

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of **Representative** Crisp, Eugene Senator \_\_\_\_\_  
Represented Woodbury, Ida, Lee, and Plymouth Counties, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 27 Jul 1822 Preston County Virginia  
(now West Virginia)

2. Marriage (s) date place

Frances Hall 9 Mar 1843

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business He was an organizer of the First National Bank of Sac City as well as a  
director and a vice-president.

B. Civic responsibilities \_\_\_\_\_

C. Profession Owned and operated a saw mill and a flour mill; farmer;  
raised stock

4. Church membership Not identified with any church, but had  
respect for religion

5. Sessions served 12<sup>th</sup> General Assembly 1868

6. Public Offices

A. Local Iowa County supervisor; Lee County judge; first mayor of Sac City;

B. State \_\_\_\_\_

C. National \_\_\_\_\_

7. Death 11 Mar 1903 Sac City Iowa; buried

8. Children Helena B. (Mrs. Levi Davis - preceded her father in death); Lola (Mrs.  
J. H. Beirnes - preceded her father in death); Mary Janet (Mrs. J. J. Hines); J. L.;  
Nancy Emeline (Mrs. R. M. Loomoreux); William H.

9. Names of parents Michael and Maria (Armstrong) Crisp

Criss, Eugene

10. Education Educated in the common schools of  
Alleghany County, Maryland.

11. Degrees \_\_\_\_\_

12. Other applicable information Republican

- He was raised in Alleghany County, Maryland
- At age 17 he went west to Chicago and other points remaining  
several years
- He returned to his father's home in Vergosa and met his future wife
- After marriage he and his wife came west in 1844 residing in  
Illinois and Indiana for a number of years.
- In 1855 with John Coe drove westward with 2 teams taking a stock of  
notions for frontier trading. On 9 Aug 1855 they arrived on  
a peninsula of the Raccoon River which later was part of Sac  
City, Iowa. His intention was to choose a town in western  
Iowa, build a mill and operate a store.
- He found a location and then went back to Indiana to get his  
family.
- The town was named Sac City after the Sac Indians who camped  
in the summers in the area for many years.
- He bought furs from the Indians, hauling them to Leokuk, Iowa where  
they were exchanged for supplies for his store.
- In 1856 he finished building a steam saw mill which furnished  
lumber for the arriving pioneers to build their homes.
- He later owned and operated a flour mill, a farm and raised stock



**F MRS. BARNETT.**

Honors the Loss of His Wife,  
 The Life Last Saturday  
 Evening, Illinois.

Barnett died last Saturday  
 evening, Illinois, where,  
 in poor health, she has been un-  
 der the care since July 10, 1902.  
 A biographical sketch and  
 account of her demise was furnished by  
 G. I. Larash, of Steward,  
 which will be read with interest by  
 the friends in Sac City, who sin-  
 cerely sympathize with the sorrowing re-  
 latives.

Richard was born three miles  
 west of Steward, in Lee county, Illinois,  
 August 28, 1878. On February 14, 1901,  
 he married Miss Lacy Belle Barnett,  
 a devoted wife. Immediately after  
 their marriage they began to live  
 in Sac City, Iowa, where  
 Richard was born to Lacy Belle  
 on February 20, 1901. Mrs. Barnett's  
 husband returned to Steward,  
 Illinois, the home of her mother  
 in 1902. She was received as a  
 member of the Methodist Episcopal  
 church organized by the Rev. G. I.  
 Larash on March 23, 1902. Loving life,  
 she was unable to find any line  
 of recovery, though she had  
 seen that she was failing. The  
 efforts put forth by the phy-  
 sicians and the tender and  
 loved ones. Retiring at last ex-  
 pecting to arise in the morn-  
 ing she fell into that "dreamless  
 slumber" which kisses down her eyelids  
 and which is the mystic tapestry which  
 is never present and the seen,  
 a great unknown without a  
 gleam of her sunny disposition  
 to any friends. These, with  
 the sympathy and hearty  
 sympathy of her husband and little  
 son, two brothers, and five  
 sisters mourn her departure.

**INSTITUTE NOTES.**

The Association Sociable  
 Primary Contest in Declama-  
 tions.

