

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Adkins, John Vestner Senator \_\_\_\_\_

Represented O'Brien County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 15 Nov 1851 Plymouth, Schuyler County, Missouri

2. Marriage (s) date place

Alta B. White "Allie" 25 Dec 1877

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business He was cashier of the Bank of Paulina from July 1892

B. Civic responsibilities Mason; Shriner

C. Profession Merchant; Banker

4. Church membership Presbyterian

5. Sessions served 37<sup>th</sup>, 38<sup>th</sup> General Assemblies 1917, 1919

6. Public Offices

A. Local Paulina city treasurer

B. State \_\_\_\_\_

C. National \_\_\_\_\_

7. Death 13 Jan 1931 Long Beach, California; buried Long Beach, California

8. Children Harry Clay; Louis White

9. Names of parents Egra and Lydia Ann (Westner) Adkins

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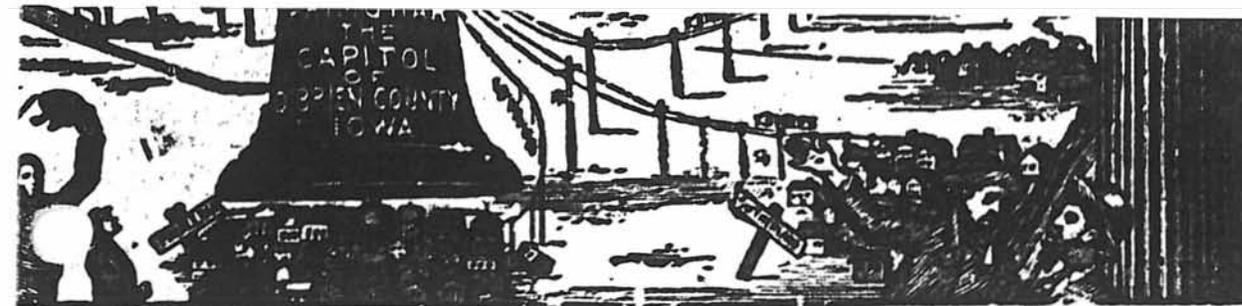
10. Education He was educated in the district schools of  
his locales in Illinois

11. Degrees He took a business course in 1876 at Keokuk,  
Iowa

12. Other applicable information Republican

- He moved from Illinois to Prairie City Iowa in March 1865 where he  
worked in a general store for 12 years.
- He then moved to O'Brien County Iowa in 1883 where he  
engaged in the mercantile business for 3 years.
- He then became cashier at the Bank of Paulina for 28 years.
- He owned many large farms in O'Brien County and several lots  
in Paulina.
- He moved to Long Beach, California in 1926.





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**O'BRIEN COUNTY**  
**Has 18,276**  
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PRIMGHAR, IOWA, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 1931.

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## LEGISLATURE WELL STARTED

Members Seated—Governor Inaugurated—Committees Being Made Up—Tax and Other Bills Presented.

(By the Bell's Own Reporter)  
 Des Moines, Jan. 19.—What a week of big things the past seven days have been in this capital city of Iowa!

The convening of the biennial general assembly; organization of both houses, election of speaker and president pro-tem, introduction of bills to begin the legislative grind on tax revision, and inauguration of new governor.

Then the convention of the Iowa Farm Bureau members brought thousands here for three days.

Another big feature of the week was the annual Wallace Farmer-Iowa Homestead banquet honoring fifteen more "Master Farmers" on the 13th. The Savery hotel banquet room was literally packed with the former master farmers and their wives and distinguished people from all walks of life who had been invited to participate. Each master farmer of this year's selection made a brief speech which was broadcast over the radio. The slogan of Uncle Henry Wallace, Iowa's splendid farm leader of a generation ago—"Good Farming, Clear Thinking, Right Living," was exemplified to the honor and credit of the men and women of Iowa who are doing their best to make of farming a profession and a business.

Annual convention of the Iowa Veterinary Medicine association, with a large attendance; the Iowa Fox and Mink Breeders association, and the Iowa Moving Picture Operators association.

Truly, representative of the organization mania of the age.

