

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative HARRIS, THOMAS Senator _____

Represented Poweshiek County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 14 October 1832, Barnstable, Massachusetts

2. Marriage (s) date place

- (1) ~~Maria(h) S. Mayo (Maine, - 2 March 1867), 15 October 1854, Hamden, Maine.~~
(2) Sarah Dodds (17 March 1845 - 28 September 1933), 5 November 1868, Washington, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Farmer, grain dealer, lumber, stock ranch

B. Civic responsibilities _____

C. Profession _____

4. Church membership Methodist

5. Sessions served 30 GA, 1904, HD 39 Poweshiek County

6. Public Offices

A. Local _____

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 5 October 1904, at home, Moneezuma, Iowa.

1st marriage: (1) Nathan Mayo H. Ia. 24 Nov. 1859 - (2) Sarah E.

8. Children ~~Mass~~ c. 2856 -); (3) Samuel 19 Mar. 1867 - 21 April 1867).

2d marriage: (1) Thomas (c. 1869-); (3) Minnie (Jan. 18 74 - ^{Sept.}); (4) Alvin (c. 1876 -); (5) Ernest M. (Sept. 1883 -); Lewis M. (July 1885) ¹⁹⁰¹ (2) Wilbur (c. 1878 -)
~~one of children of second marriage deceased by 1900 - obit says 2 daughters & 4 sons, |~~

9. Names of parents _____ but census shows five males C. 1872-28 for 1868
father Thomas Harris, was sea captain in Barnstable.

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3010. Education _____

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12. Other applicable information _____

Father was sea captain, of sailing ship. Thomas sailed with him at age 15; on two trips to Europe and one to San Francisco. Spent two years in gold fields. Then moved to Hampden, Maine, where he engaged in general merchandising, manufacture of lumber, and shipping. ~~After~~ marriage there, sold out in 1856 and moved to Deep River Township, Poweshiek County, Iowa. Farmed, First wife ~~died~~ there and their ~~third~~ child died soon after, shortly after birth.

In 1876 he and brother Chester entered grain and lumber business, and in 1881 he moved to Montezuma. His son N. M. also became partner. Firm had grain business in many locations in U. S. and Canada. Also Thomas interested in ranches in various parts of west.

Was president of First National Bank of Montezuma. Became Methodist in 1857, and was trustee. Was in legislature at time of his death.

Survived by second wife, seven children, two sisters and two brothers.

2d wife is Sarah on marriage record, Sarah in censuses, Sarah in listing of burials in Montezuma cemetery, but as Laura on WPA records of burials.

Sources Log For Legislation Entries

Applicability

Source	Non Applicable	Applicable	Information obtained
Stork/Clingan, Legislators		x	sessions served
Weekly Republican, Montezuma, Wednesday 12 October 1904		x	death; bb#t
			death
House Journal 1906		x	memorial
History Poweshiek Co. 1880		x	bio
Parker, History Poweshiek Co. 1911		x	bio of Thomas and Nathan
Poweshiek Co. Cems--Montezuma		x	Th, both wives, 3 ch
Poweshiek Co. Cem Records--WPA		x	Th, 2d wf, 2 ch
Poweshiek Co. Hewritage 1991	x		
Washington County Marriages F-190		x	2d marriage
1870 Census Poweshiek 256		x	Th, 2d wf, 3 ch
1880 " " 195/33/36		x	Deep River T, Th, 2d wf, 4 ch
1900 " " 102/1/57		x	Jackson T, Th, 2d wf, 3 ch

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Just On the Verge.

Thomas Harris is just alive. With a pulse fluttering between 135 and 145, fever rising rapidly, strength rapidly falling, hemorrhages very frequent, the unconscious sufferer is sleeping away his life. The doctor has ceased the use of the stomach pump, and he is kept constantly under the influence of morphine. For nearly two days he has been in a comatose condition and the next forty-eight hours will doubtless record the passing of this honorable, large hearted, public spirited man. The end is near and the only hope that now remains is that there may be no suffering when the death angel shall claim him. A few short hours at most and Thomas Harris will be no more.

2:30. Just before going to press, all relatives have been hurriedly summoned for Thomas Harris is dying.
2:45. Thomas Harris is dead.

—Our marriage license column lacks three licenses withheld by request because the weddings are not to occur for a few days. If you keep the clerk busy showing you who it is, we will not stand for the blame. We will guarantee it is not who you think it is.

—Tonight at 8 o'clock will occur the wedding of Miss Gertrude Kirk to Mr. Joe Rempp at the home of James Kirk. The ceremony will be performed by Rev. Stark. It was rumored that this would be a double wedding, but weddings sometimes adjourn, sine die, without consulting the public and sometimes the public fix the date for weddings without consulting the parties. It may happen yet. We presume the license or licenses were not yet secured because they wished to dodge the editor.

Marriage Licenses.

The weather is getting cooler and the marriage licenses are as follows:
Clarence J. Andrews..... 22
Bertha Wood..... 22
Victor West..... 25
May B. Royce..... 21
Clyde D. Duffus..... 19
Bertha Swanson..... 19
George Smith..... 48

New Meat Market

J. J. BAILEY

Has opened up a new Market on the north side of the square and will keep constantly on hand a choice line of

Beef, Pork, VEAL.

Oysters, Fish and Game in season.

The White family now occupy the John Ford property.

Ruby James went to Oskaloosa Monday to attend Penn college.

Clinton Fowler and a Miss Sawyer were married last Wednesday evening at Taintor. The bride and groom were expected to arrive in Searsboro the same evening at the A. L. Fowler home where the groom's mother had prepared a surprise reception for them. The invited guests, about twenty in number, principally young people, were present to greet them upon their arrival but they did not appear until about noon the next day. They will probably never realize all they missed by not arriving at the time they were expected. We wish them peace and happiness throughout their married life.

Harry Ritter and wife accompanied their little daughter Ruth to Marshalltown Sunday morning to consult an eye specialist with regard to little Ruth's eyes, which appears to be a serious case. They returned Sunday evening.

A. M. Evans was a business caller in Peoria, New Sharon and Oskaloosa the latter part of last week.

Anna Wilson expects to attend school at Penn college, Oskaloosa, this term.

J. W. Pierce of Mantoloking, N. J. a temperance evangelist, will give a series of lectures from Oct. 12 to Oct. 17, inclusive at Searsboro. He will

stay in Grinnell and then return to the Black Hills where she has spent the past few months with a brother on account of poor health. Her health has been much benefited thru the change of climate.

Dr. Coopers arrived from their St. Louis trip Sunday evening.

Mrs. Jane Evans and son Charles drove to Brooklyn, Ia., Monday afternoon for a few days' visit with relatives in that vicinity.

J. O. French and wife are on the sick list.

Mrs. P. Hyett and Mrs. Wilson are ailing. There seems to be a great deal of sickness in this community at present.

J. M. Powell and wife spent Sunday at Ewart.

STOCK SALE

The undersigned will sell at public sale at his farm 3 miles southeast of Montezuma

FRIDAY, OCT. 14, 1904.

