TO KEEP HIS PLACE

Superior Court Clerk Andrew Fyfe

DEFENDS HIS SOFT SNAP

He Says That the Superior Court Is a Necessary and an Economical Fixture.

Andy Fyfe, clerk of the superior court, responds to Senator Barnard's opinion of the superior court, published Sunday morning as follows: "I recognize the right of the people to abolish or change that court if they so desire in the interest of society, regardless of who holds the offices affected. I agree with Judge Burlingame in his statement that such action if desired should be taken now so that the work of the court can be finished with the term of the present judge and not after a judge has been elected in April."

Senator Barnard makes the statement that "taxes are high and people are willing to go in for anything that will save them a little." I agree with him in that statement but cannot agree with the inference that the abolition of the superior court would accomplish that result.

The judge of the court is now paid by the state. The regular jurors and the witnesses in state criminal cases are paid by the county and justly so, as a greater part of their work is the trial of violations of state laws that come into the superior court as a relief to the circuit courts. The city pays the stenographer $2,000 a year and the clerk $1,200; the messenger and one court officer for regular attendance, and one additional deputy sheriff during jury trials. Jurors in street openings are paid out of the special funds and their allowances are charged up to the fund covering the cost of each particular opening.

The council, in the proceedings of June 26, 1892, allowed the superior court $3,000 for the present fiscal year and while I am of the opinion that the allowance will not meet the expenditures. An additional $1,500 will do it, so that the superior court will cost the city not to exceed $4,500 per year.

Circuit Judges Overworked.

The senator takes the ground that the work of the superior court might possibly be done by the present circuit courts, although he admits that we might have to open another circuit court, and he says the talk "is all bosh" about it being necessary to open a recorder's court in case of the abolition of the superior court. Does he mean to tell the people that the circuit judges are wasting one-third of their time now and could do the work now done by the superior court if it was abolished?

The fact is that the circuit judges now have more to do than most of the circuit judges throughout the state, and are constantly busy. The senator tacitly admits that we would need another circuit court in case the superior is abolished, and if such is the case what saving would such a change make to the taxpayers? An additional circuit judge would receive $3,500 a year ($1,000 more than a superior court judge, which $1,000 the county would have to pay); a clerk, stenographer, messenger and court officers would cost as much in a new circuit as in the superior court. To establish a new circuit court would require the fitting up of another court room, judges room, etc., all of which would cost the taxpayers considerable and such a court would require at least $1,000 more for salaries, etc., than the present superior court and the proportion of expense falling upon the city would be much larger than at present.

Pay of the Jurors.

The statement that jurors "draw pay from the city every day in town" is erroneous for the "city" does not pay the jurors, they are paid by the county of Kent and if Mr. Barnard had taken time to look up the court record he would have learned that the jurors have never been kept in attendance "all the term" in the superior court, for the records of the past year show that they have been under pay but one-half of the time. In all courts there are times when juries have to be kept in idleness for a day or two at a time, but the courts are not at fault in the matter, for attorneys cannot always come into court when needed, and justice would not be furthered by forcing respondents to trial without counsel.

To abolish the superior court would necessitate one of two things. We would either have to establish a recorder's court or another circuit. A circuit court would be more expensive than the present court and a recorder's court would cost as much as the superior court but would not be as useful, from the fact that it could not occupy the time not required to try criminal and street opening cases, now utilized in trying civil and chancery cases as the civil and chancery business would be thrown into the circuit courts.

There are not criminal and street opening cases enough to keep a court running continuously and the present superior court act enables the court to hear civil and chancery cases when not otherwise engaged. That branch of work is done at a comparatively small cost for it costs but little more to run a court all the year than to run but one-half the time.

About That Furore.

Senator Barnard says that Judge Burlingame and I "raised a furore" when he introduced a bill three years ago to allow a person who had a case against the city or a city official to go to the circuit court. I opposed his bill because it seemed to me unnecessary, and the product of some disappointed attorney who had failed to get a large judgment in some suit against the city.

It is a fact well known to attorneys that a meritorious action against the city invariably brings the plaintiff a judgment in the superior court with a city jury. I am not prepared to think the taxpayers of this city so pernicious as to allow a few cents in additional taxes to prejudice them against a plaintiff in an action against the city, and I hope that Senator Barnard is not proposing to abolish the superior court simply because the judge or clerk have exercised their rights as citizens to criticise a bill which they thought was founded upon a low estimate of the sense of justice in our city taxpaying jurors.

Senator Barnard makes comparisons with the jury work of the superior court under Judges Burlingame and Parish and credits the latter with discharging juries six weeks before the end of the term and says they are now kept all of the term. That is another misstatement which a reference to the court records would have saved the senator from making. It is a fact that there were but 504 criminal cases brought into the superior court from the date of its establishment in 1875 until Judge Burlingame took the office in 1887—a period of twelve years—while there has been over 700 such cases brought into that court during the five years that he has been upon the bench.

