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Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative EARLE, WILLARD CHAUNCEY Senator EARLE, WILLARD CHAUNCEY

1. Birthday and place 7 October 1833, Honesdale, Pennsylvania

2. Marriage (s) date place
Ellen Augusta Hedges, 1 January 1860, Waukon, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business physician; druggist; mercantile; livestock and grain; railroad; saw mill; farmer

B. Civic responsibilities _____

C. Profession _____

4. Church membership _____

5. Sessions served 19th GA 1882-3; Rep., Allamakee
21st GA, 1886-7; Senate, Allamakee

6. Public Offices

A. Local _____

B. State _____

Capt. 12th Iowa, 1861-1863

C. National Col., colored regiment, 1863-1864

7. Death 10 February 1920, St. Petersburg, Fla.; bur. Oakland Cemetery, Waukon

8. Children (1) William Allison, d. 21 April 1864; (2) Charleton Hedge; (3) Minnie Charlotte (Hemenway).

9. Names of parents Calvin Earle (1790-Mass. to Oct. 1872, Waukon). Fam to Rhode Island 1634, lived Mass..Pa., he came to Waukon 1858.
Betsy Foster (apparently died Mass. before 1858.

Earle, Willard Chauncey

10. Education public schools of Pennsylvania and Massachusetts; Rush Medical College, Jefferson Medical College

11. Degrees M.D., Jefferson Medical College 1867

12. Other applicable information Was under private tutor planning to go to Brown University, but because of poor health did not. Then went to Tiffin, Ohio, to join brother in railroad work. Came to Iowa 1854, in June to Waukon. Had saw mill until 1860. volunteered to serve Civ War; Oct. 1861 became capt. Co B, 12th Infantry. In numerous engagements in Tennessee area from Fort Henry to Vicksburg; then ordered to raise colored regiment, of which he became colonel. Regiment had active service at Natchez and along Mississippi River.

After returning to Waukon, he went to Chicago to attend Rush Medical College, 1865-66, and following winter to Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia, graduating 1867. On return to Waukon became partner with his father-in-law Dr. I. H. Hedge. Then they established drug store; Earle bought Hedge's interest, added general merchandise, and after seven years built brick building for store. Also in 1867 began partnership with his brother in stock and grain dealing. Brother ran that business until death in 1885, when Willard took control.

Leader in public development in Waukon. Promoter of Waukon & Mississippi Railroad Co. Built and owned a number of business houses in Waukon. Owned much farm land in Allamakee County and with son in North Dakota.

Republican after close of Civil War; switched to Democrat party in 1884 elected for one term to house, and filled out unexpired term of Larrabee;

Married Ellen Augusta Hedge, daughter of his partner in physician and drug activities; 1 January 1860. Three children; eldest is Minnie Charlotte (Hemenway), who was lumber dealer in Colorado Springs, and then moved to Paris, France; second is Carlton Hedge Earle, who was cashier in Waukon bank, and in land activities in North Dakota; third was William Allison who died 21 April 1866.

Democratic Peace Women on Delegation

The democratic county convention Saturday will go on record as being the first political assembly in Allamakee to recognize the new order of affairs as to equal suffrage by naming five women delegates to the democratic state convention at Des Moines on the 25th inst.

The convention was not large in numbers because of the intense cold and the uninviting bad roads, but the deliberations were not lacking at all for party spirit, especially after those present were regaled with splendid good talks by James Collins and D. J. Murphy. Both called attention to the unrivaled achievements of the Democrats during their administration of national affairs, paying especial tribute to the Federal Reserve Bank measure and the Farm Loan act, both staunch and beneficial features of our government that have been put into operation under Democratic control.

An enactment of the last Iowa legislature releasing banks from a just portion of their taxation, was a subject of remarks because of the prevailing condemnation of taxpayers to the measure. Whereupon a resolution introduced by D. J. Murphy was adopted, instructing the delegates to use their efforts towards securing the adoption of a platform plank advocating the repeal of the law that enables all banks in Iowa to offset taxation of their capital stock against the liberty bonds and other government securities held by them 60 days prior to January each year.

