

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative HAMILTON, JOHN T. Senator _____

Represented Linn County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 16 October 1843, Henry Co., Illinois

2. Marriage (s) date place

Sara Ann Jones (Feb. 181 -), of St. Andrews, Canada; 16 October 1873

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business insurance; farm machinery dealer; banker

B. Civic responsibilities mayor; bud sup; state bd control;
mason

C. Profession _____

4. Church membership Episcopal

5. Sessions served 21/23 CA, 1885-1891 (speaker 23 CA; HD 48; Linn Co.

6. Public Offices

A. Local Mayor Cedar Rapids 1878; Linn Co Bd Sup, 1882-1884;

B. State Member Bd Control for State Institutions, part of 2 terms 1906-1909

C. National U S congressman, 1890

7. Death 24 Jan. 1925; heart attack at home, Cedar Rapids. Bur. OakHill Cem.

8. Children (1) James E (July 1874 -) (2) Mabel Fawn (Mrs. Robert S. Cook),
(Aug 1885 -) (3) died young; (4) died young

9. Names of parents James Steele Hamilton (Pa. 1812 - Ill 1889 (farmed near
Geneseo, Ill.
Mary F. Taylor (NH - d after 1901)

It was at the period in life above mentioned that Mr. Webb established a home of his own by his marriage to Miss Anna Adams, who was born in Linn county in 1866, a daughter of John and Myra J. Adams, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this work. Following his marriage Mr. Webb took his bride to a farm near Center Point, which he had previously purchased and there he lived for fifteen years, when he disposed of that tract and purchased his present homestead comprising one hundred and five acres in Marion township. He is here engaged in raising the cereals best adapted to the soil but he keeps much of his land for pasturage, as he raises considerable stock, and in this branch of business he is meeting with gratifying success.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Webb has been blessed with three children, but the second in order of birth died in infancy. The surviving members are Lindley and Marjorie M., both at home. The parents are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Webb is a democrat in his political views and affiliations but aside from serving on the school board as a director, he has never held public office. Both he and his wife are natives of Linn county, where they have spent their entire lives and they are thus well known in this section of the state, being numbered among the esteemed residents of Marion township.

HON. JOHN T. HAMILTON

The analyzation of the life work of John T. Hamilton indicates that tireless energy, keen persistence, honesty of purpose, genius for devising the right thing at the right time, joined to every day common sense and guided by resistless will power, are the chief characteristics of the man. While he has gained notable success it has not been alone the goal for which he was striving. He has never been unmindful of the duties of citizenship and while advancing individual interests has promoted public progress.

John T. Hamilton was born in Henry county, Illinois, on the 16th day of October, 1843, and is a son of James S. and Mary E. (Taylor) Hamilton, the former a native of Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, and the latter of Antrim, New Hampshire. The American ancestors came from the north of Ireland and were of Scotch-Irish lineage. The parents of John T. Hamilton were married in Henry County, Illinois, to which district they had accompanied their respective parents. Later James S. Hamilton turned his attention to agricultural pursuits with which he was identified during the active years of his life. On his retirement he removed to Geneseo, Illinois, where he resided until his death, which occurred when he was seventy-seven years of age. His wife also passed away there at the advanced age of eighty-two years. The Hamiltons were Scotch Presbyterian in religious faith, while the mother's people were of the Unitarian belief.

John T. Hamilton, spending his boyhood days under the parental roof, acquired his education in the public schools and in the Geneseo Seminary. When he put aside his text-books he turned his attention to the fire insurance business, selling insurance to the farmers for three years, at the end of which time the company which he represented failed. He was given a note for his three years' salary but he never realized on it. The year 1868 witnessed his arrival in Cedar Rapids. He reached this city on the 2d of February, and from that time until the following October represented C. H. McCormick of Chicago, in the reaper business, but anxious to engage in business on his own account he formed a partnership, under the firm style of Averill & Hamilton, and on the 1st of October, 1868, entered the agricultural implement business, thus laying a foundation for the extensive enterprise of Hamilton Brothers, one of the largest

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houses of its kind in Iowa. Late in the fall of 1873 Mr. Averill sold his interests to John R. Amidon and the style of the firm became Hamilton & Amidon. In the spring of 1891 Mr. Hamilton's brothers, W. W. and Porter Hamilton, acquired Mr. Amidon's interest in the business, which has since been conducted under the firm name of Hamilton Brothers. Theirs is one of the most widely known implement houses of the west. They have maintained a high standard in the personnel of the house, in their business methods and in the character of the service rendered to the public. In 1899 the firm erected a commodious brick business block one hundred and twenty by one hundred and twenty feet and four stories and basement in height. It is one of the best structures in Cedar Rapids and at this point the firm handles farm machinery, farm wagons, buggies, binder twine and seeds and coal. The trade of the house extends largely throughout the west and the business is constantly expanding along substantial lines, each year recording an increase in its volume.

Not only has John T. Hamilton been instrumental in developing and promoting the extensive commercial enterprise conducted under the name of Hamilton Brothers, but has also been one of the active promoters of financial interests in this city. In May, 1883, on the organization of the Cedar Rapids Savings Bank, he became president of the institution, which he had helped to organize, and has since remained its chief executive officer. On the 1st of July, 1899, he became identified with the Merchants National Bank and was elected its president, since which time he has filled the office. In these connections he has kept abreast with the rapid development manifest in financial centers, constantly broadening the policy of the institutions of which he is at the head and at the same time tempering the progressive spirit with safe conservatism. He is also a stockholder and one of the directors of the Cedar Rapids Hotel Company, owners of the Montrose Hotel, and is a stockholder of the Acme Fire Insurance Company of Cedar Rapids.

