

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Knickerbocker, Edward W. Senator

Represented Lewis County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 18 Nov 1855 Cedar Rapids, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place  
Hanna M. Johnson 22 Mar 1882

3. Significant events for example:  
A. Business \_\_\_\_\_

B. Civic responsibilities Mason; Sons of the American Revolution;  
Historical Society of Iowa;

C. Profession Breeders of Belgians and Percheron horses;  
farmer

4. Church membership Congregational, later Methodist

5. Sessions served 37<sup>th</sup>, 38<sup>th</sup>, 39<sup>th</sup> Iowa Assemblies 1917, 1919, 1921

6. Public Offices  
A. Local \_\_\_\_\_  
B. State \_\_\_\_\_  
C. National \_\_\_\_\_

7. Death 8 Jan 1929 Fairfield, Iowa; buried Fairfield Cemetery, Fairfield, Iowa

8. Children Charles J.; Sara H. (predeceased her father in death);  
Ruth M. (Mrs. A. J. Diserens)

9. Names of parents \_\_\_\_\_

10. Education Attended country schools near Fairfield,  
graduate of the Fairfield High School

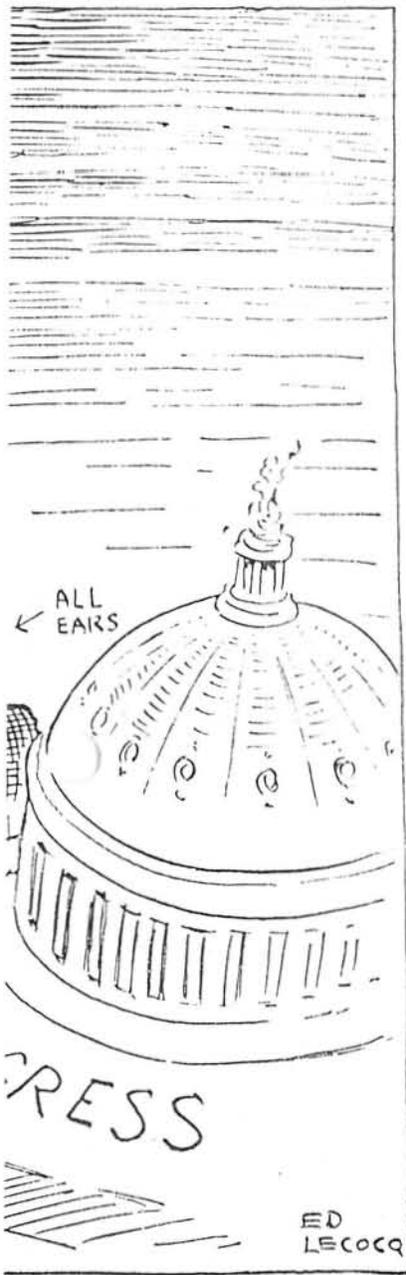
11. Degrees Attended Western College, Lewis County, Iowa

12. Other applicable information Republican  
- His wife, Hannah, died 15 June 1926



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# FORMER SOLON AND PROMINENT FARMER DEAD

**E. H. Knickerbocker Victim Of Pneumonia; Life-long Resident Of Co.; Horse Importer.**

(CEDAR RAPIDS NEWS.)

Edward H. Knickerbocker, one of the best known citizens of Linn county, a member of the state legislature from 1916 to 1922, died yesterday at 8:30 p.m., at Fairfax. He had been ill of pneumonia, which he contracted less than a week ago. He was 73 years old.

At one time he was one of the most prominent breeders of Belgian and Percheron horses in the middle west.

"Ed Knickerbocker was a model and useful citizen," said a friend today. "He always rang true. He was loyal to his friends and loyal to his convictions. He never sought popularity at the expense of his conscience nor of his sense of right. How well he exemplified this trait is illustrated by his action when a member of the Iowa legislature. He alone of the membership possessed the courage to vote against the ratification of the Eighteenth amendment, feeling that he was only obeying the mandate of his constituents who shortly before had voted down in this county a prohibition proposition by an adverse vote of two thousand. He also was one of two members who voted against woman suffrage. And similar action characterized all his work in the legislature.

"He was at all times a safe and sane public servant, ever advocating the passage of such laws as he believed were of benefit to the state as a whole and to his people at home.

### Had Big Influence.

"He never deceived nor betrayed his constituents. If he thought one of them sought some legislation that should not be enacted, he was outspoken about it. On the other hand he would use the limit of his ability and influence to put on the statute books laws that he conceived to be beneficial to his county and to his friends and harmful to no one in industry or individual. Because of his straightforward character he wielded an influence in legislation surpassed by no one."

E. H. Knickerbocker was born in Cedar Rapids on Nov. 18, 1855. He grew to manhood here, attending the country schools, the Fairfax high school, and later Western college at Western, this county. He

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**REBELS GAIN GROUND**  
NEW DELHI, India, Jan. 9.—(AP)

## FORMER LEGISLATOR DIES AT FAIRFAX



E. H. KNICKERBOCKER.

Death last night took E. H. Knickerbocker of Fairfax, one of the best known residents of Linn county, a former member of the state legislature, a prominent farmer and citizen.

