

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative _____ Senator Patterson,

John G. - Represented Howard, Mitchell, North, Curro, Gorda, Hoyle and Chickasaw Counties, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 3 Sept 1831 Wayne Twp. Clinton County, Pennsylvania

2. Marriage (s) date place
 (1) Alexandra E. Ziegler 22 Jan 1856 Sandusky, Ohio
 (2) Sarah (Smith) McCann 1874 Sandusky, Ohio

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business He was admitted to the bar in Tiffin, Ohio Sept 1856

B. Civic responsibilities Mason

C. Profession Lawyer

4. Church membership _____

5. Sessions served 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th General Assemblies 1864, 1866, 1868, 1870

6. Public Offices

A. Local Secretary of the Charles City Water-Power plant until his death;

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 29 Oct 1898 near Spencer, Iowa; buried Riverside Cemetery, Charles City, Iowa

8. Children Eleanor A. (Mrs. Ray Billingsley); William Robert; Minnie T. (Mrs. Frank Harwood); Rose M. (Mrs. William J. Carter); John Edward; Daisy Nell;

9. Names of parents Edwin E. preceded his father in death Robert and Eliza (Bower) Patterson

Patterson, John G.

10. Education He attended schools in winter; attended Republic Academy in the summer in Ohio

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information Republican

- At age 2, he moved with his parents to Seneca County, Ohio where he grew to manhood working on the family farm.
- While attending the academy, he taught school in the winter and worked on the family farm.
- In fall of 1854 he began reading law in the office of Pennington and Lee in Tiffin, Ohio
- In June 1857 he moved to Charles City, Iowa and began practicing law.
- He gained a fine reputation. In 1861 he formed a law partnership with S. B. Stone and in 1873 he, A. M. Harrison was admitted to the law firm.
- During the time he was a Senator he wanted to secure a land grant for a railroad.
- He took an active part in the formation of the Charles City Water-Power Company.
- His first wife, Hester, died in 1872.
- His second wife, Sarah, married in 1874, became the guardian of his minor children after he was killed in a railroad accident.

Patterson, John G.

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Troy, N. Y. Oct. 31.—The Merchants' and Mechanics' State Bank was closed to-day.

CRIMES AND CASUALTIES.

A BOLD ROBBERY—DROWNED BY A SINKING BOAT—MURDERER HANGED—STEAMER SUNK AND SEVENTEEN DROWNED.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 31.—During the absence of the owners, thieves entered a house in Camden of Bulcon brothers, old men, and as each returned he was seized and bound and thrown into a closet; the house was then robbed of everything, including a large amount of money.

HALIFAX, Oct. 31.—Janet Bille and Janet Gove were drowned by the sinking of the boat running between Picton and Prince Edward's Island. Two men on board saved themselves in a small boat.

LONDON, Oct. 31.—The British revenue cutter Fanny was run into and sunk off Torkar to-day, by the steamer Helvetia; seventeen of the Fanny's crew perished.

CLEVELAND, O., Oct. 31.—Charles McGill, the murderer of Mary Kelly, was to-day sentenced to be hanged on the 13th day of February next.

HELENA, MONT., Oct. 31.—Frank Roberts was hanged at Virginia, Montana, this morning, for the murder of Morrison, on the Crow reservation.

IOWA.

Death on the Rail.

DUBUQUE, Oct. 30.—A special to the *Herald*, from Charles City, says Hon. J. G. Patterson, of that place, was killed by a railroad accident twelve miles west of Spencer, Iowa, last night. He was riding on the rear car of the construction train which was by some accident thrown down an embankment, and Mr. Patterson received injuries from which he died in thirty minutes. Fred. Merrill, of Milwaukee, and Mr. Church, expressman, were slightly injured.

ST. PAUL, Oct. 30.—A special to the *Pioneer Press* says a construction train, on the C. M. & St. P., near Sheldon, Ia., was ditched yesterday. J. G. Patterson, of Charles City, attorney for the Company, was killed. Fred. Merrill, nephew of S. S. Merrill, General Manager, and Frank Church, Superintendent of the U. S. Express Company, were injured. They were all riding on a freight car at the time.

Cutting Affray at Cedar Rapids.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Oct. 30.—In an affray last night in the street Robert Kane stabbed John Mulloy, cutting him in the abdomen, neck, side and arm. The victim dragged himself to the steps of a saloon, holding his protruding bowels in his hands. Kane escaped, and has not yet been arrested. This is the second cutting affray here within the past week.

Death Down the Stairs.

DUBUQUE, Oct. 30.—Mrs. Churchill, an old resident of a residence near Weston, by falling down stairs and breaking her neck.

the apparatus was removed from the gloves had gone to consumption. Mr. Clarke replied that the customs officers have samples. Judge French he would notify the parties interested when he would come to a decision on legal questions involved, and the case closed.

THE YELLOW PLAGUE.

TO-DAY'S REPORTS.

NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 31.—Forty cases; 12 deaths.

MEMPHIS, Oct. 31.—The weather a sudden change last night, and has been very cold. From six o'clock last evening until noon to-day the undertakers have five orders for interments.

THE STATE.

Ft. Madison penitentiary contains 300 convicts.

A new M. E. church will be dedicated at Wilton, Nov. 17th.

The teachers of the State have a convention at Marshalltown during the holidays.

Mr. J. M. Hulskamp, of Keokuk has purchased an atlas over two hundred years old.

Thirty-eight car loads of cattle went from Cedar Rapids last Sunday on their way to Chicago.

