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## Corner Stone is Laid.

Chairman H. C. Schroeder Performs the Ceremony. Large Crowd Was Present. Hon. J. P. Conner Makes Opening Address, Followed by Other Speakers.

The corner stone is laid. The tin box with its contents of records and newspapers is sealed and deposited for the instruction of future generations. The supervisors have had their day of glory and renown and Crawford has once more shown itself to be the natural abiding place of oratory and patriotic good citizenship.

Despite the inclement weather and the wet and muddy grounds there was a large crowd of representative citizens from all over the county. Denison people were, of course, in the majority, but many of the old settlers, these men who have watched and aided the growth of the county; the men to whom the laying of the corner stone meant more than a passing holiday were at hand to witness the official beginning of this new epoch in our county history. The crowd seemed to spring up as if by magic after 12 o'clock. At noon there were but few in town. At one o'clock there was a crowd; by two o'clock every hitching post in town was in use and nearly two thousand people were gathered in the court house square.

The Schleswig-Kiron band had been in the city during the forenoon and their excellent music gave a holiday effect and served to call the people to the city hall, from whence the line of march was formed to the grounds. Several hundred people, farmers and businessmen, made up the parade, which, headed by the band, was the initial function of the day's program. Entering the enclosure a large crowd was found to be already present. Seats had been arranged and a temporary platform built about the south-east corner, while the corner stone with its grotesque inscription, the work, was ready for its final trowelling.

Auditor M. J. Collins presided over the ceremonies, and the invocation was delivered by Rev. G. E. Morphy, of the First Baptist church. After some splendid singing by the chorale led by Mr. B. J. Sibbert. Hon. J. P. Conner was announced as the first speaker of the day. Judge Conner's address was brief, as were all the speeches, but he took occasion to dwell upon the history of Crawford county, its early days, its struggles and its triumphs and its splendid resources as it stands today. No touch of partisanship marred his speech, and he gave due credit to the zeal and energy of democrats and republicans alike. He spoke of the necessity for even-handed justice and said that reverence for law had been one of the notable features of our county history, so much so that no lynching had ever blemished our fair fame, and that no man had ever been convicted of murder in the county. His speech was well received, enthusiastically applauded.

Mr. E. H. Swasey, of Dow City, was next on the program. His remarks were appropriate and well expressed, but his voice did not enable a large portion of the audience to hear him. He spoke of his pride in the court house as an evidence of the progress of the county and expressed his hope that it would be completed in a manner worthy of the county. We are glad to number Mr. Swasey as among the friends of the movement to complete the court house at this time.

The next speaker was Theo. Rohwer, of Schleswig, who presented one of the neatest, best received speeches of the afternoon program. He said in

building a new court house which would stand, perhaps, for a hundred years, we should build it big enough to accommodate the population of the county one hundred years hence. He brought cheers from his audience when he said the court house should be well built, well heated, and should have a tower. While it is true the business of the county can be transacted just as well without the tower, he did not wish to see the county one whit behind the other counties of the state in the beauty and magnificence of its court house.

