

10. Education He was educated in public schools in his Illinois
neighborhood
11. Degrees He studied 4 years in the Baptist College at Burlington, Iowa. He
then entered the law department of State University, Iowa, Iowa City
graduating in 1871
12. Other applicable information Democrat, later Republican
- He moved with his family from Pennsylvania to Illinois in 1855 and
then soon after to Iowa
- In 1860 the family returned to Illinois and settled on a farm in Hancock County,
Illinois. After college he helped on the farm and taught school
- After being admitted to the bar he practiced law in Iowa City. In 1866 he
became associated with Mr. Wade under the firm name of Ranch and
Wade. His partnership lasted for a year until Mr. Wade was elected
Judge of the District Court. He then formed a partnership with Mr. Bradley,
under the name of Ranch and Bradley
- In 1877 he began to support the Republican Party



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after 4 o'clock this morning and at- tempted to hurl bombs on the ar- senal.

Anti-craft guns at the fort's guard- ing Venice blazed away at the in- vaders, while Italian airmen and a dirigible flying over the Adriatic, came to the rescue. The Austrians were driven off.

At about the same time other Austrian aircraft attacked the ports of Ravenna and Porto Corsini, sixty miles south of Venice; Ancona, 80 miles farther south, and Gosl, 14 miles below Ancona, as well as Por- tenza, Picorno, and the Trem'ia is- lands, also were attacked.

Several frontier clashes between Italian and Austrian troops are re- ported from the Trentino border.

It was learned yesterday that Italy has given its adhesion to the agreement already signed by the allied powers not to conclude a sepa- rate peace.

The signature of a formal docu- ment to this effect is imminent.

The Austrian authorities in the crown lands are arresting all Itali- ans and permitting only women and children to leave. The latter have no food and in many cases not near enough clothing.

This news and the fact that 30,000

Disabled

(By Associated Press.)

Rome, via Paris, May 25—The Italian ministry marine announce- ment says: "The steamer arriving at Barletta reports that while pass- ing near the promontory of Cargano at midnight, she sighted an Austrian warship with a heavy list. The war- ship was escorted by four torpedo boats. This probably is the warship which was driven off from Barletta after firing several shots,

New York, May 25—Wireless com- munication between the United States and Germany has been seri- ously handicapped and probably will continue so until about July 1, by the static conditions prevailing in the North Atlantic at this time of the year.

The wireless station at Sayville, L. I., the receiving station of the Atlantic Communication company, the German wireless concern, has within the last week or two been isolated recently from the sending plant at Hauen, Germany. It was learned today, and the same situa- tion exists at Tuckerton, N. J., the sending station for messages to Ger- many. Such messages as are re- ceived at Sayville are for the most part fragmentary or often impossible to decipher.

The electrical activities of the Aurora Borealis with electrical storms over the wireless routes are the cause of the difficulty, it is ex- plained and may be expected to con- tinue several weeks. This means that until normal conditions again prevail uncensored communication between Germany and the outside world will be limited.

The news agencies meantime have been obliged to depend upon London for regular transmission of the daily German war office statement.

monarchy became know- crowds paraded the str- patriotic songs and chee- tria-Hungary. The para- ed to make a demonst- the Italian embassy, b- incident of Thursday y- youth knocked off the- hat as he was leav- ing- the police have ta- to- forestall untoward in- the approaches to the- closed.

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(By Associated P- Washington, May 25- ily proclamation by- States covering the cap- the European war, was- day by the state dep- the date of May 24.

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Berne, Switzerland, v- 25—The Swiss govern- ed that it will repre- ests at Rome of Ger- in the interests of Austria- be represented by Spal-

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New York, May 25—T- Charles Frohman, the p- ager and producer, a- Lusitania disaster, will- today.

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Athens, via London, vice- from Constantin- describe the arrival of- wounded from the- where the first Turkish

C. S. RANCK DIED TODAY

Prominent Attorney Passes Away at Battle Creek, Michigan at Noon Today

C. S. Ranck of this city, died at noon today at Battle Creek, Mich. This brief word was received this afternoon by his partner, Frank Messer. Mr. Ranck had been suf-



C. S. RANCK

fering for a long time and for some months past has been at Battle Creek.