A Woman's Christian Temperance Society was organized at Sioux City yesterday with eighty members.

A counterfeit \$10 bill on the "Richmond National Bank," at Richmond, Ind., has been discovered in Dubuque.

An Indian squaw bought a moped at a Sioux City store a few days ago, and she says that they are getting civilized and appreciate the value of the weapon in emergencies.

The Grundy county *Argus* tells of one man in that county who has 3,000 bushels of corn in the cribs already, and has nearly done with the husk.

Two men and a boy, supposed to be sons who have committed the recent burglaries at Dubuque, have been arrested. Rifles and other articles were found in their possession, which indicated that they were burglars.

Eleven telegraph repairers were riding in a hand-car at great speed to reach Burlington on the C. R. I. & P. road, a few days ago. When on a bridge the car jumped the rails, and all fell off. Two of the men were seriously injured, and one fatally.

A widow, Mrs. Mary Culvey, who has three children, got aboard the steamer Duquesne at Clinton Tuesday morning, was robbed of the money she had between that port and Des Moines, by a scoundrel who picked her up. She and her family were deck passengers.

Marshalltown *Times*, 25: Steps are being taken to investigate those dealers and men in hogs who have been buying up herds at mere nominal prices, for export purposes, and then converting them to market as good ones. This has been the case of many cases; one in particular, the T. Price's herd purchased at \$25, and claimed, run off to Cedar Rapids and packed in boxes and sent to Chicago up at a small price, and is being resold in Chicago.

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[Mobile Register.]

Indian Princes Show Their Loyalty to England by Offers of Aid as Against the Afghans.

The German-American National Bank, of Washington, Closes Its Doors.

Proceedings of the Prophetic Conference in Session at New York.

Close of the Prosecution in the Miles Bigamy Case at Salt Lake City.

POLITICAL.

ANOTHER STATEMENT FROM ANDERSON.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 30.—The *Press* tomorrow will publish a sworn statement of James E. Anderson, ex Supervisor of East Feliciana parish, made to-day before a notary public of this city, respecting the authenticity of the Sherman Anderson-Weber letter alleged to have been written by the present Secretary of the Treasury to Anderson and Weber in New Orleans on the 20th of November, 1876, and other matters connected with the Potter Committee. It sets forth that in January, 1878, after he testified before the Potter Committee on Louisiana affairs, he met in Philadelphia E. L. Weber, who, in the course of a long interview, stated that he was in possession of said letter, and would testify in favor of the democrats before the Potter Committee for the sum of \$10,000, and that Anderson repeated the conversation to J. R. Sypher, an attorney of this city, a personal friend and college chum of Clarkson N. Potter, and that on the day following, Weber, Anderson and Sypher went to Washington City. Weber declined to testify for over two weeks, giving as a reason that the democratic managers, whom he names, would not pay him the sum he demanded. On the 27th of June, 1878, Weber informed Anderson that satisfactory arrangements had been made and that he was ready to testify, which he did, on the 2d of July. Weber then showed Anderson the Sherman letter received by him (Anderson) and D. A. Weber from Sherman as supposed. Anderson then compared the signature with an autograph of Sherman exhibited at Brady's in Washington, expressed to Weber a doubt of its genuineness. The affidavit goes on to explain variations in the testimony of Weber and the efforts made to fasten the letter upon the Secretary. It quotes by name quite a number of outside agents of the Potter committee and members of the National democratic committee.

POLYGAMY'S TROUBLES.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MILES CASE.

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The annual contest of the State Oratorical Association will be held at Grinnell on the 7th inst., next Thursday. The representatives from some eight or ten Colleges will compete for the honor. The judges selected for the occasion are Hon James F. Wilson, of Fairfield, John D. Nichols, of Vinton, and J. S. Clarkson, of Des Moines.

We publish to-day Bob Ingersoll's late speech in Boston on "Hard Times and the Way Out." The subject in our uppermost in the public mind, and the eloquent Ingersoll turns a calcium light upon it that lights up all its dark corners. It is a good speech for all the papers to print and all the people to read. It is the sublimated gospel of sound sense, and of the truth plainly told. Read it over, once at least, twice if you have time, three times, if possible—and then pass it to your neighbor who does not take papers that publish speeches on the honest side of this momentous question.

Hon. J. G. Patterson, of Charles City, who was killed by the car on the Milwaukee & St. Paul Road Wednesday last, was one of the most prominent of the lawyers of Northern Iowa, and had a wide reputation in the State both as a lawyer and politician. He was a member of the State Legislature in 1866-68, and was a prominent candidate for Attorney General before the Republican State Convention in 1872. He stood very high as a man and neighbor, and enjoyed the cordial confidence and respect of all who knew him. His untimely death, under such shocking circumstances, has been received with pain throughout the State, and the sympathy of all Iowa people will go out to the family so suddenly and cruelly bereaved.

The details of an attack upon a Republican meeting at Georgetown, S. C., have just reached Washington. It seems that the Republicans had called a mass meeting at that place, and were quietly conducting it, and at the same time, in another part of the town, a large Democratic meeting was organized, attended by two cavalry companies and one of infantry, dressed in uniform, and armed with rifles, pistols and sabres. These almost immediately set themselves to work to break up the Republican meeting, and some of them went over to the stand and made a demonstration against one of the speakers, and immediately produced a general confusion, when armed men made a general attack upon the meeting, drove off the Republicans, tore down the speakers' stand, cut down the flag-staff, pulled off the national colors, tore the flag to pieces, and trampled it under foot.

