

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Letts, Hilton Miller Senator _____
Represented Louisa County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 13 May 1857 Grandview Township, Louisa County Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place
Nellie Springer 5 Mar 1880

3. Significant events for example:
A. Business _____
B. Civic responsibilities _____
C. Profession Farmer

4. Church membership _____

5. Sessions served 27th, 22th General Assembly 1898, 1900

6. Public Offices
A. Local Treasurer of the Agricultural College; Agent Iowa for several years;
member of Louisa County Board of Supervisors;
B. State _____
C. National _____

7. Death 6 Mar 1911 Columbus Junction, Iowa; buried Columbus City Cemetery, Columbus City, Iowa

8. Children Mrs. George Kenley; Mary Helen; Warren;
one additional child preceded his father in death

9. Names of parents Mr. and Mrs. Madison A. Letts

10. Education

11. Degrees

Attended the Agricultural College, Ames, Iowa (now Iowa State University)

12. Other applicable information

Republican

- During his boyhood he lived on his father's farm
- At his death he owned 1300 acres of land in Louisa County.
- He was connected with development companies in the south. He was the general manager at one time of the San Pablo Company of Old Mexico.
- About 5 years ago he organized and built the first packing house in the south forming the Rocky Mountain Supply Company at Hobbs, New Mexico

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HILTON M. LETTS, of Columbus Junction

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H. M. LETTS EXPIRES

ALL IOWA MOURNS DEATH OF DISTINGUISHED MAN

The death of Hilton M. Letts, prominent in Iowa and Louisa county as a politician and man of wide business affairs, occurred at 5 o'clock on Monday morning at his home on South Hill after an illness covering a period of only a few weeks.

Mr. Letts suffered an attack of heart trouble while in attendance at the stock show in Chicago in the early part of December. He recovered from that however in a short time and returned to his home here. About the first of the present year he made a trip to Koehler, New Mexico, where he had extensive interests, to close up some business affairs there preparatory to coming home and retiring from active work. Upon his return he went to a Chicago hospital where he took treatments of a specialist until two or three weeks ago, when he returned home in a very serious condition. Up until the time of his death he was bedfast a greater part of the time and under the care of nurses and physicians. His condition grew more alarming Saturday and the Chicago specialist was called, arriving here Sunday a. m. His efforts to prolong his life were futile and the last spark of life went out at the time above mentioned. During his last illness he suffered great pain, but with his characteristic braveness and patience, he endured it uncomplainingly.

In the death of Mr. Letts Iowa loses one of her most highly respected and valued citizens. Since

containing more than a thousand acres southwest of town. Five years ago he went to Kochler, N. M., and with his brother-in-laws, Frank and Chas. Springer, organized the Rocky Mountain Supply Co., taking over a tract of land consisting of many thousand acres, built a short line of railroad and a year or two ago established the first packing plant in the southwest. Mr. Letts was president and general manager of the company and has made a wonderful success of it.

May 5, 1880, he was united in marriage to Miss Nellie Springer, daughter of Judge Francis Springer, until his death a prominent Iowa man. She, with the three children, are left to mourn his death. The children are, Mrs. George Remley of Cimarron, N. M., Mary Helen and Warren, at home.

Death in any event has its sting, but in this case it seems all the more intense because of the man's general character. He was a broad minded man, a man of strong convictions but tender as a child in his associations with his family and friends. He was true as steel to his friends and he had a strong contempt for deceit and dishonesty whether in business or in politics. He had little regard for men who were not square in their dealings. His death will be mourned by his numerous friends here and elsewhere. That he was held in high esteem by his many acquaintances is attested by the many expressions of sympathy that have been extended to the bereaved family from far and near.

The funeral service will be held from the home this afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. Dr. Episcopalian minister of Livingston, will conduct the

Old Grey Bonnet."

