

# Furniture That Lasts the Life of the Building

## The Kind of Furnishings that Hayden Bros. Have Placed in New Douglas County Courthouse

**I**f our forefathers, who struggled for freedom and finally broke the English fetters of tyranny, could have relaxed their tired limbs into the comfort of the furniture of the present day, their most wonderful battle for liberty would have been more justly rewarded than it was. If those sturdy old New Englanders and their wives and Puritan daughters could have gone to their homes and found there the comforts of the present day their lives would have been marked by more enjoyment and pleasure than they were, and perhaps, living in modern comfort, they would have given us a better government, better courts and better institutions than they did, for people whose minds rest amid surroundings which radiate comfort and happiness and whose bodies find ease in the soft, comfortable beds, settees and davenporters are stimulated so as to do better deeds.

**Greatest Designers Then.**  
It is true that in the days of our colonial forefathers and in the times immediately before and after the greatest of our furniture designers were giving the world the beauties, refinements and grace of styles that have come down to our present day, and that will live for years and years. Adams, Chippendale, Sheraton and other masters were leaders in the influences of those days. No designers as skilled and dexterous as these have lived since and the models they made will survive for centuries. But these men unquestionably are the greatest of the world's furniture designers though they did not give the world furniture that had the comfort of that of today. The pieces possessed rare beauty lines, handsome grace and other exquisite characteristics that none have since equaled. But most of the furniture was stiff, it had the beautiful lines, but it did not possess comfort and ease-giving qualities. A chair, for instance, of the olden days, was built on straight lines. It had no form to accept the curves of one's back. Its seat was hard and unresponsive to the movements of the body. It was simply a piece of hard wood.

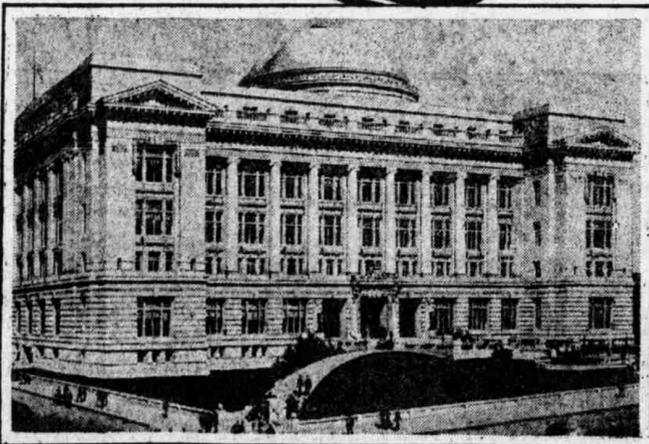
But the modern chair makers have taken all the classic beauty, all the grace and charm of the old master designs and combined with them the comfort that this age demands. We now have chairs, roomy and soft; chairs that are spacious; chairs into which one may fling himself and relax all the muscles, gaining the rest and ease which the body demands. It is a delight to sit in the modern chair. It was hard to sit in the chair of our forefathers. And as it has been with the chair, so has it been with the other articles of furniture—the beauty and elegance of the spacious times of years ago have been combined with the modern comfort, and we have today masterpieces

that will remain ideals for centuries.

### All Very Handsome

To behold some of the handsome examples of the furniture of this day, one only needs to visit the new Douglas county courthouse, where Hayden Bros. are installing some of the most elegant furniture ever brought to this city. This progressive Omaha firm secured the contract for supplying the furnishings of this beautiful courthouse, the total amount of the contract being more than \$140,000. All the furniture, all the bronze work, all the lighting fixtures, all the court railings and judges' benches and bars, are being placed in the big new building by this firm. And the beauty and durability of these various pieces are such as to impress themselves deeply upon the mind of the visitor to the courthouse.

The furniture is the kind that one does not see every day. In addition to possessing simple elegance, graceful lines, charming design, it also has substantiality. And as one visitor to the court house the other day said, in looking at the furniture, "Why, it will outlast the building." Yes, it is lifetime furniture—that kind which will withstand the hard knocks of everyday usage and which will always look fine. Years from now this strong furniture will be giving service, and still be decorative.