**Legislature Opened and Organized.**

The opening session of the 44th general assembly was on Monday, Jan. 12th, at 10 o'clock, and as always it was an interesting event. Frank Hollingsworth, of Boone, was made temporary speaker to call the house to order. The newly elected speaker, Francis Johnson, of Dickinson county, was then formally placed in the chair. He made a brief speech asking co-operation of the members and pleading for con-

## FORMER LEGISLATOR DEAD



Hon. J. V. Adkins, who represented O'Brien county in the 37th and 38th general assembly of Iowa, died at his home in Long Beach, Cal., Tuesday, Jan. 13, at the age of 79 years. Death followed several month's illness. Interment was made in Long Beach.

Mr. Adkins was for many years cashier of the Bank of Paulina, and active in county business and political circles for many years. O'Brien county was never more intimately connected with the legislature than during his two terms.

He was born in Illinois in 1851 and came to O'Brien county in 1883, and remained here until 1926 when he removed to California, where he has since resided.

Deceased was held in the highest esteem by all who knew him, and news of his death will cause sorrow among his large circle of friends in O'Brien county.

unconstitutional, and it is said it caused the defeat of practically half of the old membership. Its repeal now is regarded as certain. Later, it is said, a new bill may provide for the same amount as increased salaries to future legislative members. The repeal of this expensive law at this time may not deprive members elected at the

## STAHLMANN OIL STATION ROBBED

Lone Bandit Gets Cash and Makes Getaway.—No Arrests Made.

A daring holdup was staged Monday evening about 9 o'clock at the Stahlmann oil station. Ben Stahlmann, attendant at the station, was preparing to leave for the night when the man walked in and covering him with a gun, told him that he knew what he wanted. The robber went to the desk and opened the drawer where paper money and invoices are generally kept and finding nothing opened the till where there was only a little cash. He then began a search of Stahlmann and finding a money bag in his pocket took it and left, telling those present to give him time.

When he entered the station he turned off the outside lights and upon leaving turned off the office light. He walked south from the station. Mrs. Stahlmann and Jed Yeager were in the station during the robbery, but were unmolested.

The holdup man was short and of medium build and dressed in blue overalls, blue jacket and brown cap. He was masked. He secured about \$24, but overlooked money which Mr. Stahlmann had in another pocket and some cash in an envelope which he threw behind him when covered by the robber.

The sheriff was notified and all clues have been followed but as yet no arrests have been made.

## GAIN OF \$1,280,000 DURING 1930

The Farmers Mutual Fire & Lightning Insurance Assn. of O'Brien County, Iowa, held their annual meeting last Thursday, Jan. 14th, at Primghar, all the old officers were re-elected: Wm. Appeldorn, president; Otto Saupe, vice president; Wm. Treimer, secretary, and D. M. Norton, treasurer.

The secretary reported a gain of \$1,280,000 and the association now is one of the largest county mutuals in the state of Iowa, as you will note by their financial statement published in this issue.