Lenny M. Orr now to platform and gave a description of "Roman Games Amusements" after which band played another piece titled "Dance of the Imps"

Thomas N. Brandow was next speaker and he gave address on the subject "Gentleman" which proved to be one the real meaning of a gentleman. Then came a fine selection by the quartet which was heartily appreciated.

Thomas R. Hankins was sixth and last speaker of the class. The subject of his address was "Ruin in Disguise" which he handled in a very interesting manner and told how often it came to us in disguise.

Then John Boggs of the class with their director, Rev. A. S. Kresge gave the benediction and the commencement exercises of the year brought to a close.

The Principal, Mrs. Callahan and the class deserve much credit for the good work they have done.

Prominent Young Lady Stricken

The entire community was stricken over the death of Zola Wilcox, daughter of P. Wilcox, who died at home on Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock Monday after an illness which had lasted several months.

She was a most accomplished and bright young lady and the loss of her to her bereaved family is a great one. The funeral service will be held from the home this afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. Dr. Episcopalian minister of Livingston, will conduct the

spected and valued citizens. Since his entrance into public affairs in the early part of his life he has been prominent in the political and business affairs of the state. He was a man widely known and beloved by all who knew him.

He was born on the old Letts homestead in Grand township, Louisa county, May 13, 1857, being 54 years, 5 months and 20 days of age at the time of his death. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Madison N. Letts, a pioneer and prominent settler in this county. His early days were spent on the farm and he attended the district school. Later he attended the State Agricultural College at Ames and was the first student entering that institution from Louisa county. Later he was made a trustee of the Ames institution and served for a number of years.

In 1885 he was elected as a member of the board of supervisors of Louisa county and was made chairman of that body. He served in that capacity with credit to himself and benefit to the county. He was then only 24 years of age, yet he at once demonstrated the fact that he possessed wonderful ability in the management of affairs and his advice was much sought after in the counsels of his party and in common business affairs.

Politically Mr. Letts was a republican and from 1898 to 1902 he served as a member of the State Legislature, representing Louisa county.

A number of years ago Mr. Letts was made general manager of a stock and development company in Yucatan, Old Mexico, and spent two years in that country putting the company on the road to success. He returned to Iowa and has been equally successful as a farmer and stock raiser in this county.

ington, will conduct the funeral. Prof. C. F. Curtis, of Iowa, will deliver the funeral oration, giving high tribute to the deceased. Interment will be made in the Columbus cemetery, Conesville.

The committee exercises of the class of 1907 of the Conesville high school were held on Saturday evening, March 4, at the M. E. church. The church was nicely decorated in the class colors, red and light blue. As the band played a march, the class entered by their principal, Mr. J. H. Carpenter, and followed by Mr. B. Boggs, president of the board, entered the church and took their places on the platform. Rev. S. T. Richards then gave the invocation which was followed by music by the band.

Charles Stickney was the first speaker. He gave a good oration on "The Power of Concentration," which was nicely delivered. Then came a mixed quartette by Mmes. W. A. Mincher and Blanche Carpenter, Messrs. F. G. McCullough and J. B. Bradshaw.

Guy N. Crisp was the second oration entitled "The Value of a Faithful Friend." It was a discourse filled with good advice which everyone should heed and be loyal to their faithful friends. Next came a beautiful piano solo by Miss Winifred English, a member of the class of 1909.

Eva Belle DeLano was the next to claim the audience. Her exceedingly practical discourse on "What Spare Moments We Can Find" and the great value of these moments, was very timely and refreshing. The report of the committee on the work of the year was given by Mr. J. H. Carpenter and was very interesting.

memories throughout her life. She was a member and a worker in the M. E. church and was a faithful and devoted member.

