

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Senator HAM, Moses M.

Represented Dubuque County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 23 March 1833, Shapleigh, York Co., Maine

2. Marriage (s) date place

- (A) Helen (Hellen) (Nellie) M. Tucker; Mass c.1842 - 1870), prob Mich. 1859  
(B) Rebecca M. Wells (? - 1877) Davenort, 1874

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business teacher, newspaper editor and publisher

B. Civic responsibilities school board; state bd regents; Demo party

C. Profession \_\_\_\_\_

4. Church membership Episcopal

5. Sessions served 16 & 17GA, 1878-1882; SD 35, Dubuque

6. Public Offices

A. Local Dub. Bd education (pres.)

B. State trustee/regent, State Univ of Iowa

C. National postmaster, Dubuque; adj. Mich Regt; Divil War--not active

7. Death 25 Dec. 1902, at home, Dubuque; prolonged illness; bur Linwood Cem.

8. Children (1) Helen (Nellie) (c. 1865 - \_\_\_\_\_ ; (2) Col. Clifford D.(c. 1867 -  
d. in Phillipine Id. 1911); (3) Rebecca (?) (c. 1866-- (listed as dau in 1900 census, but  
not on 1870 census.

9. Names of parents Dr. Levi J. Ham b. Maine; Mary Ayer b. Miñne; both m  
to NY Erie Co. c. 1847

10. Education Lima Seminary Genessee Wesleyan; Union College  
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11. Degrees BA Union 1855  
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12. Other applicable information \_\_\_\_\_

After college, went to Michigan. Principal of school; ~~then~~ in Hillsdale Co.; then to Detroit where was editor of Free Press 7 years. To Iowa 1863. Editor of Dubuque Herald & then bought interest in it. Later partner in it for 35 years. Editor in chief. Sold paper 1899. 16 years member of national Democratic Committee. Offered first asst Postmaster Gen, ny Pres. Cleveland, but refused because of business ints in Dubuque. Postmaster, Dubuque 8 yrs. Vestryman of church.

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## NOTABLE DEATHS.

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MOSES M. HAM was born in the town of Shopleigh, York county, Maine, March 23, 1833; he died at Dubuque, Iowa, Dec. 25, 1902. Mr. Ham came of revolutionary stock. His ancestors bore an honorable part in the colonial and revolutionary wars and the war of 1812. He was educated at the Collegiate Seminary at Carysville, and at Oneida College, Schenectady, N. Y. He graduated at the last named institution in 1855. Migrating westward he first settled in Jonesville, Mich., where he became principal of the public schools which place he held for two years, at the expiration of which time he began his career in journalism. He secured a position on *The Detroit Free Press*, of which Wilbur F. Story (afterwards of *The Chicago Times*) was the editor. He entered the military service in the war for the Union, and was for a short time adjutant of a Michigan regiment, though he saw no active service. He remained with *The Free Press* until 1863, when he removed to Dubuque and secured an interest in *The Herald* of that city. He was first associated with Stillson Hutchins and Patrick Robb. Two years later Mr. Robb died and Mr. Hutchins removed to Washington, D. C. Mr. D. D. W. Carver, who had been associated with A. B. F. Hildreth in *The Charles City Intelligencer*, then became a joint partner with him in the proprietorship of *The Herald*. Mr. Ham from this time was the editor of *The Herald* "for thirty-five years without a break." It became under his editorial management, one of the foremost democratic papers in the State. It was able and enterprising in all its departments, but especially in its commercial reports. Mr. Ham occupied a high position in the councils of his party, not alone in Iowa, but in the nation, serving as delegate in its national conventions and as a member of its national committees. He enjoyed the confidence of Samuel J. Tilden and President Cleveland. He was tendered the appointment of assistant postmaster general by the latter, which he declined for business reasons. He accepted the position of postmaster of Dubuque, which he held eight years. He served a term as state senator, and as trustee or regent of the State University several years, and long as a member of the local board of education. He was a tireless worker, who gave all his energies to whatever task his hands or head found to do, a vigorous, able and versatile editor. No man in his city enjoyed in a higher degree the personal respect and confidence of those who knew him well. Several years ago he became a victim of that fell disease known as locomotor ataxia, which resulted in paralysis of his lower limbs. He was unable to move about except in an invalid's chair. But until a short time before the end came his mind was bright and clear and he continued to write for the public press. Two of his articles relating to the early history of Dubuque were prepared for and appeared in this magazine. He and Mr. Carver presented to the Historical Department of Iowa a file of *The Herald* for more than forty years, a gift which will always be esteemed as of great value by the students of Iowa history.

