

Adjutant General's Office

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At a special session of the Forty-third General Assembly which met in March, 1928, an act was passed which provided for the submission to the voters of the state at the general election in November, 1928, the question of issuing \$100,000,000 in bonds for the purpose of constructing and improving the public highways of the state. The question was submitted and a majority of the votes were cast in favor of the question.

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

General Baker is determined during his present visit here to make complete arrangement for the early erection of this building. The contracts for the brick and mason work will be let in a few days. The stone work is already contracted for by Messrs. Perkins & Fox, and about half of the work done. The stone is the Red Rock sandstone, but the red portion is discarded and a lighter color used which will better contrast with the brick work. The stone selected is pronounced equal to any in the state, and that which is already dressed presents a fine appearance. The gentlemen who contracted for the work are determined to execute their contract in a manner and style creditable to themselves and satisfactory to the commissioners. The General informs us that he intends to move into his office about the first of next September. Of course he will come to time, for everybody knows he has the propelling power of a steam engine. The building will not be sufficiently large to be imposing, but it will be constructed in good taste, and will present a very fine appearance when completed.¹—*Daily State Register*, Des Moines, January 6, 1867. (In the Newspaper Division of the Historical, Memorial and Art Department of Iowa.)

¹This building was located on the southwest corner of Locust and Water Streets, according to the *Des Moines City Directory*, 1869, which would make it where the City Library is now.—Editor.

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