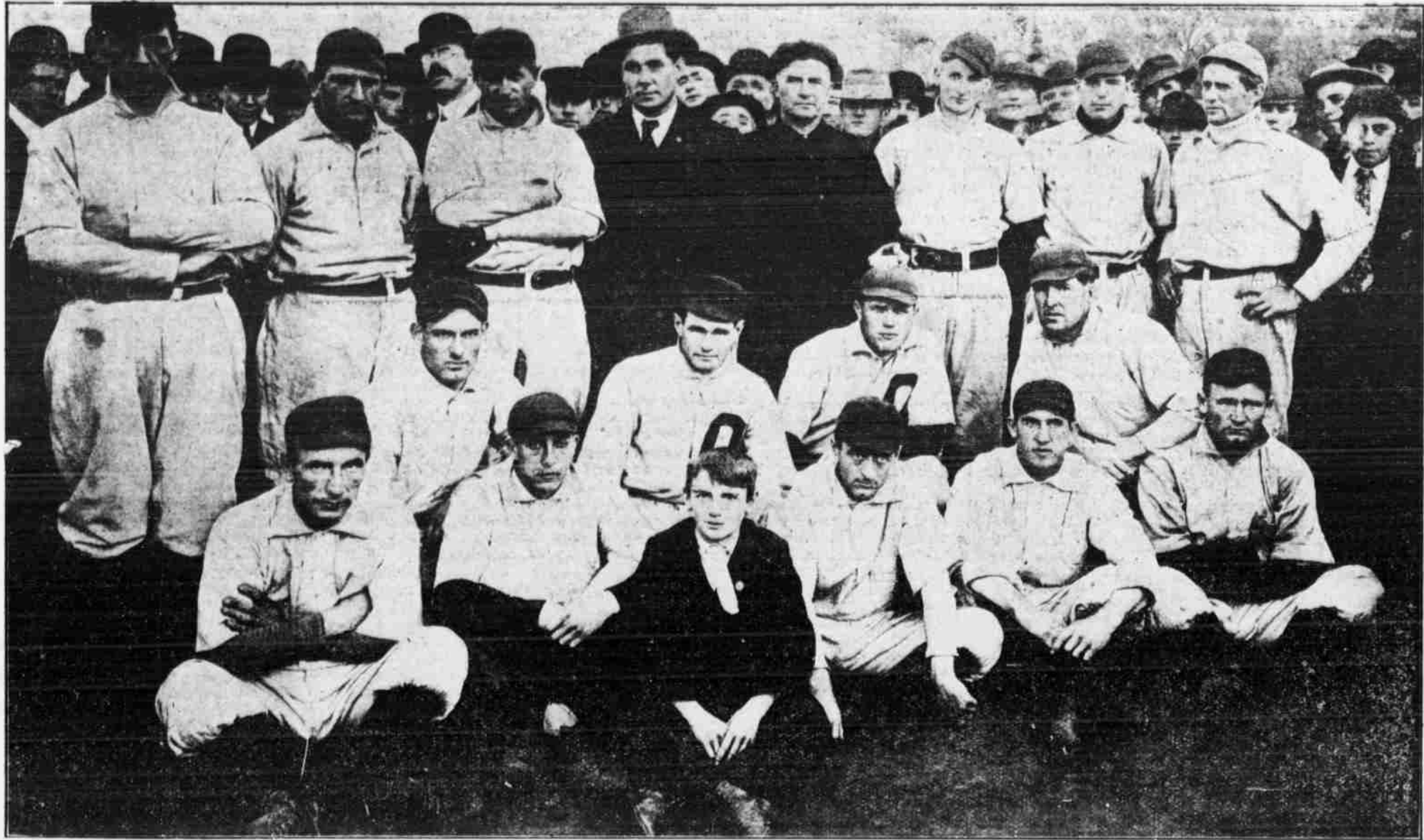


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OMAHA'S VICTORIOUS BALL TEAM—PENNANT WINNERS OF THE 1914 RACE OF THE WESTERN LEAGUE—SURROUNDED BY A CROWD OF ADMIRING FRIENDS AFTER THE DECIDING GAME WITH COLORADO SPRINGS ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29.—Photo by a Staff Artist.