The convention was presided over by James Collins, chairman of the county central committee, with T. F. Dunlevy serving as secretary. A committee consisting of J. M. Lee, George Hall and J. H. Kelly were appointed to select the requisite ten delegates to the state convention. They returned the following named which the convention approved and empowered those present at the convention to cast the full vote of the county:

D. J. Murphy, W. H. Burling, J. J. Dunlevy, J. W. Dempsey, W. J. Irons, Edgar F. Medary, James Collins, Miss Emma Nicolay, Mrs. Leo Hufschmidt, Mrs. Ben Swebakken.

Alternates—Ben Swebakken, J. H. Kelly, Ben Schwarzhoff, N. Colsch, Jr., Oscar Roe, Mrs. T. A. Houlihan, Wm. H. Collins, John H. Palmer, Mrs. Ellen Hartley, Martin McLaughlin.

Record of Land Transactions.

Andrew Christenson paid to Henry A. Olson \$11,715 for 106 acres in Center township.

August Meier sold a 160 acre farm in French Creek township to Miss Edith Passmore of this city, the consideration being \$10,800.

Otto S. Sanderson has purchased forty acres of land in Paint Creek township of E. H. Sando, for which he paid \$3,000.

Henry Reincke disposed of 104 acres in Union City township to his brother, Wm. Reincke, receiving \$9,000 for the tract.

Champion Wrestling Match.

Will be held at M. B. A. hall, Waukon, Iowa, on Thursday evening, March 4th. Billy Schober, Indianapolis, vs. Matty Matsuda, Columbus, Ohio. Schober is one of the leading middleweight wrestlers in the world. He is a legitimate claimant of the middleweight championship and is a pastmaster in the art of wrestling. Matty Matsuda is the greatest Jan-

Death Comes to Dr. Earle in Florida.

Letters received here Monday from Carleton Earle brought intelligence of the death of his father, Dr. W. C. Earle, on Tuesday evening last, Feb. 10th, at St. Petersburg, Florida, where he and Mrs. Earle have spent the past several winters. News of the Dr.'s death was not surprising, for the declining state of his health was generally known. He was past 86 years of age.

The end came quite suddenly, his death occurring a few hours after he had suffered a paralytic stroke while his son Carleton was reading the papers to him Tuesday evening. It has been decided to deposit the remains in a vault at St. Petersburg for the present in deference to Mrs. Earle's health, and when warmer weather prevails they will be brought to Waukon for the obsequies and interment.

Willard Chauncey Earle was born at Honesdale, Pennsylvania, Oct. 7, 1833, and during his boyhood his parents removed to Massachusetts. His family was of old English origin, its first representative in this country settling at Newport, Rhode Island, in 1634. After acquiring a public school education in Pennsylvania and Massachusetts, Mr. Earle engaged in railroad work at Tiffin, Ohio, for a time, and came to Waukon in June, 1854. He operated a saw mill here until 1860 and the following year answered the call for volunteers for service in the Civil war. He joined Co. B. 12th Iowa Volunteer Infantry, being elected captain. He participated in numerous important engagements, among which were the battles of Fort Henry, Fort Donelson, Shiloh, Jackson, Black River Bridge, Champion's Hill and Vicksburg. At Shiloh he was made a prisoner by the Confederates when they captured the Hornets Nest brigade and was not exchanged until the following October.

There are only three remaining comrades alive in this vicinity of Capt. Earle's company, namely: Robert Wampler and Thos. Dowling of Waukon, and Fred Monk of Eitzen.

After the Vicksburg engagement he was ordered to raise a regiment of colored troops, and was commissioned colonel of the regiment, the 70th U. S. Colored Infantry, which participated in the battle of Natchez and in the campaign along the Mississippi river and remained in active service until the end of the war.

After the close of the war Colonel Earle attended Rush Medical College and also Jefferson Medical College at Philadelphia, where he graduated in 1867. After receiving his degree he returned to Waukon and formed a partnership with Dr. I. H. Hedge. The two physicians later established a drug store, Dr. Earle purchasing his partner's interest in 1870 and added a line of general merchandise. In 1878 he built the Earle block at a cost of \$15,000. He was for many years also engaged with his brother John in the shipping of live stock and grain and carried on this business for a number of years after his brother's death.