## Witch Doctor Mad, Alienist Testifies At Murder Hearing

YORK, Pa., Jan. 9.—(AP)—An alienist, called by the defense, testified today that John H. Blymyer, reputed "witch" doctor, on trial for the killing of Nelsen D. Rehmeier last November, believed he carried an imaginary picture of his victim in the palm of his hand.

The mental expert, Dr. Julius Comroe of this city, was called shortly after the York county court had overruled a motion of Herbert B. Cohen, defense counsel, charging the commonwealth with purposely withholding testimony in order to show a motive other than witchcraft.

Blymyer is alleged to have killed Rehmeier when the latter resisted an attempt on the part of Blymyer to obtain a lock of his hair to bury it in the ground in order to break a "spell" over the family of Wilbert G. Hess, 18, who with John Curry, 14, charged with aiding in the killing, is awaiting trial.

"In my judgment, Blymyer was insane on the night of the slaying," Dr. Comroe testified.

"Did he know the difference between right and wrong?" District Attorney Herrmann asked.

"He did not in major questions," the doctor replied.

"I asked him if he thought, to save his soul, he would have to kill the judge of this court, if he would do that.

"He said that he would. Even his own father, if necessary."

Blymyer, Dr. Comroe said, has three separate mental deficiencies, delusions, hallucinations and illusions. He believes he is being per-

# JOHNSON FOES GAIN CONTROL OF LEGISLATURE

**Oklahoma Solons To Investigate Executive Conduct; More Dramatic Steps Predicted.**

OKLAHOMA CITY, Jan. 9.—(AP)—Legislative decks were cleared today for investigation of the administration of Gov. Henry S. Johnson, target for more than a year of bitter opposition by anti-administration forces who have sought his recall on charges of incompetence.

The governor's forces were completely routed and legislators are expected to bring about his impeachment and gain quick control of the legislature in the session of the twelfth biennial session. Anti-administration forces already had gained control of the senate.

Johnson's opponents formed a coalition of republicans and insurgent democrats to take control of the house, and dictate the personnel of a committee on administration which is to choose all house officers including an investigating committee to inquire into the conduct of officers.

### His Enemy Chosen Speaker

James C. Nance of Cottonwood, an avowed enemy of Gov. Johnson who succeeded in forestalling a special impeachment session of the legislature in December, 1927, selected speaker of the house withdrawal of Allen Street, a administration man. Street's withdrawal followed defeat of the governor's forces, and a vain plea for money and party regularity.

The action was regarded in quarters as equivalent to impeachment proceedings against the governor and investigation of state officers whose conduct has been the subject of criticism.

The nucleus of the insurgent democratic group, which is in with republicans to gain control of 58 of the 106 votes in the house, consists of survivors of the attempted 1927 impeachment session of the legislature, which self-called and broken up by action initiated by Gov. Johnson after he had used National Guardsmen to bar legislators from the state capitol.

## Ticket Sale For County Banquet Is Progress

Despite the bad condition of the sale of tickets for the Linn-

definite decision to make the West Indian tour.

### MELLON FOR CABINET?

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—(INS)—Herbert Hoover apparently has made at least one definite decision as to his cabinet. It is that Andrew W. Mellon, the grizzled, taciturn financier from Pittsburgh, will remain as secretary of the treasury after Jan. 4.

Hoover has made no announcement; neither has Mr. Mellon. None likely will be made for some time. But among those in a position to know, the retention of Mr. Mellon is regarded as a settled thing. Indications are that it was finally decided during the two hours that the two men faced each other across the luncheon table yesterday. The reasons for not announcing

**LITTLE LOR.**

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**Police Mop Up Booze Evidence On Harry Carey**

When the police entered the soft drunk establishment of Harry Carey, 110 North First street, yesterday about 7:30 p.m., there was a scurrying in the rear room. The raiders arrived just in time to see Carey spill a pan of liquid on the floor. They mopped up as much as possible, and took it to the station as evidence along with Carey. He is charged with maintaining a liquor nuisance. The liquid, said to be hooch, measured about three-fourths of a pint when the last drop had been wrung out of the mop. Carey, who is 53 years old, is said to have been in trouble two years ago for a similar offense against the liquor laws. Detective Earl Stanley and Patrolmen George Hoke, Frank Hrabem and George Connell made the raid. When arraigned in Justice G. S. Lightner's court this morning, Carey waived to the grand jury and failed to furnish bonds set at \$1,000.

**January Thaw Sets In As Mercury Up**

Cedar Rapids had a damp time today. The great heaps of snow along the city streets early this morning began to recede under the effects of a rapidly rising temperature that had reached 38 degrees at 7 a.m. The mercury started its upward trend yesterday morning and by noon had reached 22 degrees. It continued to climb and was at 33 degrees at midnight. The temperature remained constant through out the morning today, but dropped one degree to 37 degrees at noon. A drizzling rain fell during the morning, aiding the temperature in converting the snow to a dirty slush.

