

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative HORCHEM, BERNARD J. Senator HORCHEM, BERNARD J

Served from Dubuque County Iowa

1. Birthday and place 4 December 1866, Dyersville, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place
never married

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Education

B. Civic responsibilities

C. Profession

4. Church membership Catholic
36th and 37th GA, 1914-1919, House, Dubuque County

5. Sessions served 38th to 41st GA, 1919-1927, SD 35, DuBuque County

6. Public Offices

A. Local Superintendent Dubuque County Schools 3 terms

B. State

C. National

7. Death July 1932, Vera Cruz, Mexico

8. Children

9. Names of parents John Horchem (Germany 1833 - Dyersville 1867), m. Henrietta Plaster (Prussia 1840 - 1900), on 21 October 1865. She remarried Henry Weidmiller c. 1868. John served in Co. F., 5th Iowa Cavalry.

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10. Education ~~Dyersville High School; Valparaiso; Cedar Rapids Business College; Columbia Univ.; Univ. of Chicago, Martha Vineyard Institute; New York Univ., American School of Wild Life; Des Moines University~~

11. Degrees ~~Graduate of Valparaiso (listed as Galpataiso in bio); ref to Northern Indiana Normal~~

12. Other applicable information

Father, painter by trade, came to Dubuque from Germany 1860; in Cavalry 1861, mustered out 1865, returned to Dyersville. He died 1867. Mother remarried c. 1868; apparently stepfather treated him harshly. Attended Dyersville High School, Cedar Rapids Business College, taught country school 2 yrs and was principal at Dyersville 2 years. Then was county Supt Schools 1894-1899, resigning to become principal at Adubon School in Dubuque where he was on faculty 30 years. In 1928 made director of personnel guidance and nature study; position he held until death.

Conducted Institute of Normal Methods in Dubuque Co summers 1894, 1895. Nationally known for operating "Park Life", 1908-1914, which kept boys wholesomely and voluntarily employed during summers

Was in 1870 census with stepfather, mother, and half-sister. In later censuses he is a boarder.

He was on vacation trip to Mexico, by automobile, when he died; there to further education. He requested he be buried in Vera Cruz.

One tribute: he spent his life salvaging boys.

Involved with Dubuque Lions Club, Isaac Walton League, Child Welfare Association; Professional Associations; Federation of American Boys clubs.

Survived by two brothers and two sisters.

Sources Log For Legislation Entries

Applicability

Source	Non Applicable	Applicable	Information obtained
Stork/Clingan, Legislators		x	sessions served
Dubuque Telegraph Herald & Times Journal; Tues, 26 July 1932, 1/1, 2/5		x	death, bio
Lyon, Faith & Fortune--Encyc Dub Co. 1998		x	bio note
History Dubuque County 1911		x	bio
GAR file general list		x	father;s service
Dubuque Co Marriages 3-17		x	marriage of parents
1870 Census Dub 380		x	Weidemuller, Henry;mo, BJ, 1/2 sis
1900 Census Dub		x	lodger with David Crotty
1925 Census 176-147		x	roomer with Rose Chatterton
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B. J. HORCHEM DIES AT VERA CRUZ, MEXICO

Spent Lifetime as an
Educator and a
Lawmaker

Prof. B. J. Horchem, 1148 Prairie street, prominent Dubuque educator and welfare worker, and for many years a member of the Iowa legislature, died in Vera Cruz, Mexico, Saturday evening. As his illness was brief, his death came as a shock to residents of this city where he was well known and generally popular.

The funeral arrangements are still indefinite, as Prof. Horchem asked his nephew, Virgil Homecamp, 20, 1115 Center place, who accompanied him on the motor trip to Mexico a week ago, that he be buried in Vera Cruz. His sister, Mrs. Mary Homecamp, stated Monday morning that probably his last wish would be fulfilled.

Prof. Horchem was nationally known, as he was a former state representative, ex-state senator, former superintendent of schools in Dubuque county, and for many years principal of the Audubon school.