Commencing at 10 o'clock a. m. the following property to-wit:

23 HEAD OF HORSES 23

consisting of 17 head of 2-yr-old colts all high bred Shires, Clydes and Normans, 3 one-yr-old colts of the same breeding, 3 suckling colts.

consisting of 8 head of cows, 8 head of spring calves

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OBITUARY OF THOMAS HARRIS.

Thomas Harris was born at Barnstable, Mass., on Oct. 14th, 1832, and died at his home in Montezuma, Ia., Oct. 5, 1904, being 71 years, 11 months and 21 days old.

In early life he left his native state and migrated westward, coming to Iowa in 1856. Having landed in Iowa City and there being no convenient way of traveling in those days he came or got to what was then known as D. Men in Poweshiek County. He entered land near that place and soon engaged in breaking the virgin soil. Being a man of industrious habits and good business ability he not only earned a living for himself and family but he had a competency for old age.

He was united in marriage to Miss Maria S. Mayo, October 15th., 1854 in Hamden, Maine to which union were born three children—two sons and one daughter.

Early in life, while in the vigor of his young manhood Bro. Harris was destined to suffer affliction. His young wife was stricken and died on March 2nd., 1867 and a few weeks following, the spirit of the infant son, Samuel Harris, took its flight and rests with its mother in the Paradise of God. Thus was Bro. Harris left with his two remaining children—N. M. Harris and Sarah E.—Now Mrs. McDonald.

He was again married November 5th., 1868, to Miss Sarah Dodds of Washington, Iowa, and to them was six children—two daughters and four sons all of whom except Wilber Harris who died February. 28th., 1885, were at the bed side of their father when the end came.

departure. The brother from California was at the bedside and is present today.

The funeral was held at his late residence on Friday afternoon at 2:30 p. m. Conducted by the Rev. U. S. Smith assisted by Rev. J. M. McClelland of Grinnell and Rev. W. L. Clark of Montezuma. The order of exercises were as follows:

The obituary was read by Rev. U. S. Smith, after which the Quartette sang "Nearer My God to Thee." Then followed the reading of the 105th Psalm by Rev. McClelland and again the choir sang, "Asleep in Jesus." Rev. W. L. Clark then offered prayer and the choir sang, "There is Rest for the Weary," after which Rev. Smith spoke about as follows:

Psalms 116-3. "Precious in the sight of Jehovah is the death of his saint." It is evident that the life of a saint is precious in the sight of God. This is apparent when we consider the sacrifices of heaven to procure the redemption of the world. We have only to recall the love of an Infinite Father manifest in the giving of his son for the world to ensure us that those redeemed through his blood are precious in his sight. If then, the life of a saint is precious in the sight of Jehovah, he will surely be a help in the time of trouble and will defend us against our enemies. The last enemy Christ had to overcome was death. Recall the experience of Calvary, remember his agonizing groans on the cross and finally his exulting triumph over death and we are convinced of this truth. Since Christ's last enemy was death, man's also was death, and

If the life and experience of a saint is precious in the sight of Jehovah, it is certain that the death of a saint will be of such value in God's sight that he will never leave him to pass through that trying experience and ordeal alone. Hence we have the blessed assurance of the presence of God as con-

achieved greatness in the history of the world. It is of precious memory that our ancestors have been prominent in the achievement of great reforms, and it is of value also to have it said of our parents "they have acquired something in this world and have left to their children some of the riches of earth" but it is of far greater importance, yea it is of inestimable value—indeed the greatest and richest legacy that can be left is to know that our parents or friends have left us the living testimony of the presence of their Redeemer when leaving this vale of tears.

I count it one of the richest experiences of my life to have visited at the bedside of this dying man. One week ago yesterday I felt drawn to come to this home. It seemed to be providential for a few moments before I arrived. Father Harris, realizing that his time was short, and as he remarked to his brother, that while he might linger for several days he had some things to say and, as he might not be conscious much hereafter, he wished to say them while his mind was clear.

Then calling the family one by one he gave them his parting blessing exhorting them to be true and remember the faith of their father, and bade them a loving farewell. It was just at this moment when this ever-to-be-remembered experience was ending that I entered the room. Being ushered to the bedside of the dying man he turned and recognized me. With a glowing light upon his countenance, a radiant beam of the eye, yea the very atmosphere of his presence indicating the presence of one who is higher than man, he reached me his hand and calling me by name said "I am glad you are here. I have not, Brother Smith, felt that I had dying grace until this hour, but I have it now. All is well and I am rejoiced to the will of the Father, then asked that I lead in prayer. I

when the end came.



Mr. Harris was converted and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church at a Camp Meeting near Millersburg in 1857. To this profession of faith he has been true. While not a man of emotions or of special impulse he has demonstrated his faith by his daily work and Godly conversation.

He has served the church faithfully for many years as a trustee and has contributed liberally to its support. He has ever been ready to do all within his power to promote the interests of the church and the kingdom of God. He will be missed in the councils of the church.

Bro. Harris was also a public spirited man. He always sought to better whatever he touched and to improve the community in which he lived. This caused him to have a deep concern for those things that should be of vital interest to every legal citizen of any country,—the government of that country. He believed in "pure" politics, righteous legislation and official integrity, hence he was elected last November by the people of Poweshiek Co. to represent their interests in the lower house of the State Legislature of Iowa which position he filled with honor to himself and satisfaction to his constituency.

He will be missed at home, on the streets, at his place of business, at the church, everywhere: but he has served his day and generation and served them well and when the hour came he was ready and met it calmly and peacefully fell asleep with the light of heaven upon his brow.

Beside the above named family, Bro. Harris leaves two sisters and one brother in Massachusetts and one Brother in California to mourn his

will never leave him to pass through that trying experience and ordeal alone. Hence we have the blessed assurance of the presence of God as contained in the promises "Lo I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. I will never leave you or forsake you. My Grace shall be sufficient for you." Thus we are assured of the sustaining grace of God, not only thru the trials of life when the enemy of the soul as a roaring lion seeketh whom he may devour, or when he transforms himself into an angel of light that he may deceive even the effective God, but we have the assurance as well that when we come to the dark valley of the shadow of death and when clouds overshadow, that still is his presence to illuminate the dark valley, throwing rays of light along the pathway that leads to immortal glory.

Precious also is the death of a saint in the sight of the Church, for individuals who have enlisted in the service of God meeting with the discouragement and difficulties of life, who are burdened during the heat of day, meeting with temptations and trials, frequently triumphing, thru the grace of God, yet they sometimes feel discouraged; but when blessed with the glorious privilege of witnessing the death of one who dies in the triumph of a living faith, the Church itself is profited by such an experience and girds up her loins for an onward movement to final triumph through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Whether appreciated or not, the death of a saint is precious to the world. Dark indeed would be this world were it not for the wholesome examples given to it by the experience of those who walk in fellowship with God. Darker still would be the night of death were it not that when some godly saint approaches the horizon they leave behind them the testimony of Jehovah's presence,—thus assuring the world by their holy example that the darkness of this world can be banished by the presence of a loving Christ and the fear of death may be forever vanquished if we approach the valley with the presence of God.