It may be of interest to know the O'Brien County Farmers' Mutual

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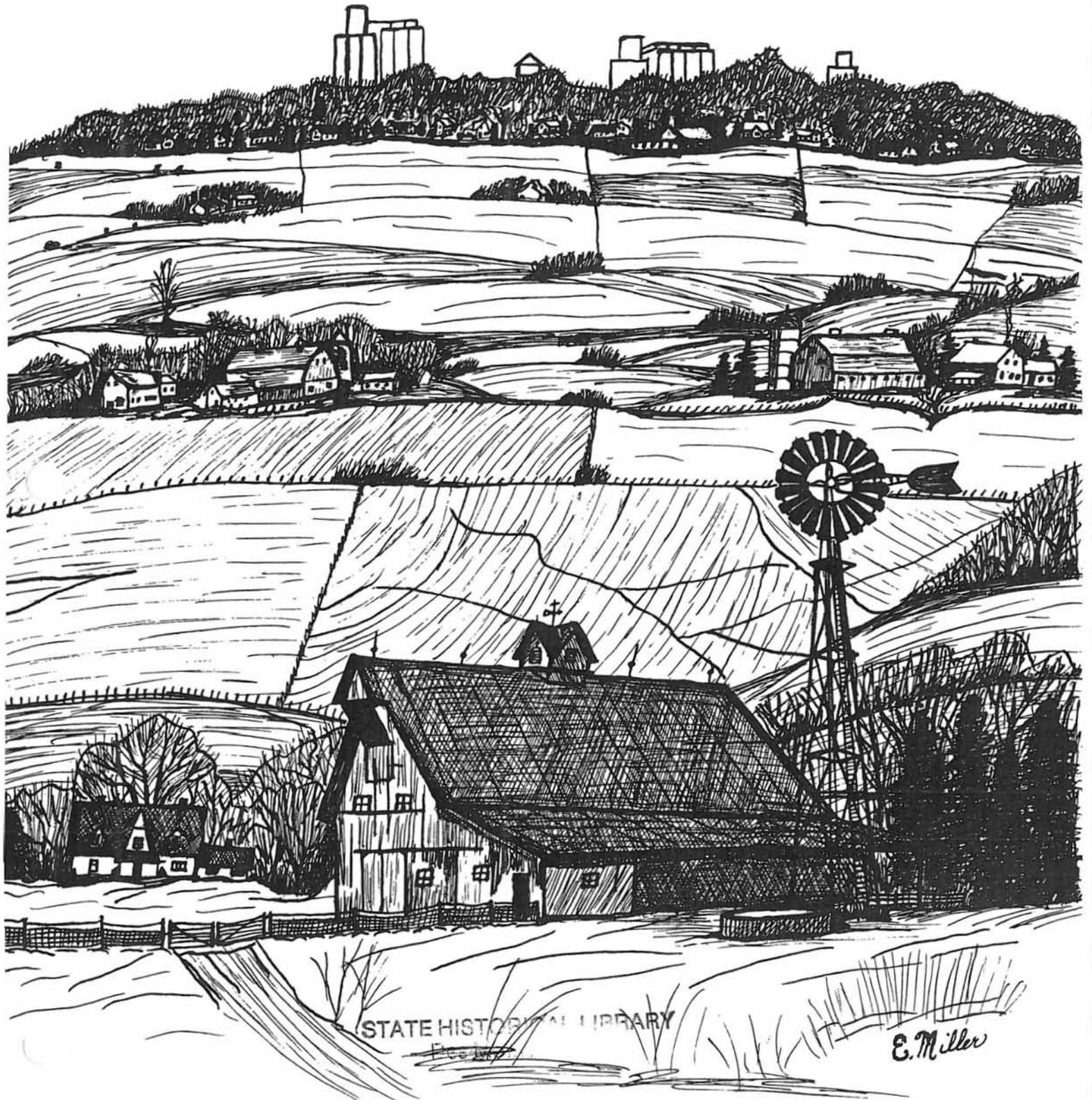
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# PAULLINA GEM OF THE PRAIRIE



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This is book number 608 of a limited printing.

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**Paullina Times** as of September 28, 1882: wheat No. 2 - .75 to .78; flax - .98; oats - .25; rye - .40; barley No. 2 - .60; barley No. 3 - .40; live hogs - 7.50; butter - .25; eggs - .20.

Land could be purchased at this time for from \$5 to \$20 per acre.

May 7, 1885

Mr. and Mrs. D. Edward Paullin have been spending a few days at the Mickley farm.

August 16, 1888

Mr. Hudson Mickley returned from his eastern trip Tuesday evening. He was accompanied by his daughter Mrs. D. Edward Paullin and her little child.

November 1, 1888

D. Edward Paullin arrived here last week from the east and is a guest of the Mickley House (Old Hotel Paullina).

August 29, 1889

Mr. D. E. Paullin is here on a visit this week, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Hudson Mickley.

December 5, 1889

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Paullin came up from Sioux City to spend Thanksgiving with friends here.

February 6, 1890

Mr. D. E. Paullin and family are the guests of the Mickley House this week.

February 27, 1890

Mrs. D. E. Paullin and son, Tilford, returned to Sioux City Friday.

March 6, 1890

D. E. Paullin and family are visiting friends here this week.

October 10, 1895

D. Edward Paullin, out of regard to whom Paullina gained its name, was in town Tuesday for a brief time.

November 7, 1895

The "Times" neglected to mention the death of D. E. Paullin at LeMars last month. He passed away at the home of his brother-in-law, J. D. Simpson, so well known here. Paullina was named for Mr. Paullin and his brother.