Dr. Earle was one of the leaders in all work of public development in Waukon, and many of the important business institutions and public enterprises owe their inception to his ability. He was one of the leading promoters of the Waukon & Mississippi narrow gauge railroad, now the Waukon branch, which was built by subscription. He was also the owner of considerable farm land in this county and had large holdings of land in North Dakota in partnership with

Trial Jurors Drawn.

The following trial jurors have been drawn to serve at the next term of the district court which convenes on Monday, March 22nd, with Judge Taylor presiding:

J. P. Leer, C. G. Stock, James C. White, E. J. Hoag, Martin H. Johnson, Olaf Jacobson, C. J. McCauley, M. R. Schellsmidt, Hans M. Larsen, John McCormick, John R. Ryan, William Quinn, Makee.

James Clancy, Fred Laabs, Arthur Feuerhelm, Lansing.

Will Ward, Henry Quenrude, Ed. Richards, Hanover.

John McMorrow, Union Prairie.

N. J. Atall, Napoleon Martelle, Paul Larson, Elert Hanson, Taylor.

Louis Schutte, Post.

J. W. Yoeman, Iowa.

Peter Ferring, William Sess, Center I. J. Clauson, Ephrem Burroughs, Waterloo.

Hugh Mullarkey, Carl Holverson, Eugene Brennan, Lafayette.

G. B. Geving, August Sherman, Edward Sherman, Jefferson.

James O'Malley, John May, Frank Zazulka, Walter Hausman, French Creek.

Ed. Heim, Linton.

Obituary of William Lusk.

William Lusk was born in Pennsylvania, April 24, 1853, and died at his home in Waukon Feb. 12, 1920. His age was 66 years, 9 months, and 18 days. Over thirty years ago he came from Pennsylvania to New Albion, where he resided for a short time, thence removing to Waukon which has been his home ever since. On Nov. 7, 1889, he was united in marriage to Miss Hattie Beall. Mr. Lusk had served faithfully as the M. E. church janitor for many years.

Besides his wife, seven brothers and sisters survive him, namely, Albert of Bradley, S. D., Hannah Lloyd of Bigelow, Minn., Nancy Stone of Missouri, Thomas and Robert of Minnesota, and Israel and Elmer whose addresses are not known.

For a number of years Mr. Lusk has not enjoyed rugged health. A few weeks ago he sustained a kick from a horse from which he did not seem to recover. This was followed by an acute attack of influenza which resulted in his death. A brief funeral service was held at the home on Friday afternoon, with Rev. E. T. Gough in charge, and interment was made in Oakland cemetery.

Arranging for Seven Miles of Paving.

The Board of Supervisors had before them last week some of the preliminaries for the first seven miles of paving to be undertaken this year. This will consist of the grading, draining and paving of three miles and three-tenths of the Waukon-Lansing road from this city to the County Farm. The other section will be three and a half miles north from Postville on the Waukon-Postville road. The estimated material, etc., of the two sections will consist of 71,800 square yards of pavement; 24,000 cubic feet of earth excavation; 3,300 cubic yards of loose rock excavation, and 9,900 lineal feet of guard rail.

This paper most heartily approves the action of the Board of Supervisors and staff at the State Historical Society of Iowa Library, Des Moines, Iowa.

A Near-Home Celebrity.

An item of wide interest appeared in the Cresco Times recently, concerning Charles Pergler, a former Cresco attorney who has suddenly sprung into world prominence. He has been appointed minister to Japan from his country, the Czecho-Slovak republic in central Europe. Mr. Pergler is a Bohemian. He came to this country not so very long ago and achieved a thorough education here, adopting the legal profession. Settling in a Bohemian community over in Howard county, he attained prominence as a local attorney, though still a very young man.

When the war broke out he wrote extensively for magazines and papers to help to keep the Bohemians in of Bohemian circulation; helping maintain this country correctly informed as to the progress of the downfall of monarchy. After the formation of the Czecho-Slovak republic this brilliant young Bohemian was notified by his government over in Europe to go to Washington and represent the new republic over here. Now Mr. Pergler is sent to Japan, a new minister coming here. The rise of this young Bohemian reads almost like a story book, but is true, and happened very close to home. His friends over at Cresco all swear by him and his fine wife, declaring them to have been an ideal family for any community to possess as residents.