MARTIN TUTTLE was born in Monroe county, Ohio, Nov. 27, 1824; he died in Des Moines, Nov. 9, 1902. He was the son of James and Esther Crow Tuttle; his father born in Kennebunk Port, Maine; his mother of Pennsylvania German-Quaker stock. He was a younger brother of General James Madison Tuttle, the hero of Fort Donelson. Their earliest ancestor in America, John Tuttle, arrived in Boston in the ship Planter, 1635. Martin Tuttle married Miss Mary George, of Fayetteville, Ind., March 7, 1849, and soon removed to Farmington, Iowa. Their children are Alice, Mrs. W. W. Baldwin, of Burlington; Georgia, Mrs. John H. Drabelle, of St. Louis; Charles, deceased 1901; Sarah, Mrs. Francis F. Connor, of Bur-

ience, biology, physics, chemistry and physical science were developed for the high schools. Elementary and secondary social studies curricula emphasizing Christian social principles were adopted. Supervisors' associations were formed to establish uniform school policy and stimulate teacher growth and improved methods. On September 18-19, 1952, the first organized program of in-service for elementary and secondary teachers was held at St. Francis School in **DYERSVILLE**. The Association of Elementary School Supervisors was organized in late 1951 while the Secondary Supervisors' Association held its first meeting on September 23, 1952. Because suitable material in Iowa history was unavailable, Father Halbach appointed a committee to prepare a study guide for the archdiocesan schools incorporating the principles of Christian social living. The first draft was presented in 1952 with revisions in 1955 and a complete rewriting in 1964. Msgr. Halbach was appointed head of the Education Department of Loras College on May 29, 1953. He was succeeded by Msgr. Justin A. **DRISCOLL**.

**HALLIBURTON**, Louise Herron. (**DUBUQUE**, IA—Dubuque, IA, Aug. 7, 1991). Local artist and social activist. Described in an article by the *New York Times* as a pacifist before World War I, Halliburton picketed for civil rights, befriended conscientious objectors, and regularly participated in the Silent Vigil for Peace demonstrations at Washington Park during the Vietnam War. A member of the War Resisters' League, she was the only protestor to march with conscientious objectors during World War II. One of the finest watercolorists in **DUBUQUE COUNTY**, she had her work displayed in many local exhibits and private collections nationwide.

**HALPIN**, Patrick H. (Dec. 25, 1849 in the mid-Atlantic on the boat bringing his parents from Ireland—**DUBUQUE**, IA, Dec. 1, 1931). Supervisor. Halpin served as County Clerk from January 1, 1891, to December 31, 1896, and then was a member of the **DUBUQUE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS** from January 1, 1899, until December 31, 1901. The county official responsible for poor relief from 1905 until 1916, Halpin also served on the State Inheritance Tax Appraisal Board from 1907 until his death.

**HAM**, George. (**WORTHINGTON**, IA, Nov. 15, 1875—**DYERSVILLE**, IA, July 13, 1948). Real estate broker. Ham, one of eastern Iowa's most active real estate agents, served as the Federal Conciliation Commissioner for **DUBUQUE COUNTY** from 1934 to 1935. He was president of the **DYERSVILLE COM-**

**MERCIAL CLUB** for twelve years and during World War I acted as chairman of the local Liberty Loan Drives. Between 1901 and 1932, Ham presided as a director of the Worthington Savings Bank.