Tuesday, October 22, 1895

### The LeMars Semi-Weekly Post

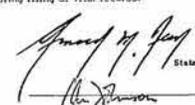
Mr. D. Edward Paullin died at the residence of Mr. J. D. Simpson, his brother-in-law, at 10:15 this morning, of consumption. He was 38 years of age and leaves a wife and two children to mourn his loss. The deceased was born in Illinois and was a graduate of Harvard College, and for a number of years has been in the employ of Milmine, Bodman & Co., grain dealers in Chicago. He did not exhibit acute symptoms of the disease until about ten days ago, when severe hemorrhages began to afflict him. These appeared until his death this morning. He was a son-in-law of Mr. Hudson Mickley. Funeral services will be held next Thursday, from his late home.

D. E. Paullin was in O'Brien County as early as 1880, contracting to buy land in this area.

After thorough searching and researching there is no record of Paullina's benefactor being buried in LeMars or even Plymouth County, Iowa.



Source: Iowa Territorial and State Legislators Collection compiled by volunteers and staff at the State Historical Society of Iowa Library, Des Moines, Iowa.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH		DIVISION OF VITAL STATISTICS		STATE OF IOWA	
<b>CERTIFICATION OF DEATH</b>					
Name <u>D. W. PAULLIN</u>		Certif. No. <u>75-96-168</u>			
Date of Death <u>October 22, 1895</u>		Place of Death <u>Le Mars, Plymouth Co., Iowa</u>			
Date of Birth or Age <u>38 years</u>		Sex <u>Male</u>		Date Filed <u>November 1, 1896</u>	
Cause of Death <u>Consumption-Hemorrhage-duration 10 days. Add. Inf. Born in Illinois-Traveling Salesman-Resident of State 14 years-Married Burial Le Mars October 24, 1895</u>					
THEREBY CERTIFY that the above information was taken from the Record of Death on file in this office in accordance with the law of Iowa requiring filing of vital records.					
Date <u>JANUARY 28</u>		19 <u>22</u>			
(SEAL)		 M.D., M.P.H. State Registrar			
WARNING: This certificate is not valid if it has been altered in any way whatsoever or if it does not bear the raised seal of the Department of Health. PARENTAGE NOT SHOWN BEFORE JULY 1904					

## THE PAULLIN EMPIRE IN O'BRIEN COUNTY 1883

The Paullin land interests were reported to be a complex of 11 sections. Shown on this diagram are 10½ sections. They include all of Section 31-33-35 and south ½ of 32 in Dale Township. In Union Township they are all of Sections 1-2-3-5-6-7 and the south ½ of Section 4 and the north ½ of Section 9. The other ½ section was located three miles east in Liberty Township. It was sold early. The large Paullin Ranch was located in Section 3 where the X is. The smaller one in Section 6. Town of Paullina is located in Section 9, where X is.

DALE TOWNSHIP						
	30	29	28	E.F.D. & A.H.W. TRUSTEES	26	E.F.D. & A.H.W. TRUSTEES
BAKER TOWNSHIP	31	WILLIAM CHRISTIE	33	34	35	36
		32				
TOLEDO & NORTH WESTERN	6x	J.B. BRIGHAM		W.F. CLARK	2	1
		5	4	3	HIGHWAY 10	
CALEDONIA TOWNSHIP	7	8	9x	10	11	12
			HARKER & GREENE			
	18	17	16	15	LEANDER CLARK	ANNA OLESON
					14	13
UNION TOWNSHIP						

The following biographies were taken from the 1914 Volume of the **Past and Present of Osceola and O'Brien County**.

These men lived in and around Paullina in her formative years. Caring and sharing they helped guide her to the community she is today.

### JOHN V. ADKINS

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and Lydia (Vertner) Adkins, the latter being a native of the State of Ohio. Ezra Adkins was an Easterner, born in Connecticut in 1824, and during the earlier years of his manhood he followed the vocation of farming. Previous to the time of the Civil War he came westward, locating in Illinois, where he had farming interests. There, at Camp Illinois, he enlisted as a private in the One Hundred and Twelfth Regiment Illinois Volunteer Infantry. He saw much active service and during the siege of Knoxville, Tennessee, he was so unfortunate as to lose an arm. This was in 1864, and after receiving his injury he was given an honorable discharge, whereupon he returned to his former home in Illinois, and in 1865, became interested in the hotel business at Prairie City, Iowa. In this enterprise he was quite successful and with it remained for a number of years. He followed the hotel business here for some twenty years, when he disposed of his hotel and became county auditor of Jasper County, and about five years later his death occurred in 1898, in the town of Newton. He was the father of seven children, but three of whom are now living.