Whether the Policy Republican papers will it or not, the question whether a free man in the Southern States has any rights, under this Government, which the Democratic party is bound to respect, is the rising question of the political day, and will be the uppermost and overshadowing one in the next campaign, and in 1880. If the American Government cannot protect its citizens at home as well as it can protect them abroad, it is a time the world knew it. If it cannot give to every free man in its borders the right to vote as he pleases, and the right to his life when he does vote as he pleases, it is a failure as a Government, already dead at the top, and dying now at the root. It is all well enough to talk of civil service and finance, and they are important issues. But far more important is the right of every free man to vote as he pleases with

In denouncing the average malevolence and dishonesty of Greenback papers and Greenback editors a few days ago we said that there were in Iowa one or two honorable exceptions to the charge of venality against the whole class. We mentioned the Nevada Watchman as one of the papers of that party which was always to be excepted in such classification. We made this exception because we felt the Watchman and its editor were deserving of it in fairness, as it was a paper which was edited by a gentleman. Who by some strange mishap or blunder had got into a piratical crew with whom he was not at all at home. This gentleman, Mr. Fitzpatrick, we have long known to be a man of honor and intelligence, and his conduct of his paper showed that the party he was serving could not force him to do its dirty work as it did the rest of its so-called editors. So it is no surprise to us that the announcement is made that the Nevada Watchman has changed hands, and that Mr. Fitzpatrick is to retire. It is plain that he could not stand the crew, and that he was a man too stubbornly honorable for them to endure him. The Boone Republican thus announces the change, and it will be seen that it agrees with THE REGISTER in its estimation of the man and the party:

The Nevada Watchman, the Story county Greenback organ, has changed hands, J. A. Fitzpatrick having transferred all his right, title, and interest therein to R. Bodewalt, one of its former editors. During his brief journalistic career Mr. Fitzpatrick has given evidence of the possession of those qualities which win success in the editorial field. He is a good writer and a liberal and genial gentleman, whom it is a pleasure always to meet. The Watchman under his charge was decidedly the fairest, most dignified, as well as the ablest Greenback paper that has come to our table. Mr. F. was never committed to the flat money theory. Of it in his valdictory he truly sa:

"This idea was never believed in and have at no time advocated it, either in word, or writing, or clipping for the paper. In later years when we may be called to think over and repeat of the sins of our youth, our consolation will be that the iniquity of advocating a flat money currency is not among them."

The new proprietor, Mr. H. H. Rudestiel, has had considerable newspaper experience, and being a full-fledged flat Greenbacker, he will no doubt, as his predecessor observes, give the Story county G. B. "an organ after their own heart." Success to the outgoing and incoming proprietors.

The mercury was down to one degree above zero at Pembina, Wednesday morning. The Dubuque Herald is doing itself the credit of stoutly combatting the Ed. Campbell and John Irish plot of stealing the seats of the whole Iowa delegation in Congress through the hocis pocus of a November election. In a recent editorial discussing the question, the Herald says:

The people accepted the October election in good faith, and in equally good faith, chose their representatives. Whatever may be the decision upon the legal point, as to the equity and justice and fairness of the expression of the people in October there can be no question. Let the question go up to Congress, and there be decided. It is found that under the Federal statute the October election was legal, the delegation elected at that time will retain their seats. If, on the other hand, it should be found by Congress, which alone is the judge of the qualifications of its members, that the October election was illegal and the delegation not properly and legally chosen, they have but to order a new election to be held in accordance with the law as the Congress decrees it to be. This would be fair and just to all sides, and no man could reasonably complain. And it will avoid a similar complication in 1882, should the statute and constitution remain unchanged to that time. And we are inclined to think the result, whichever way it might be, would be generally acceptable, and received in the same good faith in which the Democrats are the result of the October election, without attempting to disturb it when the temptation is so strong to do it, with Congress practically with them and the law, too, in the opinion of so many, both Democrats and Republicans.

We do not believe the Democratic party if we can afford to take advantage of the quibble to attempt to send up a deia. Action in November—just the expressed will of the people in October. It is possible there might be a temporary advantage gained, but in the end it would be an injury. The Democraticism making long strides towards victory in Iowa two years since. Already the boasted Republican majority of the State, always given for the party of sixty thousand, is now reduced to a barely amount hardly worth the keeping, and the said delegation in Congress behold two of their number gone. Two years from this we hope to see a majority of the Iowa delegation Democratic. This time is coming. But when Iowa Democrats go to Congress they want to go in at the front door. They will not go in at the back door. They will not go in at the front way, backed by the majority of the people at an election duly called and which is believed to be the

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21st, the deaths numbered 44, and the next day 42. It was as far back as the 23rd of September that the figures in Memphis reached so high a mark. Although the epidemic has hung on in New Orleans with more tenacity than in Memphis, it has never assumed so malignant a type. This is shown by the fact that the entire number of deaths has been absolutely less, and relatively much less, and by the other fact that the deaths to the total number of cases stand in a ratio of about 1 to 3 1/2.

INDEPENDENT UNION LEAGUE.

There has been much discussion as to the proper method for thorough Republican organization in this State, and various plans have been proposed and discussed. It has been felt that the close and complete organization of the opposing parties ought to be met by equally thorough organization on the Republican side, to the end that the work of next year may be commenced in time, and the winter months employed in perfecting the organization and in distributing sound political literature among all classes of voters. The arguments for such preparation and organization are so patent to all thinking people that they need not be recited.

