

Next came **Judge Hervey Craven**, of Pendleton, elected to serve six years. His judicial career began in October, 1873. He had been a Union soldier and bore the military title of colonel. He was a man of courage, nerve and a sense of humor, withal a little whimsical. The dockets were loaded and he drove the lawyers like a taskmaster. Often court would open about daylight and run very late in the evening, indeed sometimes all night. Amusing stories are told of attorneys arising too late to get their breakfast, and it is related that the venerable Judge Stone came into the court room one morning eating a biscuit. On one occasion, at Anderson, the session continued throughout the night, and the court required counsel to make their arguments to the jury. One of the lawyers, now a United States senator, began his address saying, "Gentlemen of the jury, the crowing of chanticleer admonishes us that day is breaking." But it is said that the judge would adjourn to take part in a fox drive or attend a horse race. Nevertheless, he was popular. One of the most celebrated local murder cases went through two trials during his incumbency.

A CELEBRATED CASE.

On the night of November 16, 1873, at her country home between Cicero and Sheridan, a few miles north of Deming, **Mrs. Lucetta Foulke**, while sleeping between her two small children, was shot through the breast and mortally wounded. She lingered some hours, suffering intensely, until relieved by death. Her husband, **Amasa J. Foulke**, twenty-five years old, a short time after the crime was committed, called upon Dr. Amos Pettijohn, at Deming, to have a flesh wound in his forearm dressed and reported to the doctor and others that robbers had entered his home, shot and killed his wife, and that in contact with the criminals, he received the injury mentioned. A whirlwind of excitement swept the community and county, and crowds visited the cottage where the murdered wife and mother lay. Search was quickly made for the alleged robbers, but they were never found. Suspicion rested sternly upon the husband. He was indicted and tried, the jury returning a verdict of guilty with life imprisonment. Defendant made a motion for a new trial, which the court sustained. On the second hearing the public still manifested a deep interest and the old court house was thronged, although it was rumored that the building was in danger of falling down. At the end of a bitter contest the second jury acquitted Foulke. Public sentiment was divided, with probably the majority view against the defendant, and sharp complaint was made that the court's instructions were partial to him.

Another exciting legal contest which continued through a number of years was what were known to local fame as the Phillip church cases. This