**HAM**, Mathias. (Knox County, TN, Apr. 12, 1805—**DUBUQUE**, IA, Mar. 8, 1889). Prominent business leader. One of the earliest settlers in **DUBUQUE COUNTY**, Ham arrived in 1833 interested in **MINING** and smelting. He developed a ferryboat business at **EAGLE POINT** at a site called Ham's Landing, surveyed Ham's Addition to the city, and owned 25,000 acres of land including **CITY ISLAND**. He was also involved in brickmaking and producing lime. Swept up in the excitement of **RAILROADS**, Ham served as president of the Dubuque and Turkey River Railroad only to lose much of his wealth when the venture failed. He entered Dubuque's construction business by donating the lumber to construct the city's first public school. He lost nearly his entire fortune in the financial crash of 1857. Although he maintained his family in comfort, he never again knew his former wealth.



*One of Dubuque County's first settlers, Ham was involved in many profitable business ventures and owned thousands of acres of land.*

*(photo credit— Center for Dubuque History)*

**HAM**, Moses M. (Shapleigh, York County, ME, Mar. 23, 1883—**DUBUQUE**, IA, Dec. 25, 1902). Newspaper editor. Ham settled in Dubuque in 1863 and became the editor of the *Herald*. After acquiring a controlling interest in the paper, he formed a partnership with D.D.W. Carver but left the newspaper business in

1899. Ham served sixteen years as a member of the National Democratic Committee and in 1877 was elected to the Iowa Senate. During President Cleveland's administration, Ham was appointed the Postmaster of Dubuque. Ironically Ham had once been offered the first assistant postmastership of the United States but had declined due to the responsibilities of publishing a newspaper. He held the position four years and was reappointed in 1893. Ham was a regent of Iowa State University and locally served as president of the school board.



*M.M. Ham, a prominent Democrat, was offered the first assistant postmastership of the United States. (photo credit- Center for Dubuque History)*

**HAMILTON, George F.** (EPWORTH, IA, May 3, 1901—DUBUQUE, IA, Jan. 28, 1984). County official. For thirty years prior to his retirement in 1971, Hamilton served as the clerk for the **DUBUQUE COUNTY** auditor's and treasurer's offices.

**HAMILTON, John.** (Ireland, Apr. 21, 1862—EPWORTH, IA, Mar. 10, 1930). Township clerk. Hamilton served many years as a township clerk and trustee of **DUBUQUE TOWNSHIP**.

**HAMILTON, Tom.** (DUBUQUE, IA— ). Postmaster. Hamilton served as postmaster of **EPWORTH** from 1961 to 1984. In 1946, Hamilton started work in the old 1927 post office on Main when employees worked seven days per week with mail arriving by train. There were two rural routes serving **PLACID** and **BANKSTON** and an estimated one thousand people to serve. When he retired there was one rural route serving nearly three thousand people. Hamilton directed the establishment of a new post office in 1967. He was also an assistant scoutmaster, secretary and treasurer of the Epworth Community Fire Department, county adjutant of the American Legion, officer in the **EPWORTH COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT ORGANIZATION**, and secretary of the centennial committee. Hamilton was secretary of the Epworth Medical Building Association's board of directors and a member of the zoning board, zoning board of review, and the **EPWORTH COMMUNITY HISTORICAL SOCIETY**.

**HAMILTON, William W.** "Judge." (Northumberland, England, 1810—near **CASCADE**, IA, Mar. 8, 1866). Attorney. The first lawyer in Cascade, Hamilton served in the Iowa Senate from January 1, 1854, until December 31, 1857, including a term as president in the 1856-1857 session. Employed as editor of the *Dubuque Times*, chief clerk in the county surveyor's office, and a probate judge, Hamilton served from 1862 until his death as the auditor for the **DUBUQUE AND SIOUX CITY RAILROAD**. He had previously been a trustee of its predecessor, the **DUBUQUE AND PACIFIC RAILROAD**. Nominated for lieutenant governor in 1865, he was forced to decline due to ill health.

**HAMMEL, Dan.** (DUBUQUE, IA, Dec. 18, 1943— ). President, Dubuque Building and Construction Trades Council. Hammel's union activities began in 1970 with his election as recording secretary of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 704. In 1975, he ran unopposed for president and held the position until appointed full-time business manager in 1986 to fill an unexpired term. Hammel was subsequently elected to the post. He was one of the original seven members of the **DUBUQUE AREA LABOR-MANAGEMENT COUNCIL** and was active in the Alliance for Construction Excellence. Hammel served as financial secretary-treasurer of the United Labor Participation Committee; recording secretary, Dubuque Area Labor-Management Council; vice-president, Dubuque Area Labor Harvest; and co-chairman, Alliance for Construction Excellence. Hammel also was a member of the boards of the **DUBUQUE RACING ASSOCIATION**, United Way, **GREATER DUBUQUE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**, Mercy Health Center, and the **EAST CENTRAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL ASSOCIATION**.