12 Years in Legislature

He was elected representative in 1914; was re-elected in 1916 and was elected senator in 1918 and in 1922. He was defeated in 1926 by Otto F. Lange, also of Dubuque.

Mr. Horchem was born in Dyersville, Dec. 4, 1866, the son of the late John and Henrietta Horchem. He was educated at and graduated from the Dyersville public school, of which he was later principal. In 1892 he was graduated from the normal school at Calpafaiso and later from business college in Cedar Rapids. He studied special courses of sociology and psychology in Columbia university and the University of Chicago. For three times he was elected superintendent of Dubuque county schools.

His great achievement was the development of the ideals of boys' problems and "social center" activities. He was associated with numerous societies of an educational, sociological and scientific character. He was also especially interested in all that pertains to education, health and general "uplift."

He is survived by two brothers, William Horchem, Dubuque, Albert Horchem, Dyersville, two sisters, Mrs. Joseph Becker and Mrs. Mary Homecamp, both of this city, a number of nephews and nieces.

Pioneer Air Traveler Dies

Rio de Janeiro, July 25.—(A)—Alberto Santos-Dumont, known in South America as the "father of aviation," and contemporary of the Wright brothers in the early experiments of the 1890's, is dead.

The veteran flier of balloons, dirigibles and airplanes, most of whose exploits took place in France up to 1909, when he quit flying, succumbed at Sao Paulo yesterday to an illness contracted in France. He returned to Brazil over a year ago to try to regain his health.

He was 59 years old.

Born in the state of Minas Geraes, in southern Brazil, he was the son of Henri Dumont, an engineer by profession, but a coffee planter by vocation. He showed an early bent for mechanics and spent much of his time as a boy watching the machinery used for handling the coffee his father grew.

He went to Paris in 1891 and bought an automobile when he found balloons beyond his slender purse. For six years, with the automobile his "laboratory," he made an intensive study of internal combustion engines.

In 1898 he had constructed a dirigible and made his first flight in it from the Jardin D'Acclimation in Paris. With that flight his international reputation began.

In October, 1901, he won the Dutch De La Meurthe prize of 100,000 francs for the first circuit flight from the French Aero club at St. Cloud around the Eifel tower and return. He covered the distance in 30 minutes.

Two years later he built the first

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FARMER IS HELD FOR MURDERING HIS SON-IN-LAW

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HOOVER SILENT ON SEN. BORAH DEBT PROPOSAL

Very Little Sympathy
In Present Congress
For His Plan

Washington, July 25.—(A)—Animated discussions of war debts today found some congressional leaders predicting that if past commitments are to be considered, Senator Borah may find himself in the minority.

The debts question was revived by the Idaho independent republican's speech in which he said, "Cancellation of the debts in connection with, and as a part of a program, including the settlement of other war problems" would be in the interests of the United States.

There was no intimation of how the administration had received Borah's suggestion. President Hoover refrained from commenting after reading the proposal. The senate department, too, was silent as to its reaction.

Powerful Position.

But congressional leaders conceded the proposal was important because Borah is chairman of the senate foreign relations committee and generally is recognized as an outstanding spokesman on international problems.

Senator Lewis, Illinois democrat on Borah's committee, found himself "little less than astonished" at the idea of placing the war debt question before a conference controlled by debtors to the United States.

Enough Sacrifices.

Senator Smoot, Utah, republican, who heads the finance committee, expressed an inability to see "why we should make further sacrifices."

"I can't see what we could gain and I think our sacrifices have been all that the other countries could ask," he added.

Others, including Representative Rainey of Illinois, house democratic leader, stuck to their positions that the attitude of congress has not changed. They held failure of President Hoover's appeal for recreation of the debt funding commission to meet even partial success in the seven months' session just ended still reflected congress' attitude.

Congress Opposed.