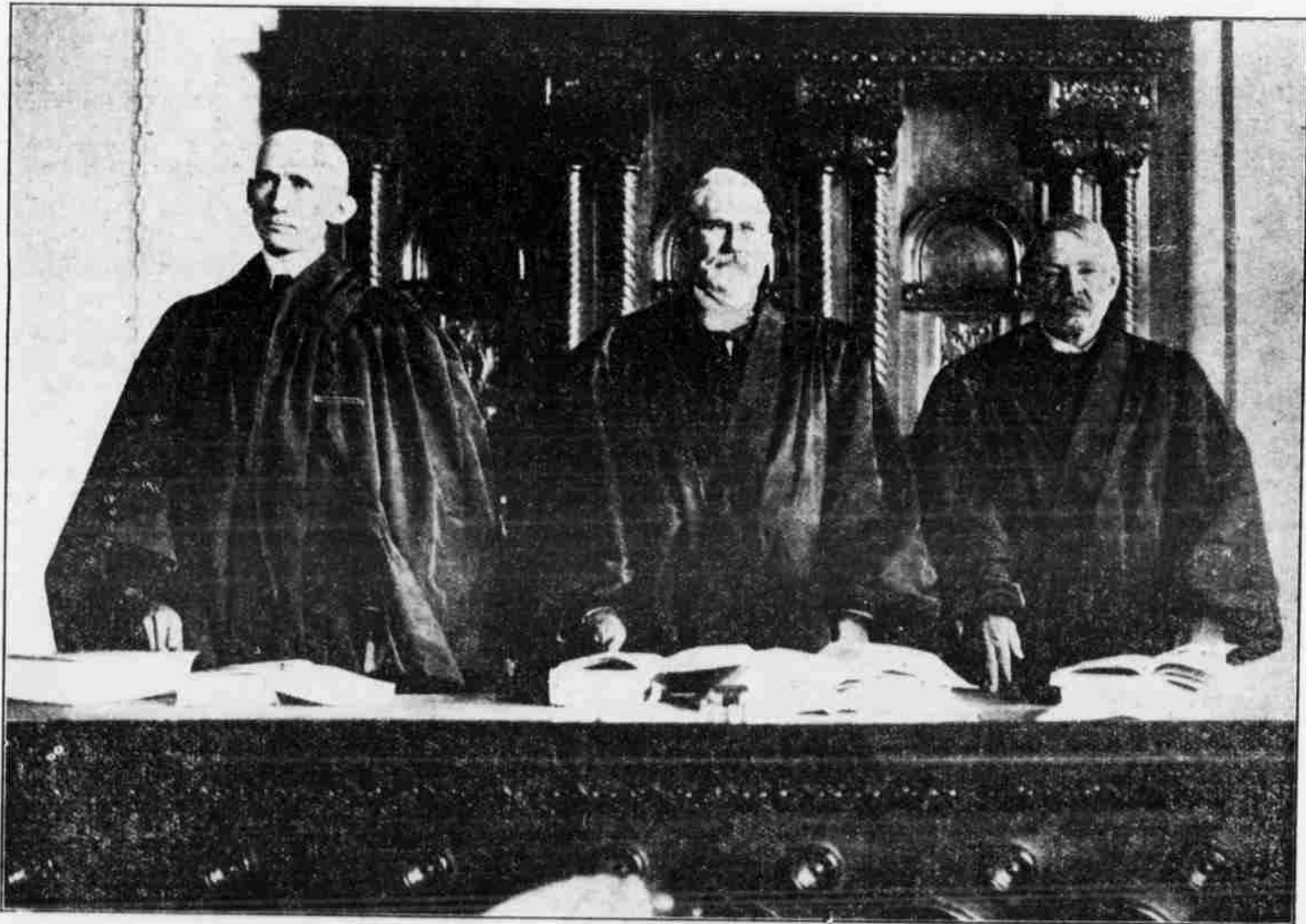
SEVERAL days ago a session of the United States circuit court of appeals was held in Omaha for the first time since the creation of that tribunal. This branch of the judiciary body was established in 1892 to relieve the pressure upon the United States supreme court, and it holds relatively the same position to that tribunal as the appellate division of the supreme court holds in those states which have adopted it.

