

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Sprague, Damon Noble Senator _____

Represented Des Moines and Louisa Counties, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 21 March 1832 Epeter, near Cooperstown, New York

2. Marriage (s) date place
Mary D. Bett 25 June 1863 Louisa County, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Admitted to the NY bar Sept 1854

B. Civic responsibilities Done of the American Revolution

C. Profession Lawyer; land owner

4. Church membership Episcopal

5. Sessions served 7th General Assembly 1858

6. Public Offices

A. Local District attorney for 12 years 1870-1882

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 12 Aug 1902 Richfield Springs, New York, buried Hopeville Cemetery, Hopeville, Iowa

8. Children Helen (died at age 4 1/2)

9. Names of parents Dr. James S. and Prudence (Noble) Sprague

Sprague, Damon Otho

10. Education He was educated in the common schools in his neighborhood of Gales, New York.

11. Degrees He attended Hartwick Seminary, near Cooperstown, New York; he attended Delaware Collegiate Institute but did not graduate.

12. Other applicable information Democrat

- At age 17, he began teaching school to help pay his way through college
- He studied law in the office of Spencer and Herman at Utica, New York for 3 years.
- After being admitted to the bar he came to Iowa in April of 1855 practicing at Hopell, Iowa in Louisa County.
- In 1856 he formed a partnership with Coland John Bird until 1860.
- He was unable to collect in the Civil War because of an injury received at age 12.
- His wife, Mary, died 29 Oct 1899.
- He moved to Keokuk, Iowa in 1872 where he practiced his profession until 1886. He then returned to Hopell, Iowa

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HEAD SEVERED FROM BODY.

John Stewart, Aged 86 Years, Horribly Mangled Near Muscatine by M. N. & S. Train.

John Stewart, aged 86, a well-to-do man residing at Fruitland, was struck and instantly killed Saturday morning about 7 o'clock in the south part of Muscatine by an incoming engine on the M., N. & S. railroad. He was walking to the city and did not hear the engine which was being brought to town from the round house. The engineer did not see him as two box cars were being pushed by the engine. The man on the head-end saw Stewart, but expected him to get off the track until it was too close when he signaled for the engineer to stop. The engine was reversed and steam applied, but too late as the man was struck, fell back and the cars ran over him. He became entangled in the trucks of the engine and was dragged for some distance. One wheel passed directly over his breast, severing the head and shoulders from the trunk and horribly mangling the entire body.

Stewart was a member of the first surveying corps that came to survey Iowa when it was yet a territory. He then went farther west and helped in the government survey of several western states. He leaves no relatives.

Prohibition Ticket.

The prohibitionists of the county held their convention Tuesday on the chautauqua grounds in Columbus Junction, and nominated the following ticket:

For Clerk, Chas. Blanchard, of Wapello.

For Recorder, Chas. Wickertsheimer, of Morning Sun.

For Auditor, Robert Moore, of Columbus Junction.

HON. D. N. SPRAGUE DEAD.

Passes Away at Richfield Springs, New York — Was an Old Settler Here and Member of Bar Since 1855—Body Will be Brought Here.

This community was shocked Wednesday morning when word was received that Hon. Damon Noble Sprague who was visiting in New York state had died at Richfield Springs Tuesday night. Mr. Sprague left Wapello about two weeks ago to visit once more the scene of his boyhood days. His health had been fast failing, but his friends in Wapello did not realize the end was so near, and the news of his death came as a severe shock to the entire community. The telegraphic message yesterday morning contained no particulars as to the length of his sickness or anything concerning his death, but was a mere statement of it.

A second telegram came last night in response to word to send the body here, stating that it had been shipped yesterday evening. If no delay is occasioned it will arrive in Wapello some time tonight. Definite arrangements have not been made as to the time of the funeral, but in all probability it will be held Friday afternoon in the Presbyterian church in this city. Rev. R. C. McIlwain, of St. John Protestant Episcopal church, of Keokuk, of which the deceased was a member, will conduct the services.

Mr. Sprague was born on the 21st of March, 1832, near Cooperstown, Otsego county, New York and was the son of Dr. Jenks S. and Prudia (Noble) Sprague. He was educated at Hartwich Seminary, and at Delaware Collegiate Institute, of New York. He entered upon the study of law in the office of Spencer & Kernan, of Utica,

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Wilson's Creek.

