

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative _____ **Senator** Parrott,
Mathias "Matt" Parrott Represented Black Hawk County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 11 May 1837 Schoharie County, New York

2. Marriage (s) date place

Frances M. Hill 25 Oct 1859 Ravenhill, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business He was elected state auditor of Iowa Jan 1878-1884

B. Civic responsibilities Mason;

C. Profession Newspaper editor; printer

4. Church membership Episcopal

5. Sessions served 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th General Assemblies 1886, 1888, 1890, 1892

6. Public Offices

A. Local Waterloo city councilman; School Board president; mayor of Waterloo 1877-1880

B. State Elected Lieutenant Governor in 1895-1897; state leader 1879-1885; president of the Senate 1896-1898

C. National _____

7. Death 21 Apr 1900 Butte Creek, Michigan; buried Garrison Cemetery, Waterloo, Iowa

8. Children William F.; Louis G.; James Sears; a daughter died in infancy

9. Names of parents William and Maria (Beck) Parrott

10. Education Educated in district schools until age 10
in Schoharie County, New York; spent 3 years
in an academy

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information Whig, later Republican

- At age 18 in fall of 1850 began to learn the printer's trade
entering the office of The Schoharie Patriot newspaper
- In 1854 he left Schoharie and began to make his way west
stopping for a few months in Troy, New York where he
worked at The Troy Tranche newspaper.
- He then returned to Schoharie and worked at The Schoharie
Republican newspaper office. He then moved to Utica, New York
and worked for The Utica Morning Herald newspaper.
- In July 1856 he came west to Chicago where he worked at The Chicago
Democrat newspaper.
- He settled in Davenport, Iowa in Aug. 1856 where he worked with
The Davenport Evening News.
- On 1 Feb 1857 he worked for Luce, Lane and Company who were
printing the debates on the Iowa Constitution
- In summer 1857 he went to work for The Burlington Hawkeye newspaper
- In Dec 1857 he joined C. L. D. Crockett in publishing The Anamosa
Enterprise, Anamosa, Iowa until Dec. 1862.
- In Dec 1862 he moved to Morris, Illinois and published The Morris
Advocate.
- He returned to Davenport, Iowa in fall 1863 and again worked for
Luce, Lane and Company until Feb 1869.

Sources Log For Legislation Entries

Applicability

Source	Non Applicable	Applicable	Information obtained
-			<u>Obituary - Waterloo Daily Courier, Waterloo, Iowa,</u> <u>Mon. Apr. 23, 1900, p.1, col. 3, 4 and</u> <u>p. 5, col. 2, 3</u>
-			<u>Article - The New Hampton Gazette, New Hampton, Iowa,</u> <u>Thurs. Apr. 26, 1900, p. 4, col. 1</u>
-			<u>The Illustrated Historical Atlas of the State of Iowa by Andrews 1875,</u> <u>p. 370</u>
-			<u>Portraits - The original photos are located on the archives at the State of Iowa</u> <u>Historical Library, 600 E. Coast Ave. Des Moines Iowa</u>
-			<u>Historical and Biographical Record of Black Hawk County, Iowa 1866, p. 231-233</u>
-			<u>Senate Journal 1902 p. 1228</u>
-			<u>History of Iowa by Jones, 1903, p. 209</u>
-			<u>The United States Biographical Dictionary, Iowa Volume 1878, p. 588-592</u>
-			<u>Iowa Gene Record - WPA - Black Hawk County</u>
-			<u>ancestry.com (accessed 27 Nov 2010)</u>



Matt. Parrott.

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UNSEATS CLARK.

ate Elections Committee Reports
U orably to Montana Man.

WASHINGTON, April 23.—The senate committee on elections and privileges ay submitted to the senate the report that committee in the case of Clark (Montana). The finding of the committee is that the election to the senate of n. A. Clark of Montana is null and d on account of briberies, attempted beries and corrupt practices by his ents, and of violation of the laws of ontana defining and punishing of mes against elective franchises. In view of the finding the committee nimonously recommends a resolution the adoption of the senate to the ect that Clark was not legally elected a seat in the senate.

WRIT DENIED.

M. Carter Must Answer for Irregu-
larities.

WASHINGTON, April 23.—The su-
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it of centiorari in the case of Oberlin
Cartet, convicted by the court mar-
l for irregularities while in charge of
gir ng works in Georgia.

Tanner Got a Scalp.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., April 23.—Gover-
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om office Capt. B. M. Shafter, in com-
nd of state militia, and discharged
m from the naval service of the state.
bert A. Michaelson, professor of phy-
s of the University of Chicago, was
med as successor to Shafter.

After Fish Law Violators.

DICKENS, April 23.—The fish com-
issioner is raising revenue with some
the local boys. He had about forty
illed in with his legal drag net and
ken to Spencer where they were fined
om \$15 to \$280 each.

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Owner Was at Church.

Some unknown parties last night took
e liberty of using H. T. Banton's horse
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wner. The horse was hitched near the
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uring church service. The police
ere ified and at about four o'clock
wa found loose on the streets with
vidence of having been hard driven.

The horse had evidently been driven
ross the river by the parties who took
as when first seen by the police it
as returning over the Fifth street
ridge without a driver. When near
e end of the bridge one of the lines
ame down and caught in a wheel,

DEATH OF MATT. PARROTT

EDITOR OF REPORTER

Dies in Battle Creek, Mich., at 10:50
Saturday Night—Will be Brought to
Waterloo for Burial—Funeral on
Wednesday at Christ Church.

