

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Rosell, Neal Wallace Senator \_\_\_\_\_  
Represented Adams and Union Counties, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 19 June 1836 Athens County, Ohio

2. Marriage (s) date place  
Anna Elizabeth Ownby 6 Dec 1859 Athens City, Decatur County, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Admitted to the Iowa bar in 1858

B. Civic responsibilities None

C. Profession Lawyer; Union County Judge

4. Church membership Methodist Episcopal

5. Sessions served 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> General Assemblies 1868, 1870

6. Public Offices

A. Local Elected Union County Judge in 1862; member of Board of Education 1865-1880; Mayor of Athens, Iowa

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

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

7. Death 30 June 1915 Afton, Iowa; buried Grandview Cemetery, Afton, Iowa

8. Children James William; Helen (Mrs. J. P. Johnston); Alice Elizabeth; Neal Carlton;  
four children died in infancy

9. Names of parents William and Hester (Lentons) Rosell

Rowell, Teal Wallace

10. Education Education in the public schools of his  
home in Athens County, Ohio

11. Degrees He entered Ohio University, Athens, Ohio in 1853, graduating  
in 1856 after studying law

12. Other applicable information Republican

- He began his pursuit of a law career in the office of Harris and  
Gulbreath, attorneys at Centerville, Iowa
- In July 1858 he came to Afton, Iowa and entered the practice of  
law which continued for 40 years.
- He and his family came from Ohio to Iowa in 1847 settling in  
Wapello County, Iowa when he was just a boy.
- This youth was spent on the family farm with plenty of work to do as he  
was one of 13 children.

Aowell, Neal Wallace

Sources Log For Legislation Entries

Applicability

Source	Non Applicable	Applicable	Information obtained
-	Obituary -	<u>The Afton Enterprise</u> , Afton, Iowa,	
		Thurs. Jul 1, 1915, p. 4, col. 3	
-	<u>History of Union County, Iowa</u> 1968, p.	420 - 424	
-	Familysearch.org (accessed 27 Oct 2010)		
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Wesley Jacobson was a business caller to the county seat, Wednesday.

The Bay View Study club will meet next Wednesday with Mrs. E. E. White.

We will have more Cane and Millet seed first of next week. Get in your orders if you want any.

Will Kenter returned Thursday from Des Moines, where he attended the Optician Convention.

Mrs. M. F. Roberts, Mrs. Chas. Brown, Mrs. Henderson and daughter Marie, were among the Creston callers Thursday.

Mrs. Mary Shaw left this morning for Sidney, Nebraska, where she will make an extended visit at the home of her sister, Mrs. Haskell.

Bring your cream Friday or Friday night this week, if you have to bring it Saturday get it in before 11:00 o'clock if possible.

C. B. CRUMPACKER.

J. B. and Merrill Gripp left today for Lincoln, Nebr., and will return in a new Buick-six. They have secured the agency for that car in this territory.

The first of the week Sam Cook traded his stock of merchandise and fixtures to Frank Bryner, taking in the crop, stock and implements of Mr. Bryner who lives on the J. W. Coon farm. The first of week the store was closed in order to invoice the goods, but is open now and Mr. Bryner has charge. Mr. Cook will not move out onto the farm right away, but will take enough things out so that part of the family can stay there to look after the stock and crops. Mr. Bryner will move to town right away. We wish them both success.

### Short Course Organization

Last Monday evening about fifteen or twenty persons, most of them from the country, met at the council room and discussed the question of holding a short course here at Afton the coming winter. An organization was made and the officers elected were as follows:

- W. W. Morrow, President.
- M. W. Keating, Vice-President.
- Earl Coker, Secretary.
- R. B. Barnum, Treasurer.
- O. T. Myers, Chm. Adv. and Membership Committee.

It seemed to be the consensus of the meeting that a three day course be held. There are two plans by which this course can be secured—selling tickets or a number of men guaranteeing the expenses. The ticket selling plan will be adopted. It will be necessary to sell 50 men's tickets at \$1.00 each, 25 women's tickets at 75c each, 20 boys' tickets at 25c each, and 25 girls tickets at 25c each. This is the minimum amount of tickets to be sold. The more tickets sold the better the course, as the interest will be greater.