Last Sunday was the forty-first anniversary of the battle of Wilson's Creek Missouri, which was fought Aug. 10. 1891. It was in that battle that the first Iowa regiment was engaged. Two companies of that regiment were from Muscatine. The first Iowa regiment lost at Wilson's Creek as follows: Killed 12; wounded 128; missing 4; total, 154. The total union losses for the day were as follows: Killed, 223; wounded, 721; missing, 291; total, 1,235. The total losses on the Union side were somewhat less than the losses in the second day's fight in Cuba, when San Juan Hill was taken, General Lyon's men numbered 3,700 and before the battle ended he was engaged in fighting Price's entire army of 23,000 men. The battle began at day light. The army had marched throughout the night before and slept on its arms. The engagement lasted five ours and the army reached Springfield again at 5 p. m.

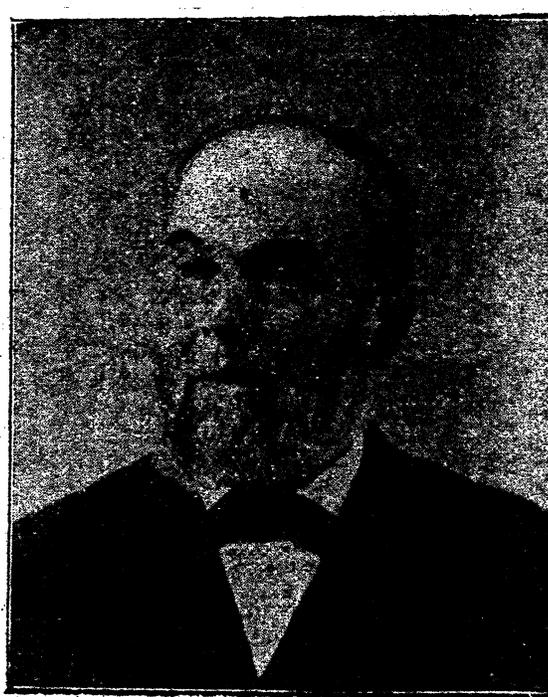
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who were among the most prominent jurists of the great state of New York, and who had the honor of acting in a like capacity for the Hon. Roscoe Conkling. Mr. Sprague was admitted to the bar in September, 1851, and like many another newly-fledged eastern lawyer of those days, sought the west as a field for future operations. He came to Wapello April 1, 1855, and entered upon the practice of his profession. The year following he formed a law partnership with Col. John Bird, which connection continued until 1860. Mr. Sprague was elected a Representative to the Lower House of the Iowa legislature, Eleventh General Assembly, during 1867 and 1868, and served on important committees. In 1870 he was elected district attorney when the district comprised four counties, was re-elected and served twelve years in all.

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H. A. PLITT,
Book Dealer.

WAPELLO, IOWA, July 14, 1902.

R. G. HAWKINS,
WAPELLO, IOWA,
DEAR SIR:—In reply to your letter, will say that I have purchased the Tunison's Atlas and deem it a great addition to my library. It is filled with many important facts and useful knowledge of the World's history.

Yours truly,
H. O. WEAVER.

A good Atlas is an indispensable reference work, and should be in every home. I have carefully examined Tunison's Atlas and believe that it fills a long felt want. It is comparatively inexpensive, but full and complete in every respect.

CHAS. WALLACE,
Co. Supt. of Schools.

EDITOR REPUBLICAN:—As geography is now considered an essential branch in the education of children a good Atlas is indispensable in the family in order to teach this branch. I consider the easiest, the most pleasing as well as most practical way to teach geography is to look up the places named in the news items of our daily and weekly papers. Tunison's Atlas of the world is admirably fitted to fill this want.

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In politics Mr. Sprague always acted with the democratic party. When the civil war broke out, like all true democrats who believed in preserving the union and the constitution, he took a prompt and decided stand in support of the government, and was the first to make a war speech on the public square of Wapello on that trying occasion. As he did not believe that the constitution of the United States "was leagued with hell and a covenant of the devil," and was not in favor of "letting the wayward sisters go in peace," he took strong grounds in favor of prompt and stringent measures to put down armed resistance to the laws. His whole course during the war was consistent with the purest patriotism and highest public spirit. As a lawyer he was well up in his profession, and after nearly a half century's practice in Iowa, won a foremost place among the leading members of the bar.

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Mrs. M. A. McDill and son, Chalmer, left last Thursday for College Corner, Ohio, to attend a reunion of the McDill family today and visit relatives.

Miss Minnie Shipman, of Narka, Ia., is here to attend the wedding and visit relatives. She is accompanied by her nephew, Tommy Sanford.

