

Extras .....	1,052.51
Site .....	35,500.00
Architect's fees .....	8,000.00
Superintendent of Construction .....	5,860.00
Total .....	<u>\$277,610.98</u>

After the Western Construction repudiated its contract and practically become insolvent, an effort was made by litigation to collect damages from its officers and bondsmen, but the cases were never brought to trial.

After waiting for so many years Kent County has a handsome and convenient Court House. It faces Crescent avenue. In the basement is the heating apparatus, store rooms, offices for the Superintendent of the Poor, and a good sized audience room, used for general assembly purposes. On the ground floor are the offices of the Judge of Probate, the Register of Deeds, the County Treasurer, and the County Clerk. On the second floor are the two Circuit Court rooms, offices for the Judges, Sheriff's office, jury rooms, offices for the Circuit Court Commissioners, and offices for the Prosecuting Attorneys. On the third floor are the Supervisors' room and the committee rooms, offices for the Court stenographers, County Surveyor and School Commissioners.

The Court House meets the present requirements of Kent County, and doubtless will do so for many years to come.

### City Hall.

The several departments of the city government from the incorporation of the city in 1850 until the completion of the city hall in 1888 were wanderers without an abiding place. They did business in such places and at such times as suited the personal convenience of the city officials, and as the necessities of the service required. The Common Council of the city held its first meetings in a room on Monroe street between Market and Ottawa streets. After that until 1876 it wandered from place to place among which are the following: Office of Ralph Cole, office of James Miller, office of Leonard Bement, in the Taylor building at the foot of Monroe street, in the Commercial block, in the Lippig Block on Lyon street, in the old postoffice building, in the McReynolds Block, in the Rathbun Building, in the Roberts building, in the Randall Block, over the old Dikeman