

Right Hand Men of the District Judges When Court is in Session

"R-R-D-E-R in the court!"
Thus the old-time court bailiff was wont to serve notice that the judge was about to take his seat on the bench and that the rabble should become still and respectful. Nowadays, in the criminal branch, Douglas county district court Bailiff John Norberg raps sharply with his knuckles on the table near him and says:
"Have it quiet in the court, please."
Jurors and spectators seldom require a second notification, but the attorneys go on with their side-line consultations, just taking the trouble to modify their voices ever so slightly. Lawyers and members of the bar are to a large extent privileged characters about the court room. The judges themselves were lawyers before.
The bailiffs are really the right hands of the judge while court is in session. They carry messages, get books or papers as required, keep order, see that the ice water in the fountains is kept replenished—look wise, and are generally useful. They are eight in number and weigh more than any other eight men about the courts, in legal significance to the visitor who makes only a casual call. They represent the militant majesty of the law, as against the self-contained and dignified representatives who sit on the bench and lend their ears to everybody's complaint.

Norberg's Years of Service.
The dean of the corps of bailiffs, in age, is Charles F. M. Morgan, who serves in the court room presided over by Judge Sears. The senior in service is John Norberg, serving in the criminal branch, with Judge Day. Norberg is now on his nineteenth year of service about the courts of Douglas county. He came to America from Sweden in 1866, when 5 years old. Two years afterward, his father having died, the 10-year-old lad trudged from what is now Bloomington, S. D., to Omaha, walking every foot of the way, to get work. For several years young Norberg rode race horses for Dennis Cunningham on the old track which was afterward incorporated in the exposition grounds. Afterward he followed various vocations until May 12, 1887, when he became a bailiff. He has served continuously since, with the exception of three years, when he was messenger for H. H. Baldrige, while the latter was county attorney. Norberg has seen Judges Neville, Hopewell and Baker come and go and saw Judge Day coming. He has nine years with Judge Hopewell. He has had charge of juries that considered many of the noted cases tried in the county, including quite a few murder cases, in at least two of which the defendant drew the death penalty and was hanged. He knows the routine of the courts uncon-



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J. H. HULBERT.



EZRA W. FIELDS.



MARTIN W. KIRKENDALL.



FRANK L. BEHM.



JOSEPH W. MARROW.



MAYNARD MATBERY.



JOHN NORBERG.

sciously, and his only difficulty is when he is asked to call a witness whose name is spoken by the lawyer under his breath. As a descendant of the Norsemen, this is the only "shock" John Norberg fears. He is married and owns his home, 2108 South Thirty-third street.

Oldest of the Bailiffs.
Charles F. M. Morgan, the white-haired and dignified officer of Judge Sears' court, on the seventh floor of The Bee building, was 78 years old last February. He is a native of Harrodsburg, Ky., and when 19 years old, in 1848, crossed the plains with the party led by General John C. Fremont. Mr. Morgan remembers that the party crossed the Republican river where Kearney, Neb., is now, and then proceeded up the Platte. He remained with the Fremont party until Fort Sutter was reached, where the men were paid off. Mr. Morgan served in the Cayuse war, 1847-8, in what is now Washington, but was then Oregon territory. He was also a soldier in the Klakitkat war, 1856, and afterward served in the Civil war in the First Oregon cavalry. After the war he served as a member of the first legislature that convened at Oregon City, which was opened by Governor Abernathy. Bailiff Morgan has also traveled with pack trains of his own through the mountains of Oregon and California, and is full of tales of the famous men of the early days on the coast. He has been a resident of Omaha for the last seventeen years. Although a Kentuckian by birth

and early association, he says he never used liquor until very recent years, and then only sparingly. He accounts for his perfect health on the edge of four score by saying:
"A man must take care of himself. Whisky, dissipation, debauchery, late hours, will kill any man that ever lived."

Other Veterans of the War.
Two other veterans of the war days are seen as bailiffs in the district court. Next in point of age to Morgan is John H. Hulbert, Judge Estelle's bailiff. In the picture herewith he has a heavy mustache, but he parted with this several months ago, and now sports as fresh a visage of the old Roman type as can be found in Omaha. Bailiff Hulbert was born in 1838 at Manlius, N. Y. He came west first in 1848 and went to farming. Then he entered the army, in the Fifty-ninth Illinois infantry, and when the war was over took to railroading in Iowa and Minnesota for nineteen years. For six years he was engaged in the coal business in Omaha and for the last six years he has been serving with that other veteran of the Grand Army, Judge Estelle.

Maynard Matbery, Judge Kennedy's bailiff, is the third veteran of the corps. He was born at Wellsville, Columbiana county, N. Y., in 1842; descendant of a line of ancestors who had been good Americans as he proudly says. When a youth he served his country as a member of the Fifty-second Ohio regiment. He has been a resident of Omaha for seventeen years and a bailiff for two years. Like Comrade Hulbert Matbery is a quiet and courteous

gentleman, who pays strict attention to his duties, and is present every day that court is in session.