The association is to be con-  
 sidered the success of the socia-  
 ble institute Tuesday even-  
 ing given by the students

**JUDGE CRISS IS DEAD.**

A Pioneer of Northwestern Iowa, First Set-  
 tler in Sac City, at Rest in His Eighty-  
 first Year—Funeral Next Sunday.

Judge Criss died Wednesday morning,  
 March 11, 1903, at his home near the east  
 end of Main street, Sac City. For several  
 years his health has been failing gradu-  
 ally, and within the past week it was ev-  
 ident that the end was near, though only  
 a week before his death he was up town  
 and also did some work about his premi-  
 ses. A rugged constitution succumbed to  
 the wear of years, and his heart gave him  
 trouble, so much that last Saturday the  
 end was expected. He rallied, however,  
 and was much better on Monday and  
 Tuesday. It is not known at just what  
 hour the messenger came to summon him  
 from his tenement of clay. Mrs. Criss  
 awoke at five o'clock on Wednesday  
 morning and discovered that he had  
 passed away while sleeping peacefully.  
 Arrangements for the funeral are not  
 complete at the hour of going to press, but  
 it will be held in the Methodist Episcopal  
 church next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock,  
 Rev. George M. Rourke, pastor of the  
 Presbyterian church, delivering the fune-  
 ral discourse.

Eugene Criss was born in Preston coun-  
 ty, Virginia, now West Virginia, July 27,  
 1822. His parents were Michael and Ma-  
 riah (Armstrong) Criss. The father was a  
 Virginian and the mother was a native of  
 the north of Ireland. The father was a  
 minister of the Methodist Episcopal  
 church, a zealous and successful worker  
 in the cause he loved. Their son was  
 reared in Alleghany county, Maryland,  
 where he obtained his education in the  
 common schools. At the age of seventeen  
 he came west to Chicago and other points  
 and remained several years. Returning  
 to his father's home, which again was in  
 Virginia, he formed the acquaintance of  
 a Miss Frances Hall. The acquaintance  
 ripened into love, and the two were mar-  
 ried March 9, 1843, and came west to-  
 gether in 1844. They resided in Illinois and  
 Wisconsin for a number of years.

In 1855, in company with John Coe, Mr.  
 Criss drove west from Shullsburg, Wis-  
 consin, with two teams, taking with him  
 a stock of notions suitable for frontier  
 trading. It was his intention to choose  
 a site in western Iowa to build a mill and  
 run a store. August 9, 1855, they arrived

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We are now showing  
 embroideries; the latest  
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**CITY CONVENTION AND CAUCUSES**

Republican Caucuses to be Held March  
 Convention Next Evening.

Notice is hereby given to the qual-  
 ified Republican voters, of Sac City, Iowa,  
 caucuses will be held in the several wards  
 as hereinafter designated on Monday  
 evening, March 16, 1903, beginning at  
 eight o'clock, for the purpose of nomi-  
 nating candidates for councilmen, elect-  
 ing delegates to the city convention here-  
 after called, and electing ward com-  
 mitteemen.

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 be held in the courthouse on Tuesday  
 evening, March 17, 1903, at eight o'clock  
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ino solo, Jessie Laing;  
"High Art," Ida Smith;  
umper Degree," Mildred  
solo, Elsie Weary; "Ell-  
tine," Lola Petty; "Ca-  
de," Aruna Ward; piano  
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Wisconsin for a number of years.