His business interests, extensive, varied and important as they are, do not cover the field of his activities, for in public relations Mr. Hamilton has done work as effective, far-reaching and beneficial as are his business interests. He is a recognized leader of the democratic party in Iowa and in 1878 was called to the mayoralty, thus guiding the municipal affairs of the city after a residence here of only ten years. In the early '80s he was chosen a member of the board of supervisors of Linn county for a term of three years and still higher honors awaited him in his election to the state legislature in which he served in the twenty-first, twenty-second and twenty-third general assemblies, being three times chosen a member of the house and honored with the speakership in the twenty-third assembly—the year of the deadlock. He was elected to the fifty-second United States congress, and from 1906 to 1909 served as a member of the board of control of state institutions. He was first appointed to fill an unexpired term of two years because of the death of Judge Kinnie and at the expiration of that time he was reappointed for six years, but resigned a year or so later. The fact of his reelection to office is the highest encomium that can be paid to the service that has ever been characterized by unflinching loyalty to duty, prompted by high sense of conscientious obligation and patriotism.

Mr. Hamilton laid the foundation of an attractive home life in his marriage, on the 16th of October, 1873, to Sarah Ann, daughter of Edward and Phoebe (McArthur) Jones of St. Andrews, Canada, and unto them have been born four children, of whom two are yet living: James E., second vice president of the Merchants National Bank; and Mabel Fawn, the wife of Robert S. Cook, purchasing agent for the Cedar Rapids & Iowa City Railway and Light Company. Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton hold membership in the Episcopal church, in which he is one of the vestrymen. He is highly ranked in Masonry, holding membership in Crescent Lodge, No. 25, A. F. & A. M.; Trowel Chapter, No. 49, R. A. M.;

Apollo Commandery, No. 26, Knights Templar; Iowa Consistory, No. 2, A. & A. S. R.; and El Kahir Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. He is also a demitted member of the Star of the West Lodge, No. 1, K. P., of which he was one of the organizers, and is a member of Cedar Rapids Lodge, No. 251, B. P. O. E. Such is the history of John T. Hamilton, who by the consensus of public opinion is accorded a prominent position in the commercial and political circles of Iowa. Those who differ from him in opinion entertain for him the highest admiration and respect because of his known loyalty to his honest convictions and because of the straightforward policy he has ever followed in commercial pursuits. His life has been varied in activity and its effects have been so far-reaching and beneficial as to become not only an integral part of the history of Cedar Rapids, but also of the state.

JOHN LOCKHART

John Lockhart, one of the prominent and representative farmers of Washington township, his home being on section 8, just west of Center Point, has spent his entire life here, his birth occurring March 6, 1851, upon the farm where he still resides. His father, Thomas G. Lockhart, was born in Adams county, Ohio, May 28, 1814, and was a son of Thomas and Mary (Brown) Lockhart, both natives of Pennsylvania, the former born in 1789 and the latter in 1788. They were of Scotch descent and at an early day became residents of Adams county, Pennsylvania, where the grandfather owned and operated a distillery, becoming one of the prominent men of his community. He was a soldier of the war of 1812.

Thomas G. Lockhart, the father of our subject, spent his boyhood and youth in the county of his nativity and in 1837 removed to Sangamon county, Illinois, where he resided for a few years. There he was married December 10, 1837, to Miss Lettie Osborn, a native of Indiana and a daughter of Jonathan and Susan Osborn. In 1838 they came to Iowa and two years later settled in Linn county, being among the pioneers of this region. Here the father entered the land on which our subject now resides and to its improvement and cultivation devoted his energies throughout the remainder of his life. As time passed he converted the place into a most productive and valuable tract and made many excellent improvements, including the erection of three sets of farm buildings. He prospered in his life work, becoming the owner of three hundred and three acres of very valuable land, and was numbered among the most substantial farmers of Washington township. He was also prominent and influential in public affairs and served for twelve consecutive years as justice of the peace and also as township treasurer for some years. His political support was given to the democratic party and he was an active and faithful member of the Church of Christ at Center Point, with which he was officially connected. He died on the home farm, January 24, 1891, and his wife passed away July 5, 1899, both being laid to rest in Davis cemetery, Grant township. They were the parents of eleven children, but only three are now living, namely: Craton, who is a resident of the state of Washington; Mrs. Amanda Bunker, of Urbana, Iowa; and John of this review.

Reared upon the home farm, John Lockhart early acquired an excellent knowledge of every department of farm work and his literary education was obtained in the public schools which he attended to a limited extent, but at the age of thirteen years began plowing corn and from that time on his attention was principally devoted to agricultural pursuits, pursuing his studies in the schoolroom only when there was no work to be done on the farm. After

is highly prosperous, with an increasing business, and now employs eight men and the same number of teams. The office is located at No. 20 South Second street.

The marriage of Mr. Noble and Miss Marietta Mead occurred in 1864. Mrs. Noble is a native of New York and daughter of Thomas Rockwell Mead. This union has been blest by the birth of one child—a son, Charles M.

In politics Mr. Noble is strongly Republican. He belongs to the Masonic fraternity and is Commander of the T. Z. Cook Post No. 235, G. A. R. He has been Treasurer of Seneca Township, McHenry County, and held the office of Deputy Sheriff of Linn County until he resigned. The family residence is at No. 254 Seventh avenue. Mr. and Mrs. Noble are held in the highest respect by their community and occupy a position in the best society in the city.



HON. JOHN T. HAMILTON, of the firm of Hamilton & Amidon, dealers in agricultural implements, seeds, coal, etc., on the corner of First street and Third avenue, Cedar Rapids, is a native of Henry County, Ill., and was born Oct. 16, 1843. His parents are James S. and Mary E. (Taylor) Hamilton, natives of Westmoreland, Pa., and New Hampshire respectively. The father followed the occupation of a farmer until he retired from active labor, and settled at Geneseo, Ill., where he is now living. Of the seven children in the parental family, five are yet living: John T., our subject; William W. and Porter, living at Mapleton, this State; James W., residing in Benton County, and Sarah E., Mrs. Orr, living in Henry County, Ill.

John T. Hamilton lived on the home farm, assisted in the labors thereon, attended the common schools, and developed into manhood. His primary education was supplemented by a course of study at Geneseo Seminary, and he continued to live with the old folk until the fall of 1864. He then engaged in the insurance business in Illinois, and after conducting the same for about four years, came to Cedar Rapids, arriving here Feb. 2, 1868, and em-

barked in his present business. The firm of which he is a member is one of the largest of its kind in Cedar Rapids, and is doing a flourishing trade.