Mrs. H. Howey gave a kitchen shower last Friday evening in honor of Miss Aida Weber. They had a fine time, and she received lots of kitchen utensils.

Two engines on the M. N. & S. collided in Muscatine Tuesday night. The breakage of an air brake and a few steam pipes was the amount of the damage sustained.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Weber, of near Bard, left last evening for a month's visit in the west. They will visit Mrs. Story in Buffalo county, Neb., before returning.

Phil. Wiederrecht, of Jefferson township, raised 6 tons and 1,028 pounds of sweet corn on four-fifths of an acre. He is not the only one who is making money raising sweet corn.

The canning factory was running Friday and Saturday. The corn is an excellent quality and a big pack is looked for if the farmers can get into their fields to gather the corn.

M. E. Church Notes.

Services next Sunday, August 24. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m., and preaching at 10:30 a. m. At the close of which the ordnance of baptism will be administered and probationers received into full membership.

Junior League at 2:30 p. m.

Epworth League at 7 p. m.

Preaching at 8:00 p. m.

A cordial invitation to all.

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Advertised Letters.

The following letters remain unclaimed at the post office:

- Mrs. Elma Kline. Geo. Randolph.
- M. E. Turner. Mrs. Maggie Richardson
- Mrs. L. Kelly P. D. Jacks.
- Erwen Green C. D. Williams
- I. E. Doeschler Jesse Collister

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G. W. Schofield, government crop reporter, who is equipped with a rain gauge, reports the rainfall for Sunday night as 2.86 inches. He says the rainfall thus far this month is 8.79 inches, an unprecedented rainfall.

The small grain in the shock is about all ruined and very little of it will be worth threshing. The rains have followed so closely that it has been impossible to get any threshing done.

Ball and Bat.

We will give a ball and bat with each purchase of a boy's suit of clothes at our store. RUTHENBERG BROS.

Mr. Sprague's Funeral.

The remains of the late D. N. Sprague arrived Friday morning from Richfield Springs, N. Y. They were met at the depot by friends and taken to the home of W. S. Isett, where they reposed until the hour of the funeral and an opportunity was given friends to take a last look at the departed.

The funeral services were held from the Presbyterian church at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, conducted by his nephew, Rev. Chas. Cummings, of the Episcopal church of Belvidere, Ill., who read the burial service of the church and offered prayer. The Presbyterian choir, furnished the music and Miss Matthews and Edw. Bechley rendered solos. The remains were laid to rest in Wapello cemetery beside those of his lamented wife and daughter.

The obseques were quite well attended, but many who wished to attend were prevented by not knowing the time of the funeral.

Mrs. Mary Cummins, a sister of the deceased residing at Waseca, Minn., and her son, Damon C. Cummings, of the same place, attended the funeral.

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HON. D. N. SPRAGUE DEAD.

Nestor of Louisa County Bar Passes
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 York, Tuesday Night.

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 Was District Attorney of Old First Judi-
 cial District Twelve Consecutive
 Years.

Hon. Damon Noble Sprague, died at Richfield Springs, Otsego county, New York, August 12th, A. D. 1902. Mr. Sprague had been in failing health for some months and had gone to the place of his birth and early childhood in hopes of regaining strength and health. He left Wapello on Monday, the 4th inst. and after visiting friends and relatives at points on the way east, arrived at the Springs on Friday of last week. On the Sunday following he wrote friends in Wapello that he was well and expected to stay there some days and be benefitted by the waters of that resort. On Tuesday he died.

Mr. Sprague was the son of Dr. Jenks S. Sprague and Prudence Noble Sprague and was born at Exeter, New York, March 21st, 1832. He was educated in the classics and sciences in his native state and entered upon the study of the law in the offices of Spencer & Kernan of Utica, New York. In this place he was often associated with the leading men of New York and the nation.

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The war department modelling the old Sp Manilla and it is the Phillipine coinage ma circulation before the present year.

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In the dark days of the rebellion, Mr. Sprague was a strong Unionist, loyal to his country and one of the leading men of Wapello in support of the government at that time. He was a member of the society of the Sons of the American Revolution, of which society he was elected president February 1900. He was a member of the Episcopal church. June 25th, 1863, he was united in marriage with Miss Mary O. Isett of Wapello. One child was born to them. Little Helen died at the age of four and one-half years. Mrs. Sprague died at their home in Wapello in October 1899.

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CONGRESSIONAL NOMINEES.

The Republicans of the Second District Choose W. H. Hoffman of Muscatine as Their Standard Bearer.