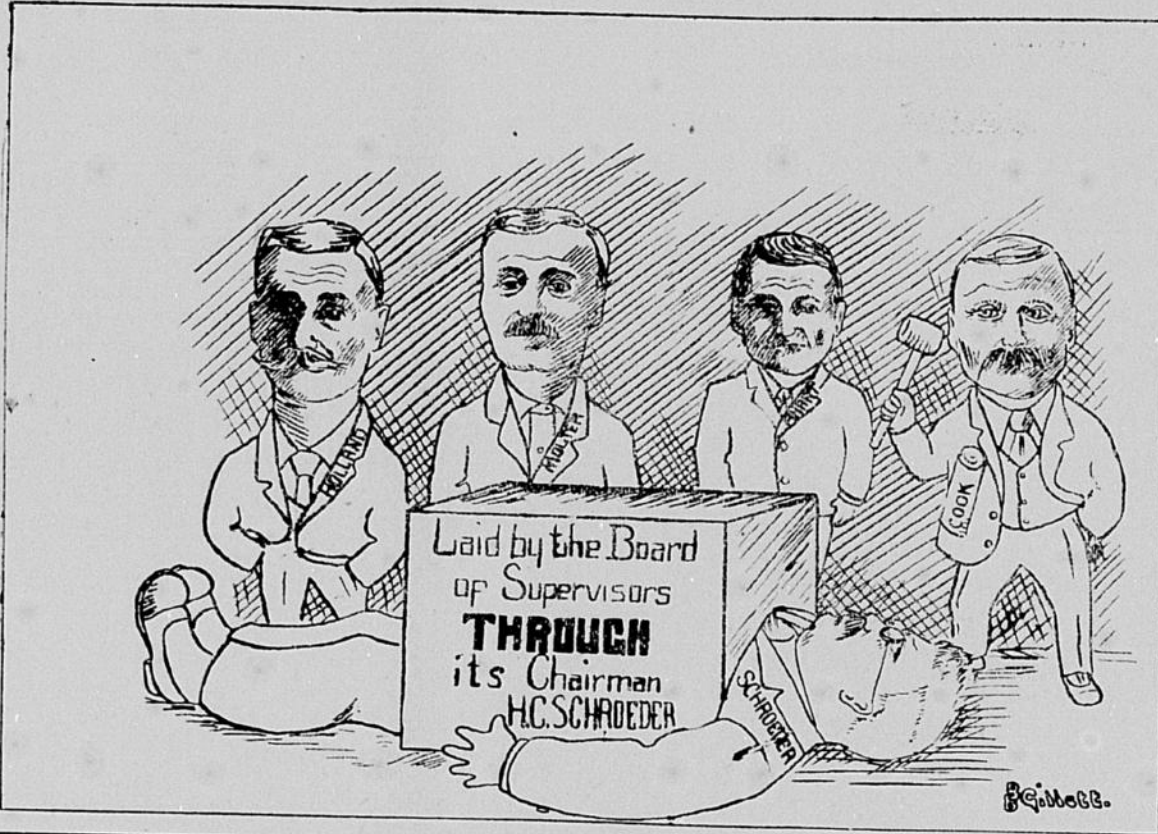
Vail was represented on the program by Maurice O'Connor in a well made speech. He said the building of the new court house marked the passing of the pioneer days of Crawford county. The county government has outgrown its old abode even as did the old settlers the log cabin of the pioneer days. He recalled the time when between Denison and the place where Fort Dodge now stands there were scarcely a half dozen houses, and when the only inhabitants between Denison and Audubon were the prairie chickens, the wolf, and the deer. No school houses marked the country crossroads; no bridges spanned our streams. Our people were poor though not poverty stricken, were religious without churches to worship in, and were hospitable to the stranger. Since that time he has seen many a schooner drift to destruction on the prairie and carloads of emigrants settle on the wide prairies where seed time and harvest have returned again and again and where their children live today in happiness and prosperity.

The dream of the pioneer was to own a home in his old age where he might be surrounded by peace and plenty and a happy family. A visit to the homes of our county proves that this dream has been realized. I have been more than realized since the establishment of rural free delivery and the rural telephone, and the building of the new court house is the capping of the climax. He said the court house should be so built that it will be to the people of the county what the capitol building at Des Moines or at Washington is to the state or to the nation at large.

Manilla was to have been represented on the program by W. S. Moore. He was unable to be present and his place was supplied by Rev. Joseph Stephen, of the Manilla Methodist church, who made a remarkably fine speech considering the fact that he was called on short notice and had no time to prepare. He has but recently been naturalized as a citizen of the United States, and he elicited much applause by his expressions of loyalty and patriotism. He said the building of the new court house is the symbol of the unity, concord and harmony of the people of Crawford county; and indicative of the spirit of progress and energy. The new court house ought to be in the highest sense the embodiment of justice, but in order for this to be so it is necessary that justice be woven into the warp and wool of our people. When we sit on the witness stand or in the jury box we should never tarnish the fair name of truth; we should never swear away our manhood. Finally, we should keep the fires of patriotism burning bright within us, and should not allow them to become dormant after occasions of patriotic celebrations have passed.

J. F. Hartman made a stirring address in German which was thoroughly en-

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joyed by the large number of Germans present who understood the language. Mr. Hartman is a fine orator and it is to be regretted that every person present could not understand the fine speech he made.

This closed the program of speeches, and before the laying of the corner stone a chorus of male voices sang a taking number entitled "The Farmer Feeds Them All."

