

# Politics apparent in aftermath of trial

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ington is the pit-fall of creation, will vote for the East ticket tomorrow. People who believe in honest men, clean citizenship, and that Bloomington is a model and prosperous city . . . will vote for the Claude Malott ticket. That's the issue tomorrow and no ifs or but's about it. Stand up for Bloomington.

On Nov. 8 the Bloomington voters did just that. Malott defeated East by 151 votes and carried with him

all Republican council and city office candidates. Skating on the edge of libel, the *Telephone* informed its readers of some alleged shady business. "Soon after noon the expected developed, when it became evident that the Democracy was using both money and whiskey, in violation of their much vaunted contract, and before the polls closed, they had captured almost the entire floating vote."

C. Earl East's book, *Relive It*, contains an ironic photo of Bloom-

ington attorneys taken on the last day of Monroe County Court, July 7, 1906. On the back row, standing side by side and looking as if they had never said a cross word to each other, were Rufus East and Claude Malott. Seated close by them was impeached Prosecutor Robert G. Miller.

The latter was true to his post-trial statement about staying in Bloomington and continuing his chosen profession. He maintained an office on Kirkwood Avenue

across the street from the courthouse that had been the scene of his impeachment for "negligence." He outlived Rufus East and Joseph Henley, his principle accusers, by many years, dying in 1953.

What of Arthur Hadley, Malott's city attorney? There was no further mention of him in the *Telephone* after the trial, and he apparently left Bloomington, for his name does not appear in the 1907-08 *City Directory*, nor is there any record of his burial in Rose Hill Cemetery.