# THE WEEKLY TRIBUNE

ISSUED TUESDAYS AND FRIDAYS.

DUBUQUE, IOWA, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1902.

## DECISION YET

### Ident Undecided in Venezuelan Matter.

### any Demands Some Cash Before Arbitration.

### o Also Has Few Conditions He Wants Exacted.

Washington, Dec. 25.—It was stated at the state department today that the president had reached no decision in response to the invitation of the powers that be to arbitrate the Venezuelan matter. A favorable decision will not be forthcoming for several days.

#### Demands Immediate Payment.

Washington, Dec. 25.—The Lokal Anzeiger says today the following statement was inspired by the foreign office: "The German government has excluded the scope of arbitration of the Venezuelan difficulty a claim of 1,700,000 bolivars which must be paid immediately before arbitration is begun." The paper adds that it is understood that President Roosevelt's undertaking to arbitrate involves an indirect veto for the payment of the sum demanded.

Confidence has grown in government during the past twenty-four hours. President Roosevelt will accept the arbitration.

#### Castro Names Conditions.

Washington, Dec. 25.—President Castro has stepped from La Victoria his acceptance of the proposal to submit all differences to arbitration to the tribunal, subject to certain conditions which include the cessation of the blockade and the return to Venezuela of territory seized by the allied powers. Cooperation has been transmitted to the Washington government from which the proposal emanated.

#### The Hague Court.

Washington, Dec. 25.—Baron d'Estournelles de Latour has written Foreign Minister Taft notifying him the writer will intimate to the government on the rising of the chamber, concerning the article 27 of The Hague Convention shown by the allied powers in Venezuela.

Letters of d'Estournelles strongly in favor of the contention of the United States that the Venezuelan trouble should

## M. M. HAM IS DEAD

### Well Known Editor and Citizen Passes Away.

### Once Prominent in National Democratic Party.

After a prolonged illness, Hon. M. M. Ham died last night at 11 o'clock at his residence, 663 Bluff street. He would have been 70 years old next March.

Mr. Ham was one of the most widely known newspaper editors of the west and for many years was one of the proprietors and the editor of the Dubuque Herald. At one time he was prominent in the national democratic party, having been a delegate to national conventions and the Iowa member of the national democratic committee from 1872 to 1888. He represented Dubuque county in the state senate in the late seventies and was postmaster of this city during both of President Cleveland's terms.

Mr. Ham is survived by two children, Col. C. D. Ham and Miss Helen Ham.

## BURNED TO DEATH

### MOTHER AND THREE CHILDREN CUT OFF FROM ESCAPE IN DWELLING FIRE.

### Two Train Wrecks in Illinois—Lake Steamer Given Up for Lost—Earthquakes Continue.

Malone, N. Y., Dec. 23.—Four persons were burned to death today in the house of Julius King, at Piercesfield in the Adirondacks. The fire had gained such headway before it was discovered that Mrs. M. J. McGovern, King's oldest daughter,

## IOWA POLITICS

### Chairmanship of Republican State Committee.

### Governor's Friends Planning to Get the Place.

### Situation in Eleventh District Bodes Ill for Thomas.

Des Moines, Iowa, Dec. 25.—Special: Considerable discussion is going on in political circles regarding the chairmanship of the republican state committee next year. There is reason to believe that the friends of Governor Cummins are laying their plans to capture the chairmanship. They have been trying to do this for several years but have invariably failed. When Cummins was first nominated for governor they would have been glad to seize the chairmanship, and the spirit of the opposition might have made this possible although the opponents of the governor were in the majority on the committee. The Cummins men, however, found themselves without anyone to whom they wished to give the chairmanship. S. M. Leach, their prospective candidate for chairman, had been defeated for re-election to the committee by J. D. Whisenand, of Des Moines.