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Superintendent's Tribute

E. D. Cline, superintendent of the Dubuque schools, on Monday voiced a remarkable tribute to Mr. Horchem.

"Probably no one person in the middle west," said Superintendent Cline, "has had the intimate knowledge of and has contributed so much to the welfare of the underprivileged boy. Mr. Horchem spent his life time salvaging boys. Certainly no greater service could have been given to Dubuque and Dubuque county. No greater tribute could be paid than that he gave his life for the youth of the community."

Mr. Cline expressed the hope that the family would decide to bring Mr. Horchem's body back to Dubuque for burial, despite his request that he be buried at Vera Cruz.

"He gave his great services to our community," Mr. Cline stated. "It is fitting that his body be laid to rest here, where his life's work was done."

Taught For 46 Years

Mr. Horchem was a teacher for 46 years. He began his teaching career in Delaware county in 1886, at the Union school one year and at the District No. 7 school a second year. He went to the Cedar Rapids business college for the year 1888-89, and then followed four years as principal of the Dyersville high school, 1890 to 1894. He served four years as superintendent of schools in Dubuque county next, and then in 1898 became principal of the Audubon school here in Dubuque. He held this position for thirty years. In 1928 he was made director of personnel guidance and nature study which position he filled until his death.

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He operated "Park Life" from 1908 to 1914, a movement he fathered zealously for many years and by which he kept boys wholesomely and voluntarily employed during the summer vacation period.

Mr. Horchem was a student
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Von Gronau Pauses on Coast of Greenland

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HIS SON-IN-LAW

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Arrested here yesterday after he had been sought in southwest Iowa, Jones was immediately placed under police guard to await removal to Bedford. Jones was brought here by relatives late Saturday.

Officials at Bedford, who lodged the charges against Jones, said they have unearthed a motive for the crime but they would not make further revelations.

Allen's body was found in a shallow grave in a gully on the Jones farm last Wednesday morning following an extended search after he had failed to return to the farm home after he and Jones had gone to repair a line of fence.

When Jones returned to the house Tuesday night he explained that Allen had disappeared while he (Jones) was away fixing another section of the fence. He said that he was not surprised at his absence as Allen had expected to visit a neighbor.

After a fruitless hunt that night, Allen's body, badly beaten about the head with a blunt instrument, was found. Jones theorized that he had been slain by bootleggers as he was an avowed foe of liquor and had once driven a bootlegger from the Jones farm.

A coroner's jury at Bedford continued its hearings in the case Sunday but all news of its actions was suppressed. Harry Hartzler, brother-in-law of Jones, ordered to jail because of refusal to tell when he had last seen Jones, was released yesterday.

White House Is Going To Be Bit Whiter Soon

Washington, July 25.—(AP)—The White House will be whiter in a little while.

Workmen today began painting that part of the executive mansion which looks out across broad lawns to the Washington monument.

Although parts of the mansion have been retouched during the past year, it has not had a full coat of paint for two years.

Government workmen will do the job.

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This group predicted that the House would be unlikely to find much support for his plan when congress reconvenes in December. Congress has been almost wholly unanimously against even a discussion of the proposition. It went so far as to approve the resolution approving a \$267,000,000 moratorium a sentiment expressing the sentiment of congress as against further reduction or cancellation of debts.

London, July 25.—(AP)—"Borah conversion," as London newspaper called the senator's suggestion a conference on war debts, was held here today as "a considerable straw in a wind that is beginning to blow" in the United States for a revision.

"Europe will welcome wholeheartedly so notable a conversion as Senator Borah's," the Telegraph said. "His courage and candor will receive unstinted recognition in this country and elsewhere."

"What Borah says," the New Chronicle commented, "is general what the mass of Americans are thinking. It is therefore supremely welcome that he now publicly declares in favor of a conference."

The Daily Express said it was early "to read into Senator Borah's words a determination of the American people to face the debt problem in a realist way," but it added that "Borah is a shrewd man and fairly considerable straw in the wind that is beginning to blow."

MOTHER ACT.