Mr. Hamilton was united in marriage with Miss Sarah A. Jones in 1873. She is a native of St. Andrews, Canada, and has borne our subject the following-named children: James E.; John S., who died in infancy, and Mabel F. Mr. Hamilton has held the office of Assistant Chief of the Fire Department, was Mayor of Cedar Rapids in 1878, member of the Board of Supervisors in 1883-84, and in 1885 was elected to represent Linn County in the General Assembly.

Mr. Hamilton is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and has been Master of the Blue Lodge, High Priest of the Chapter, and first Eminent Commander of Apollo Commandery, in which he has attained the 32d degree, Scottish Rite. He is President of the Eagle Woolen-Mills of Cedar Rapids, and also President of the Cedar Rapids Saving Bank. His political opinions heartily coincide with those of the present administration. He is a liberal giver to all enterprises which are calculated to benefit the community or the State, and has never been known to turn a deaf ear to true charity. He has, by his energy and perseverance, made himself what he is, and is recognized as one of the foremost business men, as well as respected and honored citizens of Cedar Rapids. Mr. Hamilton and family are attendants of the Episcopal Church.



EI. FOSTER, coal dealer, living at Cedar Rapids, is a native of the Green Mountain State, and was born April 29, 1851. He is a son of Azro and Alta (Shattuck) Foster, natives of Maine and Massachusetts respectively. The father was a bridge contractor and builder, and in 1859 moved to Pekin, Ill., where he continued in the same business until his death, in 1882. The mother survived and is residing at Peoria. Their family of children were five in number: George B. is an attorney of Peoria, Ill.; Henry A. is a capitalist, residing at Des Moines; Helen became the wife of L. King, County Surveyor of Peoria County, Ill.; Mary L. married Thomas S. King, a civil engineer,

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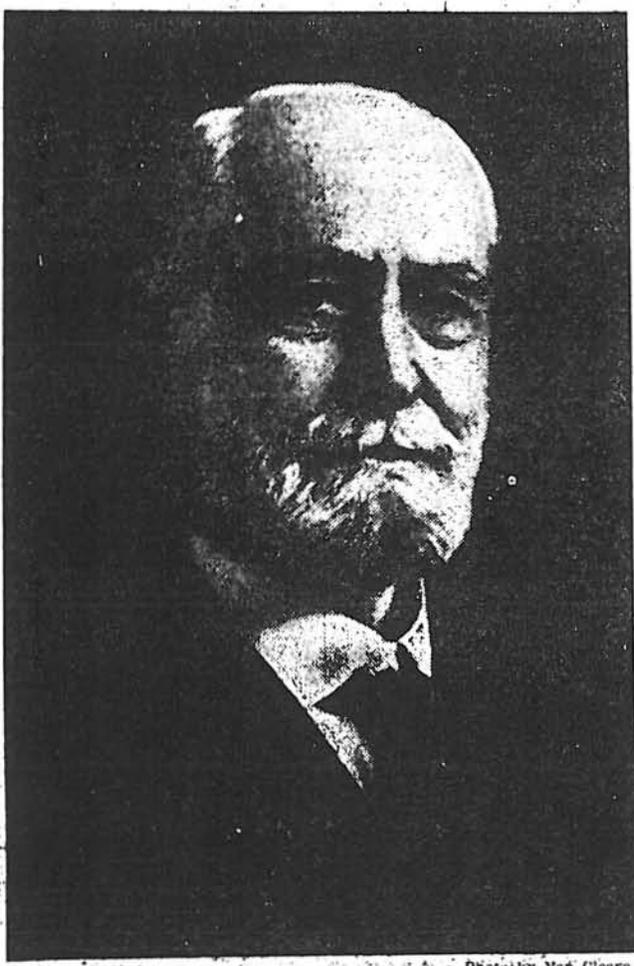


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Chairman of Merchants National Bank, 81-Years-Old, Appeared Active and Well Friday Night at Robert Burns Society Banquet—Was Civic Leader and Always Active in Interest of City and State.

John T. Hamilton, chairman of the Merchants National bank and for fifty-seven years a leader in the financial and business life of Cedar Rapids, died quietly at his home, 1015 Second avenue, at 4:05 p. m. yesterday. His death was due to heart failure.

Mr. Hamilton, who although 81 years of age, had kept exceedingly well and active and who had continued his activities at the bank until the very day before his death, was preparing to go down town just as the end came. He was in his room dressing at 3:00 p. m. when he was first seized with pains and sinking to a chair called for Mrs. Hamilton. She came immediately. Before he died all of his near relatives had reached the Hamilton home and were with him at the end. Doctors were called but were unable to help the aged, well known, and highly respected financier and civic builder.

Hamilton Funeral Services Tuesday From St. John's

Funeral services for John T. Hamilton will be held Tuesday at 3:30 p. m. from the St. John's Episcopal church. The funeral will be in charge of Crescent lodge No. 25, A. F. and A. M. Apollo Commandery will act as escorts. Rev. Charles E. Edwards will officiate and burial will be made in Oak Hill cemetery.

Members of Crescent lodge and of the Commandery are asked to meet at the Masonic Temple in special session promptly at 2:30 p. m. Tuesday to form for the funeral services. All members are asked to please bring their automobiles with them.

Although Mr. Hamilton had had short periods of minor illness for the past two years, he was never seriously sick until the very end and could be found at his customary desk in the bank along side his son, James E. Hamilton, almost any day.

He spent his customary day at the bank Friday and was in high spirits at the Robert Burns society banquet Friday night. He did not go to the office Saturday morning, however, as he was just a bit tired but seemed to be possessed of his customary cheerfulness and spent the usual "home day" at his residence Saturday. He had complained of no illness until the actual time of the stroke at 3:00 p. m.

