

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of **Representative** FULTON, CHARLES J. **Senator** FULTON, CHARLES J.

Represented Jefferson and Van Buren Counties of Iowa

1. Birthday and place 27 January 1860, on family farm near Fairfield, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place

- (1) Herminie H. Stichter (29 Jan 1863 - 10 June 1925), on 1 December 1898
(2) Beatrice C. (Cunningham) Leggett, 24 November 1926, Fairfield, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Manufacturer, salesman, farmer, teacher

B. Civic responsibilities

C. Profession

4. Church membership Presbyterian

5. Sessions served 33d & 34th GA, House, Jefferson Co.
39th 42d GA, SD 2, Jefferson & Van Buren Co.

6. Public Offices

A. Local Mayor of Fairfield; Member & President of Fairfield Public Library Bd

B. State Jefferson County Exemption Board--WW I.

C. National

7. Death 6 December 1937, at home, Fairfield, Iowa, stroke. Bur Evergreen Cem,
Catherine E. Fairfield

8. Children (1) Charles C. (c. 1900 -); (2) ~~Suzanne E.~~ (Crail) (c. 1902 -)
La Crosse, Wis.; (3) Susan E. (Welty) (c. 1905 -), Beloit, Wis.

9. Names of parents Joseph Warren Fullerton (6 May 1833 - 5 August 1905;
Sarah Elizabeth Minear (14 July 1838 - 1 January 1900). Bur. Evergreen Cem.

Fulton, Charles J.

10. Education county schools, Parsons Colelge

11. Degrees BA Parsons 1883.

12. Other applicable information

Father came to Jefferson County 1843 with parents. Married 1858. Farmed in Des Moines Township until 1888 when he moved to farm just west of Fairfield. From 1850 to 1866 he carried mail on horseback between Fairfield and Bloomfield. In 1853-54 he was in charge of party of government officials touring Kansas and Nebraska to ascertain and obtain detailed accurate info regarding Indian situation. Among promoters of Iowa State Fair at Fairfield; and among first fair exhibitors. Had exhibit on Iowa grasses and crops from his farm that he later sold to State and it was shown at the Centennial Exhibit in Philadelphia 1876. The grandfather had orchards and gardens, and exhibited at State Fairs in Keokuk, and won prize for herd of milch cows which he had driven from Fairfield for the exhibit.

After CJ graduated from Parsons Colelge 1883, he farmed, and was salesman in Texas and Oklahoma for Western Wheel Co. (of Mt. Pleasant). 1891 he purchased partial interest in Loudon Mfg Co and was secy treas of it until he retired for health reasons in 1920. Thereafter associated with Fairfield Ledger for several years. In 1904 involved in formation of Iowa Malleable Iron Co.

Second editor of Parason's' student paper, 1882. In 1895 he operated foad grader to help Parsons prepare site for athletic field. Trustee of Parsons College; Secretary of College Board.

After death of first wife, he married widow of family friend. The minister at the wedding was the Dean of the Bible College at Parsons.

His daughter Susan Welty wrote "A Fair Field", 1988, which is interesting story of lfie in Fairfield. One story is about the 1920 burning of his house; the firemen discovered a large cask in his basement and were intrigued because he was a well-known temperance person--they found the contents were apple cider vinegar.

He served on Jefferson County Exemption Board for World War i; was director and president of Fairfield Chautauqua Association ~~xxxxxx~~ some years.

up to its old tricks again. Two years ago it handed out a contract for trans-Pacific air mail which did two things: (1) set up a ten-year monopoly for one private outfit and (2) committed the United States to ten years' operation of one type of aircraft over an oceanic route. The Postoffice Department is about to pull the same trick. There has just been released to the press mimeographed forms of the advertisement for the proposed air-mail route from the United States to Bermuda and return. It reveals some interesting matters.

There is, for instance, the matter of date. It is printed "Advertisements for Foreign Air-Mail Service, Postoffice Department, Washington, D. C., November 11, 1937." Not until the end of November was any revelation made of this advertisement in the public press for the information of the taxpayer. Why this secrecy?