While other Republicans have been talking, the Republicans of Madison county have been at work organizing, as the following, from the last Madisonian, will show. We copy the proceedings in full, so that the object and purpose of the organization may be fully set forth, and incite the Republicans of all other counties to go and do likewise, for we think that the plan of organization hit upon is the very best that can be employed:

The Republicans of Madison county have determined to organize and commence work for next fall's election. They have resolved that the county shall be redeemed—and it will be. They know they are fighting their country's battle and laboring for the best interests of the people, and they will continue to labor and fight in that good cause.

It has been decided that this should be effected through the organization in every township and in most of the school districts of Councils of the Independent Union League of America. Last Thursday evening a large number of Republicans completed the organization of Abraham Lincoln Council for Center Township, and as soon as a supply of necessary documents can be obtained the work of organizing the county will be commenced.

The officers of Abraham Lincoln Council are: President—G. C. Goodale. Vice President—A. B. Smith. Secretary—D. E. Cooper. Treasurer—M. A. Knight. Chaplain—N. C. Stors. Marshal—T. F. Mardis. Sergeant-at-Arms—Jesse McDaniel. Executive Committee—J. O. Godale, A. B. Smith, F. M. Case, A. W. Wilkins, Henry Smith.

This organization is non-political and patriotic. Its forms and ceremonies are exceedingly interesting and attractive. None are admitted except those who endorse its platform of principles, which may thus be summarized, and which it will be seen are in accordance with Republican teaching as far as they go: This is a nation—law and order must be maintained and every voter determined to cast his ballot unimpeded—Opposition to the payment of Rebel Claims—The National Faith and Credit to be kept unimpaired—The Dollar of the United States of whatever firm, to be worth one hundred cents. And upon this platform certainly every Republican can stand.

The old Union League of America did a good work in keeping brightly burning the fire of patriotism during the civil war, and the lovers of their country, the well-wishers of their fellow citizens, will find themselves at home within the circle of the Independent Union League.

It is to be hoped that the leading Republicans of the several townships, when in town, will call upon some of the officers and learn more of this organization, so that they can take such steps as will facilitate the speedy and thorough organization of the county.

Let all other Republicans take heed of the character of this form or of some other

week, is THE IOWA STATE REGISTER. It may be exactly right in its every position, but it is independent, though tolerant with the differ with it, and especially in its of such mark-ality that when you have once become acquainted you will ever afterwards feel perfectly looking over its pages. Its department under the superior supervision of C. F. practical farmer, we regard as of far more benefit to Iowa readers than any agricultural published, particularly if it is issued of State. The price at which we are allowed \$1.15, in connection with the Representative such low figures that no one in Story county without it. At those figures there should of WEEKLY REGISTER in Story county.

As to what city weeklies Republicans should cautiously about patronizing, we instances of Advocate, Chicago Times and Inter-Ocean—being the most dangerous as it is a sort of manger, wolf in sheep's clothing, professionalism and preaching Greenbackism. It does damage to the Republican cause in the State than all the professed opposition papers put together. When F. W. Palmer was its chief editor it in principles, but when he retired its true aim seemed to have retired with him. As heard Col. Hoggatt speak has not seen in his pocket a copy of the Inter-Ocean, and Greenback article with the remark, "The Republican paper, the Inter-Ocean, says."

THE RISING QUESTION

A Free American's Right to His Right to Live—Two Iowa Ions on the Subject.

A "STALWART" OPINION From the Boone County Republicans, FOR A FAIR BALLOT.

This matter of a free ballot in the Southern States is one which, like Bang will not down, no matter how much about "conciliation" on our part, matter how much the Southern people themselves may cry "hoarse rule" and "government" on their part. It is that comes up continually, and will to come up. It cannot be shoved any such pretenses, and it will express itself upon the attention of the people until a final adjustment and the principle of right and justice is realized. It was so with the question of bondage; and, although we continue trying to compromise that question continued to force itself upon us, was finally settled. It was a struggle against civilization, and the right ways does, prevailed in the end, less trampling under foot of the a large element of the South to them the right to cast a free ballot crime against civilization, and address. All policies of conciliation not reach the case are mere make will result in no good. The people tampered with for a time in this not always. They will eventually in an unmistakable manner, that of all men shall be regarded before The public conscience is now ebullient by false stories and false that have come through one channel or other. In the first place, the large element of the South, rather bargained away, in some of the least, in a compromise that was in the question of the policy, and which compromise only put off the evil day. The men cannot be compromised, even to settle so great a Presidential title. The time being may be crushed on, but the way back, and again present it cannot be driven or frightened



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Hon. John G. Patterson, a prominent attorney and citizen of Charles City, was almost instantly killed near Spencer, on the Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad, on Tuesday of last week. He had been acting as right of way agent for the company, in the extension of the road west from Algona, and the particulars of the accident which cost him his life are thus given in the Charles City *Intelligencer* :

He left here Monday noon, and arrived at Spencer that night. The next noon he started west on the construction train, accompanied by Frank Merrill, a director of the road, and one of the assistant superintendents. They were in a box car, the third one behind the engine. It was partially filled with heavy ties. When about fifteen miles west of Spencer, and within four of his destination, some accident happened to the car in front, throwing it from the track. The car in which Mr. Patterson and his friends were riding was thrown from the track and turned over upon its side. A number of the ties were shifted, but how the fatal accident to Mr. Patterson happened, neither of his companions can exactly tell. When taken from the car he was found to be badly cut about the head. There was a bad cut on the forehead, just at the edge of the hair, and another on the back of the head, at the base of the brain, and a slight cut on the upper lip. He did not appear much injured, and was perfectly rational. He remarked to Mr. Merrill: "That was a close call, but I guess I am all right." In a few minutes he began to wander in his talk, and showed signs of drowsiness, and in twenty minutes was dead.

