

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Johnson, Karl J. Senator _____
Represented Mitchell County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 6 June 1870 Osage, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place
Julia Brush 30 Oct 1900

3. Significant events for example:
A. Business _____
B. Civic responsibilities Lions Club
C. Profession Banker

4. Church membership Methodist

5. Sessions served 33rd, 34th General Assemblies 1909, 1911

6. Public Offices
A. Local _____
B. State _____
C. National _____

7. Death 1 Feb 1934 Rochester, Minnesota; buried Osage County, Osage, Iowa

8. Children Nell Elizabeth (Mrs. Arthur T. Altick); Kathryn Mary
(preceded her father's death)

9. Names of parents John W. Johnson

Johnson, Karl J.

10. Education Educated in the schools of Osage Iowa;
graduate of the Cedar Valley Seminary in 1893

11. Degrees Graduate of the University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa
law school in 1900

12. Other applicable information Republican

- After graduating from college he was employed by the
German National Bank of which he afterwards president.
He worked as bank bookkeeper, cashier and was made
president in 1914.
- He held that position until 1928 when his bank merged with
the Osage National Bank. He held the position at his death.

KARL J. JOHNSON DIED ROCHESTER THURSDAY NIGHT

Abscess on Brain Causes Unexpected Turn After Gaining Fight.

Karl J. Johnson, one of the outstanding men of northern Iowa, passed away last Thursday night at a hospital in Rochester, Minn., a brain abscess bringing an unexpected turn to the long battle for health which he was apparently winning.

A year ago Mr. Johnson became ill—flu with complications—and after some weeks went to Rochester. He was there for many weeks, and came home in the summer, able to drive his car and enjoy himself in a careful way. Occasionally he returned to Rochester for a checkup of his progress.

One of these visits to Rochester was made several weeks ago, at which time a chest operation was performed which seemed to successfully terminate his ailment. He and his doctors were looking forward to a speedy and permanent recovery, when a brain abscess developed suddenly and death followed shortly.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at the home on East Main street, conducted by the Rev. Sylvester E. Ellis, of the Methodist church, and interment was made in the Osage cemetery.

Obituary

Karl J. Johnson was born June 8, 1870, at Osage, Iowa, the son of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Johnson, and attended the Osage schools, being graduated with the first class of the high school. Later he was also graduated from the Cedar Valley seminary in 1893. In 1899 he entered the law department of the State University of Iowa and was graduated in 1900. He then went to Chicago to enter the employ of the Farmers National bank, of which his father was president. He remained with the bank as bookkeeper, then as cashier, fin-

Home High School Declamatory Tests Coming Feb. 15th

The Osage high school will hold its annual home declamatory contest on February 15. Mrs. Morgan Paschal has charge of the declamatory work this year. Her pupil, Miss Marjory Dorsey, won first place in the state contest in 1929. Mrs. Paschal has had two other state contestants since then. Her orator placed first in 1930 and her humorous contestant, a freshman, placed third in 1933.

All the readings for the home contest are new and have never before been given in Osage. The orations deal with the problems we are facing today. The dramatic selections are tense and heart-gripping. "Laughing at Death," is a play in which a gypsy girl tries to save her bandit lover from the gallows. "Dr. Gamber's Wife," is the story of a woman who leaves her husband. The dramatic events which bring about her return mark this as one of the year's best plays. "Hidden Fires," is the story of a father whose relentless methods bring about the ruin of his only child.

It is fortunate that after three such heavy numbers the audience can relax and listen to some forty minutes of delightful nonsense.

"Grandmother's Cure" is a story in which a plot is hatched to cure the Taylor children of their habit of slang. "The Simpleton," speaks for itself, only one doubts very much whether "Quirk" is as simple as the Dudsworth think he is.

"The Last Practice," is the story of a husband and wife who enter a play contest. In the end the wife declares she is going back to her mother and the husband wants to know if he can depend on that.

Don't miss an hour and a half of splendid entertainment. Winners in the home contest will appear in the state preliminaries on March 2, at St. Anagar.

Following is the program to be given by the Osage contestants:

- Oratory
- "Depression" — George K...
- "Children First" — Arnold Warren
- "Dr. Camber's Wife" — Dorothy Cordes

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Always interested in legislation, he represented Mitchell county in the state legislature in the Thirty-third and Thirty-fourth general assemblies, where his wide knowledge, his courage and his oratorical ability made him an outstanding figure.

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No tribute, however elaborate, could emphasize the place occupied by "K. J." in Mitchell county, and none will be here attempted though the barest statement of facts concerning his community activities is bound to read like an eulogy.

Naturally endowed with the qualities that make leadership, Karl was, from boyhood on, a leader in a range of affairs that included almost everything in business and community activities. He was a debater, a parliamentarian, an athlete, a musician, a home-talent actor, a sage, a humorist. He was just, fair, kind, firm. He had the courage of his convictions; also that rarer form of courage that can admit error.

His business counsel was good, and was sought by individuals and groups in all walks of life. As a presiding officer he had few peers, and he was in constant demand for occasions of all kinds ranging from the most serious to the lightest social. He could speak with authority and from information on the most profound subjects,

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- Dramatics**
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 Dorothy Cordes
 "Laughing at Death" —
 Florence Owen
 "Hidden Fires" — Helen Titus
- Humorous**
 "The Simpleton" — Candace Arsers
 "Grandmother's Cure," Billy Owen
 "The Last Practice" —
 Zadletta Stearns

First of Series of Music Contests in Osage March 16-17

The sub-district music contest—the first of the state series, is to be held here in Osage, and the usual three days have been cut to two, and will be held March 16-17.

For band, so far, there is only one entry for class A, Charles City, but class B has four—Cresco, Greene, Nashua and Osage, and class C has still a larger number—Lime Spring, Marble Rock, Nora Springs, Riceville, Rockford and St. Ansgar.

Because of Miss Graper's absence just now, we are not able to list her entries, but no doubt the usual good showing will be made, as she will be back to supervise the work in a few weeks.

The principal reason for cutting the time to two days is to eliminate as much expense as possible.

As stated before, the district contest will be at Charles City, and the state meeting in Des Moines.

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Naturally, a man so outstanding in his own community won recognition in wider circles, and he was a frequent speaker at banking and political conventions over the state—recognized as a member of the foremost rank in his business.

Probably no man ever so well earned the sobriquet "all-around man" as did Karl Johnson. For many years he was a faithful member of the town band, giving regularly of his time though under constant pressure by the multiplicity of his affairs. He could

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In the recent years of depression, and the preceding years of agriculture's losing status, he was a strong champion of his community. His material means were invested in his home locality when he could with greater profit take them elsewhere. His lot was cast with his home folks, voluntarily to take the same buffetings of fate suffered by his neighbors.

He was one of us, and we'll look long for such another.

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