Whatever may be the encouragement the Church receives, whatever may be the holy example left to the world, it is beyond question the richest legacy that a family can receive to realize that a member of that family has died the death of the righteous. It is surely precious to our memories to know that our ancestors have

dying grace until this hour, but I have it now. All is well and I am resigned to the will of the Father," then asked that I lead in prayer. I have stood at other times beside the dying, I have at other times looked upon the face of those who are ready to enter the vale, but never before was there a richer and a sweeter manifestation of the divine presence than I witnessed at that hour. There are many things that I shall forget, yea there are many things which I shall never recall, but here is one experience that I shall frequently recall as long as I shall live. Here was demonstrated the truth of the apostle's statement, "For death was swallowed up in victory," and with a beaming countenance of Heavenly light and love the sting and sadness of death had forever flown, for "Precious in the sight of Jehovah is the death of his saints," too precious to be abandoned too precious to be left alone, too precious to be allowed to enter the valley of the shadow of death without the fellowship of the Spirit, the leadership of Jehovah and the presence of Almighty God. Brethen, friends, acquaintances, let me recommend to you the God of the one who has passed beyond. Relatives and dear ones of the family, let me exhort you to have the faith of the father. If we walk as he walked before God, then shall the latter end be as his and you shall leave to the world the richest legacy within the power of man.

Were we called upon to pronounce a eulogy upon the life and character of Thomas Harris, we would say that that he was a man of such push, perseverance, and an indomitable will, as to overcome obstacles and to remove obstructions to progress. He was a man who had the courage to sail round Cape Horn nearly one half a century before the Oregon made her famous trip. He had the courage to dare the wilds of the frontier in '56, and build for himself a home on the outposts of civilization. He conquered the prairie sod and laid low the native timber, from which the joice and other dimension stuff of the old portion of our Court House was constructed. His thrift and industry was seen in everything he touched. In his maturer years, having conquered want and won a competency he became interested in various industries. He was a man of quick conception and clear discernment, and his interests broadened until he was doing a large and diversified volume of business. His

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elevators in Iowa and Nebraska were busy. His stock ranches in Nebraska, Kansas and Texas were carefully managed and yielded him rich returns. His lumber business in Montezuma and elsewhere was safely handled, while his large banking interests were well looked after. With all these cares, he was ever a willing and attentive listener when the most humble of his friends had anything to say. He was an ardent Methodist, a trustee for years, a liberal giver, but never a complainer. His daily walk and conversation stamped him as a man. At the time of his death he was a member of the 30th general assembly and always represented the better element in society. He was a standing exponent of reform. Well has he done his life work, and well for us if we follow his example. Space forbids us to say more, and we could not have said less, concerning this public man "who lived above the fog in public duty and in private thinking."

Program of the Twentieth Annual Convention of the Poweshiek County Sabbath School Association to be held at Searsboro, Oct. 25 and 26th, 1904.

TUESDAY, OCT. 25. FORENOON SESSION.
 10:30. Song service—H. T. Keener.
 11: Address of welcome—S. A. Darland.
 Response—Alex Duffus.
 Registration and assignment of delegates.

AFTERNOON SESSION.
 1:30. Bible reading—Mrs. J. O. Snodgrass.
 1:45. S. S. lesson for Oct. 30—P. A. McMillen.
 2:15. The S. S. movement in America—Mrs. B. F. Mitchell.
 2:30. Round Table.
 The teacher and pupil—duty of each—Prof. F. F. Almy.
 Discussion.
 How to draw the boys—H. C. Ficht.
 Discussion.
 3:30. Interesting young people in missions—Mrs. J. F. Marvin.
 Appointment of committees.

EVENING SESSION.
 7:45. Devotional—Miss Ruby Atherton.
 Anthem.
 8. Address—Prof. Edwards.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.
 9:30. Praise service—Miss Belle Corrough.
 9:45. Report of house to house secretaries.
 10. Roll call of townships. All pres-

Searsboro.

The death angel again visited our community last week when Aaron Stanley departed this life. Aaron Stanley was born in Guilford county, N. C., February 15, 1832. He moved with his parents to Henry Co., Indiana and from there to Wapello Co., Iowa. He had now grown to manhood and was married while here to Martha S. Martin on the 19 of October, 1852. He then returned to Indiana where he spent the following four years after which he returned to Iowa and here spent the remainder of his life. To this married union were born five children, Mrs. Laura Copeland of Searsboro, Iowa; John Stanley, of Lynville; Charles Stanley, of Nebraska; Penah Fleener, of Grinnell and Michael Stanley who departed this life seven years ago. He lost his companion in death, Sept. 16, 1866 and was again united in marriage, March 2, 1884, with Mary A. Powell to whom the death angel came February 11, 1902, after which he came to live with his daughter Laura, at the George Copeland home two miles west of Searsboro and here spent the remainder of his life. He united with the Friend's church in 1867 and was a consistent member until his death. He died after a prolonged illness, Tuesday Oct. 4, 1904. The funeral services were held in the Friend's church at Lynville conducted by L. H. Bufkin. A large concourse of relatives and friends followed him to his final resting place and the remains were interred in the Lynville cemetery.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank our friends and neighbors for their kindness shown during the illness and death of our father

MR AND MRS GEO. COPELAND.

Mrs. J. H. Ashing and daughter Ethel and Mrs. Elizabeth Bennett went to Spickard, Mo., Tuesday evening of last week for a visit with Mrs. Bennett's brother.

Anna Hyett returned Saturday evening from a prolonged visit with her sister near Oskaloosa.

Hawley Latham was a Grinnell visitor Saturday evening.

Nellie Powell was in Grinnell Friday evening.

The Democrats of Sugar Creek township held a caucus in Searsboro, Saturday afternoon, Oct. 8 and nominated the following ticket: Justices of the peace, James Robertson and J. S. Eil and M. C. Benson; assessor, C. I. ...

gram carried out as had been arranged by the Mother's Club.

Revival tent meetings have been in progress the past week conducted by Rev. Black of Ottumwa and Rev. O'Neal of Missouri

There were fifteen tickets sold from here to St. Louis Sunday evening.

Charles Stanley of Nebraska arrived Thursday evening too late to attend his father's funeral.

Hawley Latham and Charlie Keener are in St. Louis this week. Hawley went with the expectation of meeting his uncle from Connecticut there.

James Ford of Des Moines came last Thursday evening.

Ezra Martin of Slabtown, six miles east of Searsboro, has charge of the Andrew Craver barber shop during Craver's absence in Louisiana.

Mrs. Willis Benson of Oskaloosa came the middle of last week for visit at her parental, Ozias Brees home.

There will be a Republican rally in Searsboro Thursday evening, Oct. 1. Maj. J. F. Lacey will give the address.

O. P. Maxon has traded his store building containing the Ritter hardware stock to T. E. Ford for his residence property formerly owned and present occupied by J. O. French.

Candidate for secretary of state the prohibition ticket, accompanied by Mr. Kellogg of Oskaloosa, gave temperance lecture at the Friend church last Saturday evening.

Mrs. P. A. Johnson went to Ottumwa last Friday for a visit with relatives and friends at her former home.

Mrs. Edna Dudley and Mrs. Jas Tish were New Sharon visitors Monday and Tuesday of this week.

Harry Ritter took his little daughter Ruth to an eye specialist in Moines last week.

Don't forget the lectures by J. Pierce, the temperance evangelist, Searsboro, Oct. 12 to 17.