Detroit, July 25.—(INS)—"You have knocked me over with a feather—particularly an ostrich feather," said John Millen, director of the Detroit zoo, today. He referred to the strange mother act of Susie, the chimpanzee, who is lying for three bewildered baby triches. Abandoned by their mother soon after they were hatched, ostrich chicks were taken over Susie.

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BY ROBERT QUILLEN



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... Fifteen members were present and answered roll call by giving the different kinds of cotton goods. Mrs. William Raveny, leader, conducted a contest on stitches which was won by Helen White. Two demonstrations were given by Ellen McCullough on homemade bias tape and making a slip. Our own 4-H uniform was explained by Margaret Kaveny.

Waukon, Ia.—Special: The Luther League of the Old East Point Creek church held their annual business meeting on Friday evening. The following officers were elected: President, Ingvald Sandvold; vice president, Othello Olson; secretary, Olga Olson; treasurer, Harris Kolsrud; organist, Inez Nurtzell; janitor, Herman Pederson.

Waukon, Ia.—Special: Robert Hawkins of this city, national tuba champion, left this week for Iowa City, where he will receive special musical instruction for a period of five weeks. Only state champions and musicians who placed second in the state contests are admitted to the special course.

Waukon, Ia.—Special: The Ambassador quartet of the St. Paul Theological seminary, will render a sacred concert in the St. John's Lutheran church at Waukon, Wednesday evening.

Decorah, Ia.—Special: The Past Noble Grande club of the Oneota Rebekah lodge, will hold a meeting at the home of Mrs. Carl Allert Tuesday evening, July 26. There will be a picnic supper.

Ridgeway, Ia.—Special: The local Equity Co-operative association paid the farmers the sum of \$54,198 for livestock in 1931. Hogs to the number of 4,994 were handled, as well as 198 cattle and 63 calves for the members of the association. C. T. Trytten is the manager.

American Legion Meets on Tuesday

Question which will come before the state convention of the American Legion at Fort Dodge next month will be discussed by members of the Dubuque post at the regular meeting to be held in the Legion rooms, Tenth and Main streets, Tuesday evening. All members are urged to be present.

Police Court

Even Monday morning doesn't bring much of a ripple in police court any more. Eight "drunks" were turned loose, two boulevard shooters were each set back \$3.50, representing court costs, and a half-dozen motorists who parked their cars in bus landing zones were discharged with a warning.

The Grinnell woman was elected at the party's convention here yesterday when she was nominated over Arnold Sather of Ames who then was named as a candidate for lieutenant governor.

A full slate of nominees was selected to make the election race next November.

The party adopted a platform demanding a federal appropriation of five billion dollars for direct relief for those in need and a moratorium on mortgages, taxes and other indebtedness until the farmer is able to pay.

Remainder of the state ticket follows:

United States senator, I. S. McCullis, Des Moines.

Secretary of state, Carl Moll of Des Moines; state auditor, J. W. Duke of Burlington; state treasurer, E. O. Weik of Burlington; attorney general, J. P. Russell of Manson.

Secretary of agriculture, H. H. Altenburger of Ankeny; superintendent of public instruction, S. O. Smith of Denmark; railroad commissioner, William James of Washington.

Members of the state executive committee are: J. P. Russell, of Manson; S. P. Roberts of Cedar Rapids; I. S. McCullis of Des Moines; Arnold Sather of Ames; John Astley of Des Moines; Alvin Coons of Ames; and A. W. Thielbert of Burlington.

B. J. HORCHEM DIES AT VERA CRUZ, MEXICO

Continued from Page 1. throughout his life. He was on a vacation trip seeking new knowledge when death came to him.

Among the institutions in which he pursued his education may be mentioned the Martha Vineyard Institute, the Northern Indiana Normal School, Des Moines university, Cedar Rapids Business College, the University of Chicago, the Columbia University Teachers college, the New York university and the American School of Wild Life.

He was indentified with the following organizations; The Dubuque Lions' club, the Isaac Walton league, the Child Welfare association, the Progressive Teachers' association, the Iowa State Teachers' association, the Dubuque Teachers' association, the Dubuque Elementary Principals' club, the National Education association and the Federation of American Boys' clubs.

