

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Senator BAIRD, WILLIAM
S (AMUEL) SR.

Represented Pottawattamie County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place June 1863, in log cabin on Broadway, Council Bluffs, Ia

2. Marriage (s) date place

- (1) Anna E. Wood (11 Feb. 1870 - 19 Dec. 1919), 9 January 1895, Logan, Iowa
(2) Cecilia B. Mulqueen) 3 February 1930, Council Bluffs.

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Lawyer; trust officer

B. Civic responsibilities Member, Bd Trustees, Cornell College, Mt Vernon, Ia

C. Profession

4. Church membership Methodist (1st marriage by Baptist minister)

5. Sessions served 39th to 44th GA, SD 19, Pottawattamie Co. (1921-1932)

6. Public Offices

A. Local Trustee, Free Public Library, Council Bluffs

B. State

C. National

7. Death 12 May 1933, Council Bluffs; coronary thrombosis; bur Fairview Cem.

(1) John W. (13 Jan. 1897 - 4 Oct. 1955); (2) William S. Jr. (21 Aug

8. Children 1899-26 Apr 1925); (3) Lucy W. (4 Sept. 1901 - 5 Feb. 1911); (4) Robert

M. (21 Feb. 1906 - 20 Apr. 1965); (5) Donald B. (Pat) (9 Sept. 1908 - 6 May 1988); (6) Margaret *28 Hah, 1912 @ 2 6 Aug 1921).

9. Names of parents Rev. Samuel Baird; Matilda Hanks (Akers) (14 Sept. 1825 - 12 May 1908). Both b. Pa.

10. Education Council Bluffs High School; Cornell College

11. Degrees HS 1880; Cornell (BA?) 1884

12. Other applicable information _____

Parents lived in log cabin on Broadway St., Council Bluffs, at time of his birth. After father died, mother operated Pennsylvania House, 10th & Broadway. He lived on Broadway St all his life; for many years residence at 515 East Broadway.

Admitted to practice of law 1887. Listed as attorney, in general practice, on 1900, 1910 and 1920 censuses. Was trust officer for ~~Bank~~ State Savings Bank from time that dept organized.

Member Masonic lodges in Council Bluffs and Omaha; Knights Templar; Knights of Pythias. Master, Council Bluffs lodge; commander, Knights Templar.

In Senate, conservative. Chair of Ways and Means Committee. On Senate Committee that protested inheritance tax question at American Taxpayers League meeting, Washington DC, 1927, and spoke there in opposition to congressman from Council Bluffs.

Survived by second wife, 3 sons, 1 granddaughter.

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ARREST 12, SEEK 4 AS COUNTERFEITERS

DEPUTY SHERIFFS ROUND UP MEMBERS OF SUPPOSED GANG.

BOGUS SILVER PASSED

With twelve persons already under arrest, authorities Friday were pushing their efforts to locate at least four additional suspects in connection with the making and passing of counterfeit coins.

Of the twelve under arrest, two are women. Seven are in jail and the other five are at liberty under bonds. Five were given hearings before United States Commissioner Proctor R. Perkins Thursday night at the county jail and waived to the grand jury. The other seven demanded hearings and their cases were set for next month.

All twelve persons face counts of conspiracy to defraud under the coin and currency laws, uttering and passing counterfeit money and making and possessing moulds and dies to make counterfeit coins.

The five who waived preliminary hearings and were bound over to the grand jury which will meet Oct. 3 are: Jess Anderson, 26, laborer, 806 South Sixth street, who was unable to furnish \$2,000 bond and is in the county jail; Lynel Vincent, 24, baker, 2227 Avenue E, released on a \$1,000 bond; Robin Moore, 37, laborer, route No. 1, released on \$500 bond; John Murphy, 62, laborer, 15 South Fourteenth street, unable to furnish \$5,000 bond, in county jail, and Ellar Anderson, 65, 806 South Sixth street, mother of Jess Anderson, released on \$1,000 bond.

The other seven, who are awaiting preliminary hearings, are: Eugene Pulley, 32, iron moulder, 1029 Third avenue, hearing set for June 1, in jail, unable to furnish \$5,000 bond; John Murphy, 62, laborer, 25 1/2 South Nineteenth street, hearing set for June 3, unable to furnish \$2,000 appearance bond, in jail; Izetta Augusta Mil-

WILLIAM S. BAIRD, BANKER AND FORMER SENATOR, IS DEAD

HEART DISEASE IS FATAL TO LIFE-LONG RESIDENT OF CITY.

PROMINENT IN MASONRY

He Formerly Was Chairman of Powerful Ways and Means Committee in Iowa Senate.

William S. Baird, 69, former state senator from Pottawattamie county and trust officer for the State Savings bank since the department was organized, died at 10:45 a. m. Friday following a five-day illness of coronary thrombosis.