Zola M. Wilcox was born in Columbus Junction, Dec. 18, 1889, and her entire life was spent here, save what she spent in college. She graduated from the local high school in the class of 1907 and received a scholarship at Cornell College, Mt. Vernon, attending there two and one-half years. She was prominent in her life as she was at home and was chosen literary editor of the Cornell Junior Annual of 1911 class and was a member of the house council of B. hall. She was called here by the sudden death of her father which occurred Feb. 15, 1910, on account of failing health. Since her retirement from school she has battled in vain to get her health, every medical treatment being employed. Miss Wilcox is survived by her mother, four brothers, Mr. Montrose, Jr., Robert, Orville and George, at home, and one Mrs. Verne Shipman, of Iowa. One brother, Harry, died July 4, 1883, died Aug. 1, 1907, same year.

The funeral service was held from the local M. E. church, Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, conducted by Rev. A. W. Richards. The floral offerings were many and profuse. The services were held in Spanish and English. The Rev. Mr. Richards was the officiating minister. The Rev. Mr. Richards was the officiating minister. The Rev. Mr. Richards was the officiating minister.

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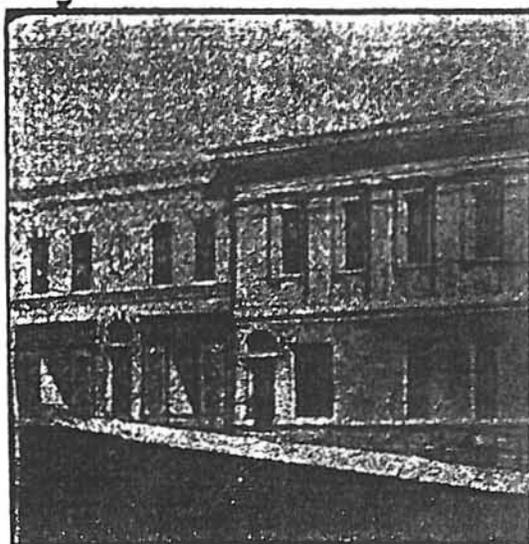
Prominent And Wealthy Citizen Of
Louisa County Called By Death
Monday Morning

Monday morning at 5 o'clock occurred the death of H. M. Letts at his home in the south part of this city, after an illness of several months, death being due to heart trouble. Mr. Letts was one of the best known and most successful business men in eastern Iowa and the news of his death came as a distinct shock to his friends throughout the county.

It was while in attendance at the Live Stock show at Chicago last December that he suffered the first attack of heart trouble from which he apparently recovered and returned home and departed for the south without allowing the knowledge of his illness to pass the immediate family circle. About three months ago a second attack led him to go to Chicago to consult a heart specialist and until two weeks ago he remained for treatment at the Streeter hospital but everything that human skill and aid could do failed to preserve the life that had won success and esteem and represented those things that make for the best in home life and business associations.

He returned from Chicago about two weeks ago bringing a special nurse with him. His condition grew steadily worse and Sunday morning a specialist was summoned from Chicago, but his medical attention was only of temporary avail and the end came at 5 o'clock Monday morning.

For the greater portion of his life Mr. Letts has been identified with the farming interests of this county and at the time of his death owned more than 1300 acres of land in Louisa county. He has also been successfully connected with several development companies in the south, being general manager at one time of the San Pablo Company of Old Mexico and about five years ago organized and built the first packing house in the south forming the Rocky Mountain Supply Co. at Roemer, N. Mex., of which company he was president and general manager at the time of his



FARMERS AND MERCHANTS

The above cut represents in a small degree improvement in Columbus Junction in a building, which is pronounced by everyone in the state in a town the size of Columbus by the Farmers and Merchants' increase of their banking interests demanded. The work has progressed slowly but persons was declared ready for occupancy and the Mr. Johnston were moved into their respective bank will be transferred to the new room building has been visited by hundreds of has done much toward ranking Columbus city. It is furnished throughout modern gas lighting plant and steam heating system used by the bank has been purchased by the different offices and rooms as was given

Philomathean Program.