Kitty Polecat Sauntered Into School.

The Knoxville Express relates that the lamb that followed Mary to school one day never created half the consternation as did a young skunk that invaded Mendon high school and threatened to lay down an impenetrable barrage against teacher and pupils who attempted to evict the odoriferous visitor. Pupils in room No. 8 were singing "Merry Sunshine" or some other matutinal lay when the polecat walked sedately toward the platform. The song ended abruptly, and the only reason why the stampeede did not begin was because the skunk barred the way to the door. "Pretty kitty, pretty kitty," coaxed the principal, but "kitty" flirted a fluffy tail and continued to investigate school room and furniture. Then Ralph Reichert did the deed that won the Mendon croix de guerre. He tipped up the waste basket that kitty was nosing in, and, quick as Jack Robinson, ran down stairs. He escaped casualties, but two other boys who had taunted kitty went home for new garments and the desk cleaning process.

The McGregor Times notes that travel across the Mississippi river on the ice has ceased for this season. Along the Iowa shore the ice is breaking up and there are wide stretches of water in many places and in other spots it is not safe. Auto travel between there and Prairie du Chien ceased last week and no one walks over the ice, either. In 1917 and 1918 the ice commenced to break up along shore about Feb. 25th, but last season the ice was of short duration.

The public and parochial schools were re-opened Monday, after having been closed for a week or more on account of the prevailing sickness. Everything else has the lid on tight. It is hoped the ban will be lifted this week, but it will depend upon the health conditions.

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Harold Bender will wrestle Erwin Weida in the preliminaries.

The Timothy Bresnahan home in Hanover township was plunged in sorrow by the death of the wife and mother on Thursday evening last, following an illness from pneumonia of only four days duration. Mrs. Bresnahan was 35 years of age and as Frances Conner was born in County Cork, Ireland, where her parents still reside. She came to Chicago when 17 years of age and twelve years ago was married there to Mr. Bresnahan who brought her a bride to this county. Besides her husband she leaves two boys and three girls of tender age, and they have the deep sympathy of all in their bereavement. The funeral was held from the Hanover church Monday.

Waukon has been grossly misrepresented by tale bearers whose reports about having an epidemic of diphtheria, influenza and smallpox have been unintentionally produced in Waukon as facts by neighboring papers. There have been some cases of each which has caused precautionary methods to be taken, but there has been no epidemic and but few deaths. In fact this locality has had fewer deaths than many places. At Decorah, for instance, the papers last week recorded twenty deaths as having occurred in that city and vicinity from the influenza, which is truly lamentable.

Mrs. Wm. Nagel, writing from their new home at Jump River, Wis., for some copies of the Democrat that failed to reach them, says: "The flu is quite bad around here, too, but we have not had it yet. The snow here is about two feet deep, but the roads are kept open and in good shape by the township. The weather is fine and I think we will like it up here."

Ben Swebakken and his brother-in-law, Andrew Nordtome, left Saturday for Kalispell, Mont., word having been received of the death of Mr. Nordtome's daughter, who was ill but a few days with the flu. Mrs. Nordtome, who was here on a visit with her husband, was unable to return for the funeral on account of being in ill health herself.

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Deceased had also been prominently identified with the political affairs of Allamakee for years past. While a member of the Republican party he was elected to the legislature in the early '80's, defeating Dick Haney, then a Democrat, by a narrow margin. Later Dr. Earle became a Democrat and was elected to the state senate from the Allamakee-Fayette district, and years later he was again elected to the house. He was also a congressional nominee once, but was defeated by W. E. Fuller of West Union.

Dr. Earle was wedded on Jan. 1, 1860, to Miss Ellen A. Hedge, daughter of Dr. I. H. Hedge of Waukon. One son died in infancy and their remaining two children are Mrs. Minnie Hemenway and Carleton H. Earle. The latter and his wife live with his mother in Florida and Mrs. Hemenway had recently gone to Havana, Cuba, to meet her daughter Charlotte, who with her husband are going to Costa Rica in Central America to reside.

Louis Terry has bought the Atall store at Waukon Junction and will operate it with his other branch stores at Waterville and Luana. He bought out the competitive merchant at Luana a week ago and consolidated the stock with his store there. He has placed Solve Kolsrud in charge of the store at Waukon Junction. Mr. Terry is wide awake always to business opportunities.