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In 1877, Mr. Adkins was united in marriage with Allie White, who was born in 1853, at Valparaiso, Indiana, and their union has been blessed with two sons, the elder of whom, Harry C., is a civil engineer, located at present in Tennessee, while Leigh W., the younger, follows the same profession, being connected with the Northern Pacific Railroad, having his headquarters at St. Paul, Minnesota. Mr. Adkins is a staunch supporter of old-line Republican principles, taking more than a passive interest in the party's affairs. The family is identified with the Presbyterian Church, to the support of which society Mr. Adkins gives liberally of both time and means. He is also a member of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. Mr. Adkins has ever had the best interests of the community at heart and is one of the citizens of the town who is willing to give something of his own time and effort to bring about better things for the community. At present, he is serving Paullina as its city treasurer and every movement for the betterment of social, moral, or material conditions finds in him a more than interested advocate. The qualities which have made him one of the successful and prominent men of Paullina have also brought him the esteem of his fellow townsmen, for his career has been one of well-directed energy, strong determination, and honorable methods.

### DAVID ALGYER

For nearly a score of years David Algyer has been a member of the O'Brien county bar and during that time has been connected with many of the most important cases in the county. He has taken an active part in the various phases of his county's development and has been of very material assistance in the preparation of part of the history of his county for this volume. He has collected and written the history of his town and township, as well as given valuable suggestions on other parts of the historical section of the volume.

was born at Amsterdam, New York, April 5, 1849. His father was the son of David and Margaret Algyer, and his mother was the daughter of Martin and Susan Selmsler. His grandparents on both sides were natives of Fulton County, New York.

David Algyer, Jr., was educated in the public schools of Amsterdam, New York, and later took a law course. He began the active practice of his profession at Primghar, Iowa, in October, 1895, and continued in the practice there for several years, after which he moved to Paullina, where he is now residing. He has been a continuous resident of O'Brien County since February, 1872, and has been interested in every phase of this county's development since that time.

Mr. Algyer was married to Marie S. Gowan, November 17, 1874. His wife was born at Sanford, Maine, October 30, 1848, the daughter of Orin L. and Martha (Mills) Gowan. To Mr. and Mrs. Algyer have been born five children: D. Ray, of Decorah, Iowa; Mrs. Helen Raak, who lives in Paullina; Mrs. Edith Eperson, of Sioux City, Iowa; Harold M., living at Tracy, Minnesota, and Malcolm D., who is now in Calgary, Canada.

The family of Mr. Algyer are all faithful and consistent members of the Presbyterian Church and are interested in its various activities. Mr. Algyer is a member of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. He was county superintendent of schools of O'Brien County three terms, from January 1, 1882, to January 1, 1888; was coroner of O'Brien County for ten years; was justice of the peace for ten years and has been connected with the public schools of O'Brien County, as director or secretary of school boards, nearly all of his life. In the early days of the county he was trustee of Grant Township, and taught school several years in various parts of the county.

### WILLIAM W. BEEBE

The gentleman whose name stands above is widely known throughout O'Brien County and is one of the honored citizens of Paullina, where he is living in honorable retirement after a strenuous life of activity in connection with agricultural pursuits. The town of Paullina is much indebted to him for the keen interest he has always taken in any movement having as its object the betterment of the social, moral, material or educational welfare of the town. Possessed of strong qualities of heart and mind, with a kindly consideration for the interests of others, his activities along civic lines during the years of his residence here have marked him as one of Paullina's best and most interested citizens.

William W. Beebe was born in the state of Michigan on May 17, 1841, the son of Daniel P. and Eliza Jane (Green) Beebe both of whom were natives of the state of New York, the former born on September 26, 1809, and the latter on September 25, 1814. Daniel P. Beebe went from his native state to Ohio, where for a few years he engaged in agricultural labors, following the same line of work in Michigan where he lived for some years, later going to Illinois where he located in Kankakee County. At that place he passed the remainder of his life, his death occurring in December, 1881. His widow survived him about six years. Shortly after the death of her husband she accompanied the subject to this locality and here her life closed in 1887, and she rests in the cemetery at Paullina. Daniel P. Beebe and wife were the parents of eleven children, six of whom are still living.