Paragraph two of the advertisement for "bids" reads as follows: The frequency of service to be performed hereunder shall be APPROXIMATELY ONCE A WEEK, and as much oftener as the contractor's planes MAY be operated on this route...

What sort of an air-mail service is the Government asking the taxpayers to pay for—an air-mail service which is to be "possibly," "perhaps," "somewhere around," may be once a week, while steamships already make the trip from New York to Bermuda in two days? What does the Postoffice intend to do—let mail pile up for six days and then ship it by plane on the seventh day?

Under the advertisement, all the contractor is asked to do definitely is to put up a once-a-week service. The specified load of mail on which the subsidy is to be granted, is to be "a minimum of 800 pounds per flight each way."

A pound of mail breaks down, allowing one-half ounce per letter, to thirty-two letters to the pound. Black and white statistics dealing with the Pacific air mail show that the number of letters per pound averages between forty-six and fifty-two letters per pound. Eight hundred pounds per flight just once a week, might mean between 36,000 and 41,000 letters.

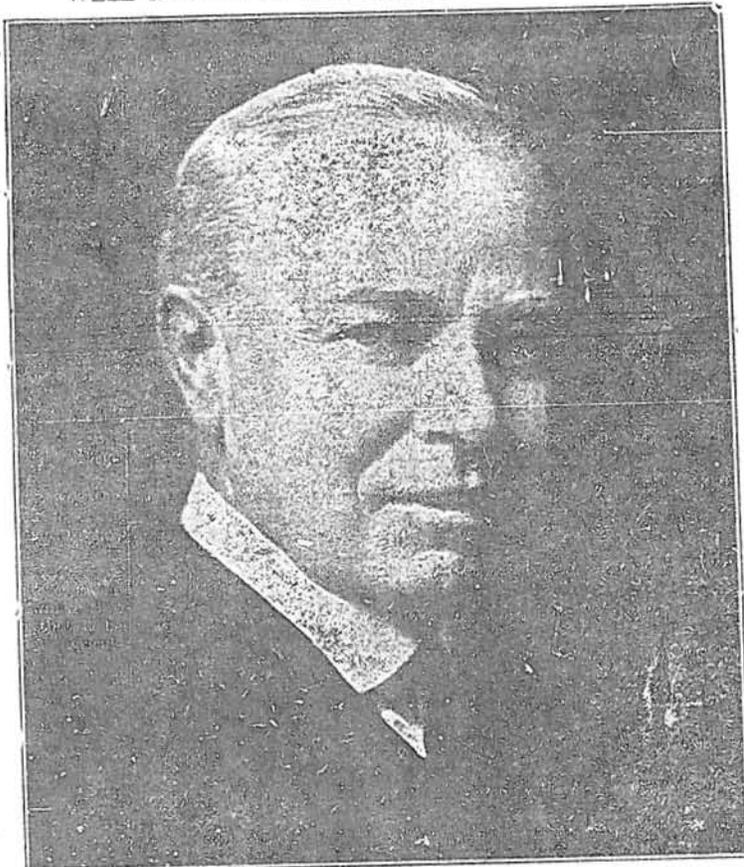
If the major portion of the postage is to be parcels, then it seems to me that a rate of \$1.85 per pound is grossly out of proportion. Either way the Postoffice Department has a lot to explain to the public.

The sickness and unpleasant aroma surrounding the advertisement when it is noted that the contractor may operate a more frequent service, if he so desires. What, carry 800 pounds several times a week? Still the Postoffice Department coolly plans to base the subsidy handout on the minimum of 800 pounds per trip!

And, of course, the British with their Imperial Airways clippers, are just going to hand over all the mail between Bermuda and the United States to the Postoffice Department's fair-haired flying boys. The British wouldn't think of being so mean as to take so much as a postage stamp away from the American planes, so that the latter could always be "sure" of their 800 "pounds!"