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Gun Battle in Streets of Mapleton Results in Death of L. P. Murphy

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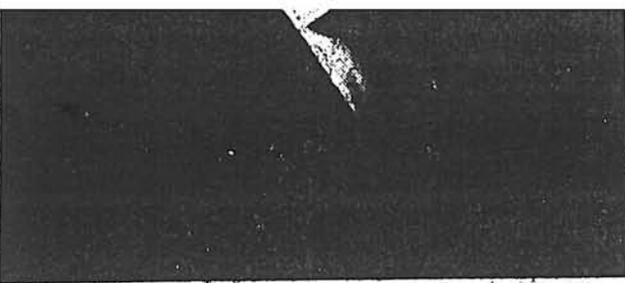


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C. D. Huston, former Cedar Rapids mayor, postmaster, and life-long friend of the Cedar Rapids financier, paid Mr. Hamilton a glowing tribute in the following paragraphs:

"In the death of John T. Hamilton another tower has fallen! A splendid type of citizen—a great American has crossed the bar.

"Mr. Hamilton was a man of the highest personal integrity, upon whose private and public life there was no stain. Of very much more than average ability, of industrious and frugal habits, he was a leader in political and commercial life—a safe anchor in every one of the many and various enterprises in

which he was successfully engaged during his more than fifty-six years residence in this city. Mr. Hamilton was a rare soul—possessing those attributes that make men surpassingly good citizens. He was faithful, courteous, courageous, conscientious always; every duty of his life was well done, well rounded, complete. He was the friend of men, comrade, brother, father—an inspiration to the beginner and the young because of his more than friendly interest in their affairs and their success; his counsel was invaluable. In city, in state, and nation, all of which he served when public virtue and civic spirit ran high, Mr. Hamilton, was found always on the clean side of every public question, never yielding to expediency, standing four square to all the world, daring to do the right.

"The summons came, as he would wish, in the home where his hours of greatest happiness had passed, surrounded by those whom he loved so dearly. Brave and courageous in public and private life he answered the last roll call unafraid. He kept the faith: 'Faith is the rainbow's form Hung on the brow of heaven. The glory of the passing storm The pledge of mercy given; It is a bright, triumphant arch Through which just men in glory march.'"

Tribute by Dinwiddie
When informed of the Hamilton death, Mr. J. M. Dinwiddie immediately wrote the following tribute to him:

"I have been present on several occasions at Mr. Hamilton's home when he has been seriously in-

Body of Moline Youth Found in Swimming Pool

MOLINE, Ill., Jan. 24: The body of George Hopkins was discovered in the Y. M. C. A. swimming pool here today after the lad failed to come home last night from a beginners swimming class. This is the second drowning in the Moline Y. M. C. A. since it was established.

The youngster entered the pool at 1.30 p. m. yesterday with 20 other novices. Two expert instructors and his companions failed to miss the boy.

A search instituted today, disclosed the body at the bottom of the tank.

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Chapin was taken to the county jail at Onawa where a preliminary hearing on charges of murder will be held Monday. It is believed he is insane.

Wife of General William L. Davis Dies at Capital

Was Former Resident of Cedar Rapids Before Moving to Washington

Mrs. Martha W. Davis, wife of Gen. William L. Davis, died at her home, 2525 Ontario Road, Washington, D. C. Friday at 2:15 p. m. according to word received here.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis formerly resided in this city. In 1929, they went to Washington, where they made their home with their daughter.

Martha W. Cowden was born in Columbia, Pa., Sept. 6, 1844. She was married to William L. Davis June 18, 1867. They settled in Lisbon and lived there until the spring of 1886, when they went to Des Moines. In 1888 they came to Cedar Rapids which was their home for thirty-two years.

To Mr. and Mrs. Davis were born four children. Ida, who was drowned in the Cedar river at the Palisades in 1890, Carrie M. Davis, of Washington, D. C.; Arthur W. Davis, and Mrs. Abigail E. Cox, both of this city. She also leaves one sister, Mrs. Samuel Baker of Belwood Pa.

Mrs. Davis was a member of the United Brethren church. Burial services were held today in Washington, D. C. The body will be brought here at a time to be announced later.

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Early in life he put away his books and began selling fire insurance. He worked for his original company for three years without receiving any salary and then the company failed. He was given a note for his services but was never able to collect it. It was rather a hard blow for the young man who had counted on settling himself up in business with his three year accumulation but he would not be downed. He moved to Cedar Rapids.

Came Here in 1868

The morning he arrived here, February 2, 1868, was bleak and cold and the city must have looked none to inviting to the young 25-year-old man. He began work here as the representative of a Chicago reaper manufacturer but later in the same year, anxious to get into business for himself, he formed a partnership under the name of Averill and Hamilton and began the agricultural implement business. For five years the two men worked together when the firm name was changed to Hamilton and Amidon. Mr. Averill having sold his interest to John R. Amidon. In the spring of 1891 Mr. Hamilton's brothers acquired Amidon's interest in the business and the firm became known as Hamilton Brothers which for twenty years was one of the leading business establishments in the city. The business had been established in the present Warfield-Pratt-Howell building at that time one of the show places of the city.

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CHICAGO FOR SHOW S. J. L. Bever, Jr., Mr. W. H. Lenders, Dr. Hamilton, Dr. Hearstley, and Mr. Myers are leaving this afternoon for Chicago

NURSES' CLUB Garrison and Miss Hange hostesses at the Graduate Nurses afternoon at the Tea shop

BRIDGE S. W. J. Foster inter-day Evening Bridge home, 1837 Blake

LEAVE Frost of De home of Mr. Mrs. C. H. Darner, night for Chicago and will return to Detroit.

AT LUNCHEON Casebeer and daughter L. Walker, 1800 B hostesses at luncheon

BRIDE-ELECT Richter was hospitable shower coming in honor of her Maude Pulda, whose Edward Weber of Oxn will take place soon.

Children regulated in Iowa NEN, Jan. 24:—Un- able in children is be- on in Iowa, with no tigation of the homes children are being clars James B. Weav- of the state child mission.

for a trained social head a child welfare under jurisdiction of of W. trophy on, by some De- tizen for outstanding service, was presented last night for his pub- service and his work in planning commission.

E. R. Moore, president of the American Trust and Savings bank, spoke of the high ideals which men of the calibre of Mr. Van Vechten set in the insurance field.

A. S. Reid spoke briefly on the evolution of the insurance business. Miss Bernice Ladd, reader, entertained the insurance men.

He read a letter from Robert S. Sinclair, director of the Cedar Rapids Insurance company, expressing regrets that he could not be there.