William W. Beebe remained under the parental roof until he attained his majority, receiving his education in the schools of the neighborhood and from his father receiving instructions in the secrets of successful husbandry. When twenty-one years of age he started out in life for himself, securing work on a farm in the home neighborhood and at this he continued until the year 1861. At that time war had been declared between the two sections of our nation and with his sympathies enlisted on the side of the North, he enlisted on August 5th of that year at Kankakee, Illinois, as a private in Company B, One Hundred and Thirteen Regiment Illinois Volunteer Infantry. Throughout his services to the Union he endured many hardships and privations. He was first injured in the right shoulder on the 22nd of July, 1863, during the battle of Gettysburg, and was captured by the rebels.

Biographies and Portraits

... OF THE ...

# Progressive Men of Iowa

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Leaders in Business, Politics and the Professions

TOGETHER WITH  
AN ORIGINAL AND AUTHENTIC

## History of the State

... BY ...

Ex-Lieutenant-Governor B. J. Gue

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BENNETT, ALBERT T., is a native of Massachusetts, having been born at Mendon, in that state, October 8, 1855, at which place he resided until May, 1869. The name of his father was Russell Bennett, who died in 1860. His mother's maiden name was Roba M. Farnsworth, a native of northern Vermont. In the summer of 1869 he came with his mother to Carroll county, settling on a farm near the present town of Templeton. His mother continued to reside there until her death in 1889. His early education was obtained in the public schools. From 1874 to 1881 he taught school winters working on his mother's



farm during the summers. In the spring of 1881 he entered the law office of Hon. O. H. Manning, then lieutenant-governor of the state, a talented and successful lawyer and financier, who is now private counsel for a number of Illinois corporations at Chicago. In April, 1882, Mr. Bennett was admitted to the bar, and in June of that year located at Manning, where he has since resided. In addition to his law practice he is engaged in the banking business, being owner and manager of the Bennett bank at Manning. He is an active member of the republican party, and is now serving his fourth term as chairman of the republican central committee of Carroll county. He was married December 20, 1883, to Miss

Clara J. Ayrhart, of Dedham, Iowa. They have one child, Ralph A. Bennett, born May 6, 1886.

ADKINS, JOHN VERTNER, the subject of this sketch, like most of those in middle life in our western country, did not come from wealthy parents. On the contrary he was born in a log cabin, near Plymouth, in Schuyler county, Ill. Again, like most of them, he has made for himself a place in the business world that has grown up around him, and all of us, where he can command the best that is going in the way of living and education for his children. He is well situated in business circles, and commands the respect and confidence of his acquaintances. He was born November 15, 1851, as stated above, and now lives at Paullina, Iowa. His father was a native of Connecticut, and consequently a Yankee, as we rate Yankees, but was also a sturdy Scotchman, being descended from ancestors, who came from Scotland in an early day. He was born December 5, 1824, at Litchfield, Conn., and died June 5, 1897, at Newton, Iowa. His mother's maiden name was Lydia Ann Vertner and she was of German descent. Mr. Adkins was educated in the district schools of Illinois and this, with a wide field of reading, constituted the bulk of his educational qualifications, so he cannot boast of a college education. He settled in Iowa in March, 1865, at Prairie City, and worked in a general store for twelve years.

He went to Paullina, O'Brien county, in October, 1883, going into business with his brother in the general merchandise business; sold out in 1886, in the month of July; went into the Bank of Paullina as book-keeper August 1, 1886, which position he held until July, 1892, when he took the position of cashier, which he now holds. He has always voted the republican ticket but never held any office, or sought one.

He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, being admitted to membership at Prairie City in 1873, Blue Lodge; is also a member of the Hawarden chapter, Crusade Commandery of Cherokee, and El Kahir Shrine of Cedar Rapids. He has never belonged to any church organization, but favors the work being done by all churches.

He was married to Miss A. B. White, daughter of Rev. J. C. White. They have two children, Harry C., aged 18, attending school at Drake university, and Leigh W., aged 11.

PAST AND PRESENT  
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Counties, Iowa

BY

HON. J. L. E. PECK and HON. O. H. MONTZHEIMER  
For O'Brien County

AND

HON. WILLIAM J. MILLER  
For Osceola County

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Sargent, Nebraska, schools, a position which he held for three years; he then taught one year in Long Pine, Nebraska, and followed this with the position of superintendent of the Cumberland, Iowa, schools. In the fall of 1912 he was elected superintendent of the Primghar schools and has been efficiently filling that position up to the present time. He has brought to his school work a well drilled mind and the tact and personality which are the requisites of every successful teacher. He is rapidly bringing the Primghar schools to the front, and is placing them in a position where they are becoming of increasing value to the town and vicinity. He now has ten teachers under his charge, and has made the high school one of the accredited high schools of the state. In the year 1913 the high school enrolled ninety pupils and graduated seventeen.