**IOWA NOW HAS 1,624 MILES OF PAVING AND 3,221 MILES OF GRAVEL**

AMES, Jan. 9.—(AP)—Condition of the primary road system at the beginning of 1929 showed 1,624.3 miles of highway paved; 3,221.3 miles gravelled, 1,114.3 miles graded but not surfaced and 801.0 miles not graded, or a total of 6,761.1 miles of primary roads in the state. The highway commission expects that this year will bring the total paved mileage to 2,200 and the gravelled surfacing to 3,500, altogether 5,700 miles of all-weather road.

**E. H. KNICKERBOCKER DIES AT FAIRFAX**

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married Hanna M. Johnson of Delaware county, Penn., on March 22, 1882. She died on June 15, 1926. Three children were born to this union—Charles J., at whose home he died; Sara H., who died several years ago, and Ruth M., who married A. J. Dierens of this city on January 8, 1918, just eleven years to the hour of her father's death. In addition to the son and daughter mentioned above, the following grandchildren survive: Ross, Bertrice and William Knickerbocker, of Fairfax; Robert Dierens of Cedar Rapids; and Vivian Frazier of Mobile, Ala.

**Imported Horses.**

Mr. Knickerbocker always followed the occupation of farming and stock-raising, at one time being a large importer of Belgian and Percheron horses. His religious affiliations were with the Congregational, and later with the Methodist churches. He was a member of Iowa Consistory No. 2 and El Kabir Temple, his Blue lodge affiliations being with the lodge at Fairfax. He was also a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, and the Historical Society of Iowa. In politics he was a consistent old-line republican. He was chosen in 1916 a member of the legislature of Iowa, being re-elected in 1918 and 1920. Funeral services will be held at the Turner chapel on Friday at 3 p.m., conducted by Dr. Gilbert Chalce, of Orlewin, a long-time friend of Mr. Knickerbocker. Burial will be at Fairfax.

**Civil War Veteran Dies Near Baldwin**

Special to The Gazette-Republican. BALDWIN, Jan. 9.—A double funeral will be held at the Emeline church north of here Friday afternoon for William Brady, 88-year-old Civil war veteran, who died yesterday, and his six-year-old grandson, LeRoy Brady, both of whom were pneumonia victims. LeRoy Brady was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lute Brady. The death of Mr. Brady leaves only one Civil war veteran in this vicinity. He is Homer Bailey, who was a great friend of Mr. Brady and who called on his old pal just before he died. Born in Pennsylvania, Mr. Brady came here at an early age and when the war broke out enlisted with the Iowa cavalry. Of his ten children, seven survive. MAQUOKETA — Leo Westphal, age about 27, well-known young man of this community, died this morning of pneumonia. He was married last August.

president of the association, opened the convention Tuesday afternoon. In his message he urged implement dealers to avail themselves of bank credit and the counsel of bankers, maintaining that closer co-operation with the banker is becoming more important every day. He also urged a more efficient and intelligent personnel in the field to obtain better results and greater economy.

"Business generally is getting so scientific and well educated," he said, "that in order to keep pace we must fill our ranks with apt material. The selling of farm implements should command the same respect and honor as any other line of endeavor. The retail farm equipment business is unquestionably founded on sound merchandising principles. If we keep it properly manned with ambitious capable men of vision our future prosperity is inevitable."

**Retailer Important To Town.**

Secretary C. H. Chase of Ames stressed the importance of the retail dealer to the small town, pointing out that the future of the town depends on its ability to serve its constituency well. "Many rural towns," he said, "are now classified and judged on the kind of service rendered by the retail merchant himself. He is as vital a factor in helping to promote his town as the clerk who greets you at the hotel desk. He may either make or break the business of the institution he represents. The service dealer need not be alarmed about keeping business at home. It simply depends on his making good through a proper knowledge of methods now found to be essential."

**MARRIAGE LICENSES**

- E. R. Hansen, Cedar Rapids, legal
- Emma Machula, Cedar Rapids, legal
- Roy M. Kloppping, Newton ..... 23
- Rena Comley, Cedar Rapids .... 23
- Richard Miller, Solon ..... 19
- Ancelana Novotny, Solon ..... 17
- Leal B. Hoffman, West Branch legal
- Helon B. Fravenholz, West B., legal

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also illustrated how n properly handled may become an at- tember into a closer h the dealer. t This Afternoon e the convention was e the delegates an attend the official implement exposi- de was provided by Military band, "To- rapids Night" at the be a special enter- sic and readings ar- Chamber of Com- thritz of Ottumwa.

**Doctors Treat Colds and the Flu**

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all. No salts, no nausea nor the slightest interference with your eating, work or pleasure. Next morning your cold has vanished, your system is thoroughly purified and you are feeling fine with a hearty appetite for breakfast. Eat what you please,—no danger. Get a family package, containing full directions, only 35 cents. At any drug store.—Advertisement.