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Source: Iowa Territorial and State legislator. Collection compiled by Volney Davis Strickland.

Interested in the short course, or any other topic of general interest, to write an article for publication. We

## HON. N. W. ROWELL DEAD

### Highly Respected Citizen of Afton Passed Away Yesterday Morning

Again we are called upon to chronicle the death of one of Afton's most highly respected citizens, Judge N. W. Rowell, which occurred at his late home yesterday morning about six o'clock. The immediate cause of his death was acute indigestion, but he had not been in good health for some time.

The funeral services will be held tomorrow (Friday) afternoon at 3:15 o'clock at the M. E. church and interment at the Greenlawn cemetery. The body will lay in state at the Rowell home from 10:00 a. m. until 1:00 p. m. Friday where friends can view it.

A couple of months ago Judge Rowell requested the editor of this paper, that if it fell to our lot to publish an obituary notice of his life, that he wished we would take it from a book which was published six years ago giving biographical sketches of the lives of a great many prominent Union county men. The book was edited and compiled by Geo. A. Ide of Creston and the sketch regarding Mr. Rowell was correct at that time. We will comply with his request and following is the biography as appeared in the book:

Honored and respected by all, there is no man in Union county, according to the consensus of public opinion, who occupies a more enviable position in the regard of his fellow citizens than does Hon. Neal W. Rowell, whose life record has been of benefit to those among whom his lot has been cast, not only in his professional service as a member of the bar and as a judge on the bench, but also in public office and by reason of his influence, which has always been on the side of that which is progressive and elevating.

He was born June 19, 1830, in Athens county, Ohio, a son of William and Hester (Lentner) Rowell. His father, a farmer by occupation, was born January 1, 1795, in Parkersburg, West Virginia, and his mother's birth occurred in Dover, Delaware, in 1803. The parental grandfather of Judge Rowell was an Englishman whose parents came from the "Merrie Isle" at an early day. His wife was a member of the Neal family and of pure Irish lineage. The maternal grandfather was of Dutch descent, his parents coming from Holland to the new world, and settling at New Amsterdam. He married a Miss Russell, of pure Scotch blood. It will thus be seen that various nationalities find representation in Judge Rowell and with him, as with many others, it will be found that this American composite is one which seems to have taken the best from each race and combined the different salient national characteristics into a strong and harmonious whole.

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borders throughout the entire period of its history.

Judge Rowell was married in Decatur City, Iowa, December 6, 1859, to Miss Anna E. Ownby, who was born in Virginia in 1841. Their children are Dr. J. W. Rowell, who married Grace Curry; Helen, who is the widow of J. P. Wharton and with her daughter, Ethel, resides with her parents; Bessie and Neal C, who are at home. Four children of the family died in infancy.

Judge Rowell is a member of Afton Lodge, No. 151, A. F. & A. M., having joined the order in 1864. He also belongs to Afton Chapter, No. 67, R. A. M., with which he became identified in 1888. He has passed all the chairs in the blue lodge and is a member of the Grand Lodge. He likewise belongs to Afton Lodge, No. 130, I. O. O. F., in which he was initiated in 1861. He has filled all of its offices and been a member of the Grand Lodge but holds no official position in either of the organizations at the present time. For forty years he has been an efficient member and active worker in the Methodist Episcopal church and Sunday school. The rules of conduct which have governed his life have been those in harmony with high ideals of manhood, of citizenship and of professional honor. He has been a friend and associate of those most prominent in social circles and enjoys the confidence and good will of all who know him. Early determining that his life should be one of usefulness to his community, and holding to high standards of professional and personal honor, he has so lived that the public acknowledges his worth, giving him uniform respect and regard for the untarnished name that he has won.