The deceased was one of the most prominent of the lawyers of Northern Iowa, and had a wide reputation in the State both as attorney and politician. He was a member of the State Senate for eight years, and was a prominent candidate for attorney general before the Republican State convention in 1872. He stood very high as a man and neighbor, and enjoyed the cordial confidence and respect of all who knew him.



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Patterson's Death.
A correspondent of the St. Paul
Pioneer Press, writing from Sheldon,
gives the following in regard to the ac-
cident that happened on the Milwaukee
road as stated in the *HERALD* last week:
The construction train on the
Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul road
left Spencer for this place at 1 o'clock
to-day, with six box cars loaded
with ties and one flat with stone.
When about seventeen miles out,
the next to the rear car broke a box
of one truck, throwing the car from
the track and taking the rear car with
it, turning over and down a high bank.
In this car were **J. G. Patterson**, of
Charles City, long known as the right
of-way-agent for this company, and in
whom the people had great confidence;
Fred Merrill, nephew of S. S. Merrill
general manager; F. Church, assistant
superintendent of the United States
Express company, and John Mullen,
brakesman. The instant the first car
left the track, the ties, which were
loaded in both ends, came together
between the doors, squeezing the
passengers between the ends of the
great mass. The next instant the
car rolled over the bank and struck
bottom up. To stop the train was
but the work of a moment, as they
were running only about twelve miles
an hour, and the train men, assisted
by A. D. Gallop, of Emmetsburg, and
John Evans, of Spencer, who were dri-
ving by at the time, made quick work
of the situation. The engine was dis-
patched to Sheldon for medical assis-
tance, while the balance went to
work taking out ties from the wreck.
The first found was Mr. Patterson,
lying partly on top of the ties, his
head badly cut, but conscious. He
was taken out and laid on blankets
while the ties were being removed
from the others. The next found were
Mr. Church and the brakesman, who
were, it is hoped, not seriously hurt.
But at the bottom of the whole car
load was Fred Merrill, head downwards,
legs and arms stretched in every di-
rection, groaning and calling for help.
When he was reached he was black in
the face, neck badly swollen, a large
cut under the left eye, head badly
bruised, bleeding and vomiting. Mr.
Patterson died in about half an hour.
He seemed conscious but could not
say much. Every comfort that cir-
cumstances would admit of were ren-
dered to make him, in his last mo-
ments, comfortable. His body was
taken to Charles City by special train.
Doctors Longshore and Lanning, to-
gether with several citizens of Sheldon
returned with the engine and rendered
all the assistance possible. Fred Mer-
rill on arriving here seemed to rally,
and is considered out of danger, al-
though in a critical condition. Mr.
Church is hurt in the back, but it is
thought not seriously. John Mullen,
the brakesman, hurt in the legs, but
able to stand. Mr. C. H. Prior tele-
graphed his employes to spare no
pains or expenses in taking care of
the sufferers.

D. Gleysteen & Co., of East Orange,
have received a fine lot of the latest
styles of hats and caps, gloves, mits etc
which have been marked down low

Caught on
What to him was fore or hope
joy or care?
He stepped on a plug of soap th
topmost stair.
And his feet flew out like wild
And he struck each stair wit
And the girl below with the s
Laughed like a fend to see him

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Tom and Jerry will
Bank up around yo
The sour kroust ere
season.
Who will supply u
summer?
Base ball and glas
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buy and buy.
Hay will be scare
spring in this marke
Read Haverkamp
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Campbell was a member of the state senate, where he was chairman of the committee on railroads, and drew the original bill of the present Iowa railroad tariff law, in 1874. He was on the committees of ways and means, military, county and township organization, and one or two others. While in the senate he did so much excellent work, and became so popular, that in the summer of 1877 he was nominated by the republicans for the office of lieutenant-governor, and was elected by a flattering majority. His eight years' experience in the senate, together with his careful study of parliamentary rules and his native candor and urbanity of disposition, make him a good presiding officer.

On the 10th of September, 1861, Miss Minerva Dixon, of Newton, became the wife of Lieutenant-

Governor Campbell, and they have three children, all boys. Both parents are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and earnest workers in many a good cause.

Mr. Campbell is rather short and thick set, being hardly five feet and seven inches tall, and weighing one hundred and seventy-five pounds. He is open-faced, frank, in a double sense, very cordial, yet modest and unassuming, and a perfect gentleman.

Angus K. Campbell, the brother mentioned in this sketch, is still a resident of Newton. He is an attorney-at-law, with a large practice; is one of the regents of the State University, and a man of a good deal of influence and usefulness. He has a wife and eight children, and a delightful home in the outskirts of the city.

HON. JOHN G. PATTERSON,

CHARLES CITY.

JOHN G. PATTERSON, one of the leading attorneys in the Upper Cedar Valley, is a native of Clinton county, Pennsylvania, and dates his birth on the 3d of September, 1831. His parents were Robert Patterson and Eleanor Bowers, both reared on the frontier, and accustomed to hardships, not to say perils. Some of the Bowerses were in the Indian wars, and in girlhood Eleanor saw an uncle of hers cut down and hacked to pieces with a tomahawk. The Pattersons were originally from the north of Ireland, and settled in Pennsylvania at an early day. When John was two years old his father removed to Seneca county, Ohio, where he, the third of a family of sixteen children, grew up on a farm, with a grave experience at solid work. His business, after becoming old enough to use an ax and farm tools, was to aid in clearing and working leased lands—the best his father could do at that time. Late in life, after a prolonged and serious struggle, by the aid of his industrious sons, Robert Patterson became the owner of a farm.