The funeral will be held at Dallas, City, Ill. Mr. Messer and S. K. Stevenson left today to attend the funeral.

NO EXTRA SESSION OF CONGRESS IN OCTOBER

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, D. C., May 25—Presi- dent Wilson said today that he had no intention of calling an extra ses- sion of congress in October.

Convicted Policeman Must Die

(By Associated Press.)

Albany, N. Y., May 25—The sec- ond conviction of former Police Lieut- enant Charles Becker for instigat- ing the murder of Herman Rosen- thal, the New York gambler, was up- held by the court of appeals. Becker now must die unless he can obtain clemency from Gov. Whitman, who, as district attorney of New York, prosecuted him, or he can obtain re- versal by the United States supreme court.

ITALY SUSPENDS THE PARCEL POST SYSTEM

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, May 25—The Italian postoffice department notified the United States of a suspension of parcel post between the two coun- tries.

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spirng company than the fellowship of the giant intellects that constructed this marvelous industry and a journey along the pathway of its development, illuminated at every mile-post of its progress by the lightning-flashes of brilliant minds, will be taken at a very early date.

A brief statistical review of the in- dustry brings out its growth and mag- nitude in a most convincing and un- forgettable manner.

The telephone service of the United States is the most popular and efficient and its rates are the cheapest of the telephone systems of the world.

We are the greatest talkers on earth. We send 60 per cent of our communi- cations over the telephone. The world has about 15,000,000 telephones and of this number the United States has ap- proximately 9,540,000, Europe 4,020,000 and other countries 1,300,000. Accord- ing to the latest world telephone cen- sus, the total telephone investment is \$1,906,000,000 and of this amount \$1,095,000,000 was credited to the United States, \$636,000,000 in Europe and \$175,000,000 in other countries. The annual telephone conversations total 24,600,000,000 divided as follows: Uni- ted States 15,600,000,000; Europe 6,800,000,000, and other countries 2,200,000,000. The total world wire telephone mileage is 33,262,000 miles divided as follows: United States 20,248,000, Eu- rope 10,335,000, and other countries 2,679,000. About six per cent of per cent of the telephone wire mil- age is in the United States.

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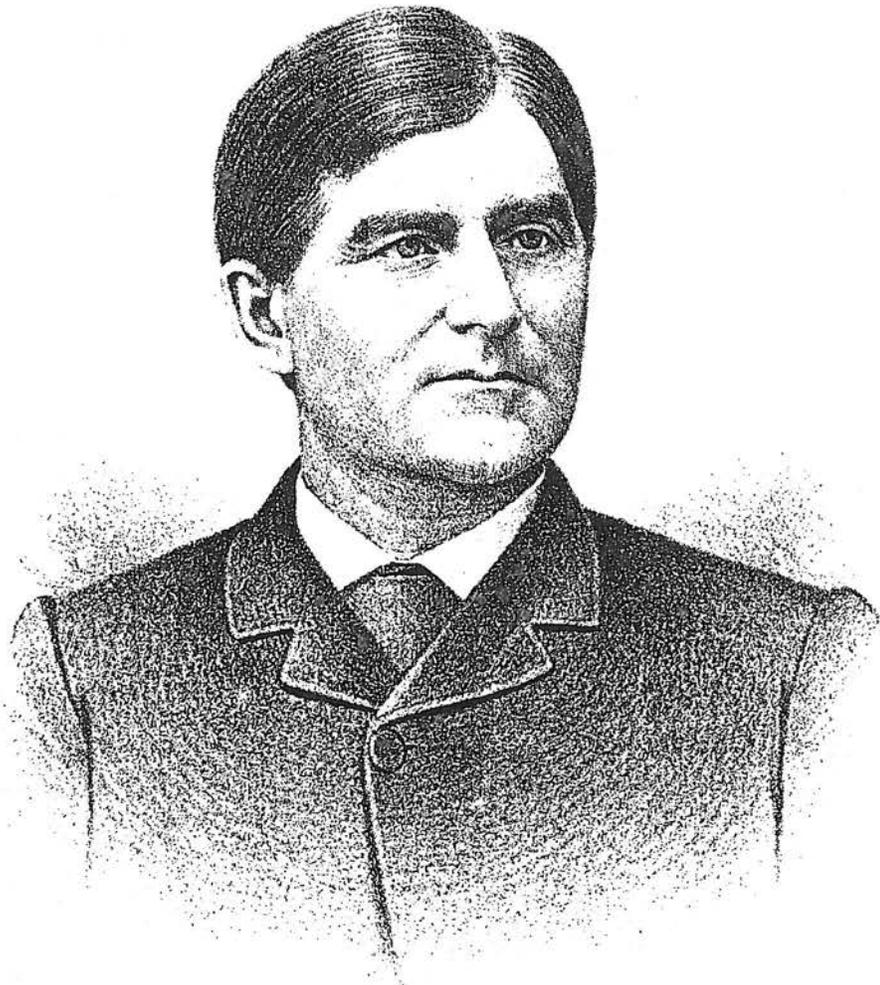
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Biographical Sketches of Prominent and Representative Citizens,