While the workmen were spreading the mortar and the great stone was being swung to its place with the derrick, Chairman Schroeder made a few brief remarks. He said the laying of the corner stone was but the beginning of the end of a wise step in the history of Crawford county. He then proceeded to deposit the papers and documents which had been prepared for the corner stone. Following is the list of articles deposited:

- Map of Crawford county issued by the REVIEW.
- Financial report of the auditor for 1903
- Illustrated REVIEW issued in 1897.
- Friday club program for the year 1904-1905.
- An account of the organization of the Daughters of the American Revolution.
- Catalogue of the Denison Normal and Business college.
- Illustrated Bulletin, corner stone edition.
- Current number of the REVIEW.
- Die Denison Zeitung.
- Der Demokrat.
- The Dow City Enterprise.
- The College Star.

Picture of the old court house presented by Fritz Timm, present owner

- Several business cards.
- List of members of the chorus.
- List of members of the band.
- Program of the day's ceremonies.
- It was found at the close of the ceremonies that the box containing the documents was not more than half full and opportunity was given to those present to place in it anything they desired. Pockets were hastily searched for business cards or anything else that would be of historical interest when the stone is opened in the distant future. Much excitement prevailed at the last among those who were anxious to place something in the corner stone before it should be finally closed.

Letters and newspapers were handed up from the crowd and one small boy fished a Sunday school paper from his pocket to be placed with the other papers.

The corner stone with its precious contents of present day history is closed to the people of this generation. Its contents will soon be forgotten and will be left for the curious gaze of those whose duty it shall be to tear down the present building and build anew. But the inscriptions on the stone will not be forgotten. They will remain in living letters as an inspiration and the pride of future generations.

We give below the inscriptions as they appear on the two faces of the corner stone:

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.  
H. C. Schroeder, Chas. H. Molter,  
John Holland, Thomas Ahart,  
John Cook.

M. J. Collins, Auditor.

G. A. Berlinghof, Architect.

Marxen & Rokahr, Contractors,  
Avoca, Iowa.

LAI'D BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
FOR CRAWFORD COUNTY  
THROUGH ITS CHAIRMAN  
H. C. SCHROEDER,  
SCHLESWIG, IOWA,  
JULY 30TH, 1904.

## THE ROYAL BOX.

Emperor William mounts his horse by means of a carpet covered step-ladder.

The empress of China has at last found one foreign thing she likes, and that is the circus. She recently attended one, laughing heartily at the grotesque performances.

Princess Charles of Denmark, who was the Princess Maud of Wales, daughter of King Edward, has the smallest waist in her land. It measures seventeen inches and is but very little larger than her neck, which measures thirteen and one-half inches.

Don Carlos, who would like to see himself on the throne of Spain, has spent a fortune on curios. His most interesting collection comprises relics of the various battles with which he has been identified, including a unique set of pictures depicting the engagements in which he has fought.

Immense quantities of California prunes are handled in Bordeaux, which is the center of the prune trade of the world, and after being repacked are re-exported to the United States.

Americans pay millions of dollars annually for bogus antiquities imported from Italy. According to the United States consul at Florence, they come second in value among the articles exported to America.

Thousands of hams are sent into Dublin from America, and after being branded with the Irish mark they are exported from Cork and Waterford to England, where they are sold as Irish hams at a high price.

Prompter.  
Mrs. Prunes—When do you actors at the theater draw your pay?  
Boarder—I am not an actor at the theater, madam. I'm prompter there.  
Mrs. Prunes—Well, you'll have to be prompter here, too, or find another boarding house.—Kansas City Journal.

A Bungler.  
Alice—Herbert says he is a self made man. Kitty—How he must suffer from remorse.—Harper's Bazar.

Always think before you speak. Before you write, think a long time.—Somerville Journal.

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You will find a clean, fresh stock of Groceries no cut prices to get rid of old stock. For 10 days we are offering the best Granulated Sugar, Cane,

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Barb Wire, Glidden, \$3.25

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# Geo. Menagh & Co.

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REMEMBER WE SERVE THE BEST ICE CREAM SODA AND ICE CREAM SUNDAYS TO BE HAD IN THE CITY. WE ALSO SERVE PHOSPHATES OF ALL KINDS

Get Some of Our Famous Balduff Ice Cream for Your Sunday Dinner.

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