### The Psychology of Practice.

The question of short versus long periods of practice in training the human muscles for any particular kind of work is obviously one having far-reaching application. Some interesting experiments on this subject have been carried out by Dr. K. S. Lashley of Johns Hopkins university. Acquisition of skill in archery was selected as the subject of observation. Twenty untrained persons were divided into three groups. One group shot five arrows with the English longbow per day; another twenty shots per day and the third forty shots. The result showed conclusively that the group shooting only five times a day improved in accuracy with less expenditure of time in practice than was required by either of the other groups for the same amount of improvement. A report on the experiments says: "The relatively greater efficiency of short periods of practice continuing for many days is in accordance with the results of the study of animals and of speech habits in man and indicates that in training to muscular feats, in both animals and men, the length of practice periods required is usually too great for maximum efficiency."—Philadelphia Record.

### The City of Pola.

Since the Austrians made the city of Pola their chief base in 1848 they have accomplished wonders there. It is claimed that with the assistance of submarines and aircraft Pola is virtually impregnable. Its commodious harbor, almost land locked, has been enlarged so that it easily contains the entire Austrian fleet. It is divided into two basins by a chain of small islands, the entrance is strongly defended, and an extensive system of fortifications on the hills inclosing the harbor insures complete protection. There is a road

## FATAL AUTO ACCIDENT

### Mrs. Henry Martin Killed Saturday Evening in Auto Accident

Mrs. Henry Martin, wife of Henry Martin of Macksburg, was fatally injured in an automobile accident which occurred about 9:30 o'clock Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin and their two sons, Leslie and Orin had been attending the meeting at the tabernacle and were on their way home. At the second culvert north of the school house by the Ed Young farm, just south of the railroad crossing, the hind wheel of the car missed the end of the culvert and Mrs. Martin was thrown from her seat striking the ground on her head and shoulders.

Her neck and left shoulder were broken and a deep gash cut in the back of her head. The car was not overturned and the other occupants were uninjured.

Arthur Sadder, a neighbor, was driving with them in his car and the injured woman was placed in his car and brought to Cottage hospital in this city. Everything possible was done to save her life but she passed away about eleven o'clock. The remains were removed to the Emerson undertaking parlors and prepared for burial and will be taken to Macksburg today. No funeral arrangements will be made until relatives from away have been heard from.

The Martin home is situated about four miles this side of Macksburg. The family are old and highly esteemed residents of the community in which they reside and Mrs. Martin's untimely death will be a severe shock to their many friends and neighbors. She was a woman who always lead an extremely devout Christian life, was a most loving wife and mother and her deeds of kindness to others will long be remembered by all who knew her. The sympathy of the entire community goes out to the loved ones left behind.

The accident was one that there was no possible chance of averting. The grass by the roadside had grown so high that it was impossible to tell the exact location of the end of the culvert, especially at night.—Creston American.

### Mrs. Younkin Dead

Last Tuesday occurred the death of Mrs. Caroline Younkin, wife of Jerry Younkin, at Gering, Nebraska. The remains were brought back to Afton and funeral services will be held this afternoon at 3:00 o'clock from the M. E. church. Besides her husband, she leaves five children and other relatives and friends to mourn their loss. Obituary next week.



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We extend an invitation to anyone interested in the short course, or any other topic of general interest, to write an article for publication. We will be glad to publish them.

**Arrested For Wife Desertion**

Last Friday information was sworn out against Russell Craig, charging him with wife desertion, the information being filed by W. H. Smith father of Mrs. Craig. Mr. Craig was brought before Justice J. T. Thomas and gave bond for his appearance at the trial to be held on Wednesday. On Wednesday the trial was held before Justice Thomas, County Attorney appearing for the plaintiff and Attorney Higbee appearing for the defendant.

After hearing the evidence of the prosecution, Atty. Higbee made a motion, that on account of lack of evidence, the defendant be dismissed. This the court sustained and the case was ended.

According to the evidence it was admitted that the plaintiff had left defendant on several different occasions, the last time on the 10th of the present month. On two other occasions she left him for a period of several months each. They have been married about three years. She alleged that the cause of her leaving him was on account of abuse, non-support and because he compelled her to work when she was not in a physical condition to do so. However in the cross examination it was admitted that the defendant had provided for the family table at such times as she was at home, that during a part of the time she was at the home of her parents, he had paid the sum of \$5.00 per week for her support, he having paid a total sum of \$120 to her father for her board. As the defense did not hear any witnesses, it is not known what their side of the story was, but it is said they had some strong evidence.