Professor Richards was married October 20, 1902, in Orange City, Iowa, to Daisy M. Allard, the daughter of Benjamin H. and Rectinia L. Allard. This marriage has been blessed with two children, Hazel, born March 2, 1905, and Onine, born November 15, 1908.

Professor Richards is a member of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He takes an active interest in the affairs of the Democratic party and for two years was county chairman of the Cass county, Iowa, Democratic organization. Since coming to Nebraska he has twice been elected delegate to the Democratic state conventions, having previously served twice as delegate in Nebraska. However, Professor Richards' interests are now directed towards the reorganization and upbuilding of the schools of Primghar. When he came here in the fall of 1912 he found the schools badly disorganized, but during his administration as superintendent he has brought about a wonderful change. He now has the schools in good working order and in a position where they are able to do efficient work.

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John V. Adkins received his schooling in his native county in Illinois and at the age of eighteen secured a position as clerk in a general merchandise store in Prairie City, this state. In this connection he remained for twelve years, when, desiring to be better equipped for the battle of life, he left Prairie City, going to Keokuk in 1876, where he took a complete business course, which was of inestimable advantage to him in later years. In 1883 he first came to Paullina and became associated with his brother David in the general merchandise business, selling out his interest therein three years later. David Adkins had the distinction of being the first settler in the town of Paullina and followed it from its earliest beginnings up to a thriving city with varied interests and fully in touch with the outside world. After severing his connection with his brother, Mr. Adkins became identified with the banking business, which has since claimed his best efforts and to its present satisfactory state of prosperity his industry and judgment has largely contributed. In addition to his interest in the bank, he has large landed holdings in O'Brien county and also owns his residence and several lots in the town of Paullina.

In 1877 Mr. Adkins was united in marriage with Allie White, who was born in 1853 at Valparaiso, Indiana, and their union has been blessed with two sons, the elder of whom, Harry C., is a civil engineer, located at present in Tennessee, while Leigh W., the younger, follows the same profession, being connected with the Northern Pacific Railroad, having his headquarters

at St. Paul, Minnesota. Mr. Adkins is a staunch supporter of old-line Republican principles, taking more than a passive interest in the party's affairs. The family is identified with the Presbyterian church, to the support of which society Mr. Adkins gives liberally of both time and means. He is also a member of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. Mr. Adkins has ever had the best interests of the community at heart and is one of the citizens of the town who is willing to give something of his own time and effort to bring about better things for the community. At present, he is serving Paullina as its city treasurer and every movement for the betterment of social, moral or material conditions finds in him a more than interested advocate. The qualities which have made him one of the successful and prominent men of Paullina have also brought him the esteem of his fellow townsmen, for his career has been one of well-directed energy, strong determination and honorable methods.

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#### J. W. HICKOK.

In every town and city in the United States there are men whose business it is to minister to the material wants of man, and no more genial people are to be found than the men who manage the hotels and taverns of our country. For more than thirty-two years J. W. Hickok has been the proprietor of the hotel at Sibley, Iowa, known as the Osceola House, and during that long period of time thousands of people have partaken of his hospitality. It can not be gainsaid that many people get their first view of a town from the hotel where they stop, and for this reason a good hotel is one of the most valuable assets of a town or city. It is safe to say that there is no more popular proprietor in Iowa than Mr. Hickok, who has dispensed his generous hospitality for so many years in this city.

J. W. Hickok, the son of John M. and Mary (Stark) Hickok, was born December 15, 1850, in Grant county, Wisconsin, on a farm. His parents were born, reared and married in Pennsylvania, and in the early forties left their native state for Wisconsin, making the trip by lake and team. They passed through Chicago when there was only one building in that now famous city, and arrived in Grant county, Wisconsin, among the earliest pioneers of that state. One year after they settled in Wisconsin they drove back to Pennsylvania with Mr. and Mrs. Woodruff for a year's visit, the trip taking them twelve weeks. They reared a family of nine children in Wisconsin