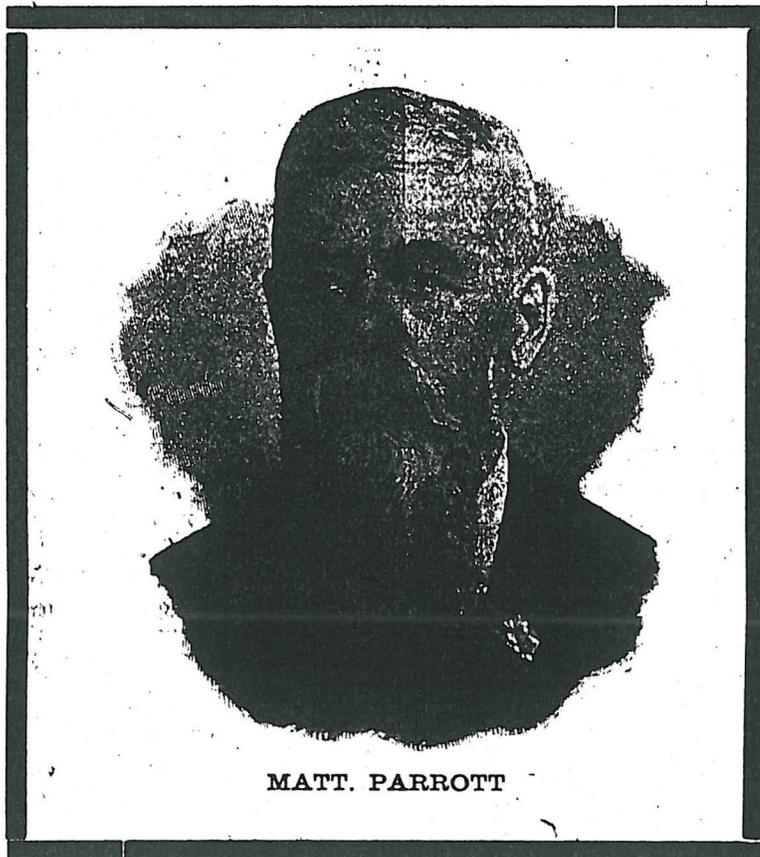
Today the REPORTER has to convey
to its readers the sad news of the death
of its editor, Matt. Parrott. He died of
Bright's disease at 10:50 Saturday night
at Battle Creek, Mich., where he had
gone for treatment. Although Mr. Par-
rott's condition has been such as to
afford little hope of ultimate recovery,
it had not been expected that death
would come so soon, and the telegram
announcing that the end had come was
a great shock to his family and friends
in Waterloo. He was taken sick about
the first of September, but at first his
condition was not regarded as serious.
Graver symptoms soon developed and
excited alarm as to the outcome.

born to them. He attended district
school until ten years of age and then
spent three years at the academy in his
native town, paying his tuition by
building fires and sweeping the school
rooms.

At the age of 18 in the autumn of
1850, Mr. Parrott began to learn the
printer's trade, entering the office of
the Schoharie Patriot, published by
Peter Mix. He liked the business from
the start because there were always
plenty of papers to read in the office,
while there had been a dearth of litera-
ture at home. In 1854 Mr. Parrott left
Schoharie to make his way in the west,
but after remaining a few months in the
employ of the Troy (N. Y.) Traveler he
returned to his native town and worked
in the Republican office until early in
1855, when he went to Utica, N. Y., and
obtained a situation on the Morning
Herald. In July, 1856, he came west
and worked a short time in Chicago on
the Democrat, which was then published
by John Wentworth.

Mr. Parrott's residence in Iowa dates
from August, 1856, when he located at
Davenport, his first position there being
with the Evening News. About Feb.
1, 1857, he entered the employ of Luse,
Lane & Co., who were then printing the
debates on the Iowa constitution. The
following summer he visited several
Iowa counties in search of an opening
for a newspaper, but failing in the
quest to find a promising field he went
to Burlington and found a situation on
the Hawkeye.

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The third instance within a few weeks in which rigs have been taken from hitching places in Waterloo and after being used turned loose upon the streets. It is suspected that the same parties have been implicated in all the offenses of this character, and if captured it is likely to go hard with them.

RELEASED ON BONDS.

J. C. Blake Furnished Bonds to the Amount of \$1,000.

Cedar Falls Record: J. C. Blake, who fired three shots at John W. Hill about 3:30 o'clock last Monday afternoon, with the intention of committing murder, was brought from Waterloo at 10 o'clock Saturday morning and arraigned before Justice of the Peace Lanfear Knapp. He waived the preliminary examination and was given till 1:30 o'clock in which to furnish bonds in the amount of \$1,000, which his attorneys procured without much difficulty. J. C. Scott and J. B. Newman have been retained as counsel by the defendant. Mr. Blake will now await the action of the grand jury, which will not meet until about the middle of the coming September.

The amount of the bond is the same as that fixed by the justice when he was arraigned before him immediately after the arrest.

Gentlemen signing the bond are Geo. W. Hughes, W. J. McNally, John Philpot, M. D. Philleo.

GETS NEW SCHOOL.

School House Tax of \$30,000 Voted in Cedar Falls.

The proposition to bond the independent school district of Cedar Falls to the amount of \$30,000 to erect a new high school building was well received, being carried at the special election Saturday by a majority of 490. There were 572 votes cast, of which 207 were voted by women. Men to the number of 293 voted for the proposition, while 78 voted in the negative. Of the 207 women voting 198 voted for the proposition.

The main street grounds between Twelfth and Thirteenth streets, owned by the district, will be the site of the new school. A new high school is much needed and the sum of money voted should prove ample to make a slightly structure.

You can get anything in the abstract line of Lichty-Halliday Abstract Co., 222 East Fourth.

With the advance of winter Mr. Parrott grew worse, and in January went south by order of his physicians, spending six weeks at Eureka Springs, Ark. From there he went to New Orleans to attend the annual meeting of the National Editorial association, an organization in which he had always taken a great interest. He was one of the organizers of the state association, also of the old Fourth district association of Iowa, as well as of the later Third district association. At the meeting in New Orleans he was elected president of the National association, of which he had previously been a vice president, and for several years a member of the executive committee.

He came home from the south to arrange for a trip to Europe, which he had long had in contemplation, but the orders of his physicians compelled him to relinquish the long cherished project. After the trip had been abandoned a commission was received from Secretary Wilson appointing Mr. Parrott honorary representative of the department of agriculture to the Paris exposition, to investigate the conditions of agriculture in the French republic. This appointment was an entirely unsolicited and unexpected compliment from the secretary of the agricultural department.

The relinquishment of the European trip was a great disappointment. Mr. Parrott steadily grew worse and four weeks ago today went to Battle Creek, Mich., to take treatment at the sanitarium. The reports received from time to time gave no particular encouragement, but neither did they indicate that the end was so near. Mrs. Parrott was with him when he died, and immediately upon receipt of the news, their son, Will F., took the first train for Battle Creek, to assist his mother in the preparations and accompany her on the sad journey home.

