

and implements to cultivate forty acres in corn, wheat and oats, and to cut the hay and harvest the crops at his own expense, save in stacking; to superintend and manage the alms house, the county providing furniture for the entire care of the paupers, and supplies for both paupers and the Steward's family. A good, two-story frame building has been provided for the use of the farm, which is under a good state of cultivation. The levy for the care of the poor is from \$3,000 to \$4,000.

COURTS AND CRIMES.

There is nothing romantic and but little that is curious about the early courts of Douglas County. The old custom of riding the circuit has passed away, but the country here was sufficiently new, and the facilities for official business sufficiently crude to make a record of the first court pertinent to this work. There was no proper place to hold the first term, and in fact, no building large enough to accomodate the court, save the new depot of the Illinois Central Railroad, which has just been finished. Here the first civil case, Button vs. K. B. Johnson, was determined, resulting in default of the defendant and judgment for \$3.20. Afterward court was held over J. M. Maris' present store, on northeast corner of Parke and Sale streets, in which building Mr. Wallace had his office as Recorder; at that time this was the largest available room in Tuscola, and after that, until the present permanent court house was built, in the large two-story wooden building which stands opposite the court house on the north. Judge Harlan presided and heard all cases, whilst busily engaged in carving curious toys from soft wood, a habit he rarely laid aside during business hours. The circuit which includes Douglas County has also been presided over by Judges Steele and David Davis. It is worth recording that the present Judge, O. L. Davis, so recommended himself to his constituency as to call out an unusual mark of esteem from his constituency. On his expressing the necessity of his resignation on account of the meagerness of his salary, the counties forming his circuit voluntarily contributed \$200 each to retain him upon the bench.

There has been little to mark the character of crimes as important here. Whisky did not play the prominent part here that it did in many early communities of Illinois. There were few *causes celebres* in the courts

Sheriff's pay is \$1,500 per year, with an allowance for a deputy. The office paid as high as \$3,500 under the old regime. A Sheriff is elected every two years, in the even numbered years, the last election having occurred in November, 1874. The Superintendent of Schools receives emoluments per year of probably an average of \$550. The pay of this officer may legally be, but cannot exceed, \$1,500, at the discretion of the Board of Supervisors. The office is filled by an election every four years. A State's Attorney for each county is elected every four years, beginning in 1872, on Tuesday after the first Monday in November, at the election of the members of the General Assembly. He receives a salary of \$400 from the State, and the entire emoluments of the office will average \$900. The County Surveyor's fees, which he collects from his employers at his own risk, have never much exceeded \$600 per year, and are not likely to be increased even with a large increase of population and a corresponding increase of business, under the present state of the law, which permits any competent person to perform the work which formerly belonged exclusively to the office. His sole monopoly is the inspection of mines which it is, *ex officio*, his duty to measure and report upon annually. It was the duty of the County Surveyor in 1871, under the statute, to examine and test all cattle scales in the county under a penalty of \$50 for neglect. The measure was extremely unpopular, and the law was repealed in 1872. The examination of the crossings of railroads at public highways, which, in 1871, paid the County Surveyor some \$40 per year, was also stopped by a repeal of the law directing it. This officer was elected biennially until the term of office was changed by the constitution of 1870 to a period of four years.

Judges and Associate Justices—These had the jurisdiction of the Board of Supervisors in 1859, the County Judge having a limited jurisdiction in probate matters. The gentlemen holding these offices since 1859 have been James Ewing, Judge; Robert Hopkins, John D. Murdock, Associates, elected April, 1859. Francis C. Mullen, Judge; John D. Murdock, Caleb Bales, Associates, elected November, 1861; Thomas S. Sluss, Judge; John Brown, John J. Henry, Associates, elected November, 1865; Calvin Jones, elected June, 1867.

County Judge.—Thomas S. Sluss, elected November, 1869; Noah

Ammen, elected November, 1873; James K. Breeden, elected November, 1877; W. H. Bassett, elected November, 1881.

Township Supervisors.—In November, 1867, the question of township organization was submitted to the people, and was voted by a large majority. The new board elected was composed of Caleb Garrett, of Garrett; Lemuel Chandler, of Bourbon; Asa T. Whitney, of Arcola; Oliver C. Hackett, of Tuscola; George W. Henson, of Camargo; Benjamin W. Hooe, of Newman; Isaac W. Burget, of Sargent; and Benjamin Bowdre, of Deer Creek. The representatives of the various townships have been as follows:

TOWNSHIPS.	1868.	1869.	1870.	1871.
Garrett.....	C. Garrett.	Wm. Ellars.	Wm. Ellars.	Wm. Ellars.
Tuscola.....	O. C. Hackett.	K. Glassco.	R. Ervin.	A. M. Woody.
Camargo	G. W. Henson.	M. Rice.	F. Hesler.	J. W. McKinney.
Newman	B. W. Hooe.	B. W. Hooe.	D. Todd.	B. W. Hooe.
Sargent.....	I. W. Burget.	I. W. Burget.	I. W. Burget.	I. W. Burget.
Bowdre.....	B. Bowdre.	B. Bowdre.	O. P. Hunt.	O. P. Hunt.
Arcola.....	A. T. Whitney.	D. Hitchcock.	D. Hitchcock.	Wm. Luce.
Bourbon.....	L. Chandler.	L. Chandler.	L. Chandler.	L. Chandler.

TOWNSHIPS.	1872.	1873.	1874.	1875.
Garrett.....	Wm. Ellars.	J. W. Hackett.	Thomas Owen.	J. Hoots.
Tuscola.....	P. C. Sloan.	G. P. Phinney.	G. P. Phinney.	G. P. Phinney.
Camargo	J. W. McKinney.	M. Rice.	M. Rice.	M. Rice.
Newman	B. W. Hooe.	B. W. Hooe.	F. F. Barber.	F. F. Barber.* } W. R. Brown. }
Sargent.....	I. W. Burget.	I. W. Burget.	S. M. Long.	S. M. Long.
Bowdre.....	O. P. Hunt.	M. Y. Coykendall.	M. Y. Coykendall.	M. Y. Coykendall.
Arcola.....	Wm. Luce.	M. Barnhart.	M. Barnhart.	M. Barnhart.
Bourbon.....	C. Bales.	M. D. Bartholomew	And. Ray.	And. Ray.

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TOWNSHIPS.	1876.	1877.	1878.	1879.
Garrett.....	Wm. Howe.	Jason Green.	Jason Green.	Jason Green.
Tuscola.....	R. Ervin.	R. Ervin.	T. S. Sluss.	T. S. Sluss.
Camargo	M. Rice.	M. Rice.	J. T. Irwin.	M. Rice.
Newman	W. R. Brown.	W. W. Skinner.	W. W. Skinner.	W. W. Skinner.
Sargent.....	W. F. Murphy.	I. W. Burget.	I. W. Burget.	I. W. Burget.
Bowdre.....	F. M. Reeds.	J. B. Eversole.	J. B. Eversole.	O. P. Hunt.
Arcola.....	M. Barnhart.	J. M. Cox.	J. S. Cofer.	J. S. Cofer.
Bourbon.....	J. F. Bouck.	W. N. Shaw.	W. N. Shaw.	W. N. Shaw.

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