The young crowd of girls of our town met with Ethel Mundel last week organized a club for charitable poses.

Miss Bertha Myers arrived at Joel Hambleton home Saturday from Kansas City, Mo. She will remain here indefinitely.

The members of the Junior League surprised their leader, Mrs. F. Cooper, Sunday afternoon with a beautiful berry set, a salt and pepper and a tooth pick holder. Mrs. Cooper is very proud of her gifts from little ones. The church was beaut-

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REMARKS BY MR. McNIE.

Hon. Joseph E. Cobbe was born October 13th, 1824, in Miami County, Ohio. In 1838 his parents removed to near Pittsfield, Illinois, which at that time was considered to be little else than a wilderness. Here, he attended school and obtained such an education as was possible by those of moderate means, working upon his father's farm in the summer, and attending the District School in the winter. Early in life he had a great desire to obtain an education and by hard work and close application he succeeded in gaining a fair education, much better than was usual for young men of his station in life; so that he afterwards became a teacher, a minister, and finally principal of an academy.

In August 1848 he was married to Miss Harriett J. Webb, who resided near Springfield, Illinois. After engaging several years in educational and ministerial work, he located at Sterling, Ill., where he engaged in business enterprises.

In the early part of the War of the Rebellion, he responded to his Country's call, assisted in organizing Company D, 75th Illinois Infantry Volunteers, was elected its First Lieutenant, and soon after going to the front he was given command of the Company, which position he occupied until he was mustered out of the service. His company saw active and vigorous service, immediately, from the date of its mustering in. A few of the engagements in which it took part were the hotly contested battles of Stone River, Perryville, and Murfreesborough.

The exposure and hardships of army life were a severe strain upon his health and his system never recovered, although he lived out the full span of life allotted to man.

In November 1863 he started westward and settled upon a farm in Benton County, and there resided until 1884, at which time he removed to Beatrice, Gage County, Nebraska, where he continued to reside until the day of his death, January 18, 1905.

He was a Republican and always stood high in the councils of his party, and he held many offices of trust and confidence in Benton County, and in 1879 was elected a member of the Eighteenth General Assembly. His labors of this life are ended; and it is modest eulogy to say that all his days were days of usefulness, and all his paths were paths of honor.

HON. THOS. HARRIS.

MR. SPEAKER: Your special committee appointed to prepare resolutions concerning the life and character of Thomas Harris a member of the Thirty-first General Assembly, respectfully report as follows:

WHEREAS, Thomas Harris a member of the Thirtieth General Assembly of the State of Iowa departed this life October 5, 1904, at his home in Montezuma, Iowa, therefore, be it

Resolved, That in the death of Thomas Harris the State has lost one of its most useful citizens, and one of its most honorable business men and legislators.

Resolved, That the House of Representatives join with the citizens of the community in which he lived so many years, in sorrow at his loss, and tender to his family and friends its sincere sympathy in their bereavement.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions suitably engrossed be transmitted to the family of the deceased by the Clerk of the House.

JOHN S. STANBERY,

E. W. CLARK,

E. J. C. BEALER,

Committee.

adopted Jan. 30, 1906.

REMARKS BY MR. CLARKE.

MR. SPEAKER: It was my good fortune to have known Mr. Harris for more than thirty years prior to his death. He was a man of sterling worth and integrity of character. Loved and respected by all who knew him.

Among the early pioneers of Poweshiek County he was ever ready to lend a helping hand so far as lie in his power to promote the interests and welfare not only of the community in which he lived but the County, the State and the Nation. Strong in his religious and political convictions and sense of right and wrong, he was a safe leader to follow.

A valued member of this body in the Thirtieth General Assembly he commanded the respect of all as I very soon learned after coming here. A man in whose foot steps any of us could follow and not go astray. The world is better for Mr. Harris having lived in it.

REMARKS BY MR. COBB.

MR. SPEAKER AND FELLOW MEMBERS OF THE THIRTY-FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

GENTLEMEN: It is with a deep sense of sadness and regret that it is allotted to me to speak a few words of eulogy to the memory of Honorable Thomas Harris, a member of the Thirtieth General Assembly and would have also been a member of the Thirty-first General Assembly had not the summons that awaits all the living, have called him over to the other side.

It seems almost superfluous that I should speak of the noble qualities and virtues of one, that was so well known to the members of this House. I may say however, that I was fortunate in drawing a seat next to the desk of him who is the subject of these remarks, and perhaps became as familiar with him as any member of our last session.

Very soon after forming an acquaintance with him, I was made to recognize the high standard of his ideals. In our frequent consultations, I learned of the purity of the prompting motives and principles of his life. He was kind and respectful in his manners, but firm and unyielding in his devotion to the principles of right as he determined them. In his deliberations connected with matters of legislation he rose far above the tactics of the ordinary politician.

He was conscientiously scrupulous as to the principles of right on all questions, as he viewed them. He was a lover of good and true men and hence ever aligned himself with such classes of men in all the associate relations of life. He was respectful, genteel, and polite in all his bearings toward his fellow men, as the members of this House will many attest.

In his death his county has lost a valued and honored citizen, his family a kind and affectionate husband and father, and this General Assembly a trusted, tried and true legislator.

HON. A. J. FUHRMEISTER.

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee appointed to draft resolutions of respect to the memory of the Honorable A. J. Fuhrmeister, respectfully submit the following:

WHEREAS, The Honorable A. J. Fuhrmeister, an honored member of the Twenty-fourth General Assembly from Linn County, departed this life December 13, 1905 and

WHEREAS, The life and character of the deceased were such as to command our respect and esteem, and his services to his state and the community in which he lived were such as to commend him to the respect and gratitude of his fellow citizens: Therefore be it

Resolved, That in his death the state has lost a citizen whose life was honorable and above reproach, and the Church a man who always stood true to his profession, and contributed liberally to its support, and his family a kind husband and father, Therefore be it

Resolved, That we extend to the sorrowing wife and children our sympathy in their affliction, and that a copy of these resolutions be entered on the Journal of the House, and the chief clerk be instructed to send a copy to the family of the deceased.

JOHN MCALLISTER
G. W. KOONTZ
R. M. PEET.

Adopted Jan. 31, 1906.

November 15, 1865) and William I. (born November 25, 1868). His first wife died December 30, 1871, and for his second wife he married Emma Clammer, of Mahaska county, September 19, 1872. The children by this marriage are as follows: Mary L. (born August 23, 1873), Lotta M. (born July 22, 1875; died January 26, 1879) and David R. (born May 19, 1878). Mr. Groch has served his township as constable for seven consecutive years.