Guests for the day, included: Glenn M. Averill, president of Cedar Rapids National bank, E. R. Moore, Drs. G. E. Crawford, Lynn J. Crawford, and Jennings Crawford.

Mr. Van Vechten a few weeks ago because of his advanced years, decided to withdraw from active participation in the insurance business.

J. T. Hamilton Exemplary Character, Friends Say

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disposed of when old-time friends and associates were calling and always noted the evidence of affection he had for them and how chokingly he expressed it at the time.

"In speaking of sundry activities and hoped for improvements, he said, 'Of course these things will go on. I may not be here to see them, but business will go on just the same. I have been permitted a long life and a satisfactory one and as it draws to an end, I want above everything else to hold fast to my friends to the last.'

"A successful business man, a safe counsellor, a good friend, that is what Mr. Hamilton has been throughout his life. In his political life his activities were always consistent and for what he thought best for all regardless of self and always above reproach.

"My recollection of him in our early acquaintance is vivid and as the years pass in review, one can see in him a desire for the success of business ventures, a desire to have that success based on sound principles. He wanted an honest service rendered and to give value received for value received.

"In full forty years association there never was a dispute between us. I know from observation how distasteful it was to him to note a difference between friends. He was for many years active in lodge affairs, in which he was always in demand. In addresses, in local or nearby neighborhoods where I have been with him many times, his theme was for advancement, for improvement and were always so received. His interest in young men was predominate and he always had the best of advice to give and their best interests at heart.

"The passing of such a man is a distinct loss to any community as his death is to this. To those who knew him intimately as I feel I did, there would be a deep appreciation of this loss.

Luther A. Brewer paid tribute to Mr. Hamilton in the following paragraph:

"In the passing of John T.

To Get Pardon For Son; Visits Here Saturday With Friends And Relatives

"Right or wrong, my boy." The significance of that quotation belongs to Mrs. Margaret Hanson, 79, formerly of Cedar Rapids, who visited relatives and old friends here Friday and yesterday.

There in Washington, before the late President Warren G. Harding she bared her soul's love for her son, who was serving a sentence in the Ft. Leavenworth penitentiary for desertion.

"Her boy" is none other than Joseph Anderson, who lived with his mother in this city eight years ago. During that time he was first employed at the Sinclair packing plant and later at the starch works.

After he had been released from the federal prison he was placed in a government hospital, suffering from shell shock—one reason why Mrs. Hanson was successful in getting the late president to pardon her son.

Mrs. Hanson's friends and relatives heard her tell of how her son is in a hospital at Lorraine, Ohio; how government officials refused to have him transferred to St. Cloud, Minn., for her; that he knows she is his only friend.

It was an aged and weary woman, her hair flecked with silver, who boarded a train for Lorraine at the Union station yesterday. She returns there to stay with her son "until death do part them."

"For he's my only boy." "I lost one boy in the World war and I am going to see if a mother's care can't prevent the war from levying another toll upon me."

Hamilton this city has lost one of its oldest and most prominent citizens. Coming here more than a half century ago he had for all those years taken an influential part in the business and civic life of this community.

C. D. Van Vechten, when informed of the passing of Mr. Hamilton declared:

"A very genuine democrat has gone, a man who could always be understood and whose private character was above suspicion.

"I am proud of having been his personal friend. So firmly did he stand for the right as he saw it and in whose mind there could be no compromise with the law.

"Unlike in our political views we were true friends and I shall miss him very much."

"In the passing of John T. Hamilton, Cedar Rapids lost a man who was an active force in the community, a man of the highest integrity, one who always maintained the highest ideals, one whose tenets were industry and thrift, and one who had often been singularly honored because of the time which he voluntarily gave to public service."

"He was always an advisor to young business men who had trying problems to solve. His death is a great loss to Cedar Rapids, and the state of Iowa," commented Sen. W. G. Haskell.

C. G. Greene in his statement said that Mr. Hamilton stood in the forefront as a business man, public official, Mason, churchman, and in social circles. "I have thought of him always as a leading citizen in Cedar Rapids."

"My father and Mr. Hamilton started a business, dealing in agricultural implements in the year 1868. The site was on the ground where the auditorium now stands. Early in life I used to go down to the office and consequently came to know Mr. Hamilton well. He was a man of the highest ideals, and the most absolute integrity."

Judge Milo P. Smith, although unable to come to the phone because of general infirmity, added that the late John T. Hamilton was one of the best all around men that Linn county ever had.

John P. Hamilton, Banker Dies Saturday

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became the president of the Merchants National as well as the Cedar Rapids Savings bank.

For many years he was its guiding spirit and influence and managed to keep abreast of all the new developments and to make this organization one of the real leaders in the financial circles of the city. His son, James Hamilton, however had come into the bank shortly after completing his education and made a rapid rise in its organization until a few years ago the senior Hamilton relinquished the presidency to his son, James. The older Mr. Hamilton however remained in constant touch with the board of directors and could usually be found at his executive desk in the bank almost any day.

Mr. Hamilton was also a stockholder and one of the directors in the Cedar Rapids Hotel company, owners of the Montrose hotel building and a stockholder in the Acme Fire Insurance company.

Prominent Democratic Leader

But to recite the business life of Mr. John T. Hamilton is not to tell the full story. He has been a recognized leader of the democratic party in Iowa and was one of the city's first mayors. He was elected to the mayoralty in 1878 and thus became the guide of civic affairs in Cedar Rapids after a residence in the city of shortly less than ten years.

In the early eighties he was made a member of the Linn county board of supervisors for a term of three years but higher public office awaited him and he went to the state legislature. He served as a member of the twenty-first, twenty-second and twenty-third general assemblies and was chosen speaker in his third term, which was the year of the famous deadlock. He also served as a member of the state board of control and was elected a member of the fifty-second congress in 1900. He was first appointed to the board of control upon the death of Judge Kinke and was later reappointed for a term of six years but resigned at the end of his first year.

Ran for Governor

Mr. Hamilton was made democratic nominee for governor in the race against George W. Clarke in 1914 and was defeated by only a small majority.