J. E. CRAIG SELECTED BY DEMOCRATS

The Democrats of the First District Met in Convention in Burlington Wednesday and Nominate Hon. J. E. Craig.

The republicans of the second congressional district have nominated Hon. William H. Hoffman of Muscatine as their standard bearer for congress. Mr. Hoffman is a man of ability and force of character, one who will be devoted to the interests of his constituency and always be found loyally laboring to advance them. As an "old time Louisa county boy" our people will watch the campaign with additional interest and hope for his ultimate success. Every republican of the district should rally to his support.

The democratic convention of the first district of Iowa nominated Hon. John E. Craig of Keokuk as their candidate for congress. Mr. Craig is a gentleman of mature years, of excellent character and extended experience in legislative matters, and capable in all that is required of a legislator.

THE DEDICATION CEREMONIES.

Exercises Marking the Completion of the Great Live Stock Pavilion on State Fair Grounds.

Monday, August 25th, has been selected as the date for the dedication ceremonies marking the completion of the finest building yet erected on the state fair grounds, and one of the finest buildings of its kind in America.

Below is the program for the dedication ceremonies which will be held in the pavilion sharply at 1 o'clock, on Monday, August 25th:

THE LAST SAD RITES.

The Funeral Services of the Hon. D. N. Sprague Were Held Last Friday.

The funeral services of Hon. D. N. Sprague were held at the Presbyterian church on Friday 15th inst., conducted by Rev. C. A. Cumming, of Belvidere, Ill., who is a nephew of Mr. Sprague.

The attendance from other counties of the old first judicial district was not as large as it would have been had there been greater certainty in the time of arrival of the body from Richfield Springs, New York. Many letters from friends in every part of the old district were received, all testifying to the worth of Mr. Sprague as a man, a citizen and lawyer.

The pall bearers were Messrs. L. A. Reiley, Fred Courts, Oscar Hale, Arthur Springer, E. M. Warner and W. H. Colton.

The members of the local bar held a meeting at the office of Hale & Hale to give expression of their views upon the life, character and labor of their co-worker in the administration of the law. The meeting was well attended and the following memorial unanimously adopted:

"Whereas, after a long residence among the people of this community and many years of devoted practice at the bar of this judicial district and in other parts of the states, having served in office ably and faithfully in the legislature of the state and as district attorney of this district, acceptably to the people and with honor and credit to himself. Hon. Damon Noble Sprague has at the age of seventy years laid down the burden of life, and has gone to join his loved ones, his wife and daughter, for whom his affection during life and his grief at their loss was such as can be felt only by those of the tenderest feelings and as we were long most intimately associated with him as co-workers in the administration of the law and had more than the ordinary opportunity to observe and know his loyalty to his clients and friends and to law and good govern-

THE CITIZEN

Tuesday Night and Places Full

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The republicans of the second congressional district have nominated Hon. William H. Hoffman of Muscatine as their standard bearer for congress. Mr. Hoffman is a man of ability and force of character, one who will be devoted to the interests of his constituency and always be found loyally laboring to advance them. As an "old time Louisa county boy" our people will watch the campaign with additional interest and hope for his ultimate success. Every republican of the district should rally to his support.

The democratic convention of the first district of Iowa nominated Hon. John E. Craig of Keokuk as their candidate for congress. Mr. Craig is a gentleman of mature years, of excellent character and extended experience in legislative matters, and capable in all that is required of a legislator.

THE DEDICATION CEREMONIES.

Exercises Marking the Completion of the Great Live Stock Pavilion on State Fair Grounds.

Monday, August 25th, has been selected as the date for the dedication ceremonies marking the completion of the finest building yet erected on the state fair grounds; and one of the finest buildings of its kind in America.

Below is the program for the dedication ceremonies which will be held in the pavilion sharply at 1 o'clock, on Monday, August 25th:

PROGRAM.

- Presiding offices.... Hon. J. C. Frasier
Overture—"Light Cavalry"..... Suppe
Girl's Orchestra from Mitchellville Industrial School.
Invocation..... Rev. F. J. VanHorn
Chorus—Gavotte "Water Lilies"..... Karl Linders
Girls from Mitchellville Industrial School.
Presentation of Pavilion on behalf of State of Iowa..... Gov. Cummins
Dedication and presentation to state board of agriculture.....

there been greater certainty in the time of arrival of the body from Richfield Springs, New York. Many letters from friends in every part of the old district were received, all testifying to the worth of Mr. Sprague as a man, a citizen and lawyer.

The pall bearers were Messrs. L. A. Reiley, Fred Courts, Oscar Hale, Arthur Springer, E. M. Warner and W. H. Colton.