HARRIS, JOEL R.—Section 29, P. O. Tilton. His grandparents were English Quakers, and settled in Virginia, probably before the Revolutionary War. His father was born in Licking county, Ohio, in 1808, and Joel was born in the same county the 18th of February, 1830. He worked with his father, who was a blacksmith, until he was twenty-four years old. In 1852 his father removed with his entire family to Morrow county, Ohio, where they remained until his death in the fall of 1871. Joel worked for the next two years at his own forge in his father's shop, when he erected a shop and carried on business for himself for thirteen or fourteen years. He then farmed in Morrow county for three years, when he emigrated to Iowa, reaching Dresden the last of September, 1867. Here he plied his trade for one year, and then rented a farm south of town, and the next year rented a farm southeast of the village, upon which he lived until he purchased his present place in March, 1874. Mr. H. married, in Morrow county, Ohio, on the 13th of October, 1853, Miss Samantha Hollingsworth, of Denmark, Ohio, who was born in Elk county, Pennsylvania, September 25, 1832. The result of this union has been: Zenis N. (born September 3, 1854), Amanda J. (born October 1, 1855; died November 9, 1856), Francis C. (born February 23, 1857), George A. (born February 6, 1859), Emma D. (born July 9, 1861; died August 23, 1862), Mary E. (born January 16, 1863), Clement L. (born December 23, 1865), James E. (born March 21, 1869), Nancy E. (born March 29, 1871) and Joel C. (born June 8, 1873). Mr. Harris owns 120 acres of land.

HARRIS, THOMAS—Dealer in lumber and grain. Section 17, P. O. Montezuma. Owns a farm of 360 acres. Was born in Barnstable, Massachusetts, October 14, 1832. His father was the captain of a sailing ship, and when fifteen years of age he went with his father, and made two trips to Europe, and one to San Francisco. In the fall of 1849 he returned home and soon after removed to Hampden, Maine, and engaged in the general merchandise and manufacture of lumber, and in shipping. He was there married to Miss Maria Mayo, October 15, 1854. In 1856 he sold out and came to this county and located on section 21, Deep River township. His wife died, leaving one son and one daughter: Nathan M. and Sarah Lizzie. He took for his second wife Sarah Dodds, of Washington county, by whom

he had four children, two sons and two daughters: Thomas, Jr., Wilber, Minnie and Alma.

HASTINGS, GEORGE W.—Section 11, P. O. Deep River. Was born in Ogle county, Illinois, January 11, 1849, and came with his father's family to this county when six years old. Here he was educated, and worked for his father until twenty-two years of age, when he started in life for himself. When twenty-four he received an unrecorded deed from his father, and reaped the fruits of his present farm. He married December 4, 1873, Sarah E. Icenbice, of Dayton township, Iowa county, who was born in Elkhart county, Indiana, March 9, 1853. Her father came from Germany, when six years old, with his father, who settled and farmed in Indiana. Mr. and Mrs. Hastings' children were born as follows: Charles A. (born August 26, 1874); Addie M. (born July 27, 1877); and Robert Roy (born December 19, 1879). Mr. H. owns eighty acres of excellent farming land and six of timber. His farm is well stocked, and in splendid condition.

HASTINGS, MRS. ROBERT—Section 14, P. O. Deep River. Her great-grandfather, Wolfgum Newcomer, came to America from Switzerland when ten years old; settled and farmed in Pennsylvania. Her grandfather was a farmer in Washington county, Maryland, where her father was born in 1781, married Catharine Funk, farmed, and died in Franklin county, Pennsylvania, in the spring of 1830. Mrs. Hastings (*nee* Amelia Newcomer) was born in Washington county, Maryland, January 11, 1827; was married in Ogle county, Illinois, March 16, 1845, to Robert Hastings, who was born in Franklin county, Pennsylvania, July 15, 1821. His ancestors were Irish, and his father came to the United States and settled in Maryland early in life. Mr. and Mrs. H. immigrated to this county in 1855, and settled upon the present family estate. To them have been born the following children: Henry M. (born December 8, 1846; drowned in his twenty-second year), George W. (born January 11, 1849; married December 4, 1843, Sarah Icenbice), Oscar F. (born August 29, 1850; married March 14, 1878, Angelina Thompkins), Norval N. (born September 6, 1852, married Alfretta Wolf, December 16, 1877); Anna G. (born March 21, 1855; married April 3, 1874, to Jacob Brower), William C. (born February 14, 1857), Minnie M. (born March 15, 1859; married March 14, 1878, to Jeremiah Wolf), Kate V. (born December 24, 1860), and John T. (born March 29, 1865). Mr. H. died suddenly February 14, 1874. He was an active and consistent member of the Christian Church. He left an estate of 240 acres of excellent farming land and fifteen of timber. Eighty acres of the estate have been deeded to one of the sons, George W.

whom were born in Adams county, Ohio, the former on the 13th of August, 1826, and the latter on the 26th of July, 1829. Both removed to Illinois with their parents in early life, and in La Salle county, that state, were united in marriage. In February, 1867, they came to Poweshiek county, Iowa, where their home was maintained throughout their remaining years. Mr. Francis followed the occupation of tanner in early life, but during his later years gave his attention to agricultural pursuits, owning at one time the farm which is now the property of our subject. He was killed by a runaway horse while on a visit to California, his death occurring on the 4th of April, 1903, he having for a number of years survived his wife, who passed away in Poweshiek county January 19, 1894. Their family numbered nine children, as follows: John W., of Victor; Thomas M., of St. Joseph, Missouri; Moses C., of Bear Creek township; Edward D., deceased; Mrs. Dellah M. Coleman, also deceased; Mrs. Keturah E. Tinker, also residing in Bear Creek township; Sam S., of Newell; Mrs. Dora A. Roby, of Malcom township; and Mrs. Falkinburg.

In politics Mr. Falkinburg is identified with the independent movement which refuses to be bound by any party ties or governed by machine rule, and since age conferred upon him the right of franchise he has never voted a straight ticket, casting his influence ever on the side of the best men and most desirable measures. He is now serving as a member of the city council of Malcom and in this capacity is laboring earnestly for the public welfare, being actuated at all times by public-spirited and helpful motives. Fraternally he belongs to the Masonic body, being identified with the blue lodge and the Royal Arch Masons, and he also holds membership with the Knights of Pythias and also the Pythian Sisters. Having passed his entire life within the borders of Poweshiek county, he has acquired a large circle of friends and acquaintances, and that many who have known him the longest are numbered among his staunchest friends is indicative of the fact that his life has ever been governed by honorable and upright principles.

THOMAS HARRIS.

Among the pioneer settlers of Poweshiek county none occupied a more prominent place in the estimation of the people than Thomas Harris, now deceased. A man of marked business ability and sterling personal worth he assisted materially in upbuilding the county and left the world better for his having lived in it.

He was born at Barnstable, Massachusetts, October 14, 1832. His father was Thomas Harris, a sea captain, and after the son reached manhood he followed sea life for several years. He yielded to the excitement aroused by the California gold discovery and visited the Pacific coast, going via Cape Horn. After spending two years in the gold fields he returned home and was married and in 1856 landed in Iowa City, Iowa, and for almost fifty years from that time was a citizen of this state. It is interesting to note that he came on foot to what was then known as Dresden, in Poweshiek county, and later bought one

hundred and sixty acres of land in Deep River township on which he established his home. He broke the prairie with the aid of an ox team and disposed of his produce in the early days at the nearest market point, which was Iowa City. He was a man of industrious habits and good judgment and he was soon acknowledged as a leader in the community, becoming one of its most prosperous members. In 1876, while still living on his farm, he and his brother Charles entered the grain and lumber business as T. Harris & Company, with which he was prominently identified during the remainder of his life, also being extensively interested in farms and ranches in various parts of the west. From 1881 he lived in Montezuma. He was president of the First National Bank of Montezuma and in all the relations of life discharged his responsibilities in a manner that indicated a constant desire to perform his duties in accordance with the principles of truth and justice.