The superior court work is constantly increasing and it must be expected that the increase in jury trials will necessitate longer service by the jurors.

SAD CASE OF INSANITY.

Mrs. Hastings Crazed by Her Loss of Property.

Georgiana Hastings of Sparta was adjudged insane by the probate court yesterday and was sent to the asylum at Kalamazoo. The case is one of the saddest that ever came before the court. Ten years ago Mrs. Hastings was married. She had a fortune of $3,000 and her husband had property worth $8,000. She was then 17 years old and her husband was 20. In some manner in the last ten years the property has slipped through their fingers. As their fortunes departed children arrived until now they have six children without a roof to shelter them.

The estate, worth $11,000, has vanished, and on account of their poverty some of the children were forced to leave home. Grief at the separation from her children and worry over the loss of property has unbalanced her mind until now she is a harmless lunatic. The children are scattered about among acquaintances and friends, where they will be cared for. The mother is admitted to the asylum as an indigent insane person.

POLICE COURT WAS CROWDED.

The Library Fund Receives a Christmas Present.

There were eleven Christmas drunks in police court yesterday morning and the library fund was increased by the addition of $80.35 in fines and costs. Lee Kelley, a farmer from Gaines, did not show up at the morning session, but his bonds are good and he will be brought in. Frank Hensley charged with petit larceny, was sent to jail for thirty days and John McNally, a vagrant, went to jail for a similar period. Neal Olson, a plain drunk, who was arrested by Sergeant Webb last night, after he had shoved his head through a show case at Hamilton's photograph gallery, was given the alternative of a fine of $25 or thirty days in jail. Judge Haggerty gave him a lecture for not taking better care of his wife and baby, whom he is said to neglect and abuse. He is a brick mason earning $3 or $4 per day. He raised the fine and costs and was released.

Nobody For Respondents.

When the superior court opened yesterday for business, the case against George Cooke and the case against Ray Wilson were both on call. The prosecuting attorney was on hand ready to take up either of the cases, but Mr. Cooke's attorney, N. P. Allen, did not appear and Mr. Cooke announced that he had changed attorneys and that I. M. Turner would handle the case for him. There were no attorneys for the defense in the Wilson case present, so there was nothing for it but to adjourn court.

Looking Up the Case.

The prosecuting attorney is investigating the charge made against J. B. Ort of taking $30 to defend Critz Zeudema and then making an affidavit that he had received no money, for the purpose of being appointed by the court and thus getting $10 additional. Yesterday afternoon Assistant Prosecutor Latiron had a long talk with the mother of Zeudema. What he learned he would not divulge as the matter had not been fully investigated.

Will Be Hard Fought.

L. D. Norris, T. J. O'Brien, E. F. Uhl, Roger W. Butterfield and Willard Kingsley were hard at work yesterday in Judge Grove's court in the case of John Widdicomb, assignee of C. S. Hartman, against Charles Shepard and Alice Lockerby. Arguments on an order to show cause why an injunction should not issue were in progress nearly all day.

United States Circuit Court.

JUDGE SEVERENS.

Elias C. Atkins vs. W. R. Fox, in equity; order on complainant's motion dismissing bill of complaint with costs.

First National bank of Dubuque et al. vs. E. G. Peters et al.

In re the petition of Joseph Houseman et al., and of Henry L. Houseman; order requiring master in chancery to fix time for hearing petitioners' claims.

Circuit Court—Part I.

JUDGE GROVE.

Resolutions on the death of James Blair presented and spread upon the records.

In re of the petition of the Rockford Veneer company for leave to appeal; argued and submitted.

John Widdicomb, assignee of C. S. Hartman, vs. Charles Shepard and Alice G. Lockerby, chancery; hearing on order to show cause why an injunction should not issue.

Circuit Court—Part II.

JUDGE ADSIT.

Sarah Nichols et al. vs. the New England Furniture company; ejectment; on trial.

Police Court.

JUDGE HAGGERTY.

Lewis McMaster, drunk; sentence suspended. Fred Collier, drunk; paid $6.85. George McCollister, drunk; sentence suspended; costs paid. James Byrne, drunk; sentence suspended and costs paid. Ernest Helmen, disorderly; paid $6.85. Martin Retz, drunk; paid $6.85. Thomas Post, drunk; paid $6.85. John Sterken, drunk; paid $6.85. M. Nolan, breach of the peace; paid $6.85. May Wilson, drunk; paid $6.85. Neal Olson, drunk; committed thirty days. John McNally, vagrancy; committed thirty days. Frank Hensley, larceny; committed thirty days. Flora Noveskoski, larceny; referred to county agent. Thomas Wauner, larceny; adjourned to December 28. Lee Kelley, drunk; did not appear. Frank Landers, larceny; adjourned to January 3.