Mr. Hamilton was married in 1873 to Sara Ann Jones, daughter of Arthur and Phebe Jones of St. Andrews, Canada.

Prominent in Masonic Circles

Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton held a membership in Grace Episcopal church of which he was one of the vestrymen. Mr. Hamilton was highly ranked in Iowa Masonry. He held memberships in Crescent lodge No. 25, A. F. and A. M.; Trowell chapter No. 49, R. A. M.; Apollo Commandery No. 26, Knights Templar; Iowa Consistory No. 2, A. and A. S. R.; and El Kahir Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.

In addition to his wife Mr. Hamilton is survived by a son, James E. Hamilton, and by a daughter, Mrs. Robert S. Cook, also six grandchildren, Anne and John Hamilton and Eleanor, Valissa, Doris and Sutherland Cook.

The funeral will be in charge of John B. Turner & Son, but no arrangements have as yet been made.

SLIPS ON WALK; DIES

PORT MADISON, Jan. 24:—Injuries received here several weeks ago when he slipped and fell on an icy sidewalk, proved fatal for J. C. Lagoring, age 75, prominent business man here. Death occurred last night after he had been confined to his home in a critical condition since the accident.

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Day by Day

Knights Of Pythias—Star of the West lodge No. 1, Knights of Pythias, will do work in the rank of knight Monday evening. Refreshments will be served.

Big masquerade dance, C. S. P. S. hall, Wednesday, Jan. 28—Adv.

Kingston Lodge—Kingston lodge I. O. O. F. No. 722, will meet Tuesday at 8 p. m. at the hall over the police station. Practice in the second degree will be held.

Court Cedar—Court Cedar No. 3, Foresters of America, will meet in I. O. O. F. hall Wednesday at 8 p. m.

Recovering—Mrs. Leon F. Hines, 948 Nineteenth avenue west, is recovering splendidly from an operation which she underwent Tuesday at Mercy hospital. She is the wife of Patrolman Hines.

To Fill Pulpit—In the absence of the minister, W. W. Argow, Prof. Stephen H. Bush, will speak this morning in the Peoples church, on the subject, "Our Present World." Professor Bush is a member of the department of Romance Languages, Iowa State university. Mr. Argow is in Chicago today, speaking in the University Church of Our Father. From here he will go on an extended speaking tour in behalf of the out-lawry movement, going as far east as Cleveland, returning in time to be in his pulpit next Sunday morning.

Salesmen Through City—Three special North Western trains, carrying 500 National Cash Register salesmen, are due to pass through Cedar Rapids between 5:30 and 9 p. m. today, enroute from Chicago to Los Angeles. The trip is an annual educational one for salesmen of the 100 per cent class. Various cities along the route will be visited. Will Hayes, czar of the movies, is to entertain them at Hollywood.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE MOVED

TIPTON, Jan. 24.—The location of the county sheriff's office in the court house at Tipton has been recently changed due to a petition circulated among local attorneys and other business people of the city who have frequent occasion to use the recorder's records.

Heretofore the office of Sheriff and Recorder have always been located in the same room, and the petition for the division of the two was made, since the room was not a quiet place for attorneys and others interested in the recorder's records to work.

Christian, a loyal husband and father, a loyal American citizen, and a loyal friend. By reason of his thoroughness he succeeded in his endeavors whether political, religious, or commercial; he left no task half done and for that reason his life seems singularly complete.

Now his life work is done. Our friend never saw a better day than that on which he was released from the bondage of a weary body. We do not mourn when the sailor comes in from the storm to the peaceful harbor, or when the wanderer at last reaches home; our sympathy is for ourselves and for his loved ones in their hour of sadness. But we all have the knowledge that his memory will be revered, and the good deeds characterizing his life will perpetuate his memory in the hearts of those who knew and loved him.

Therefore, Be It Resolved, By the House of Representatives of the Forty-first General Assembly of the State of Iowa, that the foregoing memorial be adopted as its appreciation of the life and character and public services of the Hon. W. H. Taylor.

Be It Further Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the Journal of this House and the Chief Clerk transmit a copy to the family of the deceased.

ARTHUR STOOKESBERRY,
D. FULTON RICE,
LAFE HILL,

Committee.

Unanimously adopted March 30, 1925.

HON. JOHN T. HAMILTON

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee appointed to prepare resolutions commemorative of the life, character and public service of the Honorable John T. Hamilton, late of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, beg leave to report the following:

John T. Hamilton was born in Henry County, Illinois, October 16, 1843. His parents were James S. and Mary Taylor Hamilton. His early education was acquired in the public schools of Geneseo, Illinois, and in Geneseo Academy. In 1873 he was united in marriage to Sara Ann Jones of St. Andrews, Canada.

Mr. Hamilton commenced his business career as a solicitor of fire insurance, which he followed for three years, and on February 2, 1868, he removed to Cedar Rapids, representing a Chicago reaper company, but later in the year formed a partnership under the firm name of Averill & Hamilton, dealers in farm machinery and implements. In 1873 John R. Amidon purchased the Averill interests and the firm then became Hamilton & Amidon. In 1891 Mr. Hamilton's brothers, W. W. and Porter Hamilton, purchased Mr. Amidon's interest, at which time the firm became known as Hamilton Brothers and was one of the leading business institutions in Cedar Rapids for more than twenty years. Before this time, however, in 1883, the Cedar Rapids Savings Bank was organized, with Mr. Hamilton as President, which position he retained for thirty-five years, when he disposed of his interest in that institution, having in

1898 purchased a controlling interest in the Merchants National Bank of Cedar Rapids and became its President. He was Chairman of the Board of the latter institution at the time of his death, as well as a director in several other business concerns of the city.

Mr. Hamilton was mayor of Cedar Rapids in 1878, and a member of the Linn County Board of Supervisors in 1882-4. In 1885 he was elected State Representative, and re-elected in 1887 and 1889, serving in the Twenty-first, Twenty-second, and Twenty-third General Assemblies. In the Twenty-third General Assembly occurred the famous deadlock when the House failed to organize for over a month and when finally Mr. Hamilton was elected Speaker. In 1890 he was elected to the Fifty-second Congress, defeating the Republican nominee, George R. Struble. Upon the death of L. G. Kinne, a member of the Board of Control of State institutions, Governor Cummins appointed Mr. Hamilton to fill the vacancy for the remainder of Mr. Kinne's term, and appointed him for a full six-year term, beginning April 5, 1908, but he resigned October 1, 1909. In 1914 Mr. Hamilton was the Democratic candidate for Governor but was defeated by Governor George W. Clarke who was running for his second term.