It is an unfortunate case as they have a little boy about two years old.

**Notice to Contractors**

We will receive bids up until 3:30 o'clock p. m. Thursday, July 15, 1915 for the construction of a frame residence to be erected on my lot in Afton, Iowa. Building to be erected according to plans and specifications now on file at Citizen's Bank, Afton, Iowa.

We reserve right to reject any or all bids.  
G. L. and R. B. BARNUM.

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His father had removed his large family from Ohio to Iowa in 1847 and settled in Wapello county, Judge Rowell being at that time a small boy. The journey was made overland in wagons and covered about thirty days. The Judge was therefore reared upon the frontier and was associated with the pioneer development of the community in which the family home was established, while for forty years he has been a factor in the progress and improvement of the city in which he now makes his home. His fellow townsmen have recognized his professional worth and his loyal, patriotic citizenship is indicated in his selection for various official honors. He was elected county Judge of Union county in 1862 and upon the bench rendered decisions which were strictly fair and impartial, fully sustaining the reputation which he had made as a lawyer and as a man. In 1868 he was elected to represent his district in the twelfth general assembly of Iowa and two years later was chosen for a second term. As a member of the house he gave careful consideration to each question that came up for settlement and the merits of many of the bills which he then supported has been manifest in their execution as state laws. In 1875 he was honored with the mayoralty of Afton and was re-elected for the second term the following year. He served as a member of the board of education from 1865 until 1880 and in all of his public services has been actuated by a devotion to the best interests of the community at large, his fidelity being above question. In his political views he has always been a republican and has delivered more political speeches in Union county than any other person within its

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**Byron's Famous Swim.**

Byron was cruising up the *Dante* in a British warship, the *Salsetta*, when he accomplished his famous swim from Abydos to Sestos, the distance (a little over four miles) being covered in seventy minutes. "You will smile at this exploit," the poet wrote to R. C. Dallas in a letter describing the swim, "but as it made an ancient immortal I see no reason why a modern may not be permitted to boast of it, particularly as I had no mistress to comfort me at landing."

According to Hobhouse, his traveling companion, Byron, "had previously made a more perilous but less celebrated passage, for I recollect that when we were in Portugal he swam from Old Lisbon to Belem castle and, haying to contend with a tide and counter-current, the wind blowing freshly, was but little less than two hours in crossing the river."—Pall Mall Gazette.

**He Wouldn't Give Thanks.**

An eighteenth century clerical humorist, one Thom of Govan, the Glasgow Herald states, had no great fondness for days of national fasting or even of thanksgiving. At the close of the American war he commenced a sermon thus: "My friends, we are commanded by royal authority to meet this day for the purpose of public thanksgiving. Now, I should like to know what it is we are to give thanks for. Is it for the loss of thirteen provinces? Is it for the slaughter of so many thousands of our countrymen? Is it for so many millions of increased national debt? I see, my friends, you are all laughing at me, and I am not surprised at it, for were I not standing where I am I would be laughing myself."

**Pollitense in China.**

In China parents are held responsible for the manners of their children. Accordingly, for the credit of their parents, people try to be polite. If you are mobbed in a Chinese town you should look straight at one or two of the people and say: "Your parents did not pay much attention to your manners. They did not teach you the rules of propriety." A remark like this will make the crowd slink away, one by one, ashamed of themselves.

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**COOKING CAULIFLOWER.**

**F**OLLOWING are some cauliflower recipes that may appeal because of their departure from the usual cauliflower preparations:  
Scalloped Cauliflower. — Carefully clean the cauliflower and soak in cold salt water for thirty minutes. Plunge in boiling water and cook for twenty minutes. Do not boil briskly; let the water just bubble all the time. Drain off the water, grease a baking dish, line with a layer of cauliflower, add a layer of toasted breadcrumbs, another of cauliflower, and so on alternately, letting the top layer be of breadcrumbs. Over all pour a cup of boiling milk, dot the top with butter and bake in a moderate oven for twenty minutes.