They are expected to arrive in Waterloo at 8:00 o'clock Tuesday morning, over the Illinois Central railroad. The funeral will be held on Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 at Christ Episcopal church in charge of the Knights Templar. The sermon will be preached by the rector, Rev. E. E. Madeira. The pall bearers will be Sir Knights M. Ricker, W. R. French, W. W. Miller, J. P. Sherman, A. F. Holt and C. W. Mullan.

A Brief Biography.

Mr. Parrott was born in Schoharie county, New York, May 11, 1837. He was a son of William and Maria Beck Parrott, who were natives of England and came to this country in 1833, locating in Albany, N. Y. After a residence there of two years the family settled in Schoharie, N. Y. Mr. Parrott was the oldest son in the family, standing third in seniority among the nine children

lisher was made at Anamosa, Iowa, where he entered into partnership in December, 1857, with C. L. D. Crockwell in the publication of the Anamosa Eureka. A year or two later Edmund Booth purchased Mr. Crockwell's interest, and Mr. Parrott continued one of the publishers until December, 1862, when he went to Morris, Ill., and began the publication of the Morris Advocate. The help promised never realized, and after a few month's hard struggle against the inevitable the paper was compelled to suspend. He returned to Davenport in the autumn of 1863, and again entered the employ of Luse, Lane & Co. as foreman of what was then the largest and most pretentious printing establishment in Iowa. He remained in that capacity until February, 1869.

February 9, 1869, Mr. Parrott became a citizen of Waterloo, and has resided here continuously since. In company with J. J. Smart the office of the IOWA STATE REPORTER was purchased, the paper having been started a few months previous as a democratic weekly by H. Q. Nicholson. The first issue of the paper under Mr. Parrott's direction was made April 14, 1869. A bindery was added at that time, and for the thirty-one years that have elapsed its product has gone regularly into more than one-third the counties of Iowa, and the reputation for first-class work which was early established has been inviolably maintained. The REPORTER has been continuously under Mr. Parrott's direction since that time until his recent illness. The last regular work on the paper was done by Mr. Parrott on Saturday, Sept. 2, 1899. The firm has changed some in personnel, but Mr. Parrott has always been associated with it. James L. Girton became a partner in 1872 under the firm name of Smart, Parrott & Co. Mr. Smart retired in January, 1876, and James P. Sherman took an interest, the name changing to Parrott, Girton & Sherman. Mr. Sherman retired March 1, 1880, and Mr. Girton died March 1, 1883. The present firm name was announced February 21, 1884, with W. F. and L. G. Parrott as partners of their father. James S. Parrott was admitted to the firm March 1 of the present year.

Mr. Parrott was always actively interested in political matters, and early began to take part in the events of town, county and state. His first public office was as a member of the city council, and he also served on the school board of East Waterloo for several years. He served three terms as mayor in 1877, 1878 and 1879. In January, 1873, he was nominated and elected for state binder of Iowa, and held the position six years. In the fall of 1885 he was elected to the legislature as a senator of the district then composed of

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WOMEN CATHOLIC FORESTERS

INSTITUTE STRONG COURT

Ceremonies and Exercises Held Saturday Conducted by Mrs. Elizabeth Rogers of Chicago—Public Installation of Officers, Music, Etc.

Saturday night at Foresters hall was instituted a new court of Women Foresters by the Catholic ladies of St. Joseph's church, to be called Lady of Victory Court. Twenty-five members were initiated and twelve were admitted by transfer cards, making the lodge start with a strong membership. After the initiations a public installation of officers and reception was held to which the St. Joseph Court of Foresters was invited. Mrs. Elizabeth Rogers of Chicago, chief high ranger of the order, conducted the ceremonies. The following officers were installed:

- C. R.—Miss J. V. Densmore.
- V. R.—Mrs. C. D. Wangler.
- S.—Miss Kittie Herring.
- A. S.—Miss Nellie Sornberger.
- Treas.—Mrs. B. Striegl.
- C. Senior—Mrs. Lizzie Schiel.
- C. Junior—Miss Nellie Flemmigan.
- I. S.—Mrs. J. McCune.
- O. S.—Mrs. A. Crowley.
- A.—Mrs. H. Chevalier and Mrs. L. Takin.
- D.—Mrs. C. W. Cooper.
- Chaplain—Rev. Father Cooney.
- Ex-physician—Dr. J. E. O'Keefe.
- Trustees—Mrs. A. Schorle, Mrs. A. Reed, Mrs. A. Herring.

After the work of instituting the court was completed, a social evening was enjoyed. The company was addressed by Mrs. Rogers of Chicago; Mr. Sagert, chief ranger of Waverly Court of Foresters; Mr. Gadbois, chief of St. Joseph's Court, and Rev. Father Cooney, all speaking of the benefits to be derived and good to be accomplished by the order. The society is a fraternal, beneficiary order, incorporated under the state insurance law of Illinois, and was founded July 17, 1891, on similar lines to the Catholic Foresters for men. It has for its purpose the promoting of the following objects:

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A musical program was rendered and some excellent numbers were given on the stage by Mrs. E. Green, Miss Madge Densmore and Mrs. Will Mitchell. The three little Kelley boys sang and Miss Rhea Carney favored the company with

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Blackhawk county, and four years later was re-elected, Grundy county having in the meantime been added to the district. Mr. Parrott was elected lieutenant-governor of Iowa in 1895 on the ticket headed by General F. M. Drake. He presided over the senate in the twenty-sixth general assembly, in 1896, and during the special session of 1897 when the Code of Iowa was revised.

In every way Mr. Parrott aided to the best of his ability and means in advancing the interests of Waterloo, and took great pride in the city. It was a source of great gratification to him to hear good words spoken of his home town, and he never tired of telling of the beauties and advantages of the city on the Cedar.

Mr. Parrott was early made acquainted with the great lessons inculcated by Masonry and joined the order in 1860. He was a charter member and the first junior warden of Victory Lodge, No. 290, of Waterloo, afterwards serving as senior warden, treasurer and worshipful master. When the two lodges of the city were consolidated in 1879 under the name of Waterloo Lodge, No. 105, he served as master. He is also a member of Tabernacle Chapter, No. 52, R. A. M., and Ascalon Commandery, No. 25, K. T. He served as eminent commander for the commandery for two years, and one year as grand treasurer of the order in Iowa.

