page, John R. Graves and Ernest Bacon.

On this floor is City Clerk Southard's office, and associated with him are found Harry G. Cousman, deputy clerk, and D. G. Burgess and E. C. assistants.

Adjoining the city clerk's office are the rooms of the city engineering corps. At the engineer's desk will be found George W. Tilton, who fills that office, and at the other desks are Alva J. Groves, assistant, George R. Cranford, Edward Donahue, Charles J. Carpenter, Sages G. Knight, Thomas Shaw, W. J. McFarbrun, W. C. McCean, James O. Snowden, Mat

thew Hughes, John Cowles and Charles Robertson.

On this floor, too, is the city treasurer's office. John Rush occupies the principal place. P. B. Grifflay and Charles F. Draxler are the deputies, Patrick Burke, B. J. Plannery and James Rush assistants, and Neal Ward copyist.

Last of all is the department of county superintendent of the poor, presided over by John J. Mahoney, with F. P. Zimmer in charge of the drug department. Here comes the worthy and unworthy poor for provisions, clothing and medicines. There have probably been more lies recorded from this room than from any other place in the city, as unscrupulous vagabonds do not pause at such a small obstacle as an untruth in order to obtain alms.

The building is under the charge of Mike Lahey, the engineer, who is assisted in caring for the building by Albert Sharp and Pat McDonough, the janitors.

ADDITIONAL SPORTING NEWS.

The New Grounds Dedicated—A Fine Shoot Yesterday Afternoon.

The new gun club grounds across the river were formally dedicated yesterday afternoon by a grand sweepstakes race, 35 blue rocks, 10 yards rise, participated in by the members of the local and Council Bluffs clubs. There was a very large crowd of spectators, and despite the high winds, some very creditable scores were made, as follows:

- Hardin.....0011 1130 1111 0111 1010-17
- Ellis.....0111 1010 0100 1010 1101-16
- Blake.....1111 1101 1100 0100 1001-17
- Reichen.....1011 1011 1111 1111 0110-21
- Westlake.....0111 1101 1010 1011 1111-19
- Brewer.....1111 1111 1111 1111 1110-29
- Brucher.....1101 1001 1100 0101 1011-15
- Neville.....1011 1001 1101 0111 1111-19
- Prince.....0011 1111 1111 1111 1111-33
- Culver.....1110 1110 1100 1101 0101-16
- Tipton.....1011 1111 1011 0110 0111-18
- Fried.....1110 0111 1011 0101 1111-20

Following this event came a match for \$25 a side between J. J. Hardin and John S. Prince, which was won by Prince by the following score:

- Prince.....0011 1111 1011 1111 01010-19
- Hardin.....0001 1111 1111 1111 0000-17

Morgan Settled.
The postponement of the cowboy vs bicyclist race caused the usual placid and urbane "Senator" Morgan to leave a fit on his arrival in Omaha yesterday afternoon, when he learned that the race was off. The "senator" had traveled night and day from New York to be on hand, and the baggage he used in letting of his ire would have made a wooden Indian blush. The "senator" has no further use for the alleged Lord's Foot.

Members of the Omaha Wheel club held a smoker at their cosy rooms on Dodge street last night, in honor of the outgoing and incoming officers. There was music, song and jokes ad libitum, and the evening was one of much enjoyment to all concerned.

Omaha jumped upon St. Joe with both feet yesterday afternoon, and all but annihilated the baby.

Interesting Wheel Notes.
Mr. B. F. Huff, of the Missouri Valley Wheel club, was a visitor at the club last week.

manely. Howard will be remembered as the man that stood on his head in a wheat field some two years ago.

The annual election of the Omaha Wheel club officers took place last evening, twenty-five members being present. The following officers were elected: President, F. N. Clarke; vice president, A. D. Hughes; secretary, Perry Bodollet; treasurer, G. O. Francisco; captain, F. T. Stauffer. The baggers, lieutenants and color bearer to be appointed by the captain.