NEW DOUGLAS COUNTY COURTHOUSE

### Beautiful White Oak.

The surroundings of a person's daily life play an important part in his health and happiness; therefore it is important that the furniture and other decorations of rooms be chosen wisely. When Hayden selected the furniture and fixtures for the handsome courthouse, they picked the best that money could buy. They chose a white oak wood, and then most of the pieces were made from special designs, which designs harmonized with the woodwork and the architecture of the big building. The window frames and doors have a square effect; the chairs, tables, etc., were made to conform to this. In this new courthouse furniture

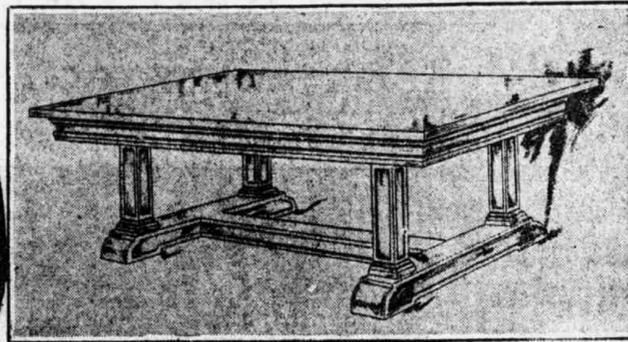
Haydens attained strength without undue heaviness. There is not a trace of the awkward or the clumsy—yet the strength and durability of the classic periods have been secured. The handsome table illustrated on this page shows how the beauty and elegance have been secured and how, at the same time, the substantial character also has been created, giving the courthouse an ideal style of furniture.

This furniture is all of built-up construction. The table just referred to has an expansion base which makes the article so strong that it could be crowded with men, standing upon it, and yet never wobble. Take the tables that stand in the old court house. They are flimsy in construction and cannot compare

comfort and durability. The soft leather seats and the high backs make them articles full of comfort.

The railings which frame off the courts are of the same high class wood that is used in the chairs and tables. They are strong and beautiful. The bronze work which forms the railings for the various cashiers' and clerks' cages is the heaviest kind that could be secured. It undoubtedly will last for centuries.

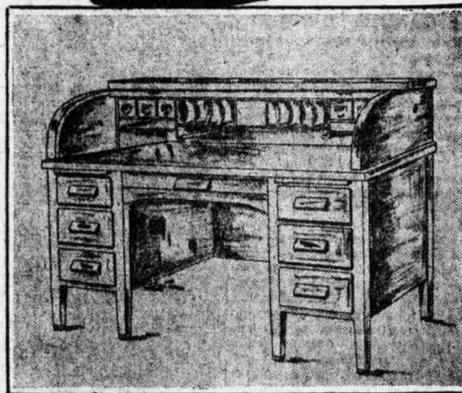
Beautiful settees are to be placed in the handsome court of the building. These match the furniture that goes into the individual rooms. The high desks at which clerks will be stationed on office stools, are long and heavy, and yet they possess a beauty and grace that is remarkable. They have the durability of the



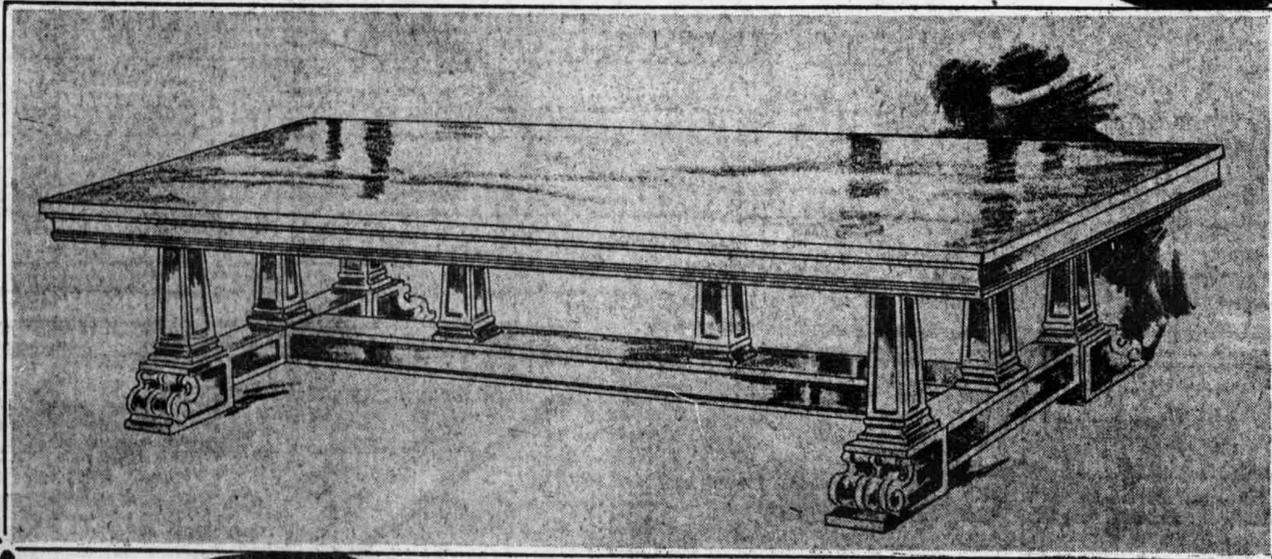
MAGNIFICENT LIBRARY TABLE

desk legs are capped with bronze, as are the legs of the tables and other articles. The drawers of the desks are re-enforced so that they will not warp or break.