Mr. Parrott was a member of the Episcopal church, uniting with St. Mark's parish many years ago. He was one of the organizers of Christ church parish and has been a member of the vestry ever since the society was organized.

He was married October 25, 1859, to Miss Frances M. Field at Davenport, Iowa. Four children were born to them—three sons and one daughter, the latter dying in infancy. Besides the family in Waterloo Mr. Parrott's surviving relatives are five sisters and three brothers. They are Mrs. Charlotte Vincent, Chatham, N. Y.; Mrs. John Maternagan, Troy, N. Y.; Alfred Parrott, Misses Maria and Tina Parrott and Mrs. Chas. Throop, Schoharie, N. Y.; William Parrott, Brooklyn, N. Y.; George Parrott, Owatonna, Minn.

Messages From Friends.

The following are a few of the many telegrams that have been received by the family since Mr. Parrott's death was announced:

From D. B. Henderson.

Though not unexpected the death of your father comes like a stunning blow. I send my deep and sincere sympathy to the family. Iowa has lost one of her ablest and truest men.

D. B. HENDERSON.
(Speaker House of Representatives.)

From J. M. Page.

Sad message received. Mrs. Page, I hope you will be able to find some sympathy to widow and children.
J. M. PAGE, Jerseyville, Ill.
(Mr. Page is secretary National Edi-

cere sympathy. How great your loss is those who know your father best, can best appreciate.
E. C. LANE.
(Formerly business manager Matt. Parrott & Sons, now with bank at Guthrie Center.)

From Lieut. Governor Milliman.
I am one of thousands who mourn with you: Will be at the funeral.
J. C. MILLIMAN.
(Lieutenant Governor of Iowa.)

From Newspaperdom.
Accept condolence on the sudden and deplorable loss in the death of Mr. Matt. Parrott.

(Newspaperdom is the principal organ issued in the interests of newspapers, published in New York city.)

From A. T. Lusch.

Please accept my sincere sympathy at your great loss.
A. T. LUSCH.
(Mr. Lusch was for many years associated with Leavitt & Johnson, in this city, now with the Iowa Savings and Trust Co., of Dubuque.)

From Rev. Thos. E. Greene, D. D.
Accept my sincere sympathy upon the death of my friend. His passing is a loss to the state and to us all.
THOS. E. GREENE,
(Dr. Greene is rector of Grace Episcopal church, of Cedar Rapids.)

A young man named Shaulis and a young lady friend had an exciting adventure last evening while taking a pleasure ride behind two mustang ponies. The team started to run on Webster street and at Fourth and Adams collided with the curbing overturning the buggy and throwing out both occupants. Shaulis was quite severely bruised, but the young lady was not injured. The team left the buggy a wreck and took the sidewalk to Fourth and Saxon streets where one of the horses jumped out of the harness and crossed the river. It has not been found. The other horse with two harnesses was caught at Saxon and Iowa streets.

A Night in Bohemia.

This sparkling, up-to-date musical farce comedy will be produced for the benefit of the Elks on Friday night, April 27. While it contains over thirty new songs and fifteen bright and humorous specialties, it does not lose sight of that little touch of nature that makes the whole world kin. The old Bohemian, Edmund Keene, which part will be played by Mr. Oliver Trumbauer, is one of the greatest characters ever drawn and his realization of the fact that there are genial souls and honest hearts still left in the world is a scene long to be remembered. It is intensely dramatic. In striking contrast to this sentiment are the many comedy features and the pretty faces, laughable situations and up-to-date songs. Don't miss seeing "A Night in Bohemia."

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The attraction at Brown's next Thursday will be the successful melodrama, "Midnight in Chinatown," the one attraction having a Chinese title which is not a Chinese drama. While possessing all the heart-thrilling pathos and soul-stirring excitement of the modern melodrama, it is completely devoid of morbid emotional features, too frequent in plays of this class of the present decade. The story begins and ends strongly; a uniformity of dramatic power and skill is apparent from the first act to the last; no situation or climax fading into commonplace or insignificance, and each action without the slightest exaggeration. The realistic features of the play are enhanced by admirable scenic effects, and a large and capable company interpret the various roles.

Tickets for Rev. Callen's lecture on Abraham Lincoln are on sale and can be had at the usual places. The lecture will be held in the Y. M. C. A. auditorium next Friday evening. The proceeds will be used for library and reading room for the Railroad Y. M. C. A.

Dr. Fred C. Sage, Homeopathic. Specialty, diseases of the Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat. Expert glass fitting.

No. 52, R. A. M., and Ascalon Commandery, No. 25, K. T. He served as eminent commander for the commandery for two years, and one year as grand treasurer of the order in Iowa.

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 J. M. PAGE, Jerseyville, Ill.
 (Mr. Page is secretary National Editorial association. Theodore Page assistant secretary.)

From Lafe Young.
 Great sorrow to us all. I express sincere regrets of myself and family in your loss.
 LAFE YOUNG.
 (Editor Des Moines Capital, former colleague of Mr. Parrott in Iowa senate.)

From Capt. J. F. Merry.
 Please convey my sincere sympathy to members of the Parrott family. Matt. Parrott was an ideal gentleman, a patriotic citizen, a devoted husband and father, and a true friend. I regret that business calls me west tonight, but the family will not lack for sympathizers, for everybody loved Matt. Parrott. May we all see as far as possible and imitate his example.
 J. F. MERRY,
 Dubuque, Ia.

To W. W. McFarlane.
 Mr. and Mrs. Richards, Mrs. Girton.
 Our family and Mrs. Girton send sincere sympathy to you and yours in your great sorrow.
 J. W. RICHARDS.

From C. T. Hancock.
 I have just learned with deep regret of the death of your honored father. Accept my sincerest sympathy in your great bereavement.
 C. T. HANCOCK.
 (Former chairman republican state central committee.)

From E. C. Lane.
 I hear of your father's death with the deepest regret. To yourselves and

venture last evening while taking a pleasure ride behind two mustang ponies. The team started to run on Webster street and at Fourth and Adams collided with the curbing overturning the buggy and throwing out both occupants. Shaulis was quite severely bruised, but the young lady was not injured. The team left the buggy a wreck and took the sidewalk to Fourth and Saxon streets where one of the horses jumped out of the harness and crossed the river. It has not been found. The other horse with two harness men remained at Saxon and Iowa streets.