A resident of Council Bluffs all of his life, Mr. Baird had seen the city grow from a little town of a few thousand to its present size.

He was elected to the Iowa state senate for three successive terms and served for some time as chairman of the powerful ways and means committee.

He was high in Masonic affairs, holding membership in Excelsior lodge No. 259, A. F. & A. M., Joppa council, Star chapter, and Ivanhoe commandery, Tangier shrine of Omaha and the Knights of Pythias. He served as master of Excelsior lodge, high priest of Star chapter, and commander of the Knights Templar.

He also served as a member of the board of trustees of Cornell college, Mount Vernon, from which he was graduated in 1884.

He had lived on Broadway all of his life.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Cecelia Mulqueen Baird, his three sons, John, Robert and Donald Baird, all of Council Bluffs, and a granddaughter, Barbara Baird, also of Council Bluffs.

Senator Baird while he was a member of the state legislature was noted as a conservative member of the body.

He was a member of the senate committee which protested the inheritance tax question at the meeting of the American Taxpayers' league at Washington in 1927, and as one of the principal speakers spoke in opposition to Congressman W. R. Greene, also of Council Bluffs, at the meeting.

Senator Baird was born in a log cabin situated approximately where the Neumayer hotel now stands. Later the family moved to the Washington house, approximately at the location of the O. P. Skaggs store on Broadway between Pearl and Sixth streets. Still later following the death of his father, his mother operated the Pennsylvania house at Tenth and Broadway.

Later he moved into the house in which he died.

Happy Days For Chicago Tutors; Don Days Ahead

Nominate Smith, Butler's Bomb To Republicans

NEW YORK, May 12, (AP)—Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia university and a leading republican, was on record today as favoring election of Alfred E. Smith, Tammany sachein, as mayor of New York.

He hurled his suggestion like a verbal bomb into a gathering of republican district leaders and party workers last night.

"Why not make the election unanimous?" Butler asked in proposing Smith's name as a fusion candidate.

The audience gasped and then there was applause.

MORGENTHAU AND WALLACE ASSUME FARM AID DUTIES

PAIR SET MACHINERY IN MOTION FOR TWO YEARS' OPERATION.

CONFERENCE IS CALLED

Processors, Producers and Handlers of Commodities Will Meet in Washington Next Week.

WASHINGTON, May 12, (AP)—Secretary Wallace and Henry Morgenthau, jr., governor-designate of the farm credit administration, today assumed the key roles in the nation's most ambitious program to return farming to the class of a profitable business.

Without waiting for the formality of President Roosevelt's signing of the measure, expected this afternoon, they plunged into the task of gearing administrative machinery for at least two years of operation.

Calls Conferences.

Wallace, who will direct the program aimed to bring better prices and to adjust American production to demand prepared messages to processors, producers and handlers of basic commodities, summoning them to commodity conferences which he hopes to begin early next week.

After the conferences, which will explore the possibilities and methods of helping agriculture this year, he will call public meetings and set up commodity councils. These, under his direction, will perfect trade agreements, levy processing taxes, if necessary, and pursue other courses open to the Iowan in bettering the lot of the farmer.

Completes Set-Up.

Morgenthau completed his set-up to make available Monday the first loans from a special \$200,000,000 fund and to establish a \$500,000,000 mortgage refinancing program under way in two weeks.

The special fund, from the reconstruction corporation, will be

MELLON'S INCOME REPORT IS SIFTED FOR TAX EVASIONS

JUSTICE, BUREAU PROBES MCFADDEN'S CHARGES MADE IN HOUSE.

'SIX MILLION DODGE'

Attorney General Cummings Tells of Private Citizens' Complaints; to Name Private Investigator.

WASHINGTON, May 12, (AP)—An investigation of the income tax returns of Andrew W. Mellon, the wealthy former secretary of the treasury and ambassador to Great Britain, has been started by the justice department.

Charges made on the floor of the house by Representative McFadden (R., Pa.) form the basis of the action.

McFadden asserted that Mellon while in President Hoover's cabinet had been guilty of "a specific tax evasion" on approximately \$6,700,000.

In addition to the McFadden charges, Attorney General Cummings said, a number of letters had been received from private citizens asking for such an investigation.

Cummings indicated he would handle the case through a special investigator.

McFadden last week read a letter to the house from Davis A. Olson, former investigator for the senate stock market committee, asserting that in 1931 Mellon sold stock in the Western Public Service company and the Pittsburgh Coal company showing a loss of \$6,700,000, "which loss was deducted for income tax purposes."