The members of the local bar held a meeting at the office of Hale & Hale to give expression of their views upon the life, character and labor of their co-worker in the administration of the law. The meeting was well attended and the following memorial unanimously adopted:

"Whereas, after a long residence among the people of this community and many years of devoted practice at the bar of this judicial district and in other parts of the states, having served in office ably and faithfully in the legislature of the state and as district attorney of this district, acceptably to the people and with honor and credit to himself. Hon. Damon Noble Sprague has at the age of seventy years laid down the burden of life, and has gone to join his loved ones, his wife and daughter, for whom his affection during life and his grief at their loss was such as can be felt only by those of the tenderest feelings and as we were long most intimately associated with him as co-workers in the administration of the law and had more than the ordinary opportunity to observe and know his loyalty to his clients and friends and to law and good government, therefore

We hereby give such expression as we can to the loss that we, as well as the community have endured. And we take this opportunity of expressing to his relatives our sympathy with them. And we request that a copy hereof be presented to the district court of this county, with a request that it be spread upon the minutes of the court proceedings, as a memorial of our regret." JOHN HALE, Chairman.

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Recollections and Sketches of Notable Lawyers and Public Men of Early Iowa

Belonging to the First and Second
Generations, with Anecdotes and
Incidents Illustrative of the Times

By

EDWARD H. STILES

For many years a member of the Iowa Bar; member of its House of Representatives, 1863-1864; member of its Senate, 1865-1866; Reporter of its Supreme Court, 1867-1875; author of Complete Digest of its Decisions from the earliest Territorial period to the 56th Iowa Reports.

"In old age alone we are masters of a treasure of which we cannot be deprived, the only treasure we can call our own. The pleasures of memory and the retrospect of the varied images which in an active life have floated before the mind, compensate, and more than compensate, for the alternate pleasures and cares of active life."—SIR ARCHIBALD ALLISON.

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In 1869 he was again elected to the State Senate and served in the Thirteenth and Fourteenth General Assemblies. That his legal abilities were considered of a high order was shown by his appointment as Chairman of the Judiciary Committee. He introduced the bill which became a law regulating the taxation of railroad property. In his eight years of service in the Senate, he contributed largely in shaping the legislation of the State and the future of her institutions.

Mr. Hurley died in the prime of life, in 1884. He had attained a high standing at the bar and became favorably known to the lawyers throughout the State. He and John Hale were for a number of years partners, built up a large practice and the firm was considered one of the strongest in the district.

John Hale, who has been referred to as a partner of Mr. Hurley, was a native of Greene County, Ohio. He came with his father's family when a lad, to Louisa County, in 1839. His education was not liberal, but by reading and observation, he greatly made up for what he lacked in that direction. While a young man, he was elected Clerk of the District Court, and was re-elected several times to the same office. This delayed his entering upon the practice of his profession until comparatively late in life, but he soon attained the rank of being one of the best lawyers in the County. He is said to have had a large amount of common sense and a naturally legal mind. His long experience as Clerk of the Court was advantageous, he had formed a wide acquaintance with the people, and they had perfect confidence in both his ability and integrity.

Lewis A. Reiley became a member of the Louisa County Bar and entered upon the practice at Wapello about 1870. He had received a liberal education in eastern institutions. He was a graduate of Troy College, New York, and afterward pursued a classical course of two years at Knox College. Before his admission to the bar, he had been a teacher, and was for two years County Superintendent of schools. He gained the reputation of being a good lawyer and built up a respectable practice. He was a man of varied accomplishments and learning.

Damon N. Sprague, I knew personally. He was a most agreeable gentleman. He was very companionable and very pleasing. He was, in fact, a general favorite among his acquaintances. He was also a lawyer of high repute in that part of the State. He died in 1902. He had been a widely practicing lawyer in southeastern Iowa for forty-five years. He represented Des Moines and Louisa County in the Seventh General Assembly. In 1870 he was elected District Attorney of the Burlington District and ably served in that capacity for four years. He removed from Wapello to Burlington, but at what date, I am unable to say. He was born at Cooperstown, New York, in 1832, and died at Richland Springs in that State. His remains were brought to Wapello for interment.