A requiem high mass for Mr. Horchem will be offered up at St. Raphael's Cathedral Tuesday morning at 8 o'clock. The Rev. Father Casey, rector, will be the celebrant.

Lancaster, Wis.—Special: Members of the Grant county republican club met at Grantland club rooms here Friday evening. About 50 were present.

Everybody can profit by reading and using the Classified Ads.

Vulnerable Point
Washington, July 25.—(INS)—Democratic senators who expect to take the firing line for the national ticket today were prepared to advise Democratic National Chairman James A. Farley to make economic issues the chief basis of the party's fight for national power.

They will urge not only that the democrats level attacks at the policies of President Hoover during the past four years, but assail twelve years of republican rule.

With Farley planning to confer with senators and representatives who are in the city this week, the original Roosevelt supporters in congress are insistent that the whole democratic national campaign be pitched upon a policy of "sane progressivism."

The two phases uppermost in the minds of the senatorial bloc are the alleged financial misrule of the Hoover administration and its tariff and other economic policies which, it is charged, have destroyed foreign trade.

Both former President Calvin Coolidge and former Secretary of the Treasury Mellon will be targets of democratic orators if the congressional advisers of Farley have their way.

They will charge extravagance during the Coolidge administration, despite claims of economy, assail Mr. Hoover and Mr. Mellon for taking no action to prevent a \$3,000,000,000 deficit, level guns at both the Fordney-McCumber and the Hawley-Smoot tariff bills, and assert the administration has ruled the government in the interests of special privilege and Wall street.

Handling of the prohibition issue as a sectional, rather than a national, issue, however, is proposed by the southern senators who still believe their states are dry.

Economic issues alone are sufficient to give the democrats a smashing victory, in their opinion.

Elizabeth, Ill.—Special: Preliminary plans for the 12th annual Elizabeth community fair were discussed at the meeting of the fair association officers and others held at the farm bureau office here Friday, Sept. 14 and 15 have been selected as the dates this year. The resignation of Chas. R. Williams as president was announced.

Lancaster, Wis.—Special: The Isaac Walton has received 30 cans of rainbow trout from the state hatchery and have been placed in the large rearing pond recently constructed on the Mentor Reeh farm north of here. The trout will be cared for during the winter months and released in the spring.

Westgate, Ia.—Special: Fred Bartels, a farmer living west of town, has a finger on his right hand crushed in the cog wheel of a grain binder Monday.

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HORR, Asa. (Worthington, OH, Sept. 2, 1817—**DUBUQUE**, IA, June 2, 1896). Scientist. Arriving in Dubuque in 1847, Horr established the Iowa Institute of Science and Arts. He was the owner of one of Iowa's finest chemical and medical libraries and had an unparalleled collection of plant and geological specimens. Gifted with the ability of telling time from the stars, Horr was appointed the official regulator of the town clock. He carefully collected measurements of rain and snow between 1851 and 1857 and reported his findings to the Commissioner of Patents and the Smithsonian Institution.

HORSE RACING. Popular form of entertainment throughout **DUBUQUE COUNTY**. The exact location of a race track near **WORTHINGTON** is not known, but it is suspected that it lay north of the city. L. Tisdale, the owner of the track, was shown in the 1874 Atlas of Dubuque County owning land in Section 31 in Worthington, bordering on Highway 136 and the **Worthington-Farley Road with 400 acres in Section 20 and 29**. Racing circuits between fairs and special events brought horses and riders to every potential track in an area. Racing occurred west of **FARLEY** on a half-mile track complete with covered wooden bleachers. **NUTWOOD PARK** was one of the few mile-long tracks in the United States. Built in 1891 by F.D. **STOUT** and his father H.L. **STOUT**, it was located in the vicinity of the present site of Wickes Lumber Company on Highway 52 north of **DUBUQUE**. Offering sizable purses to attract the best horses possible, the Nutwood races soon became a major event of the year.