A Night in Bohemia.

This sparkling, up-to-date musical farce comedy will be produced for the benefit of the Elks on Friday night, April 27. While it contains over thirty new songs and fifteen bright and humorous specialties, it does not lose sight of that little touch of nature that makes the whole world kin. The old Bohemian, Edmund Keene, which part will be played by Mr. Oliver Trumbauer, is one of the greatest characters ever drawn and his realization of the fact that there are genial souls and honest hearts still left in the world is a scene long to be remembered. It is intensely dramatic. In striking contrast to this sentiment are the many comedy features and the pretty faces, laughable situations and up-to-date songs. Don't miss seeing "A Night in Bohemia."

The meeting of Y's announced for this evening has been postponed two weeks, at which time the hospital committee will report.
 Secretary.

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vention at New Hampton May 10, and to transact such other business as may come before the caucus.

A. M. HALL, Chairman.

DEATH OF HON. MATT PARROTT.

The newspaper fraternity and the people of the state at large unite this week in paying a tribute to the memory of Hon. Matt Parrott, whose death occurred last Saturday at Battle Creek, Michigan, from Bright's disease.

Mr. Parrott was a veteran among Iowa editors. From his fourteenth year, when he became an apprentice in a printing office at Schoharie, New York, up to September of last year, when disease compelled his retirement, he had been almost constantly engaged in newspaper work.

After a varied experience as a journeyman printer and as a publisher, Mr. Parrott in 1868 purchased a half interest in the Iowa State Reporter at Waterloo, afterward succeeding to full ownership. On this paper his life work was spent, and it has been a life of strenuous, upward effort, put forth in behalf of his city and all Iowa. He was thrice mayor of Waterloo, served six years as state senator and was lieutenant-governor during Gov. Drake's term. He was a prominent candidate for the nomination for governor against Gov. Shaw in 1897. The honors which came to him were not limited to his home state, for last winter at New Orleans he was chosen president of the National Editorial Association, a mark of high distinction.

Iowa has lost a valued public servant, the record of whose life is an inspiration.

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read medicine with Dr. Rodrigue, of Hollidaysburg, attended lectures at the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, and the medical department of the Western Reserve College, Cleveland, Ohio; graduating from the former institution in 1853, and from the latter in 1854.

After practicing one year at Hollidaysburg he left his native state and located permanently in Ottumwa. He is a first-class surgeon as well as physician, and his rides not unfrequently extend beyond Wapello county. Wherever he is best known his services are best appreciated.

The doctor is a member of the Wapello County Medical Society, of the Des Moines Valley Medical Association, and of the State Medical Society, and has been president of the first two organizations.

Politically, the doctor has been a life-long democrat, but has never sought office. To achieve suc-

cess in any one of the learned professions, he evidently believes that one's whole time must be given to it. He owes his high standing in the profession to his careful and undivided attention to it.

Dr. Douglass has a second wife. His first was Miss Caroline Whaley, of Marshall, Clark county, Illinois; married on the 22d of October, 1857. She died on the 27th of June, 1859, leaving an infant child, who followed her the same year. His present wife was Miss Lizzie J. Wheeler, of Fairfield, Iowa; married on the 1st of January, 1862. She has had four children, only two of whom are living. Stella C. is fifteen and Edna D. is ten years of age.

Dr. Douglass has a partner in the profession, A. O. Williams, M.D., a graduate of the literary and medical departments of the State University of Iowa; a young man of fine culture, excellent moral character and much promise.

HON. MATT. PARROTT,

WATERLOO.

MATT. PARROTT, as everybody in Iowa calls him, the newly elected state binder, is a native of Schoharie, Schoharie county, New York, and was born on the 11th of May, 1837. He is a son of William and Maria (Beck) Parrott, who were natives

England; came to this country in 1833, locating in Albany, New York, where they remained two years, and then settled in Schoharie. William Parrott was a baker by trade, with quite as many children as he could supply with bread, there being ten in all, our subject standing third from the head. All these children the father gave a fair education, all the fortune he had to bestow.

Matt. attended a district school until ten years of age, then the Schoharie Academy about three years, paying his way by building fires and sweeping the school-rooms for his tuition, thus acquiring a fair English education. He had no especial relish for hard study, and exhibited no signs of superior genius by keeping uniformly at the head of his classes. The writer once heard him declare that he was a dull scholar at that early age.

At thirteen, in the autumn of 1850, Matt. entered the office of the Schcharie "Patriot," then published by Peter Mix, and received his first lessons in the art of printing. He liked the business from the start, because there were always plenty of newspapers to

read in the office, while there had been a dearth at home, his father receiving only a county paper, a church monthly and an anti-slavery monthly. In the "Patriot" office Matt. was compositor, job printer, pressman, mailing clerk, and almost everything else.

In 1854 he left this office, a full-blown journeyman printer, and took his first "tramp." Obtaining a situation in the job department of the Troy, New York, "Traveler," he remained a few months; returned to his native town and worked in the "Republican" office until early in 1855; went to Utica, and obtained a situation on the "Morning Herald"; in July, 1856, started for the west; spent a few weeks on the Chicago "Democrat," published by John Wentworth; went to Davenport, Iowa, in August, and worked in the "Evening News" office until about the 1st of February, 1857, when he connected himself with the office of Luse, Lane and Co., who were then printing the debates on the new constitution.

The following summer Mr. Parrott visited several new Iowa counties, hoping to find an opening for a newspaper in some destitute yet ambitious town, but failing to find such a place he found a situation on the Burlington "Hawkeye." In December of the same year he went to Anamosa, Jones county, and entered into partnership with C. L. D. Crockwell in the publication of the "Eureka," a paper then in its

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first year. A year or two later Edmund Booth bought the interest of Mr. Crockwell in the paper, and Mr. Parrott continued one of the publishers until December, 1862, when, having received flattering promises from citizens of Morris, Grundy county, Illinois, he sold out and started the Morris "Advocate" early in 1863. The help promised never came, and after a few months' hard struggle, occasioned by the lack of sufficient working capital, the paper "breathed its last," and the unfortunate publisher returned to Iowa a poorer and perhaps a wiser man. He learned that promises are not the most reliable assets on which to found business.