Master Lawrence Schulte, the two year old baby of Mr. and Mrs. John Schulte of Elon, died at the Home hospital Monday morning from pneumonia, following an attack of flu. The Schulte family were all ill with the disease and as no help was available the little fellow was brought to the Home hospital for care. Burial took place Tuesday at Dorchester.

Have You Paid?

With everything that goes into a newspaper doubled, trebled, and multiplied by four, it is a business necessity that subscriptions be paid in advance. Look at the label on your paper to see how you stand.

"The Miracle Man" is coming.

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This paper most heartily approves of the selection of E. J. Fueling, the genial editor of the New Hampton Tribune, as president of the Iowa Press Association at the annual convention of the Iowa editors at Des Moines last week. Mr. Fueling has been vice president of the association and succeeds to the presidency in accordance with a long-honored custom. He is popular among the editors and is one of the sterling newspaper publishers of the state. He is an able business man also, and the press association will have a diligent executive for the succeeding year.

A telephone message to this office this morning from B. F. Thomas of Lansing, inform us of the death of Mrs. James Ruth at the home of her son James at Sacramento, Calif., who is also prostrated with an attack of flu. Mrs. Ruth was one of the early residents of Lansing, and made her home here in Waukon during her husband's term as county auditor. Friends everywhere will be grieved to learn of her death.

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Political Announcements.

For Treasurer.

Having served as deputy treasurer under T. B. Thorsen I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of Treasurer of Allamakee County, subject to the will of the voters of the Republican party at the June primary. Ben Ludeking.

For Sheriff.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Allamakee County, subject to the will of the voters of the Republican party at the June primary.

Ben Martindale.
Waterville, Iowa.

For Sheriff.

Having served as deputy sheriff under Theo Rumph, I hereby announce myself as a candidate for Sheriff of Allamakee County, subject to the will of the voters of the Democratic party at the June primary. James Foley.

Are You Going to give it to us?



For Bread-Biscuits-Cakes

I-H FLOUR

For sale by L. TERRY, Waukon

for his sons, who now carry on the business. Mr. Barr resided in Howard county nineteen years but at the end of that time sold his interests there and removed to Duluth, where for two years he made his home with his daughter. At the end of that time he purchased forty acres of wild land in Douglas county, Wisconsin, on Eau Claire lake, a body of water clear as crystal, five miles in length, with a smooth and beautiful shore. Mr. Barr built a neat cabin near the lake and furnished it completely, making it an ideal summer retreat. He spends every summer on the lake shore, fishing in Eau Claire lake and hunting in the adjoining woods. In 1911 he purchased a lot in Waukon and upon it built a neat and comfortable home, in which he now resides, taking great delight in working upon and improving his place. He is his own house-keeper and has proven an excellent one, keeping his home neat and attractive in every respect. His leisure hours are spent in reading and his life is quiet, peaceful and happy, a fitting crown to his many years of honorable and useful labor.

In Hanover township, in 1871, Mr. Barr married Miss Anna Anderson, who was born in Christiania, Norway, but who was reared in Iowa. They became the parents of seven children. John C. is an extensive landowner in Wisconsin. Robert T. is a plumber in Osage, Iowa. Alfred is engaged in merchandising in Leonard, North Dakota. Ella K. grew to maturity and married, but has passed away, leaving two daughters, Mabel and Mary Flo. James died at the age of twenty-five years in Denver, Colorado, and Nellie died in Wisconsin at the same age. Aldine died December 1, 1910, when he was also twenty-five years of age. Mrs. Barr passed away in Howard county, July 26, 1903.

Mr. Barr was formerly a member of the Knights of Pythias, having helped to organize the lodge at Elma, Howard county, and he was also at one time identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He belongs to John J. Stillman Post, G. A. R., and thus keeps in touch with his comrades of the Civil war. His life record has at all times been a creditable one and in matters of citizenship he has displayed the same patriotic spirit which he manifested as a soldier on the battlefields of the south. In politics he has always been a staunch republican since reaching manhood.

HON. WILLARD CHAUNCEY EARLE.

