

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative _____ Senator Hoolson,

Sharon Webb - Represented Henry County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 28 Oct 1811 Bethlehem, Grafton County, New Hampshire

2. Marriage (s) date place
 (1) Clarissa Simson 1 Sept 1836 Ironville, Erie County, New York
 (2) Anna Carney 26 June 1865

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business He was admitted to the bar in Buffalo, New York; partner of the
Pack in Ironville, New York;

B. Civic responsibilities _____

C. Profession Lawyer; mercantile business; land commissioner;
tailor business; blacksmith; wood-worker, clerk; bookkeeper; owner of shingle
factory

4. Church membership Methodist Episcopal

5. Sessions served 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th General Assemblies 1862, 1864
1866, 1868

6. Public Offices

A. Local Member of the Board of Supervisors for Ironville, New York; member of the
Board of Justices for the town. President of the Henry County Fair. Schools
of Mount Pleasant, member of Mt. Pleasant city council

B. State _____

C. National Delegate to the Republican Convention which nominated Grant
Wymore, S. District for President

7. Death 8 Nov 1872 Mount Pleasant, Iowa; buried Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa

8. Children ^{by 1st wife} Mary Augusta; Frances; John Simson; Clara;
Lydia Simson; by 2^d wife - James Leigh

9. Names of parents Elijah Knight and Rebekah (Batesellor) Hoolson

10. Education

Due to poverty of parents, he was "bound out" as a "school boy" to a physician so he could have some education.

11. Degrees

12. Other applicable information

Democrat, later Republican

- He moved while young with his family to Lawrence County, New York.
- He taught school for several terms there.
- 1835 he moved to Ironawanda, New York where he was in the mercantile business.
- Studied law in Buffalo, New York and admitted to the bar in Buffalo.
- 1856 he moved to Mount Pleasant
- After being "bound out" to the physician he was apprenticed to his brother to learn the jewelry trade and later learned the tailor trade.
- First wife, Clarissa, died 1 Mar 1862
- He was the father of John Simon Woolson, who was very important in Henry County and the State of Iowa
- He died of cholera

Sources Log For Legislation Entries

Applicability

Source	Non Applicable	Applicable	Information obtained
- Obituary			The Mount Pleasant Journal, Mount Pleasant, Iowa, Fri. Nov. 15, 1872, p. 2, col. 3
- Obituary			The Henry County Press, Mount Pleasant, Iowa, Fri. Nov. 15, 1872, p. 2, col. 4
- History of Henry County			1879, p. 405, 408, 411, 511, 530, 588, 660, 665
- Recollections and Sketches by Stiles			1916, p. 673
- Portland Biographical Album of Henry County			Iowa 1888, p. 327, 442, 443, 439, 449
- findagrave.com			(accessed 15 Sep 2009)
- rootsweb.com			(accessed 13 Sep 2009)
- familysearch.org			(accessed 13 Sep 2009)
- Iowa State Records WPA - Henry County			from

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INTO THE VALLEY.

Death of Hon. T. W. Woolson.

A heavy gloom was thrown over this city last Friday by the announcement of the sudden and unexpected death of Hon. T. W. Woolson. Had the announcement of this sad news come after a protracted spell of sickness it would have caused the deepest sorrow, but the awful suddenness of the blow which removed from our midst one of our best men and citizens, caused it to be felt with all its crushing effect. Mr. Woolson had been engaged at work in his office during Thursday morning. A short time before noon he complained of feeling unwell, and on his way home to dinner he stopped at the drug store and procured some medicine. About 3 o'clock that afternoon he grew worse and from that time he sunk rapidly away until Death came and gently closed his eyes in the last long sleep. He grew very weak, and although conscious until within a short time before his death he was unable to talk. When the last moment came there was, apparently, no struggle, and those who stood around his bed-side say they never saw a more calm and peaceful death. Mrs. Woolson, who had been spending a few weeks in Michigan, arrived at home the night before her husband's death, and she with Mr. John S. Woolson and little Leigh were the only members of Mr. Woolson's family present at the time of his decease. The sudden death of Mr. Woolson, as we have already remarked, threw a heavy gloom upon our people. As a citizen he was respected and admired by all who knew him. There were no better men in Iowa than T. W. Woolson. This was the universal testimony of his friends and neighbors. All that was manly and noble in character he possessed, and his

they mourn was so universally loved and respected by his fellow men.