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*Yours Truly
C. S. Ranck*

deavor he has done well, in fact, like his worthy sire before him, he is possessed of excellent business qualifications, and makes a success of everything to which he seriously gives his attention. He took up his residence in Lone Tree in the fall of 1892, and here he has since made his home. He has always been a Republican, and socially is a member of that worthy order, the Knights of Pythias. He and his wife are the parents of three interesting little children: Addie, Bell and Glee. Mr. Evans and his wife move in the highest circles of society, and are without question worthy of the respect and esteem which are accorded them.



CYRUS S. RANCK was born in Union County, Pa., in 1845. His parents were natives of the Keystone State and of German descent. Though of advanced age, the mother now resides in Hancock County, Ill., the father having died in 1890. The boyhood days of our subject were passed in Pennsylvania, Iowa and Illinois. In Illinois he attended the public schools, and lived with his parents until 1865; he then entered the Baptist College at Burlington, Iowa, and remained there four years, and thereafter taught school six months. In 1870 he entered the law department of the State University of Iowa, and was graduated in the Class of '71. Three years later he began the active practice of law at Iowa City, Iowa, and has so continued ever since. In 1886 the law firm of Ranck & Wade was formed, which firm still continues to do a large legal business.

Mr. Ranck possesses fine legal attainments, is a good lawyer, a man of the strictest honesty and integrity, and is well known throughout the State. He has occupied various positions of honor, trust and confidence, having been elected for a period of four years City Solicitor of Iowa City and also elected a member of the Twentieth and Twenty-first General Assemblies of the State of Iowa.

During his term in the Legislature occurred the

bitter struggle in regard to the appropriations for the Iowa State University. The services of Mr. Ranck at that time are worthy of special mention. From one who is familiar with the history of that eventful period, we quote as follows:

"During his term in the House of Representatives, a crisis was reached in the history of the State University. From various causes unusual demands had been made upon the funds set apart for current expenses. The Regents were under the necessity of making provision for but partial payment of salaries, relying upon the Legislature for a special appropriation to carry them through the year. Some changes made in the professorships aroused opposition to this request, unless there were coupled with the appropriations a provision for the entire re-organization of the administrative control of the University. As a member of the House Committee on the State University, Mr. Ranck realized the necessity of constant watchfulness, and gave his time and thought to securing the needed appropriation. His judicious course allayed animosity and won friends. The needed funds were appropriated without conditions and without any essential modifications of the management of the affairs of the institution. That the crisis was so happily passed was due to the leadership of Mr. Ranck, under whom friends rallied most effectively." Since retiring from the Legislature, Mr. Ranck has often been of great service in his support of measures looking to the enlargement of the State University.