In youth John had few holidays or half-holidays; had no experience in going to town, and indulging in even an hour's social intercourse or innocent recreation; it was work, work, but he did not murmur or complain. Up to eighteen he had had nothing more than the education picked up in a log school-house during the winter months. At that age he started out, attending the Republic, Seneca county,

Academy, in the spring and autumn terms, teaching in the winters and farming in the harvest time. This he did until twenty-two, when, his father being sick, he cheerfully gave a whole season to work at home.

In the autumn of 1854 Mr. Patterson, with ten dollars in his pocket, commenced the study of law, reading with Pennington and Lee, of Tiffin, Ohio; was admitted to the bar at that place in September, 1856, and on the 21st of the next June settled in Charles City, where he is still engaged in legal pursuits.

In 1861 he formed a partnership with S. B. Starr, the firm of Starr and Patterson continuing till 1873, when Mr. A. M. Harrison joined the firm, and is still in it. It does an extensive legal and collecting business, and is, in fact, the leading law firm in the county.

Mr. Patterson has bought and sold lands at times, and owes his accumulations in a large measure to his shrewdness and good luck in this line. He has a farm of two hundred and twenty acres near town, which is under excellent improvement, and which he rents; has other lands in Floyd county; owns one-half of the old homestead in Ohio, and one-fifth of the stock of the Charles City Water Power Company, of which he is secretary, and which has a capital of one hundred thousand dollars. He is alive to every interest of this city, and one of the foremost men in devising means for its advancement.

Mr. Patterson was elected state senator in the autumn of 1863; was reelected in 1867 and served eight years, or in four sessions. He was chairman of the committee on township and county organizations three sessions; was on the judiciary committee three sessions, and chairman of the railroad committee the last session. He was sent to the general assembly especially to aid in securing a land grant for a road on the forty-third degree of latitude; worked with others unceasingly for that purpose, and succeeded. Probably a more industrious man never went to the legislature from Floyd county, and he did himself great credit while in that body. As a lawyer, he is equally industrious, and rarely relinquishes a case until it is won.

Mr. Patterson has always been a republican; is a

member of the blue lodge of Freemasons, and is rather liberal in his religious views.

He was first married in 1856, to Miss Hester E. A. Quiggle, of Pennsylvania. She had eight children, and died in 1872, six of her children outliving her. His present wife was Mrs. Sarah Smith McCann, their union taking place in April, 1875. Two of the older children have spent two or three years at the State University, and all are being carefully educated.

Mr. Patterson has a solid build and a robust constitution, or he might not have seen his forty-sixth year. Through early hardships, and a serious struggle with fortune in early married life, he has pushed on, arriving at independence with a body, mind and heart capable of enjoying it.

HON. JULIUS H. POWERS,

NEW HAMPTON.

THE branch of the Powers family to which the subject of this sketch belongs is old Vermont stock. Hiram Powers, the sculptor, belongs to it, and a genius for this art seems to run in it, for Miss Hosmer is related to it. Julius was born in Rochester, Windsor county, Vermont, on the 22d of May, 1830. His father, Alanson Powers, was a mason by trade. His mother was Sarepta Martin, whose family aided in gaining American independence. When Julius was about six years old the family moved to Portage county, Ohio, where the son attended a district school until thirteen and then commenced learning his father's trade. He followed it until nineteen, working during the summers and attending school in the winters, finishing his education at the Kingsville Academy, Ashtabula county. At the age of twenty he commenced teaching in Berlin (Erie county) Academy, studying law at the same time with Judge Taylor, of Milan, Huron county. At the end of one year he went to Dayton and read two years with M. B. Walker and Louis Gunkle, Walker now being a judge in Texas, and Gunkle was a member of the forty-third congress. During this period he taught during part of the time to defray expenses, as he had to depend entirely on his own resources for funds.

Mr. Powers spent a year in Texas, working at his trade, laying the brick of the court-house and jail of Bastrop county. Returning to Ohio, he attended the

law school at Cincinnati, where he was admitted to the bar on the 7th of April, 1855. During that year he visited Allamakee county, Iowa, and, after prospecting a short time, received intelligence of his father's death and returned to Ohio. In May, 1857, he again visited Iowa; opened an office at Forest City, Chickesaw county, and removed to New Hampton in 1858, on the day that the county seat was moved hither from Bradford. Mr. Powers was appointed deputy clerk that year, practicing law at the same time and still continuing the practice. He is of the firm of Powers and Kenyon, the leading law firm in the county.

He was chosen state senator in the autumn of 1859, and was in the regular session of 1860 and the war session of 1861, resigning his office to go into the military service. He enlisted as a private in the 7th Iowa Infantry, but was soon afterward appointed captain of company I, of the 9th, and served until April, 1862, when he was compelled by disability to be mustered out. He has never fully recovered his health. He has a large practice, however, attends very carefully to his business, and as a lawyer has no superior in the county.

Mr. Powers is an Odd-Fellow, and has passed all the chairs in subordinate lodges. He is a republican, and one of the leaders of the party in the county.

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In 1879 he became a strong temperance worker, and was elected president of the Tribe of Jonathan. He made a successful and useful canvass of Floyd County, in 1879; is at present engaged in the grocery business in Chicago.