ACTION OF THE BAR.

The members of the Mt. Pleasant Bar met at the office of the Clerk of the Court the day following the death of Mr. Woolson. Judge Palmer was called to the chair and W. I. Babb made Secretary. H. Ambler, L. G. Palmer and John P. Grantham were appointed a committee to draft resolutions expressive of the feelings of the Bar upon the death of Mr. Woolson.

ACTION OF THE COURT.

District Court convened on Monday morning. Mr. Henry Ambler announced the death of Mr. Woolson, and His Honor, Judge Tracy, ordered Court adjourned until 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. At this time Court again convened, when Mr. Henry Ambler, chairman of the committee on resolutions, reported the following

RESOLUTIONS.

WHEREAS, The Hon. Theron W. Woolson since the year 1856 a member of this Bar, departed this life, at his residence, in this city, on the 8th inst., and upon the announcement of his death, the members of the Bar convened on the 9th inst., at the office of the Clerk of this Court, and on motion resolved to attend the funeral in a body, and also appointed H. Ambler, L. G. Palmer and John P. Grantham a committee to prepare resolutions to be presented to the Court, and with its approval to be spread upon its Records, as an enduring evidence of the esteem in which the deceased was held by the profession of which he was a distinguished member: and

WHEREAS, Upon the 10th inst. the Bar, and officers of the Court in pursuance of its action did attend said funeral, and on the meeting of the Court on this day, (Nov. 10, 1872,) it being the first day of the term, the said death is suggested and also a statement made of the action that had been taken by the Bar, and a motion made that the Court appoint a committee to prepare such record, and that thereupon the Court adjourn until such time as to it would seem most expedient for the presentation of such report.

Thereupon the committee appointed by the Bar was directed to make such report, and to present the same on the coming in of the Court on to-morrow, at 4 o'clock P. M. to which time the Court adjourned.

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- John Whiting other column.
- A new brick erected on East M Howe's Academy.
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- Buy a season

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As a citizen he was respected and admired by all who knew him. There were no better men in Iowa than T. W. Woolson. This was the universal testimony of his friends and neighbors. All that was manly and noble in character he possessed, and his every day life was that of a man whose every act was dictated by a pure heart and conscientious motives. Whether in public life or in the practice of his profession he was the same straightforward, honorable and upright man—squaring his actions by the "golden rule," and moving ahead in that urbane and polite manner which was one of his marked characteristics, winning his way into the hearts of all with whom he came in contact. He held various official positions by the gift of his fellow-men and no trust of the people was ever betrayed by him. In the discharge of official duties he acted with that same manly honor which characterized all his private dealings, and the high esteem in which he was held by those associated with him in public life gave evidence of the worth of the man. As a member of the legal profession he stood in the front rank. He gained this honorable position by hard and laborious work and held it the same way. No client's interest ever suffered in his hands, and in his practice he did no little thing, but only succeeded by the most honorable course; ever watchful of the rights of those who had entrusted their business with him, but ever mindful of the rights of others. As a citizen outside of his official and professional work he was genial, warm-hearted and pleasant, treating all with that warm-hearted frankness which made for him so many friends and which gathered around him as he lay in his coffin last Sabbath so many who mourned his death. In whatever position he was placed he was found to be a *man* in every sense of the word. But to know all that there was good of this man one had to know him in his home. It was here that he impressed all who met him with his true worth. The heart which was always warm and kind to all with whom he came in daily contact was