Our subject was a leading member of the Twenty-first General Assembly and was the Democratic member appointed by the Speaker of the House on the joint committee of the House and Senate to examine into the charges made against Auditor Brown, and took an active part on that committee. In 1886 he was elected Prosecuting Attorney of Johnson County, Iowa, and was three times nominated by acclamation by the Democratic party for that position, which he held for six years. In this particular branch of the law he succeeded so admirably that fully ninety per cent. of persons indicted during his several terms of office were convicted, and but one of the hundred or more indictments drawn by him was found defective.

Of the four cases appealed by him to the Supreme Court of Iowa on behalf of the State all were reversed.

Mr. Ranck is a forcible and eloquent speaker and is considered one of the best criminal lawyers in eastern Iowa. He is a married man, a man of good social qualities, possessed of many of the best traits of character, and is much esteemed by his friends.



GEORGE A. EWING. Among the leading citizens of Iowa City, Iowa, in the professional, business and social life of the place, and one who lends eminent strength to her Bar, tone to her finance, and grace to her society, may be mentioned George A. Ewing. He has conducted many cases to a successful issue, for he has a thorough and comprehensive knowledge of international law and makes it his aim and object to thoroughly post himself in his clients' interests, and as a result is rarely taken by surprise or at a disadvantage. He is a member of the law firm of Ewing & Ewing, so well known throughout Johnson County, Iowa, and he and his worthy partner are admirably adapted to honorably prosecute this most exalted of professions. Their names may be mentioned in direct refutation of the unjust accusation that a lawyer cannot be honest, for they have never wilfully wronged any one, either by word or deed.

• Mr. Ewing was born in Fairfield County, Ohio, his birth occurring near the town of Lancaster, on the 28th of December, 1842, he being the eldest scion of his father's house. His parents, Thomas and Eliza (Arnold) Ewing, were born in Fairfield County, Ohio, and Maryland, respectively, the father's birth taking place in 1815. His attention throughout life was devoted to tilling the soil, the laborious occupation of clearing and improving wild land being his for a number of years. His father, Thomas E. Ewing, was of Scotch descent, and in the subject of this sketch may be

found many of the most noble attributes of that people, for not only is he courageous and fearless in expressing his opinion, but he possesses a native shrewdness, keen discernment and undoubted honesty. Eliza Arnold's birth occurred in the year 1817, she being a daughter of George Arnold, in whose veins flowed English blood.

The youthful days of George A. Ewing were spent in the usual way of farmers' boys and the monotonous duties of the farm were only broken by his attendance at the district schools in the immediate neighborhood of his home, where the foundations of an excellent education were laid. The excellent start he thus acquired in the world of books was later supplemented by an attendance at the Wesleyan University at Delaware, Ohio, where he patiently and successfully pursued the path of learning for four years. His analytical and well-poised mind then naturally turned to the law as his life occupation, and he carried on his legal studies in the office of ex-Gov. Medill, of Lancaster, Ohio, for three years, at the end of which time, upon application, he was admitted to the Bar, during the session of the Supreme Court in 1866.

About this time the State of Iowa possessed numerous attractions for Mr. Ewing, but he did not remove hither until 1872, in which year Iowa City became his home and the scene of his future operations and usefulness in the preservation of law and order. He soon formed a partnership with Judge John Williams, which continued three years, after which he became associated with C. S. Ranck. Four years later this partnership was also dissolved, after which he continued the practice of his profession alone until he formed his present partnership. Their's is a strong combination, and the success with which they are meeting is but their just due. Mr. Ewing has always been an adherent of the Democratic party, and on the 21st of August, 1890, he was appointed Captain of the First Iowa Regiment of the Patriarch Militia. He is a member of Iowa City Lodge No. 4, A. F. & A. M., in which he has attained to the Royal Arch Degree, and he is also a member of Kosciusko Lodge No. 6, I. O. O. F. His marriage was celebrated in 1866, Miss Allie Martin, of Lancaster,

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Fifty-second Congress, commencing his congressional career with the beginning of that Congress, and is a leading Republican, having served as chairman of the committee on military affairs and on other important committees.