There are from ten to fifteen wheelmen seen crossing the bridge daily, morning and night. Right there is inducement enough to offer any one to live in the Bluffs, only twenty minutes ride and not in a crowded car either.

Prof. Gwathmey, after learning to ride the safety, vowed he would master the ordinary. What are the Council Bluffs Ramblers who he wishes he had never straddled a rober, for now he can't make up his mind what type machine he wants to buy. As he is very active the boys have concluded he will get an ordinary.

We haven't seen any of the tandems out on our streets. That is to say, with a fair one on the front seat. It is said that the tandem has fallen from good grace and the ladies safety bicycle has taken its place several of which are anxiously looked for daily by those having ordered them.

If the ladies safety is ever ridden extensively in Omaha won't the wheel club have to have a ladies division in their club. Philadelphia and Washington clubs have made provisions for lady members, and have a grand time of it.

The captain of the Omaha Wheel club has called a race to Bellevue and return for today, to leave the club rooms at 9:30 a. m. sharp and return in time for dinner. It is hoped the members will turn out in good numbers and give the new captain a boost.

Things I would like to see: James Joseph riding a smaller wheel. Dr. Conner wear his club cap. Walt Morrisat machine dirty. Frank Mittaur ride in his old form of two years ago. G. O. Francisco ride a fifty-inch wheel, and Ed Smith a fifty-eight. That new machine Ed Lytle has coming from the repair shop. Will Urian enter and start in the eighteen-hundred amateur race. Some Omaha notes in the *Bicycling World* of Boston. Two hundred league members in 1889, and L. A. W. officers elected soon.

Interesting Ball Squads.
The Omahas returned yesterday. The Omahas got a cold deal from the umpire in K. C.

"Foot" Burns and "Chippy" McGar Monday and Tuesday.

Andrews will resume his position at first within ten days.

The Omahas and McKelveys at the local park again this afternoon.

Prosper has a sore arm and is suffering considerable from the change of climate.

Conroy is lame. He has been playing a great hustling game and has overdone himself.

CHICAGO POSTOFFICE PLUMS.

Senator Farwell's Views on the Matter of Their Distribution.

Chicago, April 6.—Despatches from Washington published this morning stated that Senators Farwell and Cullom were very much "put out" at the appointment of John A. Montgomery to be superintendent of mails in the Chicago postoffice, because they were not consulted in the matter. It appears that the appointment was made by General Superintendent Ball, and that neither Postmaster General Wanamaker nor Assistant Postmaster General Clarkson were consulted about the matter. Senator Farwell was interviewed on the subject to-day, and said he was not objecting to Mr. Montgomery at all. He regarded the gentleman in every way fit for the position. What he complained of is that the appointment was made without his (Farwell) knowing anything about it. He thought he should be consulted about matters relating to appointments at his own home.

"You are reported to have said," said the reporter, "that the present incumbents in their positions will be allowed to serve out their terms."

"That is my opinion," replied the senator. "I think that that will be the policy of the administration."

"It is reported that the same difference is likely to arise between President Harrison and the Senate in regard to the patronage as divided the late Senator Conkling and President Garfield," said the reporter.

"I think there is not much danger of that," said the senator. "I do not think he could be so easily proposed to treat us fairly. He is a man of decided opinions. He is an honest, upright, capable and good man, and will make a good president. I do not think he could be so easily swayed from his purpose by anybody. He certainly could not be so easily swayed from what he thought was right, at all."

RESOLUTIONS OF CONDOLENCE.

Action of the Supreme Court Bar on the Death of Justice Matthews.

WASHINGTON, April 6.—The meeting of the bar of the United States supreme court today to take action on the death of the late Stanley Matthews, was interfered with by the storm, and in consequence the attendance was small. The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the bar of the supreme court of the United States dolefully deplore the decease of Justice Matthews, whereby the country has lost an always patriotic and respected citizen, alike eminent in his public and private career; the bar on its long-time leaders, conspicuous as an example of the best relations of our profession with the administration of justice, and the court itself a member fitted by character, temperament, learning and industry to the place he held in the highest judicial tribunal of a great nation. His name is rightly enrolled among those honored by their countrymen.