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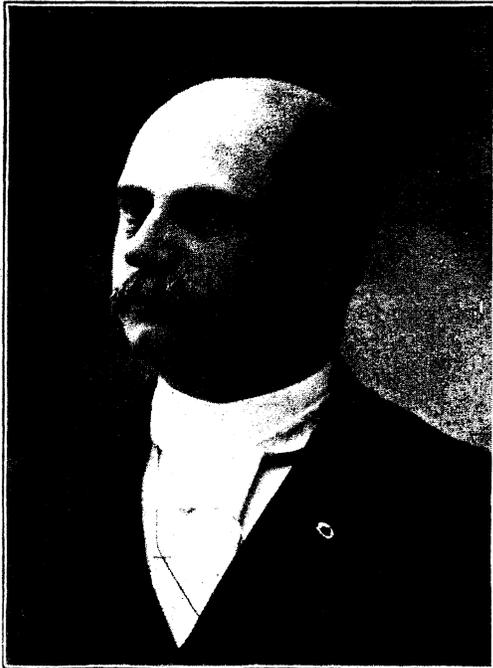
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30, 1850. He entered Lawrence University at Appleton, Wisconsin, at the age of eighteen, spent one year in the preparatory department and then took the full four years' classical course, graduating with the highest honors of his class in 1874. During his junior year at this institution he won the president's prize for excellence in English composition.

For one year following graduation he was principal of the public schools at Oconto, Wisconsin. During the summer and fall of 1875 he was on the editorial staff of a Milwaukee newspaper, then went to Minneap-



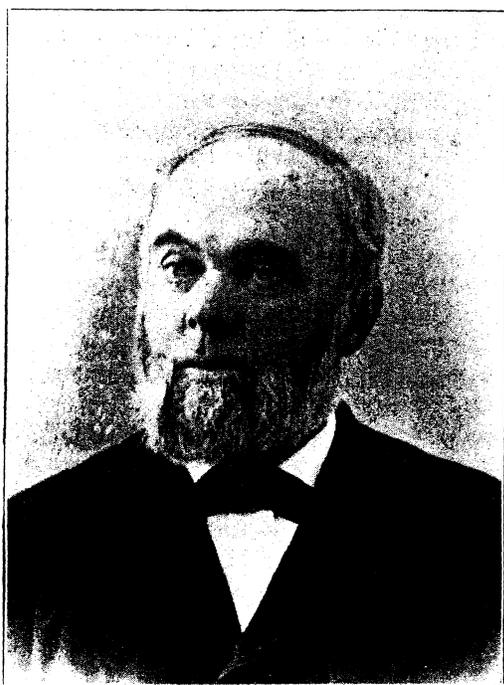
olis, Minnesota, where he edited and published "The Citizen" until the spring of 1878. The Citizen was a weekly family paper of general circulation throughout the state. In April, 1878, he began the study of law in the office of Montgomery & Scott at Council Bluffs, and in January, 1879, was admitted to the bar, since which time he has been in the general practice. He was a member of the firm of Stone & Sims from November, 1886, to the summer of 1890, the firm being composed of Hon. John Y. Stone and himself, at which time he formed a partnership with C. G. Saunders, which continued until the fall of 1892, when Mr.

Saunders was succeeded by W. E. Bainbridge, the firm continuing under the name of Sims & Bainbridge. Mr. Sims has a most excellent standing in the profession, gained by honorable methods before the bar, courteous and fair treatment of his brother lawyers, diligence in his studies and faithful attention to his business. He is strong and clear in argument before court or jury and has no superior as a trial lawyer in Western Iowa. He affiliates with the republican party, and, though an enthusiastic worker, has never held political office. Because of his experience and well-known fitness he was elected to a place on the school board of Council Bluffs in March, 1897. He is a Mason and member of the Iowa State Bar Association; member of the Broadway Methodist Episcopal church and superintendent of the Sunday school of that denomination in his home city. On January 11, 1887, Mr. Sims was united in marriage with Miss Anna H. Squire, who prior thereto was a successful teacher for a number of years in the Council Bluffs high school. Mrs. Sims is a daughter of the late Daniel Squire of Ottumwa, Iowa, who died in February, 1890. Mrs. Sims was born and educated in Rockford, Illinois. Her mother is still a resident of Ottumwa. Mr. and Mrs. Sims have five children: James Daniel, Mariana, Katharine, Marjorie and John Alan Sims.

James Sims, the father of this subject, is a native of England, coming to this country in 1845. For thirty-six years he was a member of the Wisconsin and West Wisconsin Methodist conferences. He came to Council Bluffs in 1890 to be near some of his children, and is still engaged in the ministry. His wife before marriage was Ann Harris. She also is a native of England, but came to this country in 1847. She is still living. Her eldest brother, John Harris, made quite a name for himself as a writer in England, winning at one time the Shakspeare prize offered by Queen Victoria. Mr. and Mrs. Sims celebrated their golden wedding at Council Bluffs, June 24, 1897.