Has Charge of Criminal Justice.
Martin Kirkendall is the jury bailiff in the criminal division of the district court. He is just completing his first year in that capacity, having previously been an employe of the street railway company as conductor on the Dundee line. In the eighteen years he has been a resident of Omaha, Bailiff Kirkendall has accumulated a wife, a child and a home, all located in Dundee, over all three of which he is quite enthusiastic in his remarks. As a man of regular habits and a good gardener and hunter, Bailiff Kirkendall has no kick coming on the world, with the single exception that he thinks all jurists ought to operate by daylight alone and not keep weary watchers waiting until far toward morning and sometimes all night long. In this modest protest against things as they are "Kirk" has the backing of the other three bailiffs of the law judges. The equity bailiff is above such things, until the judges shift about the first of the year.

Joe Marrow's Tale.
Joseph W. Marrow, who is bailiff for Judge Redick, has had a rather unique experience. He is a native of Baltimore, Md., but has lived in Omaha nineteen years. He was a page in the United States senate during Grover Cleveland's last administration and held over into Harrison's time. Afterward he was for two years riding (page) for the same body, carrying the mail to the capital, then spent two years more in the folding rooms of the senate. Mr. Marrow was later a painting contractor in Omaha and has been serving in Judge Redick's court for two years. He is married and has two children. Bailiff Marrow likes politics better than staying up nights with contrary juries.

Native-Born Nebraskaan.
Ezra W. Fields, the heavyweight of the bailiff staff, serves in Judge Sutton's court, where he has been engaged for two years. He is a native Nebraskaan, born at Palmyra, Otoe county, in 1871. Previous to becoming a court officer Mr. Fields spent six years with Swift and Company. He is something of a farmer even while living in the city, and finds his principal recreation in the summer in cultivating the good things that grow in Nebraska soil. If necessity arose to sit on an obstreperous person Bailiff Fields could bring to the task 25 pounds of solid flesh.

Curious and Romantic Capers of Cupid

Romance or Foolishness?
STANDING on a knoll in the middle of a field of uncut corn, in Iowa, Earl E. Campbell and Amber H. Parkin were married by the light of the moon at midnight. The marriage license had been secured in Cherokee county while the wedding had been arranged to take place in Ida county. To obviate any difficulty that might arise over the legality of the marriage the principals and guests walked through the cornfield to a knoll of the county line. There the ceremony was performed.

Married His Nurse.
Robert C. Davidson, former mayor of Baltimore, who shocked society last May by deserting his wife and eloping with Laura Banning Noyes, a nurse, married Miss Noyes in New York City last week. Mrs. Davidson made public the disappearance of her husband, who converted \$125,000 in stocks and bonds all his property, into cash and left for Europe with Miss Noyes. On his return in August a reconciliation was effected between Mr. and Mrs. Davidson, but it proved short lived.

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Quaint Features of Current Life

Cripple's Wonderful Work.
BENJAMIN J. MORGAN of Waterbury, Conn., a cripple, has completed a wonderful piece of work which is attracting considerable attention. Inside a bottle eight and one-half inches long, four and one-half inches in diameter and one-half inch at the neck he has made a miniature representation of the Lincoln County Chival union giving its concert at the armory.

Tribulations of a Lawyer.
Speaking of the tribulations of the cross-examiner, a recent writer cites this experience:
In the progress of a murder trial near Kansas City he wished to learn from a witness just where the bullet struck the victim.
"Where was this man shot?" was asked.
"Right here in this town," replied the witness.
"Yes, I know, but where did the bullet hit him?"
"Near Sixth and Wyoming streets."
"You don't understand me. Where did the bullet enter?"
"It came in the window."
"But in what part of the body did it lodge?"
"It never hit his body."
"Well, it certainly hit him somewhere—hit him in the head," said the witness.
One of the most novel, and in a measure, sane and satisfactory reasons for a certain condition that has come to be recognized by the managers is thus editorially exploited by the New York Sun:

Another Nurse's Romance.
Love, with the aid of an automobile, triumphed in a race with death in New York City when Dr. Frank W. Brandon of Pittsfield, Mass., whose life had been despatched of married Miss Louise Engel, his nurse.

An Aid to Religion.
At the annual business meeting of a country church in Western Pennsylvania several of the brethren, according to the Philadelphia Ledger, complained of the habit of certain of the congregation who at the Sunday services spat upon the floor, especially in the neighborhood of the stove. The pastor suggested that a couple of cuspidors might prevent the annoyance. Whereupon a good deacon, unfamiliar with the elegant word for the inelegant thing said: "I move that Brother A. and Brother B. be appointed cuspidor for the ensuing year."