C. W. Phillips, a strong Cummins man, was a candidate for chairman but his candidacy was not looked upon with favor by any of the Cummins men. At the conclusion of a caucus held for the purpose of determining whether the Cummins men should support Phillips or Spence, Tom Way, the Cummins manager, announced to Mr. Phillips that while he had all the friends in the conference Spence had all the votes. Last year again, J. E. Bruce, of the Ninth district, was suggested for the chairmanship. Governor Cummins asked certain politicians what they thought of Bruce for chairman. All moves in this direction were stopped by the defeat of Bruce for re-election. Mr. Spence was re-elected chairman without an opposition.

#### All-Cummins Men in Majority.

At present the committee stands six anti-Cummins men to four Cummins men, with J. D. Whisenand of the Seventh district not aligned with either faction. Mr. Whisenand is undoubtedly the logical candidate for chairman. It is expected that both factions will carry on a campaign without encountering prejudice.

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**Situation in Eleventh District**  
A prominent politician in the eleventh district who recently stated that he here to send F. Vista county, to Judge Thomas, th from the Eleventh district has about machine as any d includes most of t the district and t organized every y public offices that inner circle had a Practically every is thoroughly organ and its work is fu of any political or in the state.

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### LAURA BIGGAR CHARGE OF GET

### Actress Who Claimed to be Millionaire

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*M. M. Ames*

1862, and during boyhood days assisted his father and attended the common schools. Early in life he learned the tailoring trade and after thoroughly familiarizing himself with all the details of that line of business, opened an establishment at the corner of Fourth and Main streets, Dubuque, where he has been unusually successful. In September, 1904, he was united in marriage with Miss Mary E. Murray, daughter of Thomas and Ellen Murray. Mrs. Schollian is active in any movement that tends toward the betterment of mankind. She is president of the Mercy Hospital Association, which was inaugurated for the purpose of raising money to care for and provide medical services for the needy poor, regardless of nationality or religious views. This association has one room in Mercy Hospital, fully equipped with all modern conveniences, and now has in view another similar one. Mrs. Schollian is also a member of the St. Elizabeth Association and the Sherman Society. No less interested in public affairs of importance is Mr. Schollian. He is a Democrat in his political views, is a staunch member of St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church, is treasurer of the local order of Knights of Columbus, and for six years served as a member of the Dubuque County Board of Supervisors. He and wife are among the highly respected people of the city of Dubuque.

MOSES M. HAM, deceased, for thirty-five years editor-in-chief of the *Herald*, was a man of unusually strong character and very prominent during his long residence in Dubuque. Born March 23, 1833, in Shapleigh, York county, Maine, he was the son of Dr. Levi J. and Mary (Ayer) Ham, and a direct descendant of William Ham, the progenitor of the family in this country, who came from England to America in 1640 and settled in New Hampshire. During the French and Indian troubles, the Revolutionary war, the War of 1812, and Civil war, members of this family loyally served their country. Moses M., when fourteen years of age, entered Cary Collegiate Seminary, Caryville, New York, and afterwards pursued his studies at the Genessee Wesleyan School and Union College, where he graduated in the class of 1855. Succeeding his graduation from the latter, Mr. Ham removed to Jonesville, Michigan, and for two years was principal of the high school there, but later went to Detroit, Michigan, and for seven years was associated with the *Free Press* as assistant editor, under Wilbur F. Story. He first came to Dubuque in 1863, as city editor of the *Herald*, two months later acquired by purchase the controlling interest in that paper, and several months later took in D. D. W. Carver as a partner, having charge of the job department and bindery. He became editor-in-chief of same, and for a period of thirty-five years was thus associated. In 1899 he disposed of his interests and retired from the active duties and busi-