The chairs are roomy. Those which will be used by the judges are ideals of



ROLL TOP SANITART DESK



MASSIVE AND BEAUTIFUL COMMISSIONER'S TABLE

in beauty or in strength with the new Hayden furniture.

### Beauty in Simplicity.

The beautiful white, quarter-sawn oak, the best to be obtained, has been designed so that it leans toward the simple. It is this quality which makes this furniture so satisfactory today. All the beauty and elegance and grace are in it, and yet it retains a simple style that makes it appeal immediately to people of refined taste. It has none of the barbarous decorations and carvings that marked some of the designs of other periods. The very simplicity of its lines makes it beautiful.

In studying the pieces it will soon be seen that the chief beauty lies in the purity of the lines and in the exquisite surface of the woods. Grace and strength have been successfully united here, and are typical of all the articles.

From the modern viewpoint, the plain unadorned surface of beautiful grain and color which are characteristic of this furniture, charm more than the curved and rolling features of other furniture. In selecting such designs as the Haydens did for the courthouse lasting values are represented. This furniture is built to last, it will endure a lifetime and even can be handed down from generation to generation. It is not for the present, but for the future, and will yield rest and comfort at all times.

### Built-Up Furniture—All.

Every article of furniture which the Haydens are placing in the courthouse is thoroughly constructed—built up. It is sanitary, too. The

heavy tables and chairs.

Beautiful oak hall seats, costumed and umbrella stands will be placed in the various rooms and throughout the halls of the building. These are just as beautiful and strong as are large pieces of furniture. Massive steel lockers, the kind that command favorable comment, and large filing cases were furnished by Hayden Bros. The lighting fixtures are made of a heavy bronze. They were especially designed and moulded for the Haydens. The artisans who worked on these fixtures did not put them together as fixtures usually are made, but gave extra time, carving them out and fitting the various parts so that they became the most durable of their kind.

### Largest Order of Kind.

This Hayden order for furnishing the court house is the largest order of its kind ever given in this city. Haydens let contracts only to firms that guaranteed to furnish the finest kind of articles. No money was spared by the Omaha firm to get the finest of furnishings for the handsome new court house, and that they secured the best that money could buy will be admitted by everyone who is acquainted with the beauties of the furniture world. There is no doubt that, with the Hayden furnishings, the new Douglas county court house will be one of the handsomest public buildings in the entire west. People who have viewed the furniture have declared such articles a handsome credit to the city and a strong proof of the evidence of the excellent home furnishings carried by Hayden Bros.

### May Feel Pride

Certain it is that Hayden Bros. should feel pride in the fact that they have given Omaha such handsome furniture as that which grace the beautiful courthouse. The qualities of these exquisite articles is inspiring and make the furniture the kind that is good to live with. After the courthouse has been made ready for formal opening, one will be able to see, to stand in any of the beautiful rooms and feel the atmosphere of comfort and homelikeness which the massive tables, the majestic chairs and the other strong pieces radiate.

The charm and vitality of the style is especially adapted to the uses of the courthouse. Attention has been called to the purity and beauty of designs, their simple, excellent lines, and their true, comfort-like qualities. To direct special attention to these characteristics is the aim of the furnishers, because they have attained rare beauty through adhering to such style.

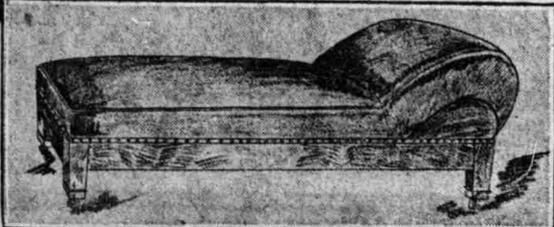
Hayden Bros. supply furniture of the highest kind for every home. They have the replicas of master designers; chairs, beds, tables and settees that are exact duplicates of the styles of the Colonial period.



SUBSTANTIAL OFFICE CHAIR



HANDSOME SWIVEL OFFICE CHAIR



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