Racing prospects looked up in the 1890s. Wealthy citizens who loved horses solidly supported the sport which was usually harness-racing. In 1896, an injunction closed one of Chicago's largest parks, resulting in approximately 200 horses being present in Dubuque for a week-long event. The program proved, however, to be a financial disaster. In 1899, Charles **HANCOCK** proposed the biggest racing card in the country. To attract quality contestants, he proposed \$123,000 in stakes. As an added incentive, there was to be a "general loosening of restrictions on gambling" with prize fights at night and river excursions. Railroads and steamships, including the famous Diamond Jo packets, offered special rates. Hotels were jammed and hundreds slept in Washington

or Jackson parks. In Waterloo, Edward Rath, a former Dubuquer, shut his packing plant so that his employees could attend the races. The total paid admissions, however, only reached \$40,000.

Despite setbacks, racing continued at Nutwood Park in the early 1900s. In 1904, the Tri-State Fair, the first local fair to be held in more than twenty years, was scheduled for the site. This was the beginning of a series of highly successful fairs to be featured at the park with racing a part of the festivities. In 1906, a purse of \$8,000 attracted the owners of the famous Dan Patch, king of the race horses. Racing against time, Dan Patch established a new track record of 1:58 while 20,000 people wildly applauded. He was again a featured horse in the 1907 races.

In 1912, rainy weather played an important part in the demise of future fairs. Promoters billed the race card as "the greatest racing event ever held west of Detroit, not excepting Chicago and the California tracks." Thousands of dollars were spent. When they struck, torrential and relentless rains caused the racing events to be cancelled, practically ruining the sponsors. The following year bookmakers and betting were heavily restricted. Financial setbacks and lagging interest led to the famous track being closed just prior to World War I.

Between 1914 and the early 1940s, horse racing was conducted primarily by county fairs on an inconsistent basis. In the early 1940s, Dubuque County **4-H clubs began holding achievement shows in conjunction with the annual horse show at SILVER ACRES**. The first horse show under the auspices of Molo Oil Company was held at this location on July 3-4, 1938. Horse shows and racing events continued at the Silver Acres farm through 1944. The Molo family eventually donated the land to the City of Dubuque which used it to develop Flora Park.

HORSFIELD, Loras Patrick. (**EPWORTH**, IA, Nov. 29, 1937—). Owner, Horsfield Construction Inc. Horsfield began his own construction company in 1984. A member of the Planning and Zoning Committee and the Iowa Concrete Paving Association, he was involved in building the new community center in Epworth. In 1996, he donated new street light bases so that the city could erect new lights. With Wilhelm **ECK**, he worked with the Iowa Department of Transportation to convert Highway 20 to a frontage road. Horsfield was the owner of 5M Estates, Epworth's newest subdivision.

HORTON, Tom (Fort Dodge, IA-). Coach and educator. In 1998, Horton resigned as head coach of the **WAHLERT HIGH SCHOOL** wrestling program. In twelve years at Wahlert, he guided thirty-five state qualifiers and five state champions. He served eleven years on the state advisory board for high school wres-

Maud Canavan and is the agent of the Singer Sewing Machine Company in Dubuque. The family are of the Roman Catholic faith in religion. Paul Traut was one of the whole souled, enterprising, generous, broad-minded men of Dubuque. He commanded the respect of his fellowmen because of his sterling honesty and business ability, and the love of all who knew him by reason of his generosity, sympathy and benevolence. He died May 23, 1898, and is buried in Mount Carmel Cemetery.

