

“Court-House and Jail of Meeker County” \*

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## COURT-HOUSE AND JAIL.

The Meeker county court-house is one of the most substantial and serviceable structures of its kind in this part of the State. It was built in 1885-6 at a cost of nearly \$20,000, bonds for that amount, having been issued by vote of the people. The building is of brick, made in the county, covers a ground space of 74x80 feet over all, and is two stories and basement in height; the two upper stories being fifteen feet in height, each. It is surmounted with a Mansard slate of and a tower which reaches the height of seventy feet above the ground. It contains rooms for all the county officers, with capacious vaults and ample conveniences for each. The vaults are all situated so as to form part of the outside walls, and are provided with outside windows, thus affording good light and insuring great safety in case of fire. On the upper floor is a commodious court room, 45x65 feet, with which is connected two jury rooms, an attorney's room, judge's room and the circuit clerk's office. Although the appearance of the building will compare favorably with others of its class, gaudy ornamentation and style is generally ignored, and every foot of available space is utilized for business purposes, thus affording larger and more commodious offices and apartments than are usually found in buildings of its size.

The jail building, which is a substantial, comfortable and capacious structure, was built some three years previous to the erection of the court-house. It is provided with four large steel cage cells of the latest improved pattern, and the foundation of floor is of concrete, three feet in thickness. G. B. Phelps, county auditor, was the architect of both buildings. ■

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