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LEOR G. PALMER,) Committee.
JOHN P. GRANTHAM,)
Ordered by the Court that the foregoing Resolutions and accompanying paper be spread upon the records of the Court, and that Henry Ambler, Esq., be requested to procure copies thereof and present the same to the Circuit Court of this County and to the Supreme Court of this State.
J. Tracy,
District Judge.
Upon the above resolutions appropriate remarks were made by H. Ambler, L. G. Palmer, G. B. Corkhill, F. Sample, W. I. Babb, John P. Grantham, R. Ambler, T. A. Bereman, P. N. Bowman, T. W. Newman and Edwin Van Cise. The resolutions were then adopted, the members of the Bar rising to their feet. Below we give
JUDGE TRACY'S REMARKS.
GENTLEMEN OF THE BAR.—The resolutions just read commemorative of the death of our friend and professional brother express in appropriate terms the many estimable traits of character he possessed. They also fittingly express the great grief and heartfelt sorrow experienced by his family and the community at large, at the loss of one whose place at home, in society and in this Court cannot be filled. His character for strict professional integrity, honesty of purpose and courteous deportment, was such as to endear him to every one who became intimately acquainted with him. To those of us who have been so intimately associated with him for the

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husband and kind-hearted father never
blessed earth with his presence, and no
happier family scenes were ever pictured
than those furnished under the roof of
Mr. Woolson's house. As husband and
father he was all that wife or children
could ask, and the grief which weighs
like lead upon the hearts of these afflicted
friends is only known to those who have
passed through the same deep waters.

We have succeeded in gathering some
items of interest in the life of the man
whose death we mourn: Theron W.
Woolson was born at Bethlehem, N. H.,
Oct. 28, 1812, died at Mt. Pleasant, Iowa,
Nov. 8th, 1872, aged 61 years 11 days.
While yet young, his father removed to
St. Lawrence county, N. Y., where he
taught school various terms. In 1835 he
removed to the village of Tonawanda,
N. Y., where he engaged in the mercan-
tile business. Here, for some years, he
was engaged in the study and practice of
law, having been admitted to the bar in
the city of Buffalo, N. Y. For many
years he served as member from this
village of the Board of Supervisors of the
county, and also served as Chairman of
the Board. For some time he was Presi-
dent of the village Board of Trustees,
and also served as one of the Loan Com-
missioners for his county.

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and his administration will be remem-
bered by many of our citizens, the city

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To those of us who have been so inti-
mately associated with him for the last
sixteen years in the practice of the legal
profession these traits of character of our
departed friend will serve to guide us upon
our professional pathway, and, it may be
hoped, will lead us to that point of true
worth and greatness which he occupied
when he ceased to be one among us.

It is worthy of remark, upon this solemn
occasion, that although our deceased friend
possessed a nervous, sensitive cast of
temperament, and that in the practice of
his profession, he was always ardently
devoted to his clients cause, yet no matter
how close the contest or heated the dis-
cussion in which he was engaged, he never
so far forgot the true character of the
professional gentleman as to be guilty of
applying to his opponent unkind words or
opprobrious epithets—and his conduct
toward the Court in the management and
argument of his causes was always equally
commendable.

By the death of Theron W. Woolson,
society has lost an honored, valuable mem-
ber, the State an able legislator, the church
of which he was a member a true christian,
the legal profession an able advocate, and
his bereaved family a kind hearted and
devoted husband and father.

With mournful pleasure it is ordered
that the resolutions presented be spread
upon the records of this Court, and as a
further token of respect to the memory of
our departed friend, it is ordered that this
Court do now adjourn.

THE First Annual Contest between the
Philomathean and Hamline Literary So-
cieties, will be held in College Chapel,
Friday evening, Nov. 15th, 1872.

PROGRAMME:

MUSIC. PRAYER. MUSIC.
Oration—"America Prophetically."

H. J. Cone.

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Oration—"The Inner World."

E. A. Robinson.

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Debate—"Should Capital Punishment be
Abolished?"

Aff., W. F. McFarland, C. B. Woodhead.

Neg., E. B. Randall, N. F. Terry.

Judges—Dr. C. Pearson, Rev. W. Cole,
Prof. H. Ambler.

The Conflict to begin promptly at 7:30.

Dick Harvey,

Cor. Sec'y. P. L. S.

Geo. T. Wheeler,

Cor. Sec'y. H. L. S.

DIED.—Anna Lindsey, aged 72 years 3
months and 17 days, in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa,
Oct. 2d, 1872.