J. Evans Owens, an attorney of high standing, was born April 21, 1847, at Unadilla, N. Y. After graduating at the home high school, he entered Hamilton College, Clinton, N. Y., when eighteen years of age. A year afterward he took charge of the Rome Academy, as principal. Not long after this he left that position to study law with Hon. D. P. Loomis, of Unadilla. He was admitted to the bar in 1869, and in the next year, having married Eliza, daughter of the late Josiah E. Owens, he came West and settled in Charles City, which was his residence until his death. His career was an open book, to be read of all men; and a purer, more unselfish, honorable record is rarely spread before men. He held office as City Attorney, member of the City School Board and Alderman. As a lawyer he stood high, as a public officer he was faithful, and as a citizen he was worthy of the highest place in the affections of the community. Being a man of principle, he was a thorough going reformer, or, if you please, leader in philanthropic enterprises.

During the first week of December, 1881, he went to Minneapolis on business, where he was struck down by that dreaded disease, typhoid pneumonia, and died on the morning of Dec. 23, following. He was buried in the Charles City Cemetery, the funeral being attended by the members of the bar in a body, the city officers, and a large concourse of other citizens.

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"Mr. Patterson was no common man. In saying that in his death a great mind has fallen, we mean it in no trite or common sense, for he *was* great. He was great in the leading idea of his life; great in his convictions; great in the elements of his well-rounded character; great in his eloquence; great in his courage; great in his intellect; great in his capacity for work; and great, above and beyond all, in his abiding faith in the ultimate triumph of the eternal principles of right, justice and humanity. But who can speak of the virtues of his every-day life, of the tender, almost idolatrous regard felt for him by his family; of the great heart, that always had a responsive throb of sympathy for all in trouble or distress? Who shall speak of him as a friend? Tried and true, when he put his hand to the helm, there was no going backward. He was so genial in his intercourse, possessed a sympathy so spontaneous, was so kind, affectionate and generous, there seemed combined in him all those qualities which challenged the love and admiration of those who best knew him, and endeared him to the hearts of all his friends. As a thinker he was vigorous and adhered tenaciously to his opinions; as an orator he had few superiors; as a companion for social hours, his quick perception, and keen zest of mirth, made him pre-eminent; as a lawyer he stood at the head of the bar of the Fourth District, and in him Iowa loses one of the brightest stars in her diadem of brilliant attorneys. His loss is one that will be felt, not alone for to-day, but for a generation to come."

Of his six surviving children, Eleanor, the eldest, is wife of Ray Billingsley, a leading attorney of Vinton, Iowa. The eldest son, William Robert Patterson, is in the wholesale house of Franklin McVeagh & Co., of Chicago. The second daughter, Minnie V., is the wife of Frank Harwood, of this city. The third daughter, Rosa, is wife of William F. Carter, a merchant of Clear Lake, Iowa. The two minor children, John Edward and Daisy Hester, are still at home.

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cess in the legislation secured for his locality. Mr. Patterson is one of the strong men of the state, physically, mentally and legally. There are but few men who have enjoyed a more extended or successful practice than he.

John F. McJunkin was a native of Pennsylvania, where he obtained a good common school education, which was supplemented by extended teaching and concurrent study. He studied law also in his native state, and was there admitted to the bar. In 1859 he came to Iowa and located at Washington, where he entered upon the practice of his profession, and wherein he was favored with more than the average of success. In 1863 he was elected to the state senate and served a full term, covering the Tenth and Eleventh general assemblies. Mr. McJunkin was an able man with quite the average readiness of apprehension and more or less aggressive. He was active and aggressive in his legislative duties. He was the author of the joint resolution which was first adopted by the Iowa legislature, instructing our senators and representatives to support an amendment to the federal constitution for the entire abolition of slavery. In 1876 he was elected attorney general of the state, in which office he manifested much of ability and thoroughness of legal education. He was of great service to the supreme court, and attended to every duty with thoroughness and promptness. At the close of his first term he was re-elected to the second, and he attained a very high reputation in that office. He was a man of excellent character and of fine social qualities. He died shortly after the close of his service as attorney general.

Moses A. McCoid was born in Ohio, where he was well educated in the common schools and at Fairfield University. He was a graduate also of Washington College, Pennsylvania. He removed to Fairfield, Iowa, in 1858, and studied law there with Senator Wilson. He completed his studies in 1861, and was admitted to the bar, but very shortly thereafter he enlisted in Company E of