On October 15, 1854, Mr. Harris was united in marriage at Hampden, Maine, to Miss Maria S. Mayo, and to this union three children were born: Samuel, who died in infancy; N. M., whose record appears elsewhere in this work; and Sarah E., who became the wife of John McDonald. The mother of these children having passed away March 2, 1867, Mr. Harris was again married November 5, 1868, to Miss Sarah Dodds, of Washington, Iowa. Six children were born of this union, all of whom are now living except Wilber, who died February 28, 1885.

Politically Mr. Harris was identified with the republican party and for many years was a prominent factor in its local councils. He served in various township offices and also for two terms as county supervisor. In 1902 he was elected as a member of the state legislature and soon acquired a high standing in that body as a man of ability and honor. In religious belief he affiliated with the Methodist church, of which he became a member in 1857. He served for many years as trustee of the church and was always a liberal contributor toward its support. He was a conscientious and consistent follower of the great Master.

After a lingering illness from cancer of the stomach Mr. Harris was called from earthly scenes October 5, 1904, having then arrived at the age of seventy-one years, eleven months and twenty-one days. He died as a Christian, with an undimmed faith in immortality, one of his last expressions being: "All is well and I am resigned to the will of my Father."

A newspaper of Poweshiek county in commenting upon the life and character of Mr. Harris said: "Were we called upon to pronounce a eulogy upon the life and character of Thomas Harris we would say that he was a man of such push, perseverance, and indomitable will, as to overcome obstacles and to remove obstructions to progress. He was a man who had the courage to sail round Cape Horn nearly one-half a century before the Oregon made her famous trip. He had the courage to dare the wilds of the frontier in '56, and build for himself a home on the outposts of civilization. He conquered the prairie sod and laid low the native timber from which the joists and other dimension stuff of the old portion of our courthouse was constructed. His thrift and industry was seen in everything he touched. In his maturer years, having conquered want and won a competency, he became interested in various industries. He was a man of quick perception and clear discernment and his interests broadened until he was

doing a large and diversified volume of business. His elevators in Iowa and Nebraska were busy. His stock ranches in Nebraska, Kansas and Texas were carefully managed and yielded him rich returns. His lumber business in Montezuma and elsewhere was safely handled, while his large banking interests were well looked after. With all these cares, he was ever a willing and attentive listener when the most humble of his friends had anything to say. He was an ardent Methodist, a trustee for years, a liberal giver, but never a complainer. His daily walk and conversation stamped him 'as a man. At the time of his death he was a member of the thirtieth general assembly and always represented the better element in society. He was a standing exponent of reform. Well has he done his life work, and well for us if we follow his example. Space forbids us to say more and we could not have said less, concerning this public man 'who lived above the fog in public duty and in private thinking.' "

GEORGE W. BINEGAR.

Poweshiek county has been signally favored in the class of men who have filled her public offices, for on the whole they are those to whom the word citizenship is no mere idle term. They have been faithful to the duties and obligations devolving upon them and of this class George W. Binigar is a representative, faithfully and fearlessly discharging the duties of the office of sheriff.

He was born in Guernsey county, Ohio, June 20, 1844, and is a son of James and Elizabeth (Farmer) Binigar, both of whom were natives of Ohio, where they resided until they came to Iowa in 1849, driving across the country in wagons drawn by three teams. They settled at Forest Home, Union township, Poweshiek county, where the father entered land, but died of fever here in the first summer after his arrival, and one of the sons of the family passed away about the same time. The mother long survived and departed this life in Scott township in 1895, when eighty-five years of age. They were the parents of eleven children, of whom seven reached adult age, while four are yet living.

George W. Binigar may well be numbered among the pioneers of Poweshiek county, for he has resided within its borders continuously since 1849, or for sixty-two years. In the early days he shared with the family in all of the hardships and privations which come to those who establish homes on the frontier. He aided in the arduous task of developing and cultivating new land and continued to follow farming until September, 1861, when, in response to the country's call for troops, he joined Company I. of the Thirteenth Iowa Volunteer Infantry. After serving for a year he was honorably discharged but enlisted again in February, 1863, when he became a member of Company C. Twenty-eighth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, continuing with that regiment until October 19, 1864, when he was wounded at the battle of Cedar Creek, Virginia, a minie ball piercing his left shoulder. Two or three months later he was sent home. He had participated in the battles of Shiloh, Cedar Creek, Winchester, Fisher's Hill and the Red River campaign, besides others of minor importance.

for three years when he lived in Montezuma. He has continued to live for the past twenty-five years on his present farm, which consists of one hundred and seven acres, located on section 18, Jackson township, and here he has engaged continuously in general farming and stock-raising. The substantial degree of success which is today his indicates the close application and unfaltering industry which have characterized his efforts in this direction, for he has made a close study of agriculture, has cultivated the cereals best adapted to soil and climate, has practiced rotation of crops and has employed in the management of his affairs the most practical and progressive methods.

On the 14th of October, 1875, Mr. Babb was united in marriage to Miss Mattie E. Lester, who was born in Mahaska county, Iowa, on the 25th of January, 1857, a daughter of Alexander and Ellen Jane (Graham) Lester. Her father is now deceased and her widowed mother makes her home in Deep River township at the age of eighty-two years. Mr. and Mrs. Babb have no children of their own but have in their home a young man, Emmett Havens, whom they have reared since he was a little lad of three years.

They are earnest Christian people, holding membership in the Methodist Episcopal church of Montezuma, and occupy a high place in the regard and esteem of all who know them. Mr. Babb has fraternal relations with the Masons and with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and in the latter organization belongs to the subordinate encampment and Rebekah lodges. He gives his political support to the republican party but has never sought nor desired public office. His has been a life of continuous activity, in which has been accorded due recognition of earnest labor, and today is one of the substantial and valued citizens of Jackson township.

N. M. HARRIS.

N. M. Harris who for many years has been known as one of the prominent business men of Poweshiek county but is now living practically retired at Grinnell, is a native of this county, and was born in Deep River township November 24, 1859. He is a son of Thomas and Maria (Mayo) Harris, record of whom appears elsewhere in this work.

Reared upon his father's farm, he acquired his early education in the district schools and at the age of seventeen entered Iowa College which he attended for three years. After leaving college he became a partner in the grain and lumber business of T. Harris & Company, of which his father was the head. For about two years he managed a branch concern at Vandalia, Missouri, and then returned to Montezuma and assumed charge of the business at that point, continuing in this position for twenty-nine years and being assisted in the discharge of his responsibilities by John McDonald, his brother-in-law. In 1910 he severed his connection with the grain and lumber business, closing out his interests to O. C. King & Company, of Quill Lake, Canada, but retaining the business which had been established at Barnes City and Clarendon, Iowa. He

is president of the Thornburg Bank of Thornburg, Keokuk county, Iowa, and is also an extensive landowner of Minnesota and Texas.