She was born in Burlington, Ohio, April
15th, 1800, married John Lindsey April 9th,
1823. At the age of fifteen years she was
converted and joined the M. E. Church, of
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large (Union) School Building. He was
Mayor of our city for a number of years,
and his administration will be remem-
bered by many of our citizens, the city
council being checkmated effectually by
him in its attempt to pass—in the face of
an overwhelming popular vote against it
—an ordinance licensing billiard tables.
He was for some years city solicitor.—
He was the first chairman of the Board
of Supervisors of this county, and a
member of the Board for some years. In
1862 he was elected to the State Senate
from this county, holding this position
eight years, and throughout the war, of
which he was by voice, pen and purse,
a determined, effective supporter. In
the Senate he was a leading member,
serving on its most important committees
and holding, by vote of that body, the
responsible position of its President pro
tem. About 1848 he connected himself
with the M. E. Church, of which he con-
tinued a member until his transfer to the
church triumphant.

These are a few of the items of interest
in the life of Mr. Woolson, a life of use-
fulness and honor, and the loss of such a
man will not easily be supplied. To the
grief-stricken relatives we join with this
entire community in offering sympathy.
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remainder of her life, fifty-seven years.
For nearly half a century her home was
the home of the minister and friends of the
Church in the West. But she has gone to
her "long-sought rest," there to wait the
arrival of her husband, sisters, five chil-
dren, grand-children, and many friends,
who will sadly mourn her loss, yet still
may profit by her Christian example.

I. N. RHODES.

DENTAL NOTICE.—D. W. Averill M. D.,
D. D. S., firm of Averill Brothers, Ottum-
wa, Iowa, will visit Mt. Pleasant on the 8th
of November, and remain 8 days. The Dr.
can be found at the Harlan House. Teeth
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LOST.—A hand-box containing a black
velvet bonnet and two boy's caps. Were
lost betwixt the public square and Wesley
Chapel. The finder will please leave them
at this office.

Just received a fine lot of Ladie's Foxed
Button Shoes, which will be sold very low.
At the Boston Boot & Shoe Store.

Velvet top Button and Lace Shoes for
Ladies and Misses. At Boston Boot & Shoe
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Freight..... 9:07, A. M.
Bluffs Freight..... 3:40, P. M.
Express..... 9:55, A. M.
Express..... 8:45, P. M.

GOING EAST.
City Express..... 3:42, A. M.
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City Freight..... 7:15, A. M.
City Freight..... 8:42, A. M.
City Express..... 9:07, A. M.

PLEASANT POST OFFICE.

Office hours 7 a m to 8 p m.

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE OF MAILS.

WEST.
Arrives 9:55 A. M. Arrives 7:17 P. M.
Closes 8:45 P. M. Closes 2 P. M.
Arrives 10 A. M. closes 2 P. M.
Hall and Trenton Tri Weekly leaves
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and arrives at 6 p m same days.
Field Tri Weekly, leaves Tuesday
at 12 m same days.
and Swedeburg Semi Weekly,
Wednesdays and Saturday at 1 p
arrives at 12 m same days.
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arriving on the 28th.
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"Trade Palace" store is now
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Pickel is now in Salt Lake.—
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Pleasant Lodge No. 8, F. and A.
this (Friday) night.

B. A. Wright is in town. He is
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Henry county democrats have ap-
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Pennington went over to
election day and purchased a
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Dennett, formerly pastor of
this city, is now located in
California.

Pleasant has one of the best tele-
phone on the McIntosh truck

A PEEP AT THE GRAND JURY.

Who They Are, Where They Are From
And How Long They Have
Been Here.

The Grand Jury now in session is
composed of twelve of our most estim-
able and worthy citizens, and several of
them are among the oldest residents of
Henry county. Thinking it might prove
interesting, we give below the names of
the jurors, their age, the place of their
nativity and the length of time each has
been in Iowa.

Daniel Campbell is the Foreman, and
fifty years have rolled away since he
first winked his mischievous eyes on the
soil of the Buckeye State, and he has
resided in Iowa just one decade.