Marriage Licenses.

The following is a list of the marriage licenses issued since last publication, with the names, residences (when out of the city, and ages of the parties.

	Age.
Holmer H. Dyer, Ishpeming; Jessie P. Clark, Howell	22—21
Fred E. Wheeler, Cannon; Mary E. Sparks, Courtland	22—19
W. J. Harle, Unadilla; Ella C. Green, Unadilla	21—18
Albert A. Garland, Alice M. Simmons	25—22
Enos M. Nichols, Minneapolis; Marguerite A. Christenson	37—21
Fred W. Leach, Rockford; Della Sersos, Plainfield	24—20
Clemens P. Krieger, Matilda B. Schmidt	27—17
Joseph Culy, Oakland; Sarah Evans, Spencer	27—21
Ernest M. La Freze, Casnovia; Ella L. Hawley, Casnovia	23—18
Wilson M. Worden, Lowell; Susie Lacy, Bowne	28—22
Edwin A. Bunker, Jr., Bowne; Maggie E. Bachlor, Vergennes	18—18
Frank E. Edmonds, Cornelia Wilder	31—23
Frank W. Beaird, Kittie Rouse	27—23

Burial Permits.

Elizabeth Vrieswyk, age 45 years, No. 289 Charles street—Valley City. Infant of C. G. Smith, No. 397 South Division street—Stanton, Mich.

Contagious Diseases.

F. Hilbert, age 9 years, No. 186 Sixth avenue—Scarlet fever.

The Lily of the Valley.

What is it makes young ladies bright?
That tunes their hearts with pure delight,
The only thing for which they'll fight,
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What is it makes dear grandma grin,
And make old grandpa wipe his chin,
As if he were all pleased within?
Lily White.

What is it makes the mother's face
Light up with a celestial grace,
And papa ready for a race?
Lily White.

What is it makes the children dear
So fresh and rosy to appear?
Why, that is nothing very queer,
'Tis Lily White.

'Tis that which makes the merchants' till
With gold and silver quickly fill,
Because the people must and will
Have Lily White.

What is this famous Lily White,
That fills all classes with delight,
And makes them happy, gay and Bright?
'Tis Flour Lily White.

Who is it makes this famous brand
So well beloved throughout the land
So constantly in great demand?
'Tis Messrs. Swensburg, Crosby, Rowe,
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Who make the LILY thrive and grow.
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Lily White Flour is the best grade family flour on the market.
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Holiday Excursion Rates.

The Michigan Central, "The Niagara Falls Route," will sell round trip excursion tickets from Grand Rapids to all points on the Michigan Central in the United States and Canada, and to points in the state of Michigan upon connecting lines, except that to points on the D., S. S. & A. railroad., 50 cents will be added, at the rate of one and one-third, lowest first-class fare for the round trip. Tickets will be sold December 24, 25, 26 and 31, 1892, and January 1 and 2, 1893, limited to return January 2, 1893, and are good upon all trains excepting 5, 6, 19 and 20.

For tickets, time tables, etc., apply to George W. Munson, Union ticket office, No. 67 Monroe street; A. Almquest, ticket agent at Union passenger station.
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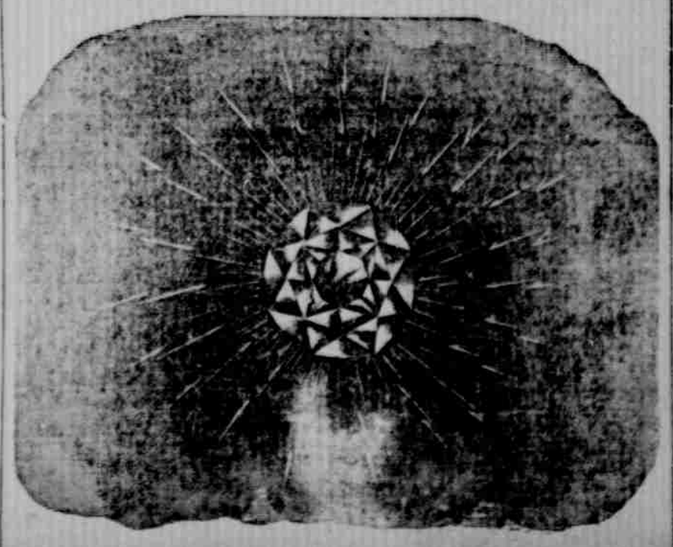

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