ness cares of life. Mr. Ham was always a staunch Democrat in his political views and voiced and advocated the policies of that party during his many years as head of the *Herald*. For sixteen years he was a member of the National Democratic Committee, four years a member of the state senate, and during President Cleveland's administration was postmaster of Dubuque. He was at one time offered the first assistant postmastership of the nation, but declined the honor, claiming his time was fully taken up with his newspaper work. Mr. Ham always took a keen interest in the early history of Dubuque county, and many authentic stories of the early doings of Julien Dubuque and other pioneer men have been made a matter of history because of his careful research. At one time, while traveling down the St. Lawrence river, he became acquainted with a French priest, who, upon learning from where Mr. Ham was, told him of the early history of Julien Dubuque, and in corroboration referred him to a Canadian history, written in French, which gives the memoirs of the early French explorers of the Mississippi valley. This volume was eagerly procured by Mr. Ham and is now a valued possession in the library of his family. It is thus the just credit is due Mr. Ham of having discovered and brought to light the early history of Julien Dubuque, and much of the early history of the city of Dubuque, which, until that time, had been in obscurity. Mr. Ham was always interested in schools and in matters pertaining to education. For many years he was one of the regents of the Iowa State University, and president of the Public School Board in Dubuque. In religious views he was identified with the Episcopal church, of which he was for many years a vestryman. In 1859 he was united in marriage with Miss Helen M. Tucker, a native of Massachusetts, who passed away in 1870, leaving two children: Clifford D., now of Manila, Philippine Islands, and Hellen M., of Dubuque. In 1874 Mr. Ham married Miss Rebecca M. Wells, and she died three years later. They now lie at rest in the family lot at Linwood cemetery. On December 25, 1902, sorrow invaded the homes of many when it became known that Mr. Ham had been summoned to the Great Beyond. He was one of those honest and fearless men whom we so much admire, and with his passing the nation, county, city and home lost a good man, an honest citizen, a kindly neighbor and a loving father.

MICHAEL ROCHE, now living a retired life in the city of Dubuque, is a native of the Emerald Isle, his birth occurring in the year 1840, and a son of Thomas and Ellen (Callahan) Roche. Thomas Roche was born in Ireland in 1805, and when forty-four years of age crossed the Atlantic ocean to America, accompanied by his family, and settled on a tract of 120 acres in Jefferson township, Dubuque county, Iowa. Here he resided many years

he purchased forty acres of unimproved land, which he immediately set about clearing and cultivating. With the assistance of his good wife, who was indeed a helpmate to him in his early struggles for prosperity, he has established a name and reputation that will live long after he has passed to his final reward. To the original farm Mr. Kennedy has added from time to time, until now he is the owner of two hundred and thirty broad acres of land in one tract, besides two other farms, one containing two hundred and twenty acres, and the other one hundred and eighty-four acres, and personal property equal in value to all the land. His land is all under a high state of cultivation, well stocked with fine horses, cattle and hogs. He has a nice residence, large and commodious barns, and a complete assortment of all necessary farming implements.

Mr. Kennedy and his excellent wife are exemplary members of the United Presbyterian Church, are active workers in the same, giving liberally to its support, and are always first to aid in all good work. Politically he is a solid Republican, after having voted the Democratic ticket for over forty years. He has filled the office of Justice of the Peace in Buncombe for a number of years, serving the people honestly and well, gaining the respect of the community, and is numbered among the prominent and substantial citizens of Dubuque County, Iowa.



**H**ON. MOSES M. HAM is the popular, efficient and well known Postmaster of Dubuque. He comes from the far-off state of Maine, his birth having occurred in York County, of the Pine Tree State, March 23, 1833. His parents, Dr. L. J. and Mary Ayer Ham, were also natives of Maine. In that state the subject of this sketch spent his youth until fourteen years of age, when he removed with his parents to Erie County, N. Y., the family locating near Buffalo. There he was reared to manhood and in the public

schools he acquired his early education, which was supplemented by study in Lima Seminary. He afterwards entered Union College, Schenectady, and on completing a thorough course of study in that institution was graduated therefrom in 1855.

Mr. Ham then left home, starting out in life for himself. He went to Michigan and for two years was Principal of the school in Jonesville, Hillsdale County. He then removed to Detroit, Mich., and became the editor of the *Free Press*, conducting the newspaper business for some years. In 1863 he removed to Iowa and entered upon a business career in Dubuque. For many years he was interested in the newspaper business in this city. He became connected with the *Herald* and after a time became its proprietor and editor-in-chief. He now publishes a daily and also a weekly edition and his papers have a large circulation. This is the oldest paper in the state, having been published continually since it was established on the 11th of May, 1836. Through the columns of his paper he has done much for the upbuilding and advancement of this community and has ever been recognized as one of its valued and representative citizens.