Resolved, That the bar present to the family of the departed justice its sincere sympathy and condolence in their bereavement.

Resolved, That the attorney general be requested to present these resolutions to the court for such consideration as may be fit.

Resolved, That the chairman be requested to take a copy hereof to Mrs. Matthews. Eulogistic addresses were made by Senators Edmunds, Judge Hooley, General F. B. Mussey, W. S. Flippen, of Tennessee; Congressman Brockbridge, Ex-Senator McDonald and others. Senator Evans presided.

COUNCIL BLUFFS

Where to Worship.

Broadway M. E. Church—Services at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Morning topics, "What a Methodist Ought to Do." Sunday school at 13 m. Class meeting at 6:30 p. m. Strangers and friends of our cause cordially invited to worship with us.

First Baptist—Preaching by the pastor at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 12 m. Young people's meeting at 6:30 p. m. All cordially welcomed. Seats free.

Brethren Baptist Church—There will be preaching to-day by Rev. Thickett, morning and evening, in the Shubert block, on Broadway and Twenty-fourth street. Morning subject, "Christ, the Layspring and Deliverer; evening subject, "The Church, its Work." The Sunday school meets at 11:45 a. m.

Congregational—Preaching morning and evening by the pastor. Morning subject, "Gratitude." Evening, "Why Paul Preached the Gospel." A cordial invitation is extended.

Presbyterian—Preaching as usual by the pastor, both morning and evening. Sabbath school at 12 o'clock, conducted by Rev. Henry Dolan, at 12 o'clock. The pastor will preach morning and evening. Young and strangers are cordially welcomed to these services. T. J. Mackay, pastor.

Bethany Baptist church—corner of Bluff and Story streets—Regular services at 10:30 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. Sunday school at 3 p. m. Congregation at 7 p. m. Rev. E. W. Harris pastor.

Unchaining the Tiger.

The gamblers keeping very quiet, and a casual observer might be easily persuaded of the apparent truth of the statement that there is no gambling in Council Bluffs. One of the leading gamblers who started up his house on the quiet shortly after the raid, has again pulled in his horns, and it is reported among the sports that he has "gone broke." It was his house at 12 o'clock that has been rather sore for some time, the statement is probably correct. It is hardly probable, however, that the present quiet will continue much longer, as extensive changes are being made in all the houses, and the indications point to a grand all-around opening inside of the next ten days. The sports were very busy yesterday surrounding poker, Faro, roulette and lynchpin tables from the cellars, are brushing off the dust that had accumulated during the past month of idleness. The tiger's teeth are carefully filed and put in first class order to dispatch the poor sucker who ventures near his lair. The preparations for a removal to the second floor are nearly completed and it will not be long until they will all open their doors to those to whom money is a burden.

Personal Paragraphs.

W. O. Wirt leaves this evening for Denver and Iowa, expecting to be absent two or three months, in the interest of the Mission Benevolent association.

J. A. Cahoon and wife will spend Sunday with the family of Sheriff H. E. Palmer, at Red Oak.

Will Matthews, of Kansas, is in the city visiting old schoolmates, and is the guest of Edward Mitchell, of Tins Bros carriage force.

Hon. W. J. Connell's Return.

Hon. W. J. Connell has returned from Washington, feeling in excellent spirits. He says that he has taken a great deal of interest in the matter of locating the postoffice, but has no idea as to where it will be located. He feels, however, that the location will be decided before long and in less time than some people imagine it will. He referred to the fact that a number of the members of the board of trade, comprising many of the leading business men of the city, had signed a petition in favor of Farnam and Eighteenth streets, and he had an idea that the petition would have a favorable effect upon the authorities in Washington.