Mr. Hamilton was an active worker in all bodies of the Masonic order, and a member of St. John's Episcopal Church in Cedar Rapids.

Mr. Hamilton passed away at his home in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, January 24, 1925, and in his death the state has lost a useful citizen. His life and public services were of high character and he will be remembered as an ideal patriot, citizen, neighbor and friend. He is survived by his wife, one son, James, one daughter, Mrs. Robert S. Cook, and six grandchildren.

Therefore, Be It Resolved, That in the passing of the Honorable John T. Hamilton, the state has lost a valuable and honored citizen, whose fidelity to duty, faithfulness in every public and private trust, and splendid character should be an inspiration to all for a higher ideal in life.

Be It Further Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the Journal of the House as an expression of the life and worth of the deceased, and copies thereof be transmitted to his family.

WM. H. STEPANEK,
E. A. GRIMWOOD,
T. L. WOLFE,

Committee.

Unanimously adopted March 30, 1925.

HENRY T. REED

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee, appointed to draft resolutions commemorative of the life, character and public services of Judge Henry T. Reed, late Federal Judge of the Northern District of Iowa, beg leave to report the following:

Henry T. Reed was born at Alburgh, Vermont, October 1st, 1846 and

teen hundred dollars worth of boots and shoes on time and shipped the same to Cedar Rapids. The freight charges on the goods amounted to fifty-two dollars, and as he had only seventeen dollars, he proposed to leave a part of the stock as security in Mr. Bever's warehouse, but that gentleman being a good judge of human nature told Mr. Cobban he could take all his goods and give him a due bill for the amount, which our subject paid two days later. By extensive advertising and close attention to business he met all his obligations in this way before the bills were due, and built up a large and prosperous business. He removed his store to Cedar Rapids in 1880, but has always made his home in Marion, and continued in active business until 1889, being one of the largest wholesale boot and shoe dealers in Iowa. He also employed several shoemakers and in this way placed a large amount of custom-made shoes on the market. Since 1889 he has been interested in Butte, Montana, real estate, loans and mining, and in this undertaking has been also successful. He also deals largely in Cedar Rapids property, and is one of the leading business men of Linn county.

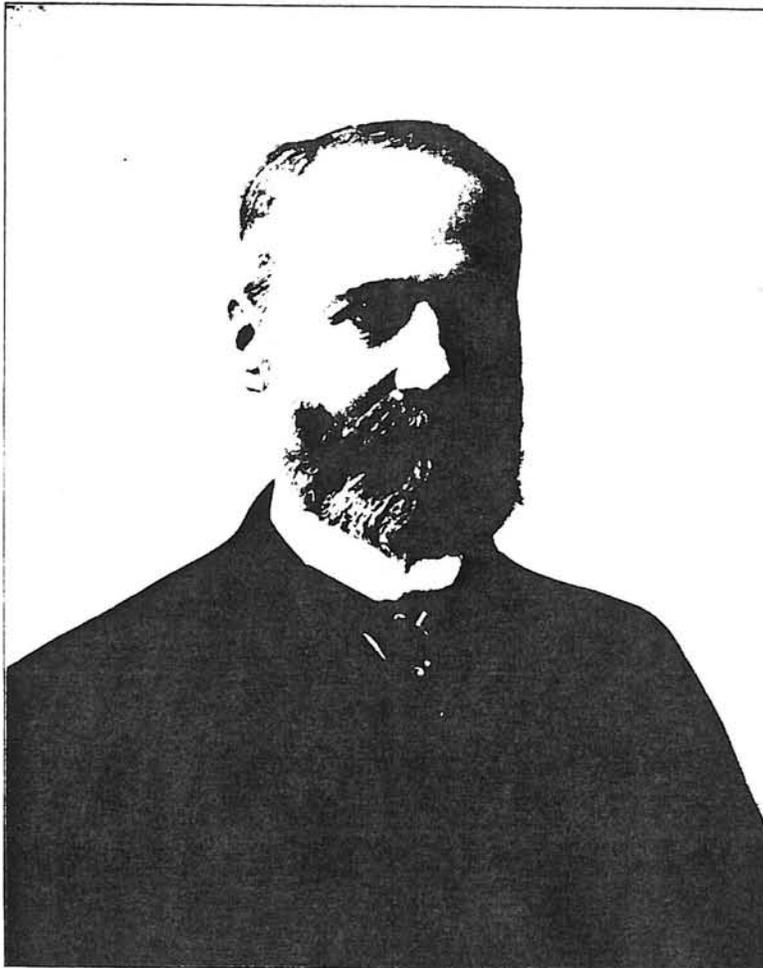
On the 16th of November, 1865, Mr. Cobban was united in marriage with Miss Marcia B. Todd, of St. Stephens, New Brunswick. Her father was Hon. William Todd, a highly respected and prominent citizen of that place, and a life-long member of the provincial parliament. He was appointed by the Queen as member of the executive council of the Confederation of Provinces, but owing to ill health never accepted. He was largely interested in railroads and other business enterprises, and was president of the St. Stephens Bank and of the New Brunswick & Canada Railroad. He died

August 5, 1873, at the age of seventy years. Mr. and Mrs. Cobban are the parents of five children, namely: Harry, born October 29, 1869, died at the age of seven and a half years; Mabel, born July 6, 1871, died at the age of one year and a half; Neva L., born July 2, 1873, is the wife of H. S. Scampton, who lives with our subject and is an engineer on the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad; Alice M., born May 5, 1879, is at home; and George T., born May 8, 1880, is now at home.