Spanish Cauliflower. — Finely chop one medium size onion and a small bunch of parsley. Melt a tablespoonful of butter in a pan and fry the onion until it is brown. Season with celery salt. Blend in one tablespoonful of flour, add a cupful of boiling water and let simmer for half an hour. Carefully clean the cauliflower and boil for half an hour. Drain the onion sauce, add three tablespoonfuls of tomato catsup, drain the cauliflower, turn into a baking pan, pour over the sauce, place in a moderate oven for five minutes and serve hot.

Cauliflower Croquettes. — Finely chop cold cooked cauliflower, mix in one small, finely chopped onion, one small bunch of parsley finely chopped, one-half cupful of breadcrumbs and one well beaten egg. Carefully mix and mold into croquette forms, dip in cracker dust and fry in deep, smoking fat until a light brown.

**A Delicious Concoction.**

Apple gelatin is a delicious concoction that is very seldom tried, although its cheapness and the simple preparation entitle it to a place on the weekly menu. Stew apples until tender enough to be pierced with a straw. Sweeten and flavor with lemon, nutmeg, vanilla or cinnamon. While they still retain their shape place them in a mold. Add enough water to make a pint, add to the sirup half a package of granulated gelatin which has been previously dissolved in cold water and pour over the apples. When hardened serve with custard or vanilla sauce or whipped cream.

*Aunt Thompson*

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## Family Group Record

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### Husband

[Neal Wallace Rowell](#)[Pedigree](#)

**Birth:** 19 JUN 1836 Athens City, , , Illinois  
**Christening:**  
**Marriage:** 06 DEC 1859 Decatur City, Decatur, Iowa  
**Death:** 30 JUN 1915  
**Burial:**

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### Wife

[Anna Elizabeth Ownby](#)[Pedigree](#)

**Birth:** 1841 , , Virginia  
**Christening:**  
**Marriage:** 06 DEC 1859 Decatur City, Decatur, Iowa  
**Death:**  
**Burial:**

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### Children

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1. [James William Rowell](#)[Pedigree](#)

Male

**Birth:** 08 JAN 1864 Afton, Union, Iowa  
**Christening:**  
**Death:**  
**Burial:**

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2. [Helen Rowell](#)[Pedigree](#)

Female

**Birth:** 15 MAY 1868 Afton, Union, Iowa  
**Christening:**  
**Death:**  
**Burial:**

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3. [Alie Elizabeth Rowell](#)[Pedigree](#)

Female

**Birth:** 09 AUG 1872 Afton, Union, Iowa  
**Christening:**  
**Death:**  
**Burial:**

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4. [Neal Carlton Rowell](#)[Pedigree](#)

Male

**Birth:** 31 AUG 1882 Afton, Union, Iowa  
**Christening:**  
**Death:**  
**Burial:**

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**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

**Neal Wallace Rowell**  
**Born:** 19 Jun 1836  
 Athens, Ohio, USA  
**Died:** 1915  
 Probably Afton, Union, Iowa, USA  
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[William Rowell](#)

[Hester Lentner](#)

[Daniel Rowell](#)

[Nancy Neal](#)

[Jacob Lentner](#)

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**Spouse**

[Anna Elizabeth Ownby](#)  
**Born:** 12 Sep 1841 in Franklin, Virginia, USA  
**Died:** 9 Apr 1923 in Afton, Decatur, Iowa, USA

**Marriage:** 6 Dec 1859 in Decatur City, Decatur, Iowa, USA [View Info](#)

**Children**

Children	Sex	Birth
<a href="#">James William Rowell</a>	M	8 Jan 1864 in Afton, Union, Iowa, USA
<a href="#">Helen B Rowell</a>	F	15 May 1868 in Afton, Union, Iowa, USA
<a href="#">Alle Elizabeth Rowell</a>	F	9 Aug 1872 in Afton, Union, Iowa, USA
<a href="#">Neal Carlton Rowell</a>	M	31 Aug 1882 in Afton, Union, Iowa, USA

