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BANKER, WILL DONATE ALL
COUNTY NEEDS.

GIFT IS OF GREAT VALUE

GRANITE WOULD COME FROM
HINSDALE QUARRIES.

Could Be Brought to Duluth Cheaply—Donor Lets Options on
Mines.

Material for the building of the new court house may be secured free. Lazarus Silverman, a Chicago banker and large quarry and mine owner, yesterday announced to the News Tribune that he would donate sufficient quantity of fine granite for construction of the building. This would make possible a reduction of the \$50,000 annual tax levy provided by the board of county commissioners for the purpose, or else a much larger and finer building than has been proposed can now be erected.

Mr. Silverman is owner of a large amount of property in Northern Minnesota, including iron ore lands on the Vermillion range and the Hinsdale granite quarries. Just before taking the train for Chicago yesterday Mr. Silverman said:

"I learn from the Duluth newspapers that St. Louis county is planning to build a new and suitable court house. It has occurred to me that it would be a fine thing if a considerable amount of the granite in my Hinsdale quarries were used in the construction of the new building, and I have decided to offer the county commissioners all they need of it. I presume they would not wish to accept it as a gift outright, so I shall agree that they may take all the stone they need for a few hundred dollars, say \$500.

"The county would thus preserve its dignity and independence, and at the same time it would be in position to secure all the granite it should want for practically the cost of quarrying and transportation. I think that reasonable rates could be had for transportation over the Iron Range road, which line runs to the Hinsdale quarries. This granite forms a large part of the Chicago auditorium, and I would like to see the county of St. Louis use a considerable amount of the same material for its new court house in Duluth."

Mr. Silverman has recently given options for two tracts on the Vermillion range. One is for 120 acres in 63-11 and the other is for 160 acres in 63-12. Names of the men taking them are withheld. Mr. Silverman owns 760 acres of land between the Oliver properties at Ely and the famous section 30, in 63-12. He also owns 2,000 acres in 63-11. The old Mallman property, situated five miles east of Mesaba sta-