Probably no man is better known and more highly respected and esteemed in Waukon and throughout Allamakee county than Dr. Willard Chauncey Earle, for he is not only one of the pioneer physicians of this section of the state, but throughout a period of residence here covering fifty-nine years has been one of the greatest individual forces in its financial, commercial, political and moral development. His activities have touched and influenced in an important way practically every phase of municipal and county advancement and his great success has rewarded a life high in its purposes, beneficial in its effects and upright and honorable in all its relations. Had he no other claim to the respect of his fellow citizens, his long and loyal service in the Civil war would constitute a valid and lasting one.



WILLARD C. EARLE

Dr. Earle has been a resident of Waukon since 1854 but was born in Honesdale, Pennsylvania, October 7, 1833. His family is of old English origin and the line can be traced back directly to a Saxon ancestor who lived in Great Britain before the Norman conquest. It is also of old American establishment, its first representative in this country having settled in Newport, Rhode Island, as early as 1634. Members of the family were prominent in that state for a number of years, later moving to Massachusetts where Calvin Earle, father of the subject of this review was born February 1, 1790, his birth occurring in Hubbardstown. He there married Miss Betsy Foster and they later moved to Pennsylvania, locating in what is now Honesdale, that state. The father built the first house on the site where now stands a flourishing community of three thousand inhabitants. Calvin Earle made his home there until 1840 when he returned to Hubbardstown where he remained until he came west in 1858, joining his son Willard C. in Waukon. He here spent the remaining years of his life, dying in October, 1872.

In the acquirement of an education Willard Chauncey Earle attended public school in Pennsylvania and Massachusetts and later under a private tutor prepared to enter Brown University. He was obliged to abandon this intention on account of poor health, however, and instead joined his elder brother, J. W. Earle, and came west to Tiffin, Ohio, where both engaged in railroad work. Willard C. Earle came from Ohio to Iowa and in June of that year located in Waukon, where he has since maintained his residence. His first investment here was in a sawmill and for some time thereafter he engaged in the manufacture of lumber in association with a partner. He afterwards purchased his partner's interest and conducted the business alone with great success until 1860.

Dr. Earle was among the first to respond to President Lincoln's call for volunteers for service in the Civil war and in October, 1861, joined Company B, Twelfth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, being elected captain. The regiment was sent to Dubuque, where it was drilled for a time, later going to St. Louis and thence to the southern battlefields. He participated in numerous important engagements, among which were the battles of Fort Henry, Fort Donelson, Shiloh, Jackson, Black River Bridge, Champion's Hill and Vicksburg. After the latter engagement Captain Earle was ordered to raise a regiment of colored troops, the headquarters of which were to be with General Joseph Mower. He carried this work forward to successful completion and, much to his surprise, received the commission of colonel of the regiment, which was entirely unsolicited on his part. He afterward learned that it was at the request of Colonel J. J. Woods, of the Twelfth Iowa Infantry, and through the influence of General James Tuttle and General Mower that this honor had come to him. General Mower laid Colonel Earle under many and great obligations for advice and instructions in organizing this regiment, the general being a graduate of West Point, an ideal and efficient officer and a true-hearted patriot. The regiment participated in the battle of Natchez and in the campaigns along the Mississippi river and remained in active service until the close of the war. Colonel Earle has always found the greatest satisfaction in the thought and the sweetest memory of his life that he was able to help Abraham Lincoln to destroy the most powerful and infernal labor trust ever conceived by man

and, moreover, he finds his reward in the thought that the black man continues in his upward development as the years roll on and that as times passes the civilized world will better and better appreciate the magnificent grandeur of thought and beauty of soul of that honest and remarkable man, Abraham Lincoln, as he expressed and exemplified them in his life and actions.