L. L. Beery scores 59 in years. He
also is from Ohio, and has been a resi-
dent of Iowa for 29 years.

Jacob Houseman is 57 years of age,
is a native of Pennsylvania, and has
breathed the pure air of Iowa for 30
years.

J. T. Serviss commenced life 53 years
ago in New York, and came to Iowa
16 years ago.

Jonathan Votaw is 57; hails from
Hooislerdom, and is a Hawkeye of 24
years standing.

Peter Melcher is 44; was born in
Germany, and has been in Iowa 20
years.

B. B. Allender has enjoyed life for
56 years; hails from Maryland, and has
been a citizen of this State for a third
of a century.

John Becker is a 53 years older, and
came here from New York 7 years ago.

Samuel Maddock is 54; was born in
Ohio, and has resided in Iowa 32 years.

A. McClure has passed 56 mile posts
in life's journey; started out in Tennes-
see, and has been stopping in Iowa for
22 years.

Henry Swan's head has received the
snows of 68 winters. He came from
Virginia, and has been in Iowa 35 years.

Daniel Turney is 56; a native of
Ohio, and has been a resident of Iowa
29 years.

Jackson Allen has fought the battle
of life for 67 years; was born in Vir-
ginia, and has been in Iowa 28 years.

Joseph W. Fisher is 40 years of age;
was born in New Jersey, and has been
a resident of this State for five years.

A. Goan, Clerk of the Jury, is 46
years of age. He first saw the light of
day in the good old Republican State of
Pennsylvania, and has lived in Iowa for
21 years.

New Maps.—Some months since
through the advice and counsel of our
county auditor, O. H. Snyder, the Board
of Supervisors authorized the drafting
of a map of Mt. Pleasant, which Mr.
G. C. Van Allen has just completed,
embracing the original plat, additions,
and surrounding out-lots, wherein all
small parcels of land in and adjoining
the city are numbered as out-lots which
heretofore have had very indefinite de-
scription, both for conveyance and taxa-
tion, and hereafter these parcels will be
taxed as numbered on the map.

He is also finishing a similar map of
New London, in which all those pieces
of land known and taxed as a part of
the Northwest quarter of section twenty-
five, are numbered. This arrangement
will be appreciated by those owning
land in the city, and will be a great ad-
vantage heretofore experienced by the tax
payer and treasurer in locating such

INTO THE VALLEY.

Death of Hon. T. W. Woolson.

A heavy gloom was thrown over this
city last Friday by the announcement of
the sudden and unexpected death of Hon.
T. W. Woolson. Had the announce-
ment of this sad news come after a pro-
tracted spell of sickness it would have
caused the deepest sorrow, but the awful
suddenness of the blow which removed
from our midst one of our best men and
citizens, caused it to be felt with all its
crushing effect. Mr. Woolson had been
engaged at work in his office during
Thursday morning. A short time before
noon he complained of feeling unwell,
and on his way home to dinner he
stopped at the drug store and procured
some medicine. About 3 o'clock that
afternoon he grew worse and from that
time he sunk rapidly away until Death
came and gently closed his eyes in the
last long sleep. He grew very weak,
and although conscious until within a
short time before his death he was unable
to talk. When the last moment came
there was, apparently, no struggle, and
those who stood around his bed-side say
they never saw a more calm and peace-
ful death. Mrs. Woolson, who had been
spending a few weeks in Michigan,
arrived at home the night before her
husband's death, and she with Mr. John
S. Woolson and little Leigh were the
only members of Mr. Woolson's family
present at the time of his decease. The
sudden death of Mr. Woolson, as we
have already remarked, threw a heavy
gloom upon our people. As a citizen he
was respected and admired by all who
knew him. There were no better men
in Iowa than T. W. Woolson. This was
the universal testimony of his friends
and neighbors. All that was manly and
noble in character he possessed, and his
every day life was that of a man whose
every act was dictated by a pure heart
and conscientious motives. Whether in
public life or in the practice of his pro-
fession he was the same straightforward,
honorable and upright man—squaring
his actions by the "golden rule," and
moving ahead in that urbane and polite
manner which was one of his marked
characteristics, winning his way into the
hearts of all with whom he came in con-
tact. He held various official positions
by the gift of his fellow-men and no trust
of the people was ever betrayed by him.
In the discharge of official duties he acted
with that same manly honor which
characterized all his private dealings,
and the high esteem in which he was
held by those associated with him in
public life gave evidence of the
worth of the man. As a member of the
legal profession he stood in the front
rank. He gained this honorable position
by hard and laborious work and held it
the same way. No client's interest ever
suffered in his hands, and in his practice
he did no little thing, but only succeeded
by the most honorable course; ever
watchful of the rights of those who had
entrusted their business with him, but
ever mindful of the rights of others. As
a citizen outside of his official and pro-
fessional work he was genial, warm-
hearted and pleasant, treating all with
that warm-hearted frankness which made
for him so many friends and which
gathered around him as he lay in his
couch last Sabbath so many who mourned
his death. In whatever position he was

