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THIS WEEK:

Iowa State Capitol Furniture Past and Present

Although most of the original furniture for the Capitol was ordered from established manufacturers and retail furniture stores, there were some pieces designed for specific areas of the building. These pieces were built on-site in a small wooden building erected directly west of the Capitol. Some of these remarkable pieces of furniture were subsequently dismantled and destroyed. Some of the pieces remain in the building as a reminder of the amazing craftsmanship associated with the original woodworkers for the Iowa State Capitol.

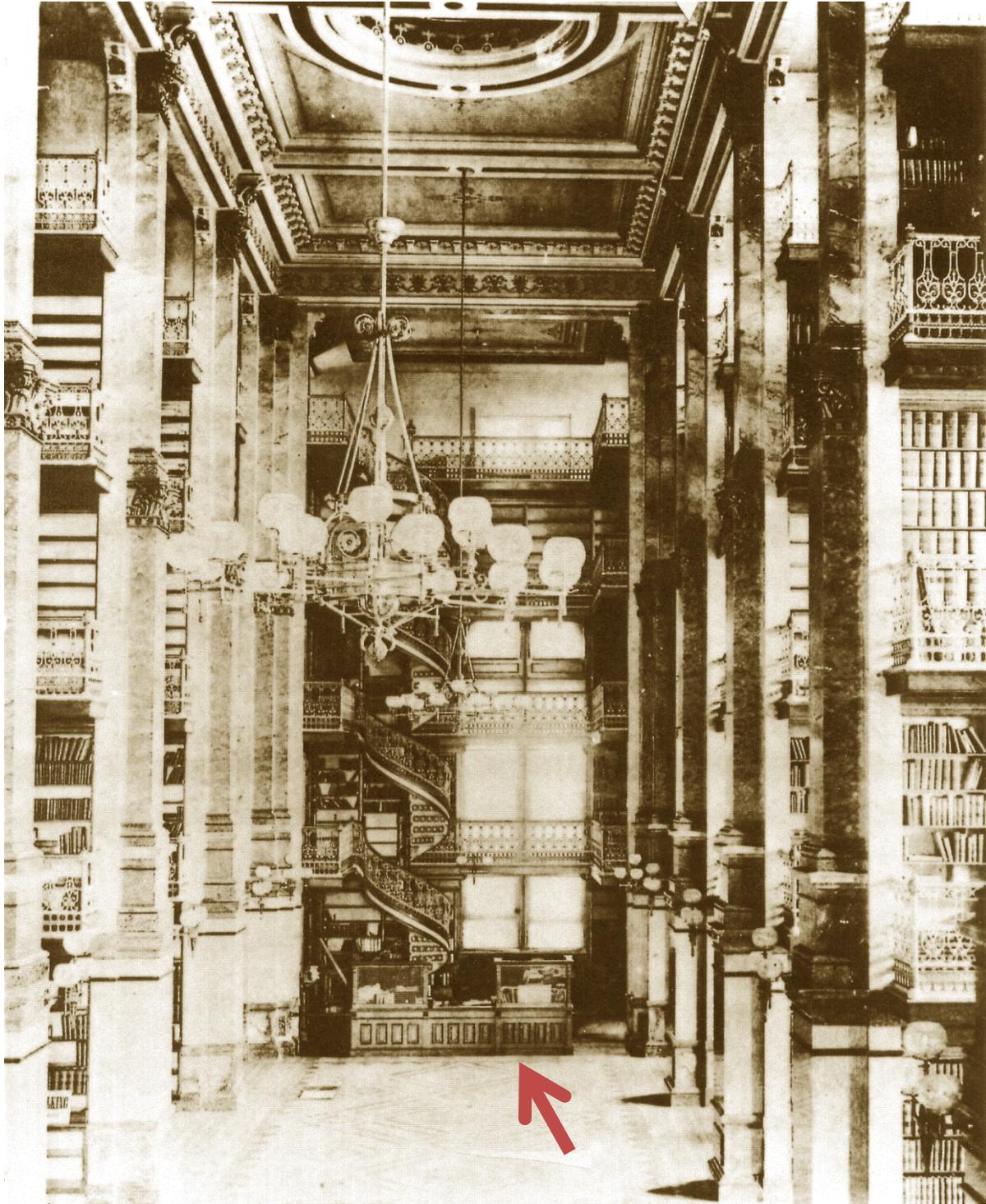
List of furniture made by the Capitol Commissioners (The underlined pieces still exist in the Capitol today.)

- Two elevator cars
- One wardrobe, State Library of Iowa—Law Library
- One desk, State Library of Iowa—Law Library (See picture)
- Counter and railing, Treasurer's Office (See picture)
- One standing desk, Treasurer's Office
- Two standing desks, Auditor's Office
- Two flat top desks, Auditor's Office
- Two pigeonhole cases, Auditor's Office (See picture)
- One bookcase, Superintendent of Public Instruction Office (See picture)

One standing desk, Superintendent of Public Instruction Office
One flat top desk, Superintendent of Public Instruction Office
One bookcase, Railroad Commissioner's Office
Two flat top desks, Railroad Commissioner's Office
One standing desk, Clerk of Supreme Court
One bookcase, Clerk of Supreme Court
One flat top desk, Clerk of Supreme Court
One table and case in folding room
Post office in rotunda on second floor
Counter for restaurant



Auditor's Office, circa 1886
Arrow: One of the two pigeonhole cases



State Library of Iowa—Law Library, circa 1886
Arrow: One desk in library



Today: One of the two bookcases in what was once the Superintendent of Public Instruction Office



Today: Counter and railing in Treasurer's Office