With a creditable military record marked by brave, able and loyal service in the Union cause, Colonel Earle received his honorable discharge and returned to Waukon, whence he went to Chicago in order to enter Rush Medical College. He took a course of lectures in that institution in 1865-1866 and during the following winter spent some time at the Jefferson Medical College at Philadelphia, where he completed his studies, graduating with the class of 1867. After receiving his degree he returned to Waukon and formed a partnership with Dr. I. H. Hedge, beginning the general practice of his profession in this city. His partner, who was one of the earliest physicians in Waukon, had built up an extensive patronage here and in the vicinity, and to Dr. Earle as the younger man fell a large portion of the long rides and midnight calls incident to a country practice. The two physicians later established a drug store and conducted it successfully for some time. Dr. Earle later purchased his partner's interest and in 1870 added to his stock a fine line of general merchandise, rapidly securing a lucrative trade. So steadily did this branch of his business expand that after seven years he erected a fine brick business house, in which he continued to conduct a separate mercantile concern for a number of years. Even at this time, however, this was not his only business connection, for as early as 1867 he had formed a partnership with his brother in the buying and shipping of stock and grain. J. W. Earle remained the active manager of this enterprise until his death in 1885 when the business was taken over by the subject of this review who continued to carry it on for some years.

Ever since beginning his active career Dr. Earle has been one of the leaders in all work of public development and many of the most important business and public institutions owe their inception and continued growth to his ability and enterprise. He was one of the promoters of the Waukon & Mississippi Railroad Company, which was built by subscriptions from Waukon and Allamakee county citizens. Dr. Earle gave largely of his time and means to promote this project and was one of the greatest individual forces in its successful completion. In Waukon he has built and is still the owner of a number of substantial business houses and has a comfortable residence in the city besides valuable holdings in Allamakee county farming land. All of his business interests are carefully and conservatively conducted and in their management he has met with that success which always results from ability, enterprise and well directed organizing power.

During his half a century of residence in this city Dr. Earle's interests have not been confined to lines of business development, for he has for many years been active in local politics, his influence being always on the side of progress and reform. After the close of the Civil war he identified himself with the republican party and supported its principles and policies for a number of years. In 1884, however, he allied his interests with democracy and, representing that party, was nominated and elected to the lower house of the nineteenth general assembly, receiving a majority of five hundred votes over his nearest oppo-

ment. After serving one term he was elected to fill out an unexpired term occasioned by the election of Mr. Larrabee to the office of governor, and he discharged his important duties with honor to himself and to the satisfaction of his constituents and friends. His political activity has always been of a constructive and progressive kind, and his public service has been beneficial and far-reaching in its results.

On January 1, 1860, Dr. Earle was united in marriage to Miss Ellen Augusta Hedge of Waukon, a daughter of Dr. Isaiah H. Hedge, one of the pioneer physicians of Allamakee county and one of the best known practitioners in Waukon for many years. Dr. and Mrs. Earle became the parents of three children. The eldest, Minnie Charlotte, is the wife of Grant C. Hemenway, for some time a lumber dealer in Colorado Springs, Colorado, and now a resident of Paris, France. They have three children, Charlotte, Willard and Genette. Dr. Earle has one son Carlton Hedge, who is a prominent business man in Waukon, where he is well known as cashier of the Citizens' Bank. William Allison Earle, youngest son in this family, died April 21, 1866.

Among the forces which have directed the growth of Waukon, and which have been the greatest contributing elements in the general advancement, Dr. Earle's fifty-nine years of continuous and well directed activity are of utmost importance, for they have affected politics, business and public morality and have elevated standards along all lines. Dr. Earle is well known and highly esteemed in the community where he makes his home and his name stands for all that is honorable and loyal in citizenship and upright and worthy in business relations.

CARL HOLTER.

Mercantile interests of Postville find a progressive and able representative in Carl Holter, who for many years past has been closely connected with the clothing, gentlemen's furnishings and shoe business in the city, controlling today a large and representative enterprise. A native of Norway, he was born in Christiania, June 30, 1847, a son of Ole and Martha (Oleson) Holter, both born in the vicinity of that city. The father spent his entire life farming in Norway, dying in that country in 1860. The mother afterward crossed the Atlantic to America, settling in Postville in 1873, and continuing to make her home in the city until her death, which occurred about the year 1903.

Carl Holter supplemented an education acquired in the public schools of Norway by one winter's attendance after he came to America. He had, however, begun his independent career before crossing the Atlantic, having secured a position as clerk in a government office in his native country. After two years in that capacity he went to Christiania and was there employed in a grocery store, later becoming connected with a hat store in that capital. He came to the United States in 1869 and pushed westward to Chicago, where he remained for four months working at anything which would bring him an income. Having studied English while in Norway he had one advantage over many of his fellow emigrants and found that his knowledge of the language of the

Journal of the House and that the Chief Clerk be asked to send a copy of this resolution to the surviving members of the family.