From New York to Bermuda by steamship is 784 statute miles. From Baltimore to Bermuda by air is 820 statute miles. The advertisement declares, "Any bid at a rate in excess of \$1.85 per pound for carrying the mails contained or all mails offered at less amount." So, by simple mathematics, it turns out that the United States taxpayer must pay a

WELL KNOWN IOWAN SUDDENLY STRICKEN



Senator Charles J. Fulton was long prominent in Fairfield Enterprises.

Senator Charles J. Fulton, Prominent Citizen in Iowa, Succumbs, Following Stroke

Funeral Services On Thursday Afternoon At Fulton Residence

Hon. Charles J. Fulton, 77, well known Iowa legislator and public spirited citizen of Fairfield, died last evening at his home, 805 South Main street. Death came at 5:30 p. m. following a stroke of paralysis suffered at 9:00 a. m. He had also suffered a previous stroke last Friday and he had not been in the best of health for the last few years.

Funeral services will be conducted from the Fulton family residence at 2:00 p. m. on Thursday and will be in charge of Dr. M. A. Gable, pastor of the First Methodist church and President Clarence W. Greene, of Parsons college. Burial will be in Evergreen cemetery.

Senator Fulton was one of Fairfield's most widely known residents, he having served in the legislature for about 12 years. After several terms as mayor of Fairfield he was elected to the legislature, serving in the lower house until he was elected as State Senator for the Jefferson-Van Buren district. As senator he served through the thirty-ninth, fortieth, forty-first and forty-second General assemblies. He was an able legislator, carefully scrutinizing all askings of public funds to see that public business was carried on in as efficient a manner as is necessary with private interests.

Among the elder alumni of Parsons college few were so well known as a pioneer Jefferson county family.

He was a lifelong resident here. Here too, were most of his business and other interests.

As a farm boy he attended the country schools and in 1877, when he was 17, he entered Parsons college, from which he was graduated with the class of 1883.

He returned to farming after his graduation, remaining until 1891, when he purchased an interest in the Loudon Machinery company and became secretary-treasurer of that corporation. Because of ill-health he retired from active connection with the Loudon company in 1920. Later he was associated with P. S. Junkin and others in the Fairfield Ledger company, but from this he also retired about seven years ago.

Mr. Fulton always was interested in educational matters. He served on city and county school boards and was one of the ablest and most faithful of the trustees of Parsons college through many years. For a long period, until his death he had served as secretary of the Board of Trustees of the college.

From 1892 until 1930 he was secretary of the Fairfield Public Library board giving unstintingly of his time and energy to that institution. In 1930 he was advanced to the office of president of the board, which position he still held at the time of his death.

During the World War, when it was desired to form the Jefferson County Exemption board, he was one of the three who accepted that very exacting task, simply as a matter of public duty. Mr. Fulton served with Wm. L. Longard

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BULLETINS

F. D. R.'S JAW BETTER

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 7 (UP)—Examinations of x-ray pictures disclosed today that it will not be necessary to scrape President Roosevelt's jaw bone in treatment of infection resulting from extraction of a diseased tooth. The infection, x-rays revealed, is confined to the soft tissues.

UNION MEN ARRESTED

DAVENPORT, Ia., Dec. 7 (UP)—Thirteen employees of the engine room and cold storage plant in the Kohr Packing Company and three business agents for the American Federation of Labor were arrested on charges of disorderly conduct today. The employees had barricaded themselves in the engine room and refused to let the chief engineer enter because he was not a member of the union.

WIFE SHOTS TWO

NEVADA, Iowa, Dec. 7 (UP)—A young wife who recently suffered a nervous breakdown, shot and wounded her husband today and tried to kill herself.

The husband, Herbert Mathews 39, was reported near death. His wife, Anna, 33, shot herself above the heart, but there is a possibility she might recover.

DODD RESIGNS

BERLIN, Germany, Dec. 7 (UP)—William E. Dodd, American Ambassador to Germany, submitted his resignation when he was in Washington last fall, to become effective in January.