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## Union County, Iowa

From the Earliest Historic Times to 1908

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By GEORGE A. IDE

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Also Biographical Sketches of Some  
Prominent Citizens of the County

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### ADVISORY BOARD

Ex-Senator J. B. Harsh

Ex-County Attorney J. G. Bull

Judge N. W. Rowell

Ex-Representative W. H. Robb

Hon. J. F. Bryan

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In 1864, in Boston, Massachusetts, Mr. Brennan was married to Miss Hannah McNamara, and unto them have been born five children, of whom four are yet living, namely: John P., Edward W., Mary E. and Martin H.

Mr. Brennan served on the staff of Governor Boies with the rank of colonel and thus received the title by which he is now known. In politics he is a stalwart advocate of the democracy and keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day. He has served as different times as councilman of Creston, filling the office altogether for fourteen or sixteen years and in the position he has done effective service in support of progressive measures and movements in the city. He is a man of genial and social nature, whose circle of friends is almost co-extensive with the circle of his acquaintance.

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Judge Rowell entered the Ohio University at Athens, Ohio, in 1853, after having pursued his preliminary education in the public schools. He mastered the scientific course and was graduated in 1856. His early youth had been spent on the home farm as one of a family of thirteen children and his experiences and habits were those of the ordinary country boy. However, in his home training he mastered lessons of life which have left their impress upon his later years in an honorable, upright manhood. His



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collegiate course completed, he began preparation for the practice of law as a student in the office of Harris & Galbraith, attorneys at Centerville, Appanoose county, Iowa, and in 1858 was admitted to the bar. In July of the same year he came to Afton and entered upon the practice of law, in which he has continued to the present time, or for a period of about forty years.

His father had removed with his large family from Ohio to Iowa in 1847 and settled in Wapello county, Judge Rowell being at that time a small boy. The journey was made overland in wagons and covered about thirty days. The Judge was therefore reared upon the frontier and was associated with the pioneer development of the community in which the family home was established, while for forty years he has been a factor in the progress and improvement of the city in which he now makes his home. His fellow townsmen have recognized his professional worth and his loyal, patriotic citizenship is indicated in his selection for various official honors. He was elected county judge of Union county in 1862 and upon the bench rendered decisions which were strictly fair and impartial, fully sustaining the reputation which he had made as a lawyer and as a man. In 1868 he was elected to represent his district in the twelfth general assembly of Iowa and two years later was chosen for a second term. As a member of the house he gave careful consideration to each question that came up for settlement and the merit of many of the bills which he then supported has been manifest in their execution as state laws. In 1875 he was honored with the mayoralty of Afton and was re-elected for a second term the following year. He served as a member of the board of education from 1865 until 1880 and in all of his public services has been actuated by a devotion to the best interests of the community at large, his fidelity being above question. In his political views he has always been a republican and has delivered more political speeches in Union county than any other person within its borders throughout the entire period of its history.

Judge Rowell was married in Decatur City, Iowa, December 6, 1859, to Miss Anna E. Ownby, who was born in Virginia in 1841. Their children are Dr. J. W. Rowell, who married Grace Curry; Helen, who is the widow of J. P. Wharton and with her daughter, Ethel, resides with her parents; Bessie and Neal C., who are at home. Four children of the family died in infancy.

Judge Rowell is a member of Afton Lodge, No. 151, A. F. & A. M., having joined the order in 1864. He also belongs to Afton Chapter, No. 67, R. A. M., with which he became identified in 1888. He has passed all the chairs in the blue lodge and is a member of the Grand Lodge. He likewise belongs to Afton Lodge, No. 130, I. O. O. F., in which he was initiated in 1861. He has filled all of its offices and been a member of the Grand Lodge but holds no official position in either of the organizations at the present time. For forty years he has been an efficient member and active worker in the Methodist Episcopal church and Sunday school. The rules of conduct which have governed his life have been those in harmony with high ideals of manhood, of citizenship and of professional honor. He

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