In 1881 Mr. Harris was united in marriage to Miss Effie Daniel, of Mexico, Missouri, a daughter of Andrew B. and Matilda (Greenwade) Daniel, both of whom were born in Kentucky. Four children came to bless the union of Mr. and Mrs. Harris, namely: Harry Mayo, who graduated from Iowa College in 1908 with the degree of A. B. and is now assistant cashier of the Citizens National Bank of Grinnell; Bessie B., who is living at home; Pearl M., who is now a student in the sophomore class of Iowa College; and Effie Olga, now attending the public schools.

In politics Mr. Harris is in full sympathy with the progressive element of the republican party. He has never sought political honors but he has served most acceptably as city clerk of Montezuma and as deputy county auditor. He has filled the office of chairman of the republican county committee and has often been selected as a delegate to county and state conventions. His voice is always in behalf of honest government. No man represents more clearly and ably the advanced ideas as to the application of business methods in the affairs of county, state and nation. Fraternally he is connected with Montezuma Lodge, No. 238, K. P., and he and his estimable wife are sincere members of the Methodist church. Since 1902 he has made his home in Grinnell. A member of one of the most respected families of the county, he worthily represents the name, and now in the prime of life, financially independent and happy in his family and friends, he is accorded the respect and confidence of all who know him.

WILLIAM E. CHEDESTER.

By the practice of self-denial in his early manhood and by the application of good business principles William E. Chedester acquired sufficient capital to purchase one hundred and ninety-four acres in Washington township. This land he has developed into an attractive farm which is a pleasing evidence of his industry and perseverance. He is a native of Monroe county, Iowa, born April 10, 1873, a son of Benjamin F. and Mary (Gleeson) Chedester, the former born in West Virginia and the latter at Quincy, Illinois. The father came to Peoria, Illinois, and engaged in work on a farm, later moving to Quincy, where he was married. Soon afterwards he took up his residence at Davenport, Iowa, where he worked in a meat market for several years. Subsequently he purchased a farm and devoted his attention to agriculture and stock-raising until his death which occurred in April, 1906, his wife having been called away twenty-six years previously. Politically he gave his support to the republican party and religiously he was identified with the Methodist church. At the time of the war he served in an Illinois regiment in behalf of the Union and was for many years a valued member of the Grand Army of the Republic.

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OBITUARY OF THOMAS HARRIS.

Thomas Harris was born at Barnstable, Mass., on Oct. 14th, 1832, and died at his home in Montezuma, Ia., Oct. 5, 1904, being 71 years, 11 months and 21 days old.

In early life he left his native state and migrated westward, coming to Iowa in 1856. Having landed in Iowa City and there being no convenient way of traveling in those days he came on foot to what was then known as Dresden in Poweshiek County. He entered land near that place and soon engaged in breaking the virgin soil. Being a man of industrious habits and good business ability he not only earned a living for himself and family but he had a competency for old age.

He was united in marriage to Miss Maria S. Mayo, October 15th, 1854 in Hamden, Maine to which union were born three children—two sons and one daughter.

Early in life, while in the vigor of his young manhood Bro. Harris was destined to suffer affliction. His young wife was stricken and died on March 2nd, 1867 and a few weeks following, the spirit of the infant son, Samuel Harris, took its flight and rests with its mother in the Paradise of God. Thus was Bro. Harris left his two remaining children—N. Harris and Sarah E.—Now Mrs. Donald.

He was again married—November 5th, 1868, to Miss Sarah Dodds of Washington, Iowa, and to them was born six children—two daughters and four sons all of whom except Wilber Harris who died February 28th, 1885, were at the last side of their father when the end came.

departure. The brother from California was at the bedside and is present today.

The funeral was held at his late residence on Friday afternoon at 2:30 p. m. Conducted by the Rev. U. S. Smith assisted by Rev. J. M. McClelland of Grinnell and Rev. W. L. Clark of Montezuma. The order of exercises were as follows:

The obituary was read by Rev. U. S. Smith, after which the Quartette sang "Nearer My God to Thee." Then followed the reading of the 105th Psalm by Rev. McClelland and again the choir sang, "Asleep in Jesus." Rev. W. L. Clark then offered prayer and the choir sang "There is Rest for the Weary," after which Rev. Smith spoke about as follows:

Psalms 116-3. "Precious in the sight of Jehovah is the death of his saint."

It is evident that the life of a saint is precious in the sight of God. This is apparent when we consider the sacrifices of heaven to procure the redemption of the world. We have only to recall the love of an Infinite Father manifest in the giving of his son for the world to ensure us that those redeemed through his blood are precious in his sight. If then, the life of a saint is precious in the sight of Jehovah, he will surely be a help in the time of trouble and will defend us against our enemies. The last enemy Christ had to overcome was death. Recall the experience of Calvary, remember his agonizing groans on the cross and finally his exulting triumph over death and we are convinced of this truth. Since Christ's last enemy was death, man's also was death, and if the life and experience of a saint is precious in the sight of Jehovah, it is certain that the death of a saint will be of such value in God's sight that he will never leave him to pass through that trying experience and ordeal

achieved greatness in the history of the world. It is of precious memory that our ancestors have been prominent in the achievement of great reforms, and it is of value also to have it said of our parents "they have acquired something in this world and have left to their children some of the riches of earth" but it is of far greater importance, yea it is of inestimable value—indeed the greatest and richest legacy that can be left is to know that our parents or friends have left us the living testimony of the presence of their Redeemer when leaving this vale of tears.

I count it one of the richest experiences of my life to have visited at the bedside of this dying man. One week ago yesterday I felt drawn to come to this home. It seemed to be providential for a few moments before I arrived. Father Harris, realizing that his time was short, and as he remarked to his brother, that while he might linger for several days he had some things to say and as he might not be conscious much hereafter, he wished to say them while his mind was clear. Then calling the family one by one he gave them his parting blessing exhorting them to be true and remember the faith of their father, and bade them a loving farewell. It was just at this moment when this ever-to-be-remembered experience was ending that I entered the room. Being ushered to the bedside of the dying man he turned and recognized me. With a glowing light upon his countenance, a radiant beam of the eye, yea the very atmosphere of his presence indicating the presence of one who is higher than man, he reached me his hand and calling me by name said "I am glad you are here. I do not, Brother Smith, felt that I had dying grace until this hour, but I have it now. All is well and I am

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Program of the Twentieth Annual Convention of the Poweshiek County Sabbath School Association to be held at Searsboro, Oct. 25 and 26th, 1904.

TUESDAY, OCT. 25. FORENOON SESSION.
10:30. Song service—H. T. Keener.
11: Address of welcome—S. A. Darland.
Response—Alex. Duffus.
Registration and assignment of delegates.

AFTERNOON SESSION.
1:30. Bible reading—Mrs. J. O. Snodgrass.
1:45. S. S. lesson for Oct. 30—P. A. McMillen.
2:15. The S. S. movement in America—Mrs. B. F. Mitchell.
2:30. Round Table.
The teacher and pupil—duty of each—Prof. F. F. Almy.
Discussion.
How to draw the boys—H. C. Ficht.
Discussion.
3:30. Interesting young people in missions—Mrs. J. F. Marvin.
Appointment of committees.