In 1855, in company with John Coe, Mr. Criss drove west from Shullsburg, Wis-consin, with two teams, taking with him a stock of notions suitable for frontier trading. It was his intention to choose a site in western Iowa to build a mill and run a store. August 9, 1855, they arrived at the beautiful peninsula of the Coon on which is situated now the business por-  
tion of Sac City. The spot impressed Mr. Criss as the place where he would like to live and do business, but he left his goods and drove to Sioux City, then a small settlement, where he was offered certain inducements, but he returned with the decision to settle by the Coon river and help build up a city. Accord-  
ingly he built a log cabin just east of the site of Monument park and went to Wis-consin for his family. At that time the Atstin and Watt families were squatters along the river. The land had not yet been surveyed into sections and no home-  
stead entries had been made, but on July 4, 1854, John F. Duncombe had platted the townsite of the original town of Sac City, which he had named Austin, in honor of the first settlers. The name was changed to Sac City after Mr. Criss's ar-  
rival. From time immemorial the penin-  
sula had been the summer camping ground of Indians and they continued to come for many years afterward. Mr. Criss bought furs of them and of the white settlers and hauled his commodities overland to Keokuk, where he exchanged them for supplies for his frontier store. With true frontier hospitality, the Criss cabin gave shelter to strangers who passed through this western country. Later it had to be enlarged to better ac-  
commodate the traveling public, for Sac City was a station on the stage route from Fort Dodge to Sioux City. In 1856 Mr. Criss finished a steam sawmill, which fur-  
nished much of the lumber for pioneer building. He later owned and operated a flour mill and gave attention to farming and stock raising. He was one of the or-  
ganizers of the First National bank and was one of its directors and its vice presi-  
dent up to the time of his death. In the early affairs of Sac county no one bore a more prominent part than he. He served as a county supervisor and as a county judge, from which he obtained the title of "Judge," a familiar prefix to his name ever since. In 1868 he represented the  
and Plymouth counties in the Iowa house of representatives. When the town was

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after called, and electing ward com-  
teemen.

The Republican city convention was held in the courthouse on Tuesday evening, March 17, 1903, at eight o'clock for the purpose of nominating candidates for mayor, solicitor, assessor and treasurer. Each ward will be entitled to two delegates and one additional delegate for every fifteen votes and fraction of one or more thereof cast for E. McMillen mayor in the city election of 1901.

The meeting places, nominations to be made and number of delegates to be elected in each ward are as follows respectively:

**First Ward**—At the hosehouse; to nominate a candidate for councilman to succeed W. J. Dixon, to elect five delegates to the city convention, and to elect one member of the city Republican committee.

**Second Ward**—At the Twelfth street hosehouse, to nominate a candidate for councilman to succeed Frank R. Brell, to elect eight delegates to the convention, and to elect one member of the city Republican committee.

**Third Ward**—At the library room of the Sac City Institute, to nominate a candidate for councilman to succeed N. Gishwiller, to elect four delegates to the city convention, and to elect one member of the city Republican committee.

**Fourth Ward**—At the mayor's office, to nominate a candidate for councilman to succeed Jons Jensen, to elect six delegates to the city convention, and to elect one member of the city Republican committee.

J. W. WILSON,  
S. E. BARNARD,  
E. L. AHRENS,  
GEO. A. MARTIN  
Committee

**EFFORT TO DEFEAT TAX.**

Opponents of Building Schoolhouse Appeal in Force Last Monday—Tax Proposal Carried—Hallett and Baily Elected.

The school election last Monday was not the quiet affair that most people expected. It was settled that D. E. Hallett and E. N. Baily would be chosen directors without opposition and it was proposed that a light vote would be polled but it soon became evident that opposition to the proposition to levy a ten-mill school tax. The defeat of

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 markings:

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92	2	95%	2	95%	4	4	
85	6	92%	5	93	6	17	
87	5	96	1	96%	2	8	
93	1	94%	3	97%	1	5	
91	3	93%	4	95%	4	11	

Reuter enjoyed a brief  
 ay with her father, O. E.  
 Valley, Iowa.  
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 of Ralph Garner at Platt  
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lith Campbell and Mabel  
 itute visitors on Monday.  
 G. W. Tyler was added  
 ship list of the literary

s was the leader at the  
 meeting this week; sub-  
 ' Psalm 37:7.

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 eaching this year in the  
 Ida county, arrived on  
 ex' died visit with her  
 Sac City.

to be given by the Calli-  
 society on Friday evening,  
 follows: Roll call, favo-  
 violin solo, Helen Level;  
 n Trouble," Herbert Per-  
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 apter v. l., Clara Persons;  
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 ixon; story, O. E. Ford;  
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 f Hendrick & Rand, com-  
 ants of Kansas City, will  
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 buy 100 head of horses  
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 est horses and mules.