J. W. HANNA,
H. B. MORGAN,
E. P. HARRISON,

Committee.

Adopted March 23, 1921.

HON. WILLARD CHAUNCEY EARLE

THE SPEAKER—Your committee appointed to prepare resolutions commemorative of the life, character and public service of the Hon. Willard Earle, late of Allamakee county, beg leave to report the following:

Willard Chauncey Earle was born in Honesdale, Pa., Oct. 7, 1833. His family is of old English origin and the line can be traced back to a Saxon ancestor who lived in Great Britain before the Norman conquest. It is also of old American establishment, its first representative in this country having settled in Newport, R. I., as early as

the requirement of an education, Mr. Earle attended public school in Pennsylvania and Massachusetts, and later, under a private tutor, prepared to enter Brown university. Because of his health he was obliged to abandon this intention and joined his elder brother, going west to Ohio, where both engaged in railroad work.

In 1854 he came from Ohio to Iowa, locating in Waukon in June of that year, where for more than 65 years he maintained his residence. He had no other claim to the respect of his fellow citizens, his long and honorable service in the Civil War would constitute a valid and a lasting one. As the first to respond to President Lincoln's call for volunteers for service in the Civil War, he joined Company B, 12th Iowa Volunteer Infantry, being elected captain.

He participated in numerous important engagements, among which were the battles of Fort Henry, Fort Donelson, Shiloh, Jackson, Black Bridge, Champions Hill and Vicksburg. After the latter engagement Captain Earle was ordered to raise a regiment of colored troops. He carried this work to successful completion, and, much to his surprise, received the commission of colonel of the regiment, which was entirely unexpected on his part. The regiment participated in the battle of Natchez and the campaigns along the Mississippi River, and remained in active service to the close of the war. He was one of the few soldiers of the War who never applied for, and would never accept, a pension.

With a creditable military record of brave, able and loyal service, Col. Earle received his honorable discharge and returned to Waukon, whence

he went to Chicago to enter Rush Medical College, where he took a course of lectures in 1865-1866.

He attended Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia, where he completed his studies, graduating with the class of 1867. He then returned to Waukon, entered into partnership with Dr. I. H. Hedge and began the practice of his profession. Later, the parties established a drug store. In 1870 Dr. Earle purchased his partner's interest and added to his stock a fine line of general merchandise. In partnership with his brother he also was engaged in the buying and shipping of stock and grain. Upon the death of his brother in 1885, Dr. Earle took over that business and continued it actively for many years. He gave largely of his time and means in successfully promoting the Waukon & Mississippi Railroad. He built substantial business blocks, had valuable Allamakee county farming land, and was president of the Citizens State bank of Waukon.

After the close of the Civil War, Dr. Earle identified himself with the republican party. In 1884, however, he joined the democratic party and was elected to the lower House of the 19th General Assembly, and as the democratic nominee in 1906, he was again elected to the lower House and served as the representative of Allamakee county in the 32nd and 32nd Special General Assemblies in a constructive and progressive way.

During his 65 years of residence in Allamakee county, his activities influenced in an important way practically every phase of county and municipal advancement, and his great success was a reward of an upright life, high in its purposes and constructive in its effect.

On January 1, 1860, Mr. Earle was united in marriage with Miss Ellen A. Hedge of Waukon, to which union three children were born, two of which, Mrs. Minnie C. Hemenway and Carleton H. Earle, with Mrs. Earle, survive him.

Dr. Earle died at St. Petersburg, Fla., February 10, 1920, and interment was at Waukon, Iowa, April 16, 1920.

Now Therefore, Be It Resolved. By the House of Representatives of the Thirty-ninth General Assembly, that in the death of Dr. W. C. Earle the state and community where he lived have suffered the loss of an influential, upright and valiant citizen; and

Be It Further Resolved. That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the journal of the House and that the chief clerk be directed to send an engrossed copy thereof to the widow of the deceased.

I. E. BEEMAN,
WM. BECKER,
J. R. BLAKE.

Committee.

Adopted March 23, 1921.