SPRAGUE, DAMON NOBLE, of Wapello, is one of the oldest attorneys in Iowa, having practiced in the state since 1855, now over forty-six years. He has a wide repu-

tation as a thorough student and a most convincing speaker. His ancestors were of the Puritanic type, and settled in Rhode Island early in the eighteenth century. Many of them took part in the Colonial and Revolutionary wars, one losing his life at the battle of Bunker Hill. Mr. Sprague's father, Jenks S. Sprague, was a physician of high rank. At one time he was president of the New York State Medical Association, and he belonged to the national association and other similar organizations. Mr. Sprague's mother, Prudence Noble, was the daughter of a merchant. Dr. Sprague died in 1879 at



the age of seventy-eight years, and his wife in 1880, aged seventy-eight years.

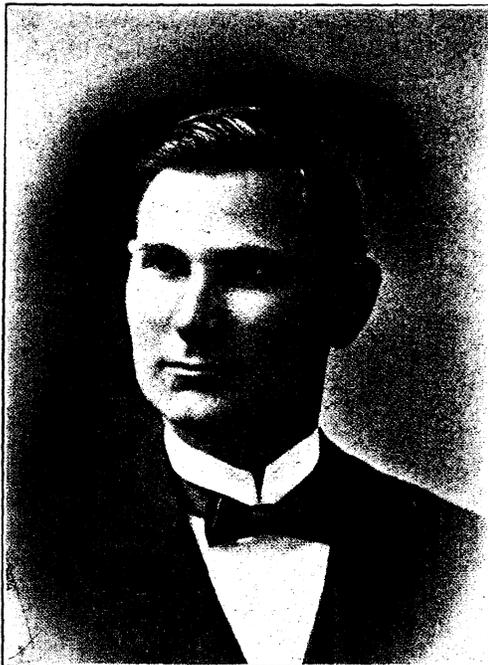
D. N. Sprague was born March 21, 1832, at Exeter, a few miles from Cooperstown, New York. He grew up in the midst of the delightful scenery of that section of the country, among rustic pastimes, fishing and swimming in the beautiful Schuyler Lake. He attended the common schools, where he mastered the old Colburn arithmetic, which taught him to think, as well as to "cipher." At seventeen he began teaching school and boarding around with his scholars, thus helping to pay his way through college and acquire practical knowledge. He attended

Hartwick Seminary, situated in the beautiful Susquehanna valley, four miles south of Cooperstown, and the Delaware Collegiate Institute, securing a good understanding of the classics and of mathematics, although he did not remain at either institution long enough to graduate. He began the study of law in the office of Spencer & Kernan at Utica, New York, enjoying the use of their valuable library, as well as their direction and advice. In this way he was also associated with the great statesman, Roscoe Conkling. Francis Kernan, the junior member of the firm, was afterwards United States senator and was one of New York's ablest statesmen. After reading law about three years Mr. Sprague was admitted to practice in New York in September, 1854, and in April of the following year came to Iowa, locating at Wapello in Louisa county. In 1856 he formed a law partnership with Col. John Bird, which continued until 1860. Mr. Sprague was elected representative from his district to the Seventh General Assembly in 1857, serving on many important committees. He was elected district attorney in 1870, when the district included four counties, and held the office for twelve consecutive years, making his home at Keokuk from 1872 to 1886, since which time he has lived in Wapello, his former home. During his long service as a practitioner Mr. Sprague has tried many important cases, including twenty or thirty murder cases for the state, and since the abolition of the office of district attorney has successfully defended in many criminal cases. He has always been a hard worker, and still continues to practice, although he now finds time for some recreation, his favorite being that of vegetable and flower gardening. He also owns and looks after two valuable farms near Wapello, one of forty acres and the other of one hundred and twenty.

Mr. Sprague has always been a democrat in politics, but was a strong unionist during the Civil War, and was one of the leading men of his community in support of the government at that time. He was unable to enlist as a soldier, on account of an injury received when he was about twelve years old. Mr. Sprague is a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, of which

he was elected president February 21, 1900, and belongs to the Episcopal church. He was married June 25, 1863, to Miss Mary O. Isett. They have had one child, Helen, who died at the age of four and a half years.