In the autumn of 1863 we find Mr. Parrott once more in the office of Luse, Lane and Co. (this time in the position of foreman), then the largest job-printing and publishing house in the state. He remained in that situation until 1869, perfecting himself in book-work, and giving unqualified satisfaction.

In February of the year just mentioned, in company with J. J. Smart, he purchased the office of the "Iowa State Reporter" at Waterloo, Black Hawk county, a paper originated as a democratic organ, and which had died of the political measles at the end of about eight months. Two months later the "Reporter" was revived as a republican paper; a bindery was added in June, and the business of manufacturing blank books for counties actively commenced. The prospects were good at the start; business has grown rapidly, and hardly a county in the northern half of the state but has books with the imprint of this house on them. Their work is honestly, substantially done, and gives the best satisfaction. The "Reporter," too, has thrived. It has increased in size and beauty as well as circulation, and is a credit to the newspaper press of Iowa, which is noted for its many first-class journals.

In 1872 James L. Girton became a member of the firm, and the name was changed to Smart, Parrott and Co. In January, 1876, Mr. Smart retired, and J. P. Sherman took an interest, and the firm name was changed to Parrott, Girton and Sherman. The "Reporter" has a spacious and inviting home of its own, forty by eighty feet, built by Smart and Parrott. It has all the necessary facilities for business,—steam, gas, power-presses,—its outfit being perfect. No office in the interior of the state is better equipped.

Mr. Parrott has been in the council of Waterloo two or three years; was president of the school board of East Waterloo independent district in 1873 and 1874, and is now mayor of Waterloo, being elected

in March, 1877, and reëlected on the 4th of March, 1878, after a unanimous nomination and an almost unanimous vote, receiving all but seventeen in a poll of eight hundred and eleven. These positions all came to him unsought, and were accepted only after repeated solicitations from his neighbors and townsmen.

In January, 1878, Mr. Parrott was a candidate for state binder before the general assembly, and after a lively canvass, with two competitors in the field, he was nominated on the first ballot. His official term will not commence until the 1st of May, 1879. After it was known that he was to be a candidate for this office before the seventeenth general assembly the Iowa press gave him a very strong indorsement, nearly every leading paper on the republican side speaking in the highest terms of his peculiar fitness for the office. From a score of notices of this character which might be given we select the following from the "State Register," Des Moines:

Mr. Parrott has every qualification of fitness and every merit to entitle him to such a position. First, and most important, he is himself skilled practically in binding, is now proprietor of one of the largest binderies in the state, and understands the whole business from beginning to end. To this, in a business sense, he adds superior executive ability and a high sense of honor and pride which would lead him to perform all his duties in the best possible manner. There could be no man found better qualified in all respects for the state bindership. As to his standing and merits as a republican, he is equally strong. The "Reporter" as a paper well represents both his business ability, his mechanical skill and his working republicanism. It is a paper creditable to the journalism of a state which is proud, and has reason to be proud, of its newspapers. In his own profession Mr. Parrott is very popular, both on account of his genial and sterling qualities as a man and his merits as a journalist.

The Waterloo "Courier," published at the home of Mr. Parrott, thus spoke of him as a man about the same time:

Mr. Parrott is a gentleman in every sense of the word, one against whose integrity not a word can be whispered. He has been one of the partners in the publication of the "Iowa State Reporter" ever since it was started as a republican paper, and among the first steps taken by the firm which resurrected the "Reporter," and parent firm of the present flourishing house of Parrott, Girton and Sherman, was the establishment of a bookbindery. This branch of the business, from occupying narrow quarters in Union block, has grown with the steady increase of the "Reporter." Long connection with this establishment has given Mr. Parrott thorough knowledge of the business, and every one who knows him will unite with us in saying that the interests of the office of state binder would be greatly subserved by being intrusted to his hands. Mr. Parrott has been connected with the printing business for twenty-six years, and during a large portion of this time has been identified with the republican press of Iowa. He has always been a stalwart champion of true republican doctrine, and has never wavered in his support of the right as it appeared to him. We have known this gentleman for a score of years past, and can say that we have always found him a man worthy of the highest trusts.

The writer of this sketch has known Mr. Parrott for nearly twenty years, and can indorse all that is here said of him.

In local enterprises Mr. Parrott has promptly lent the aid of his hand and pen, and is in all respects an enterprising citizen. Should his business take him to Des Moines, even temporarily, he will be missed in Waterloo.

Mr. Parrott has been a member of the Masonic fraternity since 1860, and has held various official positions. He was a charter member and the first junior warden of Victory Lodge, No. 296, of Waterloo; was afterward senior warden, then treasurer, and is at the time of writing filling the master's chair; is also a member of the chapter, commandery and consistory, and has been prelate of Ascalon Commandery, of Waterloo, since its organization.

He is a member of St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Waterloo, and a man whose christian integrity is

above suspicion. He is a firm believer in practical Christianity and charity, and always ready to relieve the necessities of the destitute or to extend a helping hand to those who need such encouragement.

Politically, he was a whig, like his father, in youth, and shouted for Scott and Graham in 1852. Since old enough to vote he has affiliated steadily with the republicans; but while a party man, he is not one of those who believe a party is of more importance than right and honesty.

On the 25th of October, 1859, he was married at Davenport to Miss Frank M. Field, youngest daughter of Isaac N. Field, and they have three boys.

Mr. Parrott has gray eyes, a florid complexion, an unwinked face, a young look, a pleasant disposition, and the cordiality of a sincere, honest and warm heart. He is five feet and eight inches tall, weighs one hundred and ninety pounds, and has very symmetrical proportions.

LEWIS CARMICHAEL,

TAMA CITY.

ONE of the most enterprising canal and railroad contractors in the northwest is Lewis Carmichael, son of Zophar Carmichael, a farmer, and Sarah Eldred, residents of Orange county, New York, where Lewis was born on the 7th of May, 1825. His paternal great-grandfather was from Scotland; the Eldreds were from England, and settled in Orange county about the time of the revolution. In that seven years' war Lewis' paternal grandfather carried a knapsack and musket.