To be given at the high school Friday evening, March 17, 1911.	In un
Music, Orchestra.	
Opening Address, Dale Edmondson.	On
Reading, Rabbit's Eggs and Other Eggs; Harry Parkin.	Re
Current Events, Jennie Lilja.	Re
Piano Duet, Autumn Leaves; Marie Westbrook, Ellen Thomann.	Re
Dialogue, Coon Creek Courtship; Paul Hannan, Dale Edmondson.	Re
What Congress Has Done, Marlon Hale.	t
Reading, Wakin' the Youngins; Edrie Arington.	Pal
Piano Solo, The Last Hope; Gertrude Owen.	Pal
Prophecy, Myrtle Albaugh, Ethel Foster, Edna Carey, Mabel Henderson, Lole Bretz, Claire Woodruff.	Pal
Reading, That Old Sweetheart of Mine; Mary Stapp.	On
Debate: Resolved, That the Independent School Districts of Columbus Junction and Columbus City Should Consolidate. Affirmative, Sumner Darrow, Reuben Oats. Negative, Clinton Hendrix, Harold Foster.	Re
Vocal Duet, If I Had the World to Give You, Mrs. C. G. Myers.	Pal
Monologue, Hey Rube; Loyd Myers.	Pal
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Hilton Miller Letts was born May 13, 1857, on the N. M. Letts homestead in Grandview township. During his boyhood he resided on his father's farm and later attended the agricultural college at Ames, being one of the first students from this county to attend that institution and of which afterward he was made one of the trustees. On March 5, 1880, he was united in marriage to Miss Nellie Springer, a daughter of the late Judge Francis Springer of Wapello. To them were born four children, three of whom with their mother survive. The children are Mrs. George Remley, wife of the attorney general at Cimarron, New Mexico, and Miss Mary Helen Letts and Warren Letts, at home.

Mr. Letts is also survived by two brothers and two sisters who are: Mrs. E. F. Brockway, James Letts and Noah Letts, all of Letts, and Mrs. John Waters of California.

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 Music, Orchestra.
 Play: HECTOR.
 Frederick Long, merchant; Edward Bell. Lois, his wife; Anna Barnes.
 Oscar Spencer, a young student, Hilton Patten.
 Jacob Einstien, a pawnbroker, Charles Bretz.
 August, a servant; Hubert Thomann.
 Watson, a clerk Carl Curtis.
 Fanny, a chambermaid; Luella Hoover.
 A Messenger Boy, Vernon Hanft.

Program at Washington School.

The patrons and friends are cordially invited to attend the entertainment given by the pupils of Washington school on the evening of March 17.

Song, by the school.
 Address of Welcome, Verne Furnas.
 Recitation, A Piece; Charles Shellabarger.
 Recitation, A Small Girl's Troubles, Lela Reed.
 Recitation, My Pa Won't Play With Me; Russel McCormick.
 Song, The Newsboy's Sweetheart; Harlan Foster.
 Recitation, The Dead Pussy Cat; Clara Blankenhorn.
 Recitation, Winter's Part Nigh Gone; Orpha Foster.
 Recitation, Till After Circus Anyway; Harlan Dallmeyer.
 Recitation, Entertaining the Minister; Ethel Wilson.
 Song, The Bells; Estella Shellabarger, Orpha Foster, Clair Clark, Verne Furnas.
 Recitation, Fatty; Harlan Foster.
 Recitation, The Birds Party; Lois Dallmeyer.
 Recitation, Innocence; Eva McCormick.
 May Pole Drill, by eight girls.
 Song, Dolly Sleepy Song; Alice Woods.
 Recitation, Grandma's Mistake; Lois Turkington.
 Recitation with music, Rappahannach; Ava Blankenhorn.
 School Prophecy, Estella Shellabarger.
 Farce: THE MILLIONAIRE JANITOR.
 Herman Schmaltz, the millionaire janitor, Clair Clark.
 Prof. Flagg, proprietor of the Columbus City cemetery.
 John Madison Jennings, Herald's father; Verne Furnas.
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