HON. CYRUS S. RANCK,

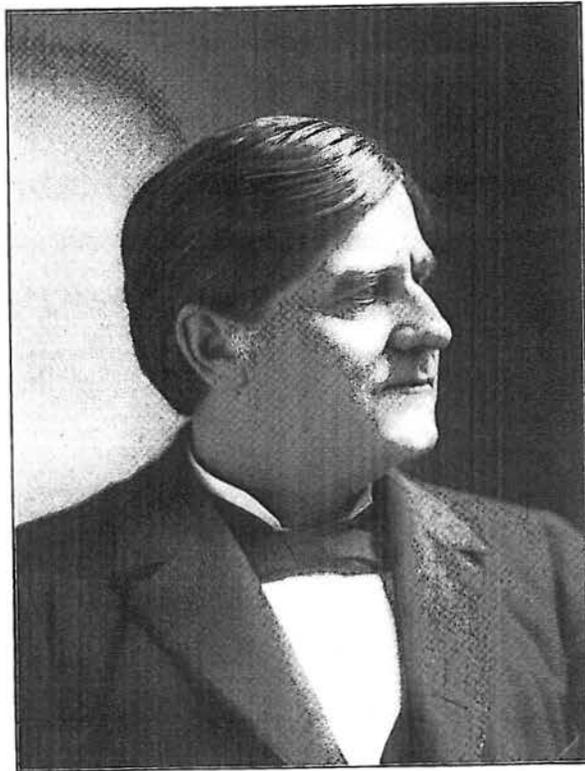
IOWA CITY.

The subject of this sketch, who holds an honored place at the Iowa City bar, was born in Pennsylvania in 1847. His parents were natives of that state; they moved with their family to Illinois in 1855, and thence soon afterward went to Iowa, but in 1860 returned to Illinois and settled on a farm in Hancock county, where the father died in 1889, and where the mother now resides (1901).

Cyrus attended the public schools in Illinois and Iowa in his boyhood, then studied four years in the Baptist College at Burlington. He then entered the law department of the Iowa State University, from which he was graduated in 1871. He was admitted to the bar the same year and began practice at Iowa City in 1874. In 1886 he became associated with M. J. Wade under the firm name of Ranck & Wade. This partnership lasted six years, until Mr. Wade was elected judge of the District Court, and then he formed a partnership with Mr. Bradley, under the name and style of Ranck & Bradley, which co-partnership still continues.

Mr. Ranck has always carried on a general practice of the law, and the records of the courts in his county will verify the statement that in nearly all of the important cases that have been tried in the courts he has been engaged on one or the other side in the last twenty years.

In political faith Mr. Ranck was, until 1896, a Democrat, and took a prominent part in politics; was chairman of the Democratic State Central Committee in 1895 and 1896, but, like thousands of other Democrats, became dissatisfied with the Chicago platform, and in 1897 he openly declared a determination to support the Republican ticket, and has since that time acted with the Republican party. He has held a number of official positions, being city solicitor of Iowa City for four years, a member of the Twentieth and Twenty-first General Assemblies of Iowa, six years county attorney of Johnson county, a member of the Twenty-fifth General Assembly, and was elected to the State Senate in 1895, serving



C. S. RANCK.

three sessions, having served, all told, for a period of ten years in the Legislature of Iowa. He was seven years trustee for the Iowa School of the Deaf. He is well known throughout the state, an able lawyer and a man of the strictest honesty and integrity; is a member of the Masonic fraternity and Knights of Pythias.

JOSEPH T. BEEM,

MARENGO.

Joseph T. Beem was born in Marengo, Iowa, October 22, 1852. He graduated from its high school and from the law department of the University of Iowa, obtaining from the latter, in 1875, the degree of LL. B. He has since practiced his profession at Marengo, having served as county attorney from 1891-95. He has also been a member of the board of education of Marengo for five years, and in 1896 was a candidate for elector on the National Democratic ticket.

THOMAS STAPLETON,

MARENGO.