COLDEST IOWA WEATHER DUE

LOOT BANK AT FREDRICKSBURG SECURING \$5,400

Money In Small Denominations; Suspicious Characters Seen

FREDRICKSBURG, Ia., Dec. 7 (UP)—A safe in the First State Bank of Fredricksburg was looted of \$5,400 in cash during the night after it had been moved into a back room and opened with an acetylene torch. It was discovered that the institution was open.

The safe weighs at 1,900 pounds, and is about four and one-half feet high, according to Otto Goerth, cashier.

He said that the robbers had to remove a door to get the safe in the back room. Then they put the door back on and covered the transom with roofing paper to prevent light being visible from the street.

A hose was used to run water on the safe apparently to prevent any currency from being burned by the heat of the torch.

A hole four by six inches was cut in the top of the safe through the outer layer of steel. A slightly smaller hole was cut in the inner layer of steel and all the currency was removed.

The bank has a vault but the safe was kept outside behind a money cage, Goerth said.

It was mounted on wheels and was so heavy that Goerth estimated three or four men would have been required to move it to the back room.

The money was in five and ten dollar bills, except for one two and dollars in one dollar bills and one hundred dollar bill.

Sheriff George Murray pointed out that the money may still be scorched or wet.

The sheriff said he suspected four suspicious looking men were seen in this vicinity a few nights ago.

JUNIOR C. OF C. OUTLINES 1938 WORK PROGRAM

Location Of Hitching Rack By Court House First In Line

A drive to locate the hitching racks on the east side of the court house square was proposed. Number One decided upon by the Fairfield Junior Chamber of Commerce program committee at meeting held in the Daily Lede office Monday evening. It was announced today.

The committee is composed of E. P. Jurkenson, LaVerne V. Harlan and W. E. McWilliams.

Other projects which were accepted by the committee as worthy of consideration for the Junior Chamber's 1938 program are listed in the following order:

1. Plans for an agriculture stock pavilion in Fairfield.
2. To study and analyze the public lighting situation.
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5. Seasonable business promotion.

'DARLING DAUGHTER'



Lawrence Grossmith in "Yes, My Darling Daughter"

for romantic experience, is intriguing. This play has been delighting New York audiences for a whole season and continues to be one of Broadway's outstanding successes. Alfred de Liagre, Jr., who presents the comedy, also staged it. Florence Reed plays the amazingly understanding and amusing mother; Agnes Doyle the daughter and Helen Flint the role of a fascinating divorcee whose rules about love are individual and differ from those of both Mrs. Murray and Ellen Lawrence. Grossmith, who returned from England especially for this role, plays the mother's ex-lover. Boyd Davis has the role of Mr. Murray, the conventional banker. Owen Davis, Jr., son of the famous playwright plays the ardent young suitor.

turned to Fairfield and is staying at the home of his daughter Mrs. Will H. Lomb, 500 South Third street.

Mrs. W. L. Carl of Eldon formerly Miss Mildred Potts, who until recently lived northwest of Fairfield, was fortunate in being awarded a new Plymouth car in Ottumwa Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Leovel Angle and son Ronald of Rock Island has returned over the weekend in the

SENATOR FULTON PROMINENT IN IOWA, DIES OF STROKE

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Dr. R. C. Sayers, when Jefferson county's quotas were being filled. From the very beginning of the Fairfield Chautauqua association Mr. Fulton was a generous supporter of that organization. When it was formed, in 1904 and so long as his health permitted he served as a director, and for most of the time was its president. He was a Mason, an Odd Fellow, and a member of the Elks.

Senator Fulton was a member of the Methodist church as were his parents and grandparents. The son of Joseph Warren and Sarah Elizabeth Minear Fulton, he was born on the farm January 27, 1860. He was married to Miss Hermine H. Stichter of Washington, Iowa, on December 1, 1898. She died in June 1926. Their children are Charles C. of St. Paul, Minn.; Mrs. Catherine Fulton Crall, LaCross, Wis.; and Mrs. J. C. Weitz, Beloit, Wis. In Nov. 24, 1926 he married Mrs. Beatrice C. Leggett, who survives him. Only last month Mr. and Mrs. Fulton observed in quiet manner the happy eleventh anniversary of their wedding.

