

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative De Cou, John Senator _____
Represented Winneshiek County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 16 Apr 1894 Canada

2. Marriage (s) date place
Mary De Cou Canada

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business _____

B. Civic responsibilities _____

C. Profession Farmer

4. Church membership _____

5. Sessions served 15th General Assembly 1894

6. Public Offices

A. Local Judge of the Peace, Winneshiek County, judge; held other various offices; Military Township Supervisor

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 21 Dec 1912 near Ossian Iowa; buried Centennial Cemetery, Winneshiek County Iowa

8. Children Eber; Walker; Charles (predeceased his father in death)

9. Names of parents _____

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10. Education He attended school in his locale in Canada until
age 18

11. Degrees Attended a Canadian university for 2 years

12. Other applicable information Democrat

- He taught school for 6 years in Canada
- In 1850 he and his wife emigrated to Iowa, settling in
Bloomfield Township, Winnebago County, Iowa until 1854
They then moved to a farm in Military Township
near Ossian, Iowa.

For Sale Cheap

The Barth restaurant on Wash-
ington street, near the
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Big Land Deal.

Otto Sorenson recently closed a deal with a gentleman living near Ossiian for the sale of 10,000 acres of land 35 miles northwest of Winnipeg, Canada. The price was \$15.00 an acre.

Mrs. Knute Nelson Dies.

Mrs. Knute Nelson of the 4th ward, who recently underwent an operation for cancerous tumor, died this morning at nine o'clock. She was about 75 years of age. We have no particulars.

Oscar Heuser is Captain.

Oscar Heuser, son of Fred Heuser, manager of one of the Haug Stores in Spillville, was elected captain of the 1913 St. Joseph foot ball team of Dubuque at the annual banquet Thursday evening. He plays half and is noted as one of the best back fielders the institution ever produced. He was awarded one of the coveted "J's".

Father Lowery Honored.

The following from the St. Louis Post-Dispatch will interest many of our readers acquainted with Father Lowery, who was here some 40 years ago.

Burlington, Tex., Dec. 7.—The Rev. C. J. Lowery of Burlington, has just celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of his ordination as a Catholic priest. Father Lowery is in his seventies, but is as vigorous as a man 20 years younger.

He has charge of St. Michael's Church at Burlington.

The ceremonies attending the anniversary were impressive, the entire town taking part. Many noted Texas pastors came to participate, including Bishop Gallagher of Galveston. Father Lowery was ordained at Dubuque, Ia., in 1862, but has lived in Texas for many years.

New Year's Night Dance.

There will be a dance New Year's night, Jan. 1, 1913, from 8 till 2, at Marsh's Hall. Strict order will be kept. Bud Bucknell, manager. Adv.

Farm Sells for \$39,243.75.

Mr. J. Klein, cashier of the Citizens Bank of Ossiian, last week closed the deal for one of the largest, if not the very largest, land sale ever transacted in this county. As agent for Elizabeth Boyle he sold her farm of 345 acres 1 1/2 miles south of Ossiian to a gentleman in Clayton Co. for the immense sum of \$39,243.75. That is \$113.75 an acre.

Mr. Klein is dealing in big things these days. While we were in Ossiian Saturday, he asked us to hold a \$10,000.00 gold certificate, while he counted his Lincoln pennies. This bill is the property of the Citizens Bank of Ossiian and is supposed to be the largest ever owned in the

JUDGE DECOU PASSES.

Dec. 22, 1912, at Advanced Age
of 88 Years.

Sunday last Judge John De Cou, one of Winneshiek county's oldest settlers, passed away at his home near Ossiian at the age of more than 88 years and eight months. Death was due chiefly to the infirmities of old age. We are without sufficient data for an adequate obituary of the respected old gentleman.

The following facts we take from Alexander's History of Allamakee and Winneshiek counties.

"Hon. J. DeCou, farmer, residing on Sec. 1 in Military twp., was born in Canada in 1824. He attended school until 18 years of age, when he began teaching, which he continued for six years; then attended a university in Canada for two years. He then married Miss Mary De Cou, and in 1850 emigrated to Iowa, settled in Bloomfield twp., remained there until 1854, and in that year came to where he now resides. In 1855 he became a voter. In 1856 he was elected justice of the peace and in 1861 was elected county judge, which position he held several years. He has also filled many other county offices. In 1873 he was elected to the state legislature and served one term. The Judge has a fine farm situated two miles northeast of Ossiian, and is assisted in operating it by his youngest son, Walker. His other son, Eber, is also a thrifty farmer in this twp."

Later Judge De Cou was member of the board of supervisors for Military twp., when each township supplied a member. He was the board's chairman and was one of a small committee that settled the site for the present county farm. Mr. De Cou was a life-long Democrat. He was highly esteemed by friend and foe alike and passed to his reward with the high regard of all who knew him.

A good Suggestion.

Buy a ticket to "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch" for Monday, Dec. 30th, and give it to your friend as a Christmas gift. It will be much appreciated.

Decorah Lots Sold.