Thomas Stapleton was born in Bloomington, Ill., May 24, 1854. He is a graduate of the State University of Iowa, and since 1878 has been engaged in the practice of his profession. He first located in Iowa City, where he continued until April 10, 1880, since which time he has been a practicing attorney in Marengo. In politics he has been a Democrat, and has been quite prominent in county and state politics, serving as prosecuting attorney of Iowa county from January 1, 1887, to January 1, 1891. He has established a good general practice, and has also been called into the service of several banks and corporations, both as attorney and director.

HON. ROBERT G. COUSINS,

TIPTON.

Robert G. Cousins was born in Cedar county, Iowa, in 1859. He is a graduate of Cornell College, class of 1881, and in 1882 was admitted to the bar. Since that year he has been engaged in the practice of his

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Recollections and Sketches of Notable Lawyers and Public Men of Early Iowa

Belonging to the First and Second
Generations, with Anecdotes and
Incidents Illustrative of the Times

By

EDWARD H. STILES

For many years a member of the Iowa Bar; member of its House of Representatives, 1863-1864; member of its Senate, 1865-1866; Reporter of its Supreme Court, 1867-1875; author of Complete Digest of its Decisions from the earliest Territorial period to the 56th Iowa Reports.

"In old age alone we are masters of a treasure of which we cannot be deprived, the only treasure we can call our own. The pleasures of memory and the retrospect of the varied images which in an active life have floated before the mind, compensate, and more than compensate, for the alternate pleasures and cares of active life."—SIR ARCHIBALD ALLISON.

"Personal anecdotes, when characteristic, greatly enliven the pages of a biography."—SAMUEL SMILES.

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During his term of office he to a large extent kept up his general practice and after that greatly extended it. He became known as one of the most eminent lawyers in the state.

In the latter part of his life and while his years were not so far advanced as to deprive him of its activities, and his capacity for enjoying its varied scenes, he gradually retired, devoting a portion of his time to travel, to books and the serene enjoyment of life's evening. From a letter to me I take the liberty of making the following extracts as throwing some light upon the character and closing years of this man:

In regard to myself, I have been practicing law since 1868, and have a pardonable pride in my success as a lawyer. I have, like many other lawyers, lost by injudicious investments and have not accumulated property as I might have done and as my business justified me in doing; but I have enough to keep the wolf from the door. We have four children who have built homes of their own, and seven grandchildren. My youngest son, George E., is District Attorney in the Northwestern District of New Mexico. My oldest son has quit the law and engaged in engineering. He bought into a hydro-electric plant and improved and developed it, and then sold out at a handsome profit. He has an apple orchard and is on "easy street" financially. His residence is at Dryden, Washington. My eldest daughter, Mrs. W. D. Lovell, is the wife of a civil engineer and contractor. He has made a success in life and is very comfortably fixed financially. My youngest daughter, Mrs. William Ruthrauff, lives in Chicago. I have no reason to complain of what life has brought me. I have enjoyed it, and at nearly three score and ten years I feel quite strong and vigorous; but am gradually letting loose of hard work. In a week my wife and I will start for Yellowstone Park and will spend a month with my son, Hubert, at Washington.

Cyrus S. Ranck was a native of Pennsylvania and a graduate of the State University of Iowa. Through the course of many years he was an able, strenuous and successful lawyer. His name will be frequently found in connection with the reports of the Supreme Court of the State. He was engaged in cases of the highest importance. He was strong and resourceful and might have acquired a fortune, but as I am told, did not.

He was a man of high character and a frequent recipient of the public esteem. He was chosen and served for a period City Solicitor of Iowa City and for six years as County Attorney. He repeatedly represented his County in the State Legislature. In the fall of 1883 he was elected to the House and served in the 20th General Assembly, and in the fall of 1885 was re-elected and served in the 21st General Assembly. In 1894 he was again elected to the House and served in the 25th General Assembly. In the fall of 1895 he was elected to the State Senate and served in the 26th and 27th General Assemblies. For more than forty years he was regarded as not only one of the best lawyers, but one of the most efficient and useful legislators.

George W. Ball was for many years a prominent lawyer of Johnson County and State. As I am informed, he was a native of Iowa, born in Jefferson County



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