TAYLOR, HENRY J., of Sioux City, was born at Blue Mounds, Wisconsin, April 8, 1855. His parents, Thomas Taylor and Elizabeth Taylor, nee Grills, have lived for more than thirty years at Black Earth, Wisconsin. They came to America from Pen-



zance, England, nearly fifty years ago. The father is a practical geologist and miner, and has held important official positions in the silver-lead mines of Middletown, Connecticut, the lead mines of Southern Wisconsin, the copper mines of Northern Michigan and the silver-lead mines of Mexico. Among his personal friends have been such geologists as Percival, Hitchcock and Dana.

Henry J. Taylor received his common school education at Black Earth, Wisconsin, where he lived the ordinary life of the farmer's boy. At the age of seventeen he entered the University of Wisconsin, within the sight of whose dome he was born. While at college he was a member and at one time

president of the Athenaeum society. He represented this literary society in public debates, and prominently and successfully in the 1878 joint debate with the Hesperian society. He also represented his university in the intercollegiate oratorical contest in 1878. In June of the same year he was graduated with first honors from the ancient classical course of the University of Wisconsin, receiving the degree of A. B. In 1878-9 he was an instructor in his alma mater, being first chosen as an instructor in oratory, and later, from choice, became an instructor in Latin and Greek, during which time he also studied law. In 1879 he entered the law department of this same university, from which in 1880 he was again graduated with the degree of LL. B. From 1882 to 1885 he was county superintendent of schools of the western district of Dane County, Wisconsin, during which time he conducted teachers' institutes, was upon the program of the State Teachers' Association, and by his teachers was honored with a life membership in the National Educational Association. In 1884 he completed a special course of study in Greek, for which he received from his alma mater the degree of A. M.

In 1885 he located at Sioux City, Iowa, as an attorney at law, where he has ever since remained. Having received special training in oratory and having aptitude in that line, he first introduced himself in his new Iowa home by public speaking. This was due to a statement of his friend, General Lucius Fairchild, who, visiting in Sioux City at that time, publicly complimented Mr. Taylor's political speeches made in Wisconsin. This compliment brought Mr. Taylor invitations for political speaking in Iowa, and in almost every state and national campaign he has made political speeches under the direction of the republican state central committee. He has frequently addressed G. A. R. camp fires, in which gatherings he takes special delight.

In 1886 he became a member of the law firm of Hubbard, Spalding & Taylor, which in 1890 became Spalding & Taylor, in 1893, Spalding, Taylor & Burgess, and in 1896, Taylor & Burgess. Mr. Taylor has an active, large and lucrative practice in both state and federal courts, including the supreme court



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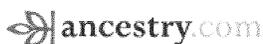
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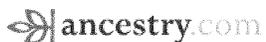
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Marital Status:	Married	
Census Date:	1885	
Residence State:	Iowa	
Residence County:	Lee	
Locality:	Keokuk	
Roll:	IA1885_218	
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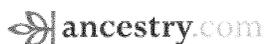
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Name:	Damon Spragues	
Home in 1880:	Keokuk, Lee, Iowa	
Age:	48	
Estimated birth year:	abt 1832	
Birthplace:	New York	
Relation to Head of Household:	Self (Head)	
Spouse's name:	Mary	
Father's birthplace:	New York	
Mother's birthplace:	New York	
Neighbors:	View others on page	
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Gender:	Male	
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	Damon Spragues	48
	Mary Spragues	39
	Mary Dillon	30

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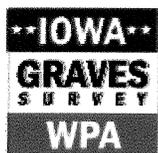
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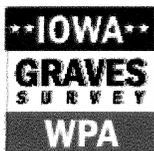
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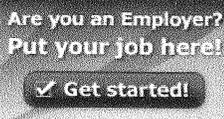
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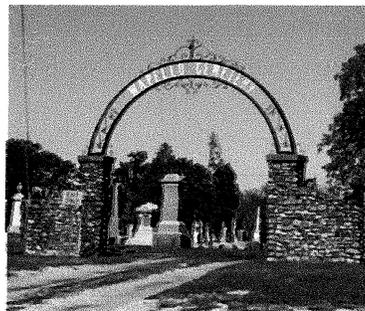
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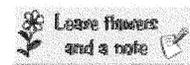
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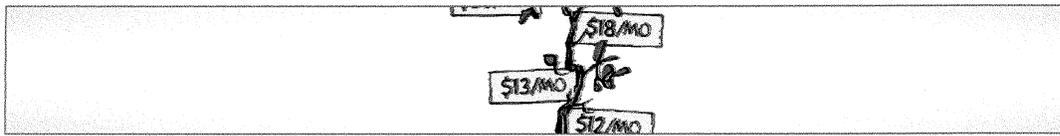
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