Besides his wife and children, Senator Fulton is survived by one brother, Joseph W. Fulton, Fairfield and one sister, Mrs. John J. Morrissey, of Ottumwa. There are six grandchildren, Charles L., Eugene and Elizabeth being the children of Charles Fulton and Susan, Catherine and Jane the daughters of Mrs. Catherine P. Crall. The body will remain at the Murray Funeral Home until Thursday.

DEEDS RECORDED

The heirs of Minnie Rodabaugh deceased, to W. A. and Sarah J. Stallman for one dollar and other valuable consideration the West 45 feet of the South third of Lot 7, Block 17 of the Old Plat to the City of Fairfield.

Emma Lou Easton and husband to P. C. Irwin, et al, for one dollar and other valuable consideration quit claim the South half of Lots 1 and 2, Block 29 of the New Plat to the City of Fairfield.

PROJECT MEETING OF LOCUST GROVE, CENTER REDATED

The woman's home project lesson which was to have been held by Mrs. Dorothy Hoover for Locust Grove, on Thursday, Dec. 9, has been postponed one week. It was slated today.

The meeting will now be held

Wouldn't Play Second Fiddle



Because hubby didn't believe marriage was for artists, and because he frequently declared he "had more affection for a dog than for any woman," Gloria Holden (above), film actress, obtained a Hollywood divorce from Harold Winston, dramatic instructor.

HARRY HOPKINS GRINNELL CAGER

GRINNELL, Iowa, Dec. 7.—Harry Hopkins national WPA administrator, as a stellar basketball player is a figure unfamiliar to most persons. Just so in recent years is Grinnell college as a state basketball champion. Nevertheless in 1912 the two phenomena were combined to make the cage season outstanding in the history of Grinnell athletics.

"Hungry" Hopkins, as he was then known to his teammates was a "rather tall and more than rather slender youth with an intensely nervous set of limbs," reports the Scarlet and Black, student newspaper. He was a "consistent, hardworking player," always turning in a good performance in his position as forward for the team.

The state championship was a contested title that year but eventually the student newspaper justified Grinnell's claim by pointing out to the other two champions, played more state games than had Ames and that while Ames had been beaten both by Grinnell and Cornell (through on the other

MIDWEST QUINTET PLAYS AT AMES

AMES, Iowa, Dec. 7.—The third of four pre-holiday Iowa State college state basketball opponents will come to State gymnasium Friday to test the young Cyclone cagers. At 7:30 p. m. Iowa State and Cornell will renew basketball relations which lapsed 2 years ago.

Each of the four Iowa teams on the Cyclone early-season schedule represent a different conference. Last week the Iowa State quintet opened its 1937-38 bill by nipping Simpson of the Iowa conference 41 to 37. Monday the Cyclones played Iowa State Teachers of the North Central conference. Cornell of the Midwest loop will be Friday's foe, while Grinnell of the Missouri Valley league will come to State gymnasium next Monday.

Coach Louis Menze has determined who 9 members of his "10-man" team will be, but the remaining post on the first string

TWO APPROVALS RECEIVED HERE

Parks Project Work To Begin At Waterworks Or Disposal Plant

Work on the Fairfield city parks projects will be resumed Friday at either the waterworks or the disposal plant. E. N. Murphy, WPA engineer, said this morning. This was the second project approval to be received here within a few days.

Approval for reopening the park project, which was announced yesterday at state WPA headquarters followed a request by Mr. Murphy, the Fairfield city council and the park board. E. W. Dr. Chester Fordyce is president.

When the high school driveway project was completed, Mr. Murphy requested that the system at work on that job be transferred to the parks work. The federal agency is authorized to spend a total of \$13,955, with the sponsor's share set at \$65. This includes work already performed.

Approval of the brick laying project on E. Burlington St. was received by telephone. Approval had been delayed and the work has already been completed by the city.