Most of the cases brought to this court are those involving questions of jurisdiction or of constitutional rights. The scope of cases which may be brought before the tribunal is broad, as it provides a court of last resort for all cases excepting those where the charge is murder in the first degree. Civil cases, which are excluded from the higher court unless they involve sums exceeding \$5,000, may also be appealed to this court. Cases involving less than this amount cannot be carried to the United States supreme court. Under the former system all cases appealed to the higher tribunal had to be tried at Washington, where the supreme court is in session from October until June, with the exception of the recess taken during holiday seasons.

Some expense is saved the litigants by affording an opportunity to have the cases heard nearer the place where the action was originally begun. By relieving the congestion of the supreme court, actions are brought to speedier settlement as important questions were tied up for indefinite periods before the creation of the appellate division, and the situation was becoming worse instead of better as each year new cases were adding to the congestion.

There are nine circuits in the United States, the one in which Nebraska is located comprising eleven states and the territories of Oklahoma, New Mexico and Indian Territory. Sessions of the court will be held at St. Paul, Omaha, St. Louis, in Denver or Cheyenne, and in such other places as the court may see fit. Owing to the size of the Nebraska district four justices are appointed to this circuit. Some of the smaller circuits have but two justices, one of the judges of the United States district court being called to sit upon the bench with the other two. New Hampshire, which is in the first circuit, has two judges; Connecticut, New York, Rhode Island, Pennsylvania and Massachusetts being among those having four justices sitting in the United States court of appeals, and the other districts having three justices to look after the appellate cases which are carried up from the lower courts in their circuits.

Judge William H. Munger of the United States district court, speaking of the court,



Judge Hook. Judge Sanborn. Judge Munger.
UNITED STATES CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS IN SESSION AT OMAHA.—Photo by a Staff Artist.

said: "I think the idea of the appellate division finds general favor. It affords a court of final resort for the adjudication of cases which formerly had to be tried up in the higher courts for a long time, owing to the pressure. Again, cases involving sums of less than \$5,000 may be carried to this court, and in most of these cases the litigants are as well satisfied as though the judgment had been passed by the nine members sitting upon the bench of the supreme court. The main purpose in creating this court was to relieve the higher tribunal, while it also pulled down the bars for important cases in which not so much is involved."

So much has been said by The Bee during the summer in praise of the Omaha base ball team that it now seems that nothing can be added. The race made by the club for first place in the Western league

has been by far the finest in the annals of the game in the west. On July 4 the Omaha team was a bad fourth in the race, and it looked as though either Denver or Colorado Springs had the pennant won for certain. From the middle of July to the end of the season the Omaha team played the finest ball ever seen in the west, clearly outclassing all the other teams and turning what seemed certain victory for Denver three weeks ago into defeat and making sure of first place for Omaha by a margin sufficiently wide to be safe, no matter by whose record the decision is obtained. Individually the players rank high. The six pitchers under contract are among the best in the profession, and certainly compose the best pitching staff that ever wore an Omaha uniform. The infield has played wonderfully fast ball for many weeks and the outfield has been invincible from the beginning. In Carter, Welch

and Thiel Omaha has the best outfield the Western league has ever seen, which is saying a good deal, for the Western has had some splendid outfielders in days gone by. Gonding and Freese, the catchers, like the pitchers, stand at the head of their profession. Manager Rourke is a veteran in the business, and it would be strange if he could not get work out of a team so eager and willing to work to win as the Omahas have proved. His victory is most popular. The decisive game was played with Colorado Springs last Tuesday and was a clean cut victory for Omaha. The demonstration that followed the ninth inning was one of the most remarkable ever seen in Omaha. The team was surrounded by admirers, and player after player was hoisted to stalwart shoulders by jubilant fanatics, who paraded the park, headed by a band, and otherwise showed their delight at the outcome of the game.