Mr. Ham was united in marriage with Miss Hellen M. Tucker and to them were born two children who are yet living, Clifford D., who is now engaged as manager of the *Herald*, and Hellen, at home. After the death of his wife, he married Miss Rebecca Wells, of one of the oldest and best known families in Dubuque.

Mr. Ham has taken a very prominent part in public and political affairs. In 1872 he was a delegate at large to the Democratic National Convention at Baltimore. In 1877 he was elected as State Senator from Dubuque County on the Democratic ticket. While thus serving he was on important committees and labored earnestly for the best interests of his constituents. In 1876 he was a delegate to the National Convention which convened in St. Louis and nominated Samuel J. Tilden for the presidency. In 1872 he was appointed a member of the National Democratic Committee for the state of Iowa, and thus served until 1888. In 1885 he was appointed by President Cleveland as Postmaster of Dubuque, which posi-

tion he held for four years, and in 1893, when President Cleveland was again in the executive mansion, Mr. Ham was once more placed in charge of the Postoffice. To its management he gives his personal supervision, and his able administration of affairs has won him the confidence and high commendation of all concerned. He is a true and faithful citizen, devoted to the best interests of the community in which he resides, and his name is inseparably connected with the history of Dubuque and the political history of the state.



**P**ETER FREYMANN is a leading merchant, hotel-keeper and a Director in the German State Bank of Dyersville. He is a native of Belgium, his birth having occurred January 20, 1841. He is the only son in a family of five children born to Nicholas and Morgunta (Henkels) Freymann. The father was a prominent farmer and dealer in live stock in his native land. Being possessed of an ample fortune, he gave his son the advantages of a good education, and in 1859 removed with his family to America. He settled near Dubuque, Iowa, where he became an extensive farmer, engaging in agricultural pursuits until late in life, when he retired from business cares, making his home in Dubuque, where his death occurred in 1887. His wife died several years before, and two of our subject's sisters were also called to their final rest a number of years previous. The other sisters are still living near Dubuque.

In 1872 the subject of this sketch engaged in the hotel business in Dubuque, continuing in that work for two years, after which he settled in this city. He engaged in the same line of occupation, that of keeping a hotel, but has also been occupied in other commercial lines as well, being one of the proprietors of a leading mercantile house. He was also one of the incorporators of the German State Bank, of which he has been one of the Directors from the first; for six years he was one of the Ald-

ermen of Dyersville, and he has also served his fellow-citizens as one of the Trustees of the town. In his business methods, Mr. Freymann is a careful and conservative man, and by strict attention to his commercial interest at all times, he has amassed a good sized fortune, and is one of the foremost citizens of this thriving western city.

Mr. Freymann was brought up in the faith of the Catholic Church, to which he has ever adhered. Politically he has been a life-long Democrat, and personally he is much liked by those who have the honor of his acquaintance. It was in the year 1868 that Miss Annie Henkles became the wife of our subject. She is a native of Luxemburg, Germany, but emigrated to this county with her parents when an infant of only a few months. Mr. and Mrs. Freymann have a family of seven children: Maggie; Hattie, wife of Conrad Melbert, of Dyersville; Peter, Jr., who is in his father's store, and who completed his education at the Dubuque Business College; Frank, John, Joseph and Louis, who are now being educated.



**J**OHAN E. BILBROUGH. It is an important principle in human nature to admire the artistic and beautiful, not only as representing scenery, but also personal friends. As an artist of high character, who has done much to improve and raise the standard of art work in photography, we mention the name of Mr. Bilbrough, whose studio is situated on the southwest corner of Main and Eighth Streets, Dubuque.

A native of England, our subject was born in Derby, Derbyshire, February 18, 1840, being the son of William and Mary (Roland) Bilbrough. In the schools of Brentwood, in Essex, he gained a good education, and completed his studies in Leeds, Yorkshire. In his native land he learned the art of photography, but did not commence in business in England. In 1861 he emigrated to the United States, coming via the Dominion of Canada, and spending fifteen months in Toronto. He then crossed to Wisconsin, where he spent