Full use of the allotted funds will be impossible, but the project will be kept open through the winter. Any flaws in the paving which show up during the winter can be repaired with funds provided for the paving project.

and the rest of the berths on the traveling squad of 14 men are still wide open. Six sophomores, Wendell Allan and Bob Menz forwards; Don Beresford and Harry Ryan, centers; Bill Bliss and Warren Maxon, guards—have won their places among the select 14 varsity veterans. Bob Blinn, Bob Klebenstein and Harlan Anderson.

Watch for
Of Luther Elm

To Be
Friday's



CHARLES J. FULTON

MR. PRESIDENT: Your committee, appointed to prepare suitable resolutions commemorating the life, character, and public service of the late Honorable Charles J. Fulton, begs leave to submit the following:

Hon. C. J. Fulton was born in Jefferson county, Iowa, on January 27, 1860, and died at Fairfield, Iowa, on the 6th day of December, 1937. He was one of the most learned and best informed men the State of Iowa has ever produced. After graduating from the public schools he entered Parsons College and graduated in the class of 1883. After several years spent as a salesman in Texas and Oklahoma, in 1891 he became affiliated with the Loudon Machinery Company of Fairfield, Iowa, and was one of the men responsible for its success. He was always interested in education, served on city and county school boards and was a trustee of Parsons College. He was mayor of the city of Fairfield, Iowa, for several years and he served as a member of the legislature for about twelve years, serving in the lower house until he was elected to the Senate for the Jefferson-Van Buren District, in which capacity he served in the Thirty-ninth, Fortieth, Forty-first and Forty-second General Assemblies.

From 1892 until 1930 he was secretary of the Fairfield Public Library Board. In 1930 he became president of that board, which position he held at the time of his death. During the World War he served as chairman of the Jefferson County Exemption Board. He was instrumental in the formation of the Fairfield Chautauqua Association, of which he was president for many years and a director until his death. He was a Mason, an Odd Fellow and an Elk.

His interest in education and literary matters led him to acquire one of the finest private libraries in the state and his knowledge of books and literature was remarkable. During his service in the legislature he was recognized as one of the most competent men in the service of the state of Iowa and throughout his life he enjoyed the respect and confidence of his associates.

Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Forty-eighth General Assembly: In the passing of Senator Fulton the state has lost a valuable citizen and a faithful public servant whose counsel will be missed.

Be It Further Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be entered in the memorial section of the Journal of the Senate, and a copy sent to the surviving relatives.

SANFORD ZEIGLER, JR.,
STANLEY L. HART,
E. P. CORWIN,

Committee.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

SAMUEL EDWIN FACKLER

MR. PRESIDENT: Your committee, appointed to prepare a suitable resolution commemorating the life, character, and public service of the late Honorable Samuel Edwin Fackler, former member of the House of Rep-

A graduate of the high schools of that city, class of 1889. Was married to Addie Hotchkiss, of Bloomfield, August 24, 1903. Has two children, Alice and George K., aged 14 and 6 years. Is a partner in the farm loan and abstract firm of Deupree & Ethell. A member of the Knights of Pythias and various Masonic bodies. Was elected state senator on the republican ticket in 1920, the same being his first political office.

HERBERT I. FOSKETT

Senator from Seventh district, composed of Page and Fremont counties. Born in Henry county, Illinois, near Kewanee, December 11, 1861, of New England parentage. Attended grade schools in Illinois and high school in Sacramento, California. Returning to Iowa in 1878 he worked in stores and post office until 1883, when he became cashier of the Commercial bank in Essex, Iowa. In 1885 he removed to Shenandoah and engaged in the farm loan business, the firm name being Webster and Foskett. This firm was succeeded later by the present firm of Foskett and Nye. In 1901 he was elected president of the Commercial Savings Bank of Shenandoah, which was later changed to a national bank and in 1910 consolidated with the Shenandoah National bank, of which he has since been vice president. He was married in 1893 to Miss May Tucker. Elected senator in 1914 and 1918. Republican in politics.