Olson's letter said the Pittsburgh Coal company stock was repurchased by the coalesed company, "which company is owned 100 per cent by Mr. Mellon and his family." It was added that the stock was repurchased in thirty-one days and that the "loss deducted on the income tax returns is not a proper deduction."

MITCHELL TRIAL CALLS WALL STREET MEN

NEW YORK, May 12, (AP)—A long list of Wall street's mighty men will be called in the government drive to convict Charles E. Mitchell on a charge of evading \$858,429 income taxes.

Federal Attorney George Z. Medale disclosed this late yesterday at the trial of the former head of the National City bank.

Men of "substance and prominence" would be called, he said.

Three sore throats made a gap in the trial today. It was put over until Monday because Federal Judge Henry W. Goddard, defense counsel Max D. Steuer, and Medale all have throat infections.

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ED. H. CAMPBELL.—Eleventh district, republican, of Battle Creek, Iowa, born on a farm near Battle Creek, March 6, 1882; attended rural school until fourteen years of age, graduated from Battle Creek high school in 1900; from the University of Iowa, law department, in 1916; served as mayor of Battle Creek three terms; member of Iowa house of representatives in thirty-fourth general assembly; member of Iowa state senate from 1921 to 1929 inclusive; elected to congress from eleventh Iowa district in 1928 and 1930. Married Esta Fein in Los Angeles, Calif., October 25, 1913. Son, Romeo Campbell, born August 31, 1915. Member of law firm of Campbell and Campbell, Battle Creek, being associated with his twin brother, Jed H. Campbell.

BIOGRAPHIES OF STATE SENATORS

C. E. ANDERSON.—Senator from the twenty-seventh district consisting of Webster and Calhoun counties, was born on a farm near Stratford, Iowa, June 24, 1886. His parents, C. G. and Clara Anderson, were among the early settlers of the Stratford community. Received his early education in the rural schools and the Stratford high school. At the age of twenty-seven he was appointed city marshal and street commissioner of Stratford. Has served as constable, president of the school board, republican township committeeman and township trustee. Was married to Anna Ahlstrom, August 26, 1913. They have one child, Frank G. Is a member of the Methodist church and the Modern Woodmen of America. Was elected state representative from Webster county in 1922, re-elected in 1924. Elected state senator in 1928. A republican in politics.

WILLIAM S. BAIRD.—Senator from the nineteenth district, composed of Pottawattamie county, was born in Council Bluffs, June 3, 1863. Parents native of Pennsylvania. Father, Rev. Samuel Baird, Methodist preacher. Mother, Matilda Hanks (Akers) Baird. Married Anna E. Wood, now deceased, of Logan, Iowa, January 9, 1895, daughter of John W. and Eliza A. Wood. Children, John W., William S., Jr. (deceased), Lucy W. (deceased), Robert M., Donald P., and Margaret (deceased). Married Cecelia B. Mulqueen, February 3, 1930, also born in Council Bluffs, daughter of John and Mary Mulqueen, natives of Ireland. Graduated from high school, Council Bluffs, 1880. Graduated from Cornell college, Mt. Vernon, Iowa, 1884. Admitted to practice law, 1887. Trustee Cornell College. Trustee free public library, Council Bluffs. Member of Masonic order and Knights of Pythias. Elected senator, 1920, re-elected 1924 and 1928. A republican in politics.

FRANK M. BEATTY.—Senator from the twelfth district composed of Keokuk and Poweshiek counties, is a lawyer by profession and is engaged in practicing law at Sigourney, Iowa. He is a graduate of Iowa Wesleyan college and of the Northwestern University law school. A republican in politics.

OLIVER P. BENNETT.—Senator from the thirty-fourth district comprising Crawford, Harrison and Monona counties, was born at Elgin, Illinois, October 10, 1892. His parents, James L. and Mary Potter Bennett, homesteaded in Buena Vista county, Iowa, removed to Illinois for three years returning to Monona county in 1895. Lived on a farm in Monona county until 1911. Graduated Mapleton high school 1911, liberal arts Amherst College, Amherst, Mass., 1911-1912, attended State University of Iowa, 1912-1913. Graduated college of law, Drake University, 1915. Admitted to the bar of Iowa June, 1915. Veteran World war. Eleventh district adjutant American Legion 1922-1923, eleventh district commander American Legion 1924. County attorney, Monona county, two terms, 1925 to 1929. Engaged in farming and stock raising in Monona county. Married Helen Kirk of Des Moines, daughter of Professor Sherman Kirk of Drake University. Has a daughter, Dorothy, and three sons, James Louis, Kirk and Oliver, Jr. Member Field Artillery Reserve Corps. Phi Alpha Delta legal fraternity, Phi Gamma Delta, Masonic lodge. Has practiced law at Mapleton since 1919. Elected to the senate in 1928. A republican in politics.