At fifteen years of age, after receiving a knowledge of farm work and the meagre rudiments of an education, Lewis commenced railroading, beginning at the lower round of the ladder, as "jigger." In a short time he became foreman, and a little later general superintendent of construction, operating sometimes on canals and oftener on railroads. During the last thirty years he has taken and filled contracts on railroads in New York, Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky, Iowa, Wisconsin, Nebraska, Colorado and Utah. He never took a contract without finishing it, and never agreed to finish a job in a designated period without doing it. Few men have done as much heavy work as Mr. Carmichael. He has constructed half a dozen tunnels in almost as many states, New York, Illinois, Wisconsin and Iowa.

The first tunnel ever built in Illinois he put up at La Salle in 1853. His last work of railroading was on the Union Pacific road and the Chicago and Northwestern in Wisconsin. He had several contracts between Omaha and Promontory, no contractor on that great line exhibiting more energy and business dispatch. During part of these years that he was railroading he lived in Davenport and Muscatine, Iowa. For the last eighteen years he has resided in Tama county, and since 1867 in Tama City. He is one of the most public-spirited citizens of this young city.

The Bank of Tama was organized and opened in 1870, and Mr. Carmichael is its president.

He has been engaged in real estate for several years, having lands in New York, Iowa and Nebraska. In Tama county alone he has fifteen hundred acres of improved lands, all worked by renters except the home farm, of which he has taken the supervision during the last three years. Prior to this period contracting was his main business, and by it he had made most of his money. He began a poor boy with no capital but a good constitution, a plucky heart and two industrious hands, and his life has been one of liberal undertakings and liberal success. He seems to know "no such word as fail."

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES.

BON. MATT. PARROTT.—Matt Parrott, as everybody in Iowa calls him, is a native of Schoharie, Schoharie County, New York, and was born on the 11th of May, 1837. He is a son of William and Maria (Beck) Parrott, who were natives of England and came to this country in 1833, locating in Albany, New York, where they remained two years, and then settled in Schoharie. William Parrott was a baker by trade, with quite as many children as he could supply with bread, there being ten in all, our subject standing third from the head. To all these children the father gave a fair education—all the fortune he had to bestow. Matt attended a district school until ten years of age, then the Schoharie Academy about three years, paying his way by building fires and sweeping the school-rooms, thus acquiring a fair English education. He had no especial relish for hard study, and exhibited no signs of superior genius by keeping uniformly at the head of his classes. At thirteen, in the autumn of 1850, Matt entered the office of the *Schoharie Patriot*, then published by Peter Mix, and received his first lessons in the art of printing. He liked the business from the start, because there were always plenty of newspapers to read in the office, while there had been a dearth at home, his father receiving

only a county paper, a church monthly and an anti-slavery monthly. In the *Patriot* office Matt was compositor, job printer, pressman, mailing clerk and almost everything else. In 1854 he left this office a full-blown journeyman printer and took his first tramp. Obtaining a situation in the job department of the Troy, New York, *Traveler*, he remained a few months; returned to his native town and worked in the *Republican* office until early in 1855, then went to Utica and obtained a situation on the *Morning Herald*. In July, 1856, started for the West; spent a few weeks on the *Chicago Democrat*, published by John Wentworth; went to Davenport, Iowa, in August, and worked in the *Evening News* office until about the 1st of February, 1857, when he connected himself with the office of Luse, Lane & Co., who were then printing the debates of the new Constitution. The following summer Mr. Parrott visited several new Iowa counties hoping to find an opening for a newspaper in some destitute yet ambitious town, but failing to find such a place, he found a situation on the *Burlington Hawkeye*. In December, of the same year, he went to Anamosa, Jones County, and entered into partnership with C. L. D. Crockwell, in the publication of the *Eureka*, a paper then in its first year. A year or two later Edmund Booth bought



Matt. Parrott

the interest of Mr. Crockwell in the paper, and Mr. Parrott continued one of the publishers until December, 1862, when, having received flattering promises from citizens of Morris, Grundy County, Illinois, he sold out and started the *Morris Advocate* early in 1863. The help promised never came, and after a few months' hard struggle, occasioned by the lack of sufficient working capital, the paper "breathed its last," and the unfortunate publisher returned to Iowa a poorer and, perhaps, a wiser man. He learned that promises are not the most reliable assets on which to found business. In the autumn of 1863 we find Mr. Parrott once more in the office of Luse, Lane & Co. (this time in the position of foreman), then the largest job printing and publishing house in the State. He remained in that situation until 1869, perfecting himself in book-work, and giving unqualified satisfaction. In February of the year just mentioned, in company with J. J. Smart, he purchased the office of the *Iowa State Reporter*, at Waterloo, Black Hawk County, a paper originated as a Democratic organ, and which had died of the political measles at the end of about eight months. Two months later the *Reporter* was revived as a Republican paper, a bindery was added in June, and the business of manufacturing blank books for counties actively commenced. The prospects were good at the start; business has grown rapidly, and hardly a county in the northern half of the State but has books with the imprint of their house on them. Their work is honestly and substantially done, and gives the best satisfaction. The *Reporter*, too, has thrived. It has increased in size and beauty as well as circulation, and is a credit to the newspaper press of Iowa, which is noted for its many first-class journals. In 1872 James L. Girton became a member of the firm, and the name was changed to Smart, Parrott & Co. In January, 1876,

Mr. Smart retired, and J. P. Sherman took an interest and the firm name was changed to Parrott, Girton & Sherman. March 1, 1880, Sherman retired, leaving the firm Parrott & Girton. Mr. Girton died March 1, 1883, and on the 21st of February, 1884, Mr. Parrott associated his sons, William F. and Louis G., into the business, and the firm name is Matt Parrott & Sons. The *Reporter* has a spacious and inviting home of its own, 40 x 80 feet, and has all the necessary facilities for business—steam, gas, power-presses—its outfit being perfect. No office in the interior of the State is better equipped. Mr. Parrott was a member of the City Council of Waterloo two or three years, was President of the School Board of East Waterloo independent district in 1873 and 1874, and was elected Mayor of Waterloo in March, 1877, and re-elected on the 4th of March, 1878, after a unanimous nomination and an almost unanimous vote. He was re-elected again March 5, 1879, receiving every vote except nine in a poll of 1,050. These positions all came to him unsought and were accepted only after repeated solicitations from his neighbors and townsmen. In January, 1878, Mr. Parrott was a candidate for State binder before the General Assembly, and after a lively canvass with two competitors in the field, he was nominated on the first ballot. His official term commenced the 1st of May, 1879. Was re-elected by the eighteenth and nineteenth General Assemblies, serving until May 1, 1885. At the Republican County Convention for Black Hawk County, held September 19, 1885, he was nominated for State Senator by acclamation, and elected at the November election by a majority of 743. At the organization of the Senate he was made chairman of the committees on municipal corporations and of printing, was also a member of committees on ways and means, railroads, insurance, highways, labor, congressional districts, agricultural col-