JOSEPH R. FRAILEY

Senator from the First district, composed of Lee county, was born in Ft. Madison March 2, 1876. Graduated Ft. Madison high school 1893; State University of Iowa, liberal arts, 1898; law, 1900. Second lieutenant, Company F, Fiftieth Iowa Infantry, United States Volunteers, during Spanish-American war, and up to the time this regiment was mustered out of service. City solicitor of Ft. Madison from 1905 up to the time he took his seat in the senate, at which time he resigned. Connected with the legal department of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe railroad from 1900 to 1905. Practiced law in Ft. Madison since 1905. Is married, and republican in politics. During the political campaign of 1920, he spoke for the republican national committee in Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska, Missouri, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, California and Colorado.

CHARLES J. FULTON

Senator from the Second district, composed of the counties of Jefferson and Van Buren, was born in Jefferson county, Iowa, January 27, 1860. His parents were American-born. He attended both common and private schools and was graduated in 1883 from Parsons college. Remained on the farm until the winter of 1891-2, when he became a member of the Loudon Machinery company. Was mayor of Fairfield from 1903 to 1907 and again in 1920. Served as chairman of the local exemption board for Jefferson county during the World war. Was president of the Fairfield Chautauqua association for thirteen years. Is a trustee of Parsons college, a trustee of the Fairfield free public library, a member of the county board of education and a member of the school board of Fairfield. Was a member of the house of representatives in the Thirty-third and Thirty-fourth general assemblies. Elected senator in 1920. A republican in politics.

the age of seventy-eight years. His wife passed away in September, 1899, when sixty-eight years of age. Unto Mr. and Mrs. McCormick have been born nine children, as follows: Dora, whose demise occurred on the 16th of March, 1884; Nellie, born June 8, 1885, who is now the wife of Arthur Schwarm and resides in Indianapolis; Guy, Glenn and Minnie, all of whom are at home; Bessie, who passed away on the 15th of January, 1895; and Mildred, Mary and Florence.

Mr. McCormick gives his political allegiance to the republican party. He has served as trustee of Round Prairie township and has also held the office of school director for nineteen years, while for several years he acted as president of the board. He is likewise a stockholder in the Fairfield Chautauqua Association. His religious faith is that of the Methodist church and he has been superintendent of a successful Sunday school for several years, at Parsonville, near his home, of which church he is a member. He is highly esteemed in the community in which he makes his home, and as an enterprising, energetic and prosperous agriculturist he well deserves mention in this volume.

JOSEPH W. FULTON, JR.

Joseph W. Fulton, Jr., belonging to a family of progressive farmers for many years closely connected with the agricultural development of Jefferson county, Iowa, is one of the successful young farmers in this vicinity and is doing his share towards perpetuating the reputation established by his father and grandfather before him. He was born on the farm where he now resides, on section 15, Des Moines township, on January 7, 1873. He was the son of Joseph W. and Sarah E. (Minear) Fulton. His father, descended from Scotch-Irish ancestry, was a native of Delaware county, Ohio; his mother was of German origin and was born near Chillicothe, Ohio. Joseph W. Fulton, Sr., came to Jefferson county, Iowa, in 1843, accompanying his parents who settled one mile west of Fairfield. In 1858, after his marriage, he removed to Des Moines township, where he operated a farm until 1888 then returning to the farm one mile west of Fairfield. There he spent the remaining years of his life, living in comfort and traveling whenever he felt so inclined. He was a man of energy and initiative and had had many interesting experiences in his lifetime. From 1850 to 1866 he carried the mail on horseback between Fairfield and Bloomfield, during which time he had a number of hairbreadth escapes especially at the time of the high water in 1851. In 1853 and 1854 he had charge of a party of government officials who were making a tour of Kan-

sas and Nebraska for the purpose of ascertaining detailed and accurate information regarding the Indian situation. He also had the distinction of being one of the original promoters of the Iowa State Fair at Fairfield. At the first state fair he exhibited a collection of Iowa and Jefferson county agricultural products which he personally owned, composed chiefly of grains and grasses. In 1875 he sold this exhibit to the state of Iowa for two hundred dollars and received a commission from the state to show this collection at the exposition of 1876 at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

The grandfather of Joseph W. Fulton, Jr., was also very progressive in advancing the agricultural interests of Iowa. His name, Alexander Fulton, was well known throughout the state to which he had come with the early pioneers. He had a celebrated truck garden and exhibited specimens of his fine vegetables at the Iowa State Fair in the years when that institution, which he helped to found, was still in its infancy. At one of the early fairs, held at Keokuk, he won a prize for milch cows the interesting fact being that he drove the herd himself from Fairfield to the exhibit.