High Salaried Men.
HERE is a list of men who receive a higher salary than the president of the United States: Richard A. McCurdy, president Mutual Life company; William H. Newman, president New York Central; William E. Corey, president Steel trust; John A. McCall, president New York Life; C. F. Lore, president Rock Island railroad; E. M. Matthews, president Chicago glue company; H. O. Havemeyer, president American Sugar Refining company; Stuyvesant Fish, president Illinois Central; James Stillman, president City National bank; Gage E. Terbell, second vice president Equitable Life; Frederick H. Eaton, president American Car and Foundry company; A. J. Cassatt, president Pennsylvania railroad; Charles S. Mellen, president New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad; V. P. Snyder, president Bank of Commerce; E. S. Chappelle, wine agent; James J. Hill, president Northern Securities company; Frederick D. Underwood, president Erie railroad; William H. Truesdale, president Lackawanna railroad; Samuel Spencer, president Southern railway, and E. P. Ripley, president Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway company.

He Got Two Maws.
George Gould is most particular about and discriminating in what he smokes, according to the notion of one Newark man whose ideas failed to hitch with Mr. Gould's. The railroad man visited a machine shop there recently to inspect a new device which he thought of installing on his lines, reports the New York Tribune. After his trip through the factory he felt in his pocket for a cigar. He had none, and the manager of the concern, much chagrined, discovered that he, too, had none.
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Gossip and Stories About Noted People

Bill to the man summoned by the manager. "go get me some cigars."
The man knew it was George Gould and had vast ideas of the importance of the visitor, but unfortunately was not himself a smoker. He returned with a great double handful of cigars, which he passed silently to Mr. Gould.
"Why—why, what's all this?" sputtered Mr. Gould, inspecting the label, which bore the name of a highly advertised brand of "cent straight."
The workman tried to explain that these were as good as any he knew, but was hustled back with them. There were forty-two cigars, by actual count.

Forty Years of Work.
After continuous employment for forty years, without losing a single day's work for any reason whatever and without a vacation during all those years, Vine Hovey, agent at Forest City, Me., for the Burlington railroad, has been given a vacation which will last two years, his full pay going on for that length of time. Hovey is the oldest man in point of service on the Burlington system. At one time in Nevada he owned a mining claim near the famous Virginia mine, for which he was offered \$40,000. He wanted \$1,000,000 and finally parted with it for a pair of old horses. Subsequently it was found that this was more than the claim was worth.

Shaw and His Whiskers.
George Bernard Shaw, who has been indulging in some acrid criticism of American literary taste, has the most unparelleled set of whiskers which ever grew out of a man's face. A recent critic remarked:
"There are many things for which a man may not be censured, but his whiskers are his own fault."
Shaw has a set which diffuses itself all over his collar and shoulders and makes it impossible to determine whether he wears a collar and shirt.

Simplcity at the Plains.

John P. McClelland, a wealthy farmer of North Franklin township, near Washington, Pa., has died, leaving a will which includes the following: "I direct that my body be interred in the hill orchard on the farm I own, in a rough, unplanned box that will cost about \$1, and use the clothing I have in the house and have no funeral or preaching in the house. Employ two men to haul my body up to the orchard and inter it at the corner tree of the Lewis Snyder farm and mine and place no mark on the grave."

At the Head of the Class.
George Fields, a Cherokee Indian living in Indian Territory, will be recommended to President Roosevelt for commendation because of his anti-race suicide tendencies. As a rule very large families are not prevalent among the Indians, but Fields

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Astounding Feats of Nebraska Strong Boy

OOT ball material that any coach might be glad to have to his lineup is going to waste on a farm near Ashland, in Saunders county, Nebraska. Harry Beetsion, who is probably the strongest boy in the state, is there daily testing his unlimited muscular ability on such stunts as fall to the lot of a farmer lad. Recently, just to see what he could do, he posed for a photographer with two of his companions bal-

anced on each hand. On his right hand he held Moses Jackson, weighing 145 pounds, and on his left hand he held his brother, William, weighing 125 pounds, long enough to have the picture taken. Young Beetsion is 22 years of age, weighs 120 pounds and has taken no form of physical culture except that to be had by every boy who has to work on a farm. His parents are pioneer residents of the section.

Progress Made in the Field of Electricity

Telephone Rivalry.
CAPTAINS of telephone service and of telephone industries are waging a vigorous battle in New York City. Four companies merged into one is striving to break into that telephone gold mine, while the company entrenched in the city is fighting every minute of the day and night to keep the field to itself. Each of the new companies, prior to the merger, offered to the city the service free of 98 telephones. The city now pays about \$25,000 a year for the use of about 1,200 instruments; the amount paid last year was \$20,000. At that rate 2,600 phones should be worth to the city nearly half a million dollars annually. The new companies also offer to construct their own subways and to pay for the use of the streets, as well as to set apart space in those subways for the city's service.

Aluminum Wire.
A matter of some importance to the copper industry is the decision to use aluminum wire in feeding electric power from Niagara Falls to the West Shore road as far east as Syracuse. Those lines are being equipped for electric traction, and the exceptionally long distance to be covered by the feed wires raised the question whether a lighter wire than copper could not be used with equal satisfaction; for the volume of electricity a wire will carry varies directly with the size, and the greater the distance the greater the volume

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