Mrs. P. O. Ingvaldstad has purchased of Emma Beard the vacant lot directly across the street from the Percy Bullard house on Day street. She will build a bungalow on the lot in the spring. She has purchased also of Mrs. E. B. Morris the lot on the corner east of Dr. T. C. Hutchinson's residence on Broadway. Mrs. Ingvaldstad's house across from the lumber yard has become too large for her family and she offers it for sale.

Ronans Ship Many Horses.

Ronan Bros. have shipped a large number of horses from this vicinity

Additional Locals

Dr. and Mrs. J. P. ...
Herbert C. Toye of Chicago, are spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Toye.

Boys screaming for help caused a false alarm in West Decorah last week and fooled W. T. Symonds, E. J. Stoddard, and others into some lively scrambles for the river.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Martin of Storm Lake arrived last night to spend Christmas at the home of their daughter, Mrs. H. E. Miller. From here they go to Chicago to visit their son.

Miss Clara Hoyt, who is a student of music in Northwestern University at Evanston, Ill., arrived Friday to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Hoyt.

Miss Lily Dresselhaus arrived Saturday from Mount Vernon, Ia., where she attended Cornell College. She visits her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Dresselhaus of Canoe twp.

Harold McKinney, who has a good position with the Fairbanks-Morse Co. in Beloit, Wis., arrived Saturday to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. McKinney.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Baker left yesterday for California and other Pacific coast points. They will be gone nine months. Russell Baker went to Davenport to spend the holidays with his sister, Mrs. Wm. Waterman.

Theodore Bailey of Owatonna spent Sunday and yesterday here with his mother, Mrs. Minnie Bailey, and his sister, Miss Nancy Bailey. Last night he left for Fort Dodge, Ia., to join his wife in a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Morroe.

John Suhring arrived yesterday from Utah to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Suhring. Their son, Albert, arrives today from Peoria, Ill. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Webber arrived yesterday from Jamestown, N. D., to visit the Suhrings and Mr. Webber's mother, Mrs. Sophia Webber.

Reduce The Wages Of The Boss.

Laurie J. Quinby writing in that excellent publication, The Chancellor, Omaha, Neb., gives this instructive lesson:

He is a rather snappy little Irish chap, and he comes in on errands every day or so. The other day I said to him, "How much wages do you pay Hogan (his employer) every week?"

"Me pay Hogan? Don't pay Hogan nothing."

"Oh, I am sure you do," said I. "How do you make out," said he

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brides who remain in the county

Double Header Basket Ball.

The girls' and boys' basket ball
teams of the Decorah high school will
play the girls' and boys' alumni teams
at Steyer's opera house on Friday
evening, Jan. 3d. This promises to
furnish two close contests.

C. O. F. Dance at Bluffton.

Next Friday evening, December 27,
a big dance will be given in the Bluff-
ton dance hall under the auspices of
the C. O. F. Everybody is cordially
invited and a big time is assured all
who attend.

Our Christmas Turkey.

A great, big, luscious turkey found
its way to our kitchen the other day,
all ready for the oven. Mrs. Frank

JUDGE DECOW DEAD.

Venerable Resident of Military Town-
ship, Well Known Throughout
County, Goes to Reward.

Judge J. DeCow, one of the earliest
pioneer residents and most conspic-
uous characters of Winneshiek coun-
ty, passed away on Sunday at his
home near Ossian, at the advanced
age of 89 years, death coming from
infirmities incident to old age. He
was born in Canada in 1824; where he
attended school until eighteen years
of age, when he began teaching, and
continued in this profession for six
years, after which he attended a Can-
adian university for two years. He
then married Miss Mary DeCow, and
in 1850 emigrated to Iowa, settling
in Bloomfield township, this county,
where he remained until 1854, then
removing to the farm in Military
township, two miles northeast of Os-
sian, where he has made his home
thru all these years and has been a
prominent figure in the growth and
development of the county in many
ways. He became a voter in 1855,
and in 1856 was elected Justice of the
Peace. In 1861 he was elected County
Judge, which position he held for
several years. Various other offices
have been acceptably filled by him,
and he also represented Winneshiek
county in the legislature, being elect-
ed in 1873. His wife died several
years ago, and one son, Charles, pre-
ceded him. Two sons, Eber and Walk-
er, survive. The funeral services were
held yesterday afternoon, with inter-
ment in the Centennial cemetery.

Judge DeCow was a man of high
ideals, an upright, able, conscientious
citizen, whose long life in this coun-
ty, during almost its entire history,
was devoted to its upbuilding and ad-
vancement. He has contributed much
to its material welfare and prosperity,
and future historians of Winneshiek
county will record him as one of its
most substantial pioneers. He will
be remembered and his memory rever-
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THE REPUBLICAN

DECORAH, IOWA.

Established 1860—Published Thursday
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WE AND OUR NEIGHBORS.

—If
—You
—Did not
—Get what you
—Wanted Christmas
—Don't kick or growl.
—Your friends may be in same fix.
—Allamakee county is arranging for a short course next year.
—Oscar Dahlen of Lake Mills marketed a hog that weighed an even 785 lbs.
—Hog cholera is reported quite prevalent in some portions of Allamakee county.

