

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Senator CASSATT, EDWARD R.

*Represented Marion County, Iowa*

1. Birthday and place 14 April 1839, Wabash Co., Indiana

2. Marriage (s) date place

Emily H. Neal (22 April 1847 - 6 April 1886), 1860, probably Knoxville, Ia

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business banker, lawyer, miller

B. Civic responsibilities

C. Profession

4. Church membership

5. Sessions served 20th-23rd GA 1884-1891, SD 15, Marion Com.

6. Public Offices

A. Local

B. State

C. National

7. Death 27 June 1907, Albert Lea, Minn. Bur. Pella, Ia.

8. Children (1) Hortense (Snow) (6 May 1861-19 May 1941); (2) Nellie L. (Brown) (26 Nov. 1868-18 June 1914); (3) Lillian d. y. 15 Oct. 1878.

9. Names of parents

Wabash

10. Education ~~common schools, Marion Co, Ind.;~~ Central College, Pella, Ia

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11. Degrees A.B., Central College c. 1860

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12. Other applicable information came to Marion Co. 1857 to attend Central College, After graduation returned to Indiana and read law. Admitted to bar in Knoxville; with associated with father-in-law Jarius Neal for several years but gave up practice because of health and became miller. Organizer of First National Bank of Pella and Marion County National Bank in Knoxville; pres of Pella Bank for many years.

Became very wealthy and enjoyed confidence and esteem of all. But after death of wife he became slave to whiskey and morphine, and a heavy speculator on board of trade. Put all his own money into huge corner on wheat, then all he could borrow, then the available funds in his bank. Crash was most disastrous financial reverse known in county. Loss of over \$250,000. He tried to commit suicide. Was indicted and convicted under national banking laws and sentenced to eight years in Anamosa penitentiary. President McKinley pardoned him before expiration of his sentence.

Last few years of his life he lived in Albert Lea, Minnesota where his son-in-law, Snow, owned large hotel. Died from stomach trouble.

Buried beside his wife in Oakland Cemetery, Pella.

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humiliation otherwise sure to result. The fad of dressing the girls for graduation has come to be as much of a financial effort as to fit them out in riding clothes. So abominable has become the practice of extravagance in commencement finery that in some cities the school board has put a stop to it by providing caps and gowns for graduation purposes. In these scholastic garments the poorest girl may graduate in her modest dress with just as much honor, so far as personal appearance is concerned, as the daughter of the wealthiest citizen.

It is high time that official action be taken by all school boards to eliminate the display of clothes as a feature of commencement exercises.

## GROWTH OF A CITY.

**Natural Resources Utilized to Enlarge Contributory Territory.**  
Sioux City Tribune.

There is no mystery in the development and growth of a city. Its germ is the country crossroads where the shoemaker, the blacksmith, the wheelwright and the storekeeper settle to supply the wants of the people of the adjacent region with their respective wares. They settle there and can exist there only because there are sufficient people within trading distance the supplying of whose needs will give them a livelihood. The farther away the trading distance can be extended to include more and more people finding at the crossroads the supplies they need above their own capacity for production, the more artisans and tradesmen can find livelihood there. The hamlet grows into the village, the village develops into the city. But solely because growth results from ever-widening areas of tributary territory. This law determines the rise and fall of towns and cities.

As the area expands the shop develops into the factory, the wagonmaker and blacksmith shops into manufacturing establishments; the store into the wholesale house, and, drawn by the forces that attract like to like, other industries come, increasing the diversity of things made for sale and use in the widened range of trade. Railroads come to extend the area, furnishing avenues for the outlet of products and an inlet for the exchanged products of the outer region. For a city a railroad has value only as a means of getting distribution of the products of the city's factories in distant parts, in making more territory and more people tributary to it. And a railroad has no value for a town unless the town produces something for a railroad to carry to wider markets.

A percentage of persons can find remunerative employment in a city in supplying the needs of resident citizens, but only because the others, in one way or another, in one field of productive industry are making the things needed by the first class. The butcher, the baker, retailer and artisan find themselves employed and

# E. R. CASSATT DEAD

**Former Well-Known Pella Man  
Died at Albert Lea, Minn.**

**Checked Career of an Able and  
Wealthy Man Who Climbed the  
Heights and Fell.**

E. R. Cassatt, for many years one of the most prominent men in Marion county, died at Albert Lea, Minn., last Wednesday, June 26, of stomach trouble.

E. R. Cassatt was born in Wabash county, Indiana, April 14, 1839. He lived there until 1857, when he came to Marion county. His education was received in the common schools of his native state and at Central University in Pella. After finishing his college course he returned to Indiana and read law with Hon. John W. Pettit, and in 1863 was admitted to the bar in Knoxville. He became associated with Hon. Jarius E. Neal, whose daughter Emily he had married in 1860; but, his health failing, he gave up the practice of the law and for a time followed milling. He was one of the organizers of the First National bank of Pella and the Marion County National, in Knoxville, and was for many years president of the former bank. He was a democrat in politics, and represented Marion county for eight years in the Iowa senate. He became very wealthy and enjoyed the confidence and esteem of all. But he had become a slave to whisky and morphine, and became a heavy speculator on the board of trade. Into a huge corner on wheat he put all his own money, and then all he could borrow; then, hoping against hope, he used all the available funds of his bank. The result was inevitable. The crash was the most disastrous financial reverse known in the county, and Mr. Cassatt tried to commit suicide. The loss was about a quarter of a million dollars. Cassatt was indicted, tried and convicted under the national banking laws, and sentenced to eight years in Anamosa penitentiary. He served only a part of this time, President McKinley pardoning him before the expiration of his sentence.

Of late years he has made his home in Albert Lea, where his son-in-law, Frank Snow, owns a large hotel. His death resulted from stomach trouble.

The burial was made in Oakland cemetery, Pella, beside the body of his

David Wright.

David Wright, an old citizen of