lege, orphans' home and enrolled bills. He was president of the Building and Loan Association four years, and at the organization of the Union Mutual Aid Association in the fall of 1881 was elected its president and is still serving; has also been vice-president of the street railway company from its organization. In local enterprises Mr. Parrott has promptly lent the aid of his hand and pen, and in all respects is an enterprising citizen. Mr. Parrott has been a member of the Masonic fraternity since 1860, and has held various official positions. He was a charter member and the first junior warden of Victory Lodge, No. 296, of Waterloo; was afterward senior warden, then treasurer, then worshipful master, serving as such until 1879, when it was consolidated with Waterloo Lodge, No. 105; also served as master of the consolidated lodges; is also a member of the chapter, commandery and consistory. Served as commander of the commandery two years, and one year as grand treasurer of the Grand Commandery of Iowa. He is a member of the Episcopal church and was one of the organizers of Christ Church parish, donating freely toward the building of the church now occupied, and has been an officer of the vestry ever since the parish was organized. He is a firm believer in practical Christianity and charity and always ready to relieve the necessities of the destitute, or to extend a helping hand to those who need such encouragement. Politically he was a Whig like his father in youth, and shouted for Scott and Graham in 1852. Since old enough to vote he has affiliated steadily with the Republicans, but while a party man he is not one of those who believe a party is of more importance than right and honesty. On the 25th of October, 1859, he was married at Davenport, to Miss Frank M. Field, youngest daughter of Isaac N. Field, and they have three sons.

JAMES Q. ROWND, one of the early settlers of Black Hawk County, Iowa, was born June 19, 1810, and was the first child born in Barnesville, Belmont County, Ohio. His parents, James M. and Martha Rownd, were among the first settlers to locate in the western part of Belmont County, Ohio, emigrating from Pennsylvania in 1808. He was reared and educated in his native town, and at the age of sixteen years went to Wheeling, Virginia, to learn the potter's trade, which he followed for nearly twenty-five years, with the exception of some time spent in teaching school. He was married in 1832 to Miss Mary Ann Lawrey, and of the four children born to them three are living—Mary E., John H., Martha M. P. Mrs. Mary A. Rownd died in 1840, and in 1842, he married for his second wife Miss Caroline Brown. This union has been blessed with nine children. Mr. Rownd left Ohio with his family in the year 1856, coming through with wagons and teams, and became a resident of Black Hawk County, Iowa. He settled on 240 acres of prairie, two miles from Cedar Falls, where he and his sons carried on farming and stock-raising. At the beginning of the late war two of his sons enlisted for three years; one, John H., now living in Kansas, served two years participating in the siege of Vicksburg and other important battles. By the accidental discharge of his musket he lost two of the fingers of his right hand. George W. served his country two and a half years, a member of the First Iowa Battery, bravely participating in many of the most important engagements of the war. While in the service he contracted a disease, and was discharged, but died before reaching home. Mr. Rownd remained on his farm till the fall of 1875, when he retired from the active duties of life and moved to

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Was member of the City Council of Waterloo and president of the School Board, 1873-1875. Mayor of Waterloo, 1877-1880.

State Binder, 1879-1885. Member of the Senate, 1886-1894.

Seventeenth Lieutenant-Governor, and as such president of the Senate 1896-1898, presiding in the regular, the special, and the adjourned sessions of the Twenty-sixth General Assembly.

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ards a famous Major-General of the Army of the Potomac. Captain Nathan Boone of Company H, was a son of Daniel Boone of Kentucky. Parrott was with the expedition sent through northern Iowa in 1835 to settle Indian troubles. Elsewhere some account of this expedition is given. Sergeant Parrott was discharged from service in 1837 and took up his residence at Fort Madison. He was intimately acquainted with Black Hawk, the famous Sac chief, and an admirer of that great Indian leader. When the Rebellion began Mr. Parrott raised a company which was incorporated with the Seventh Infantry as Company E with him as captain. In the Battle of Belmont he was dangerously wounded. He was promoted to lieutenant-colonel of the regiment commanding it in the battles of Fort Donelson, Shiloh and Corinth, and commanded a brigade in the campaigns of the Army of the Tennessee, under Grant, Sherman and Smith and participated in the battles on Sherman's march to the sea. Colonel Parrott was promoted to the rank of brevet Brigadier-General at the close of the war. He served ten years as postmaster of Keokuk which had long been his home and where he died on the 17th of May, 1896.

MATT PARROTT was born in Schoharie County, New York, in 1837 and, after securing an education, learned the printer's trade. In 1850 he went to Chicago where he obtained a position on one of the daily papers. From there he went to Davenport, Iowa, continuing in the trade of printer. He at one time became the owner of an interest in the *Anamosa Eureka*. In 1869 he went to Waterloo and, in company with J. J. Smart, purchased the *Waterloo Reporter* and printing establishment. In 1879 he secured the office of State Binder which he held for three terms. He was elected to the State Senate in 1885 and served two terms. In 1895 he was elected Lieutenant-Governor and reelected in 1897. He was twice a candidate before Republican State Conventions for Governor but was defeated. Mr. Parrott, with his sons, converted the *Reporter* into a daily paper of which they became the sole owners. He was at one time President of the State Press Association, and was a life-long Republican. He died at Battle Creek, Michigan, on the 21st of April, 1900.

JOHN A. PARVIN was born at Fairfield, New Jersey, November 10, 1807. He was reared on a farm and after acquiring an education taught for several years. In April, 1839, he removed to Iowa, locating at Bloomington. He served four years as clerk of the District Court and in 1850 was elected to the House of the Third General Assembly. Mr. Parvin secured the passage of a bill changing the name of Bloomington to Muscatine. He was an active supporter of the act passed to prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquors to be drunk on the premises. In 1854 Mr. Parvin was elected mayor of Muscatine. In 1856 he was a delegate to the con-

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