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 TAIT & JACKSON.

more prominent part than he. He served  
 as a county supervisor and as a county  
 judge, from which he obtained the title  
 of "Judge," a familiar prefix to his name  
 ever since. In 1868 he represented the  
 district comprising Sac, Ida, Woodbury  
 and Plymouth counties in the Iowa house  
 of representatives. When the town was  
 incorporated in 1875 Judge Criss very fit-  
 tingly was elected the first mayor and  
 served so acceptably that he was reelect-  
 ed. He was a staunch Republican on  
 national issues, ready to give a reason  
 for his political faith, though at times he  
 was ready to join in independent move-  
 ments when he believed his party to be  
 wrong on local issues. He narrowly  
 missed election to the legislature as an  
 independent candidate along in the '80's.

While Judge Criss was not identified  
 with any church, he entertained the  
 greatest respect for the religion that  
 his father preached and practiced,  
 and he continued to admire outspo-  
 ken champions of the truth all through  
 his life. Those who heard his speech at  
 the fair grounds on the occasion of his  
 remarkable birthday party July 30, 1902,  
 when three thousand people assembled in  
 honor of the eightieth anniversary of his  
 birth, will recall his public confession of  
 faith in God and his announced determin-  
 ation to live the rest of his days in har-  
 mony with the teachings of Jesus. The  
 last few days before his death he delight-  
 ed in reading over the oldtime hymns  
 and occasionally singing them. In his  
 prime he had a fine voice and liked to  
 sing. The evening before his death he  
 sang the hymn, "Jesus can make the dy-  
 ing bed soft as downy pillows are," and  
 doubtless he found the words of that pre-  
 cious hymn to be true.

To Mr. and Mrs. Criss were born six  
 children, two of whom, namely, Helen B.,  
 wife of Levi Davis, and Lola, wife of D.  
 H. Belmer, died before their father.  
 Those surviving are Mary Jane, wife of  
 W. G. Wine, of Sac City; J. L., of Omaha;  
 Nancy Emeline, wife of R. H. Lamoreux,  
 of Houston, Texas; and William H., of  
 Sac City.

Judge Criss has been an excellent citi-  
 zen, upright in his dealings, firm in his  
 convictions, hospitable, and public spirit-  
 ed. No one in the county has been more  
 widely known, and they who mourn his  
 death are many.

Last call for raw furs. Good prices  
 paid. Chas. S. Altshuler.

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 volving the collection of about  
 thousand dollars in taxes next  
 would have seriously crippled the t  
 ing project and the friends of the sc  
 house did some effective work in  
 ting out votes. The men voting  
 bured 301 and 68 ladies went to the  
 The vote on the tax proposition sto  
 follows: 187 men and 61 women, yes  
 men and 7 women, no; total voting  
 248; no, 119.

For director E. N. Baily receive  
 votes; D. E. Hallett, 284; and Asa Pl

### THE SITE SELECTED.

The Board of Directors Decides to Bu  
 Hobbs-Baxter Property, on Main Stre  
 the New Schoolhouse Site.

Last Friday the directors of the  
 City schools held an important met  
 settling the vexed question of the  
 tion of the new schoolhouse. There  
 one vote on the board for the Parker  
 on Early street. All of block 14, P  
 addition, except lots 6 and 7, at the n  
 west corner, owned by F. R. Stearns,  
 ly was chosen for the site. The pro  
 chosen comprises two lots owned by  
 Lizzie Hobbs, four and a fraction o  
 by Clarence J. Baxter and the other  
 of the late H. J. Baxter, one by  
 Winkler and one by Mrs. Anna R  
 besides a fractional lot owned by  
 Stearns. The net cost is not likely  
 exceed very much \$8,000.

At the same meeting the board vot  
 use a high grade of Omaha gray pr  
 brick for facing the superstructure.  
 insures a beautiful structure.

The bids for the erection of the b  
 ing will be opened to-morrow, and  
 ably the contract will be let to the l  
 bidder.

A new law in Kansas has led the  
 way companies to require the prepay  
 of freight and a guaranty of return  
 ges on undelivered goods, for all h  
 shipped to the state. This, it is tho  
 will have a tendency to shut off the  
 ply somewhat for illegal joints.