B. J. HORCHEM, the son of John and Henrietta Horchem, was born in Dubuque, December 4, 1866. Both parents were German and came to Dubuque in 1860. The father was a painter by trade, but when the call was issued for men to suppress the rebellion in 1861 he enlisted in Company F, Fifth Iowa Cavalry, and served until the close of the war, when he was mustered out at Pulaski, Tennessee. At the close of the war he located at Dyersville, where he died in 1867 at the age of thirty-five. The mother married again and continued her residence at Dyersville till her death, April 1, 1900. Very early in life, then, the subject of this sketch was compelled to endure hardships at the hands of his stepfather, which had a marked influence in molding his thoughts and actions in subsequent life. Until sixteen years of age he worked on the farm from early spring until late in the fall. He then attended Dyersville high school and the Cedar Rapids Business College. He taught a country school two years and was principal of the Dyersville school for two years. He was then elected county superintendent of schools and filled that office from 1894 to 1898. He was re-elected for a third term, but resigned the position in January, 1899, to accept the principalship of the Audubon School in the city of Dubuque, which position he still holds. After assuming the duties of the last named position he took several courses in psychology and sociology in Chicago and Columbia universities.

He is a member of the Knights of Columbus, St. Vincent de Paul Society and the National Education Association. In his religious views he is a Roman Catholic and holds membership in St. Raphael's church in Dubuque. When asked as to his politics he said: "I vote for the best man in local affairs. I was first elected county superintendent on the Citizens' ticket and at the second election was endorsed by both parties.

He hopes to reform the school system and to this end has started what he has been pleased to call the "Park Life," the general plan of which is to have an "all-the-year school," but only half the time in school to be spent indoors. He is devoting much of his energy to this cause and says he hopes soon to publish a work on "Park Life and the Playground Movement." Dr. A. E. Winship in an editorial says: "Personally we earnestly hope that Mr. Horchem will have

all needed financial aid, and that 'Park Life' will become a term to conjure with the county over."

LOUIS C. LUBCK, of Dubuque, was born in this city on October 2, 1860, and is a son of Charles and Mary (Zannck) Lubck, who were natives of Germany and Switzerland, respectively. Both parents came to America in 1847 and in that year settled at Dubuque, then little more than a frontier village, the father first landing at New Orleans, thence coming to Dubuque by boat, the mother coming here overland from Milwaukee. Charles Lubck was an architect in the old country, but engaged in the grocery business in Dubuque, at which he continued until his death in 1861 when forty-seven years of age. Mrs. Lubck is yet living in Dubuque at the age of seventy-nine years. They were the parents of four children: Christina, who died, unmarried, March 17, 1910; Mary married Jacob Jorrimann and lives at Owatonna, Minnesota, the mother of eight children; Caroline, who became the wife of Charles Norman, by whom she is the mother of seven children and resides in Chicago; and Louis C., the subject of this sketch. Mrs. Lubck was remarried in 1865, James Thompson becoming her second husband, and to this marriage four children were born: Charles R., James W., Marion and Alice. Mr. Thompson was a miner during his latter years and died April 13, 1910. Louis C. Lubck was educated in the public and high schools of Dubuque and when yet a boy was apprenticed to the printer's trade. After completing his indenture he traveled over the country as a journeyman printer for about ten years, but in 1891 was employed by the Smith Printing Company, of Dubuque. In 1892, associated with John Smith and M. M. Walker, he bought the *Evening Ledger*, subsequently organizing the Globe Printing Company and publishing the *Evening Globe*. This was continued until the company was reorganized on a larger and more extensive scale as the Smith-Morgan Printing Company and the *Times-Journal* was published and eventually became the present *Times-Journal*. Shortly after this Mr. Lubck disposed of his holdings and on May 25, 1895, in company with William Steuck, purchased the Union Printing Company, which they have ever since conducted. At the time they originally purchased the plant it was but a small concern employing four or five persons. Modern methods, equipment, workmanship and aggressive business methods have since made this concern one of the best of its kind in the city. Mr. Lubck is a Republican and has served three terms as chairman of the County Central Committee of his party and in other ways has figured prominently in the political affairs of the community. He is unmarried; is a member of the Westminster Presbyterian church. He belongs to Dubuque Lodge No. 3, A. F. & A. M.; Dubuque Chapter No. 3, R. A. M., and Siloam Commandery No. 3, K. T., and also the Modern Woodmen of America, the Benevolent and