EVENING SESSION.
7:45. Devotional—Miss Ruby Atherton.
Anthem.
8. Address—Prof. Edwards.
WEDNESDAY MORNING.
9:30. Praise service—Miss Belle Corrough.
9:45. Report of house to house secretary—J. W. Rose.
10. Roll call of townships. All present stand and respond by a scripture text.
10:30. Report of S. S. convention at Jerusalem—Mr. B. F. Mitchell.
11. Business hour. Reports of Co. secretary, treasurer and township presidents. Report of nominating committee. Election and installation of officers.

AFTERNOON SESSION.
2. Prayer service—Mrs. D. M. Roberts.
Each one present expected to offer sentence prayer.
2:15. Decision day and Evangelistic work—Rev. W. L. Clarke.
2:30. Modern primary and junior methods—Mr. B. F. Mitchell.
2:45. Symposium. Temperance work of the secretary—Lindsey.
Best methods of teaching

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Mr. Harris was converted and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church at a Camp Meeting near Millersburg in 1857. To this profession of faith he has been true. While not a man of emotions or of special impulse he has demonstrated his faith by his daily work and Godly conversation.

He has served the church faithfully for many years as a trustee and has contributed liberally to its support. He has ever been ready to do all within his power to promote the interests of the church and the kingdom of God. He will be missed in the councils of the church.

Bro. Harris was also a public spirited man. He always sought to better whatever he touched and to improve the community in which he lived. This caused him to have a deep concern for those things that should be of vital interest to every legal citizen of any country,—the government of that country. He believed in "pure" politics, righteous legislation and official integrity, hence he was elected last November by the people of Poweshiek Co. to represent their interests in the lower house of the State Legislature of Iowa which position he filled with honor to himself and satisfaction to his constituency.

He will be missed at home, on the streets, at his place of business, at the church, everywhere: but he has served his day and generation and served them well and when the hour came he was ready and met it calmly and gently fell asleep with the light of heaven upon his brow.

Beside the above named family, Bro. Harris leaves two sisters and one brother in Massachusetts and one brother in California to mourn his

death. The experience of Calvary, remember his agonizing groans on the cross and finally his exulting triumph over death and we are convinced of this truth. Since Christ's last enemy was death, man's also was death, and if the life and experience of a saint is precious in the sight of Jehovah, it is certain that the death of a saint will be of such value in God's sight that he will never leave him to pass through that trying experience and ordeal alone. Hence we have the blessed assurance of the presence of God as contained in the promises "Lo I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. I will never leave you or forsake you. My Grace shall be sufficient for you." Thus we are assured of the sustaining grace of God, not only thru the trials of life when the enemy of the soul as a roaring lion seeketh whom he may devour, or when he transforms himself into an angel of light that he may deceive even the effective God, but we have the assurance as well that when we come to the dark valley of the shadow of death and when clouds over-shadow, that still is his presence to illuminate the dark valley, throwing rays of light along the pathway that leads to immortal glory.

Precious also is the death of a saint in the sight of the Church, for individuals who have existed in the service of God meeting with the discouragement and difficulties of life, who are burdened during the heat of day, meeting with temptations and trials, frequently triumphing thru the grace of God, yet they sometimes feel discouraged; but when blessed with the glorious privilege of witnessing the death of one who dies in the triumphs of a living faith, the Church itself is profited by such an experience and girds up her loins for an onward movement to final triumph through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Whether appreciated or not, the death of a saint is precious to the world. Dark indeed would be this world were it not for the wholesome examples given to it by the experience of those who walk in fellowship with God. Darker still would be the night of death were it not that when some godly saint approaches the horizon they leave behind them the testimony of Jehovah's presence, thus assuring the world by their holy example that the darkness of this world can be banished by the presence of a loving Christ and the fear of death may be forever vanquished if we approach the valley with the presence of God.

Whatever may be the encouragement the Church receives, whatever may be the holy example left to the world, it is beyond question the richest legacy that a family can receive to realize that a member of that family has died the death of the righteous. It is surely precious to our memories to know that our ancestors have

ascended to the bedside of the dying man he turned and recognized me. With a glowing light upon his countenance, a radiant beam of the eye, yea the very atmosphere of his presence indicating the presence of one who is higher than man, he reached me his hand and calling me by name said "I am glad you are here. I have not, Brother Smith, felt that I had dying grace until this hour, but I have it now. All is well and I am resigned to the will of the Father," then asked that I lead in prayer. I have stood at other times beside the dying, I have at other times looked upon the face of those who are ready to enter the vale, but never before was there a richer and a sweeter manifestation of the divine presence than I witnessed at that hour. There are many things that I shall forget, yea there are many things which I shall never recall, but here is one experience that I shall frequently recall as long as I shall live. Here was demonstrated the truth of the apostle's statement, "For death was swallowed up in victory," and with a beaming countenance of Heavenly light and love the sting and sadness of death had forever flown, for "Precious in the sight of Jehovah is the death of his saints," too precious to be abandoned too precious to be left alone, too precious to be allowed to enter the valley of the shadow of death without the fellowship of the Spirit, the leadership of Jehovah and the presence of Almighty God. Brethren, friends, acquaintances, let me recommend to you the God of the one who has passed beyond. Relatives and dear ones of the family, let me exhort you to have the faith of the father. If we walk as he walked before God, then shall latter end be as his and you shall leave to the world the richest legacy within the power of man.

Were we called upon to pronounce a eulogy upon the life and character of Thomas Harris, we would say that that he was a man of such push, perseverance, and an indomitable will, as to overcome obstacles and to remove obstructions to progress. He was a man who had the courage to sail round Cape Horn nearly one half a century before the Oregon made her famous trip. He had the courage to dare the wilds of the frontier in '56, and build for himself a home on the outposts of civilization. He conquered the prairie sod and laid low the native timber, from which the joice and other dimension stuff of the old portion of our Court House was constructed. His thrift and industry was seen in everything he touched. In his maturer years, having conquered want and won a competency he became interested in various industries. He was a man of quick conception and clear discernment, and his interests broadened until he was doing a large and diversified volume of business. His

Prayer service—Mrs. D. M. Roberts.
Each one present expected to offer sentence prayer.
2:15. Decision day and Evangelistic work—Rev. W. L. Clarke.
2:30. Modern primary and junior methods—Mr. B. F. Mitchell.
2:45. Symposium, Temperance.
Work of the secretary—J. W. Lindsey.
Best methods of teaching—Rev. W. W. Woodburn.
Use of the pledge—J. L. McH-rath.
Discussion.
3:15. The ideal superintendent—Rev. E. Benson.
EVENING SESSION.
7:45. Praise service—Mrs. Ida K. Johnson.
Anthem.
8. Address—Rev. U. S. Smith.
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NOTICE OF PROOF OF WILL.
TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:
In the Estate of Thomas Harris deceased:
You are hereby notified that on the 10th, day of October 1904, there was filed with and opened by the undersigned Clerk of the District Court of the State of Iowa, in and for Poweshiek County, two written instruments purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of Thomas Harris late of said County, deceased.
And you are further notified that Tuesday the 8th day of November 1904 has been set as the day for the final hearing and proof of said Will (the same being the first day of the week of the next term of said District Court) at which time any person interested can appear and show cause why the same should not be admitted to probate.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at my office in Montezuma, in said County, this 10th day of October A. D. 1904.
H. F. MORRIS,
Clerk District Court.
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