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Recollections of Events, Men and Affairs
in Omaha, Nebraska, from
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hibition and both were defeated, yet the amendment was carried by 30,000 majority. President Wilson carried the state by 41,000. United States Senator Hitchcock was returned to the senate by 12,000 majority and Keith Neville, also a democrat, defeated his republican opponent by 10,000 votes, and for the first time in the history of the state all the state offices were filled by democrats. In this congressional district the present incumbent, C. O. Lobeck, defeated his republican opponent, Judge Benjamin Baker, by the unheard of majority of 6,000 votes. •

On the county ticket the republicans elected but three men, Robert Smith succeeding himself as clerk of the District Court, Frank Dewey also succeeding himself as county clerk, both republicans. Mike Clark, republican, defeated ~~Phil~~ ^{J. Wiley} McShane, the present incumbent of the office of sheriff, a democrat. Two republican county commissioners were defeated for re-election—Gus Heart and Frank Best, their successors being Jeff Bedford and A. D. Compton, giving the democrats control of the board of county commissioners for the first time in years. For the second time in the history of the county, the democrats elected a county superintendent of schools, T. J. Keenan, a recent graduate of Creighton College. M. L. Endres, democrat, was elected county treasurer, defeating E. G. Saloman, republican. George A. Magney, democrat, and one of the most obliging, capable and competent men who ever filled public office, was re-elected county attorney by 10,000 majority.

The present judges of the District Court, Willis G. Sears, Lee Estelle, A. C. Troup, William A. Redick, George A. Day, Charles Leslie and Arthur Wakely, were re-elected. It will be remembered that Judge Wakely was filling a vacancy caused by the death of Judge English. This appointment was made by Governor Moorhead March 1 of this year. Bryce Crawford was re-elected county judge for the third consecutive time. Lou Adams was re-elected as county surveyor.

It is with much pleasure that I note the appointment of J. W. Woodrough of Omaha to the office of United States District Judge of this district. He was appointed to this office April 3 by President Wilson, was confirmed by the senate a few days thereafter, taking his seat April 24, succeeding the late W. H. Munger, who was appointed by President Cleveland March 1, 1897—being his last official act. Mr. Woodrough is one of the youngest judges on the federal bench, and is proving himself in every way equal to the task reposed in him. He is a man of charming personality, courteous and accommodating. A brief biography of him will be found in another chapter of this book.

On June 1, George Parks of the South Side was appointed by the city commissioners to fill the vacancy on that board caused by the death of John C. Drexel. He was given the department formerly held by Mr. Drexel, superintendent of street cleaning