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- **Note:**

Hon. John G. Patterson was born in Clinton County, Penn., Sept. 3, 1831. His parents were Robert and I (Bower) Patterson, both reared on the frontier and accustomed to the hardships and perils of border life. Pattersons are originally from the north of Ireland, and are of Scotch-Irish decent. They settled in Pennsylvania at an early day. The Bowers were also early settlers there, from Germany. From his parents he inherited . . . indomitable energy. When he was two years old, his parents removed to Seneca County, (where John, the third of a family of sixteen children, grew to the age of eighteen, with a grave experience sold work upon his father's farm. During this time he attended school winters, and picked up the rudiments of an education. From this time until he was twenty-two, he attended the spring and autumn terms of the Republic Academy, teaching during the winter months, and working on the farm in summer. In the autumn of 1854, with ten dollars in his pocket as his whole available capital, he commenced reading law in the office of Pennington & Lee, of Tiffin, Ohio. He was admitted to the bar in September 1856, and in June 1857 came to Charles City and engaged in the practice of his profession. Every old settler here knows the struggles of the young attorney, poor in pocket, but rich in ability and capacity for work, and how splendidly he succeeded in gradually accumulating a handsome property, and at the same time gaining a reputation as one of the foremost legal men of the State. In 1861 he formed a law partnership with S. B. Starr. In 1873 A. M. Hester was admitted to the firm. In 1863, Mr. Patterson was elected State Senator; was re-elected in 1867, serving eight years. He was chairman of the committee on township and county organizations for three sessions on the judiciary committee three sessions, and chairman of the railroad committee the last session. He was sent to the Legislature especially to aid in securing a land grant for a railroad on the forty-third parallel latitude. He labored unceasingly to effect that object; and to him, more than to any other man, is due the successful securing of that grant. An abler, or more industrious man never represented Floyd County in the Legislature and he gained for himself while there a State reputation. After retiring from the Legislature he took an active part in politics, and was recognized as a power in the Fourth Congressional District. He was a staunch, uncompromising Republican, and his voice was always on the side of right. At home, he was ever alive to the interests of his city and county, and was always one of the foremost in devising means for their advancement. He took an active part in the formation of the Charles City Water-Power Company, working against all discouragement, sparing neither time nor money, until the success of the scheme to improve the Charles City water-power was fully assured. He was a large shareholder in the company, and held the office of its secretary till his death. Mr. Patterson was first married in 1856, to Miss Hester E. A. Quiggle, of Pennsylvania. She bore him eight children, six of whom survived her. She died in 1872. In 1874 he was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Smith McCann, daughter of Judge Elvin Kendrick Smith, of Northern New York, and niece of Gove Silas H. Jenison of Vermont. This wife survives him, and is guardian of the minor children. Mr. Patterson's death occurred Oct. 29, 1878, from a railroad accident on the Iowa division of the C. M. St. P. Railway. He was instantly killed. Thus closed his early career. In the prime of life and full vigor of manhood he passed away. Selecting from the articles in the newspapers of the day, we quote the following:

"Mr. Patterson was no common man. In saying that in his death a great mind has fallen, we mean it in its full or common sense, for he was great. He was great in the leading idea of his life; great in his convictions; great in the elements of his well-rounded character; great in his eloquence; great in his courage; great in his intellect; great in his capacity for work; and great, above and beyond all, in his abiding faith in the ultimate triumph of the eternal principles of right, justice and humanity. But who can speak of the virtues of his everyday life, of the tender, almost idolatrous regard felt for him by his family; of the great heart, that always responsive throb of sympathy for all in trouble or distress? Who shall speak of him as a friend? Tried and true when he put his hand to the helm, there was no going backward. He was so genial in his intercourse, possessed a sympathy so spontaneous, was so kind, affectionate and generous, there seemed combined in him all those qualities which challenged the love and admiration of those who best knew him, and endeared him to the hearts of all his friends. As a thinker he was vigorous and adhered tenaciously to his opinions; as an orator he had few superiors; as a companion for social house, his quick perception, and keen zest of life made him pre-eminent; as a lawyer he stood at the head of the bar of the Fourth District, and in him Iowa loses one of the brightest stars in her diadem of brilliant attorneys. His loss is one that will be felt, not only for today, but for generations to come."

Of his six surviving children, Eleanor, the eldest, is the wife of Ray Billingsley, a leading attorney of Vinton, Iowa. The eldest son, William Robert Patterson, is in the wholesale house of Franklin McVeagh & Co., of Chicago. The second daughter, Minnie V., is the wife of Frank Harwood, of this city. The third daughter, Rosa, is wife of William F. Carter, a merchant of Clear Lake, Iowa. The two minor children, John Edward and Charles Hester, are still at home. [History of Floyd County, Iowa
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- *Census*: 1840 Adams Twp, Seneca Co, OH
- *Note*: [Roll M704_426, p. 131]
- *Census*: 1850 13 Sep 1850 Adams Twp, Seneca Co, OH
- *Note*: {1850-OH-SENECA-Adams-121A-981-1008-04}
- *Census*: 1860 26 Jul 1860 Charles Twp, Floyd Co, IA
- *Note*: {1860-IA-FLOYD-Charles-076-579-556-01}
- *Occupation*: Lawyer 1860
- *Census*: 1870 27 Aug 1870 Charles City, Floyd Co, IA
- *Note*: {1870-IA-FLOYD-CharlesCity-338A-407-411-01}
- *Occupation*: Lawyer 1870
- *Change Date*: 12 Jun 2004 at 17:03

Father: Robert Patterson b: 14 Oct 1794 in Pennsylvania

Mother: Eleanor Bower b: 20 May 1810 in Pennsylvania

Marriage 1 Hester E. A. Quigle b: Abt 1836 in Pennsylvania

- *Married*: 22 Jan 1856 in Sandusky Co, OH
- *Event*: Seneca Co, OH Migration Jun 1857 in Charles City, Floyd Co, IA
- *Change Date*: 13 Jun 2004

Children

1. Edwin E. Patterson b: Abt 1856 in Seneca Co, OH
2. Eleanor A. Patterson b: Abt 1857 in Seneca Co, OH
3. William Robert Patterson b: Abt 1859 in Charles Twp, Floyd Co, IA
4. Minnie V. Patterson b: Abt 1861 in Iowa
5. Rosa M. Patterson b: Abt 1862 in Iowa
6. John Edward Patterson b: Abt 1866 in Iowa
7. Daisey Hester Patterson b: Abt 1871 in Iowa

Marriage 2 Sarah Smith b: Abt 1834 in New York

- *Married*: 1874