—C. H. Roberts of West Union was thrown by a wild cow and his spine severely injured.

—The armory of the militia company at Webster City will be sold by the sheriff January 4.

—An ice gorge formed in the Mississippi above Lansing last week but no damage was done.

—The Illinois Central railroad will make Dubuque a terminal point between Freeport, Ill., and Waterloo.

—The "wets" claim that saloons are assured in Waterloo. The petition filed had 500 more names than a majority.

—Seven drug stores at Waterloo were brought before the court last week charged with selling liquors illegally.

—Jimmy Huckens, aged 25 years, accidentally blew the top of his head off while hunting four miles from Mason City.

—John Brown, who was attacked by a vicious bull near Rockwell a week ago, died without regaining consciousness.

—After serving sixteen years continuously as judge of district court, Judge Jefferson Fern Clyde of Osage retires from office.

—While skating at Lansing, the son of Geo. Glass broke through the ice and it was with difficulty that he was saved from drowning.

—Game Warden O. P. Waterbury of Nora Springs reports that thousands of fish are dying in the little ponds adjacent to the Cedar River.

—The returns show that F. S. Greathead, republican, defeated Mrs. Belle Thorpe by six votes for county superintendent of Fayette county. Mrs. ... contacts and a new count is

JUDGE JOHN DECOU AT REST

WAS A PIONEER IN BLOOMFIELD
AND MILITARY TOWNSHIPS.

Mrs. P. McCusker Called Without Warning—Mrs. Guri Nelson Sumcumbs After Illness of Several Months.

Word came to Decorah last Sunday that Hon. John DeCou, one of the oldest and best known residents of Winneshiek county, had passed away that morning at his farm near Ossian after an illness of several months due largely to the infirmities of old age.

The passing of Judge DeCou, for so he was generally known, takes from the ranks of the Democratic party of this county one who, in the days of his youth and activity, was one of its most prominent and able members. He was a Democrat of the old school, a student of political events, and while he did not pretend to be a public speaker he was always able to defend the cause he espoused in an able and intelligent manner.

Mr. DeCou was born in Canada in 1824. Alexander's History of Winneshiek county says he attended school until eighteen years of age and for six years thereafter engaged in teaching, after which he attended the University of Canada for two years. He was married to Miss Mary DeCou in 1850 and came to Iowa and settled in Bloomfield township, where he resided until 1854. He then moved over into Military township and purchased the farm where he has since continued to live. In 1855 he acquired full citizenship and the fact that he early made his impress upon those about him is shown in the fact that in the following year he was elected Justice of the Peace. In 1861 he was elected County Judge and served for several years. Other honors of minor importance were conferred upon him, but in 1873 he was elected to the State Legislature and served for one term. He is survived by two sons, Eber and Walker DeCou. The funeral was held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. Mahlon Willett of Decorah officiating, and interment was made in the Centennial cemetery.

Ever since the REPUBLICAN has been in the possession of the Bailey family Judge DeCou has been not only a reader of the paper but a friend of its editors as well. Although he sustained a marked difference of political opinion, and there were times when we engaged

band, Mrs. Nelson is survived by the daughters and eight sons. The latter are Mrs. O. J. Lomen, Fosston, Minn.; Mrs. B. O. Solsten, Minneapolis; Mrs. Sarah Hamre, Decorah; Nels and Ise Nelson, Winnebago county, Iowa, of Duluth, James, residing in Canada; Gilbert, Christ and Charley of Decorah and Fred in Bluffton township. The other sons have passed away.

The funeral will be held Friday afternoon at two o'clock from the First Lutheran church, Rev. Torrison officiating and interment will be made in the Norwegian cemetery.

CLEVELAND H. BAKER.

The daily papers announced the death last week of Cleveland H. Baker in Nevada. He was not known in this section but the older residents of Decorah will remember his father, Geo. W. Baker. Cleveland H. Baker was the attorney general of Nevada, married the daughter of Senator Perkins of California, and was a cousin of G. F. Ball of this city.

THE NEW FIRE ALARM.

The Test Made Last Saturday Indicates That it Will be Complete Success.

It looks at present writing as though the new system of fire alarm is a complete success. It is not yet fully established but was far enough along last Saturday so the fire committee made a test. The strokes come rapidly and the volume of sound is greatly increased compared with the old kind of morning. The alarm could be heard distinctly all over the business section and the workmen at the Swenson Vase factory said they could hear it plainly something that was not known before. There is yet a sounding board to be erected over the bell that will greatly increase the volume. As soon as wiring can be done the central station will be located at the telephone office so in the case of fire the alarm can be telephoned in and by the simple pressure of a key the general alarm will sound, thus saving the finding of a crier or an officer who would have to run to the bell and give the alarm. The saving of time is enough to commend it. As soon as the wires are strung and everything completed the citizens will be given a chance to learn how it works. The council and the fire committee are to be commended for the work they have done.

Canoe Land Brings \$115.00 per Acre