Mr. Cobban built his present home in Marion in 1866, and has since made a number of additions and improvements to the place. He also erected a brick business block in that city in 1872, and has been prominently identified with the growth and development of the place. In his religious views he is liberal and in politics is an ardent Republican. Coming to the United States without capital he deserves great credit for his success in life. He has always made the most of his opportunities, and by straightforward, honorable dealing has secured the public confidence and the public patronage. He has accumulated a handsome property, and his life illustrates what can be accomplished through industry, perseverance, good management and a determination to succeed.

HON. JOHN T. HAMILTON.

Honored and respected by all, there is no man in Cedar Rapids who occupies a more enviable position in mercantile and financial circles than John T. Hamilton, not alone on account of the brilliant success he has achieved, but also on account of the hon-



J. T. HAMILTON.

orable, straightforward business policy he has ever followed.

A native of Illinois, he was born in Geneseo, Henry county, on the 16th of October, 1843, and is a son of James Steele Hamilton, whose birth occurred in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, June 12, 1812. His paternal grandfather, Alexander Hamilton, was born in Ireland of Scotch ancestry. The father grew to manhood in his native state, and about 1839 removed to Henry county, Illinois, where he married Miss Mary E. Taylor, a native of Antrim, New Hampshire, and a daughter of Andrew Taylor, who was also one of the pioneer settlers of Henry county. There the father of our subject engaged in farming throughout the greater part of his active business life, and there he died in 1889, though he had lived for a few years in Benton county, Iowa. He was always a Democrat in politics and a Presbyterian in religious belief. His wife is still living. Of their five children John T., of this review, is the oldest; W. W. and Porter are also residents of Cedar Rapids; Sarah E. is the wife of William Orr, of Geneseo, Illinois; and James W. died at Coggon, this county, in 1895.

John T. Hamilton began his education in a small log school house, and later attended the Geneseo Seminary. He remained under the parental roof until reaching manhood, and from 1864 until 1868 was in the fire insurance business in Geneseo. On the 2d of February of the latter year he came to Cedar Rapids, and formed a partnership with A. T. Averill, under the firm name of Averill & Hamilton, as dealers in farm machinery, seeds and coal on North First street, where they continued to carry on business in a frame building until 1873, when they built a part of what is known as the Mer-

chants block, now a part of the Fair, and removed to that location. A year later Mr. Averill sold his interest to J. R. Amidon, and business was successfully conducted under the style of Hamilton & Amidon. Needing more commodious quarters, in 1883, they erected a larger block at the corner of First street and Third avenue, where they did business until 1891, when our subject's brothers purchased Mr. Amidon's interest, and the name was changed to Hamilton Brothers. In 1899 they built a fine four-story brick block, one hundred and twenty feet square, exclusively for their own use. They handle seeds, coal and all kinds of vehicles, and do a large wholesale business which extends throughout the state.

Mr. Hamilton has not confined his attention alone to this line of trade, but has become prominent in banking circles. He was a stockholder of the City National Bank, and one of the organizers of the Cedar Rapids Savings Bank, which was the first savings bank established in the city. Its capital stock has been increased from fifty to one hundred thousand dollars, and it now has a surplus of thirty-five thousand dollars, while its deposits amount to one million two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, which is the heaviest of any savings bank in the city. They began business at No. 8 First street, but in 1896 removed to their new six-story building, the two lower stories of which are of Sioux Falls jasper. The vaults are all steel lined. Mr. Hamilton has served as president of this bank since its incorporation, and not a little of its success is due to his able management and sound judgment. In 1898 the old City National Bank was re-organized as the Citizens National Bank, of which he was a director, but he finally sold his interests there, and bought

stock in the Merchants National Bank, of which he was elected president in July, 1899. It has a capital stock of one hundred thousand dollars and is the oldest national bank in the city, as well as one of the most solid financial institutions in the state. Mr. Hamilton was one of the re-organizers of the Cedar Rapids Light & Power Company, of which he was president from January, 1893, until selling out his interest in the same in December, 1899, and he made the enterprise an eminent success.

On the 16th of October, 1873, Mr. Hamilton married Miss Sarah A. Jones, of St. Andrews, Quebec, and of the four children born to them two are still living, namely: James E., who is now assistant cashier of the Merchants National Bank; and Mabel Faun. Our subject attends and supports the Episcopal church, of which his wife is an earnest member, and he has served as vestryman in the same. The family is quite prominent socially.

In his fraternal relations Mr. Hamilton is a member of Crescent Lodge, No. 25, F. & A. M., of which he was master three years; has also served as high priest of Trowell Chapter, No. 49, R. A. M.; is a member of Iowa Consistory, No. 1; and Apollo Commandery, No. 26, K. T., of which he was the first commander, and held that office two terms. He was also a charter member of Star of the West Lodge, No. 1, K. P. He is one of the prominent Democrats of the city and in 1878 was elected mayor, in which capacity he served for one year. He was a member of the board of supervisors for three years early in the '80s, and during that period bridges were built across the Cedar river at First avenue, Cedar Rapids, Center Point and Palo. For six years he was a prominent member of

the Iowa legislature, and was speaker of the twenty-third general assembly. In 1890 he was elected to congress from the fifth district of Iowa, and took his seat in December, 1891, becoming a member of several important committees. He was a candidate for re-election, but his district being strongly Republican he was defeated. As a business man he possesses untiring energy, is quick of perception, forms his plans readily and is determined in their execution; and his close application to business and his excellent management have brought to him the high degree of prosperity which is to-day his.

JOHN B. SCOTT.

After many years of active labor, first as a contractor and builder, and later as a farmer, John B. Scott is now living a retired life in Marion, Iowa, enjoying a well-earned rest. He was born in Knox county, Ohio, on the 12th of August, 1825, and is a worthy representative of a prominent pioneer family of that state. His father, Allen Scott, was born in York county, Pennsylvania, April 17, 1780, of Scotch-Irish ancestry, and was married, January 21, 1808, to Jane Newell, who was born in Washington county, Cross Creek village, that state, November 8, 1784. Soon after their marriage they removed to Ohio, making the journey on horse back, and settled on a heavily timbered tract of land in Knox county, where they endured many of the hardships and privations incident to pioneer life. In those early days people coming west always settled in the woods, shunning the prairie land where fever and ague was more prevalent. To clear the land and convert it into well