Joseph W. Fulton had a common-school education at the district schools near his home and later had the advantage of part of a year at Parsons College at Fairfield, Iowa. After his marriage he lived on the home farm and rented land from his father. In the fall of 1899 he went to Fairfield and for three and a half years was in the employ of the Loudon Manufacturing Company. He then entered the hardware business in Fairfield but in 1907 returned to farming. Several years previously, in 1904, he had purchased the old home place of one hundred and sixty acres and in 1907 removed to this farm where he has been living since that time. He is engaged in general farming and in raising and selling stock, and has been very prosperous during the past four years in this work.

In the Fulton family there were seven brothers and sisters. The oldest child died in infancy. The others are: Charles J. of Fairfield, the editor of this history; Will A., living on section 15, Des Moines township, Jefferson county, whose sketch appears on another page of this volume; T. L., of Fairfield; Albert M., a physician of Thomas City, Oklahoma; Joseph W., Jr.; and Lila, the wife of J. J. Morrissey of Ottumwa, Iowa.

Joseph W. Fulton was united in the bonds of matrimony to Miss Mary Donahay, on September 27, 1893. Her parents were George W. and Sarah Donahay. The former is now deceased, while the latter is a resident of Kansas. To Mr. and Mrs. Fulton were born four children as follows: Ruth, Joseph Warren, Albert M., and Helen Cecelia, all of whom are living at home.

In politics Mr. Fulton is a progressive republican, voting according to his convictions rather for the man than the party. He is a member of the

school board of district No. 8, of Des Moines township. He worships in the Mt. Zion Methodist Episcopal church, of Des Moines township, in which his wife and two oldest children are also members. Fraternally he is connected with the Knights of Pythias of Libertyville, Iowa. In all his varied relations in his business affairs and his social life Mr. Fulton has maintained strict adherence to moral and ethical principles which he has made the guiding rule of his life and thereby has won the respect and warm regard of all who know him.

MAHLON HESTON.

Mahlon Heston, who devoted his attention to general agricultural pursuits throughout his entire business career, was operating a farm of sixty acres in Penn township when called to his final rest, in September, 1901. His birth occurred in Jefferson county, Iowa, in April, 1847, his parents being Mahlon and Ann (Hockett) Heston, both of whom were natives of Ohio. The father came to this county at an early day, entered a tract of land and improved and cultivated the same for several years. Subsequently he took up his abode near Oskaloosa, Iowa, there carrying on his farming interests until he passed away.

Mahlon Heston, Jr., was reared and educated in Oskaloosa and remained on the home farm with his parents until their demise. He then disposed of the property and removed to Nebraska, in which state he purchased and improved a homestead and carried on agricultural pursuits for twelve years. On the expiration of that period he sold his farm and came to Jefferson county, Iowa, purchasing sixty acres of land in Penn township, in the further cultivation and improvement of which he was busily engaged throughout the remainder of his life.

On the 18th of February, 1879, Mr. Heston was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Hodson, a daughter of James F. and Rhoda (Talbert) Hodson, both of whom were natives of Ohio. James F. Hodson, who was but a small child when he came to Jefferson county with his parents, here obtained his education. As soon as old enough he learned the blacksmith's trade, following that occupation throughout his active business career. He also owned a small farm but employed others to do the active work of the fields. He passed away in March, 1893, having long survived his wife, whose demise occurred in September, 1855. Mr. and Mrs. Heston had no children of their own but reared two boys, Frank and Edmund, who are still with their adopted mother.