they mourn was so universally loved and
respected by his fellow men.

ACTION OF THE BAR.

The members of the Mt. Pleasant Bar
met at the office of the Clerk of the Court
the day following the death of Mr.
Woolson. Judge Palmer was called to
the chair and W. L. Babb made Secretary.
H. Ambler, L. G. Palmer and John P.
Grantham were appointed a committee
to draft resolutions expressive of the
feelings of the Bar upon the death of Mr.
Woolson.

ACTION OF THE COURT.

District Court convened on Monday
morning. Mr. Henry Ambler announced
the death of Mr. Woolson, and His
Honor, Judge Tracy, ordered Court
adjourned until 4 o'clock Tuesday after-
noon. At this time Court again con-
vened, when Mr. Henry Ambler, chair-
man of the committee on resolutions, re-
ported the following.

RESOLUTIONS.

WHEREAS, The Hon. Theron W. Wool-
son since the year 1856 a member of this
Bar, departed this life, at his residence, in
this city, on the 8th inst., and upon the
announcement of his death, the members
of the Bar, convened on the 9th inst., at the
office of the Clerk of this Court, and on
motion resolved to attend the funeral in a
body, and also appointed H. Ambler, L. G.
Palmer and John P. Grantham a com-
mittee to prepare resolutions to be present-
ed to the Court, and with its approval to be
spread upon its Records, as an enduring
evidence of the esteem in which the
deceased was held by the profession of
which he was a distinguished member; and
WHEREAS, Upon the 10th inst. the Bar,
and officers of the Court in pursuance of its
action did attend said funeral, and on the
meeting of the Court on this day, (Nov. 10,
1872,) it being the first day of the term, the
said death is suggested and also a state-
ment made of the action that had been
taken by the Bar, and a motion made that
the Court appoint a committee to prepare
such record, and that thereupon the Court
adjourn until such time as to it would seem
most expedient for the presentation of
such report.

Thereupon the committee appointed by
the Bar was directed to make such report,
and to present the same on the coming in
of the Court on to-morrow, at 4 o'clock P.
M. to which time the Court adjourned.—
Now in pursuance of said appointment,
your committee present the foregoing,
together with the accompanying Resolu-
tions:

Resolved, That in the death of our
worthy professional Brother, the Bar has
lost one of its worthiest members, the com-
munity one of its most trusted citizens,
the family of the deceased, a faithful,
tender, affectionate and provident husband
and father.

Resolved, That we will cherish in fond
and living remembrance his many virtues,
both public and private, and tender to the
different members of the family our sincere
testimony of his worth, and assure them of
our sympathy and condolence in their
affliction.

Resolved, That as a testimonial of the
esteem in which we held the deceased, the
proceedings of the meeting appointing
your committee, together with the forego-
ing be entered of record in this
Court, and a copy thereof transmitted to
the Circuit Court of this county, the Su-
preme Court of the State, and the widow
and relatives of the deceased.

HENRY AMBLER,
LEONOR G. PALMER,
JOHN P. GRANTHAM.) Committee.

Ordered by the Court that the foregoing
Resolutions and accompanying paper be
spread upon the records of the Court; and
that Henry Ambler, Esq., be requested to
procure copies thereof and present the
same to the Circuit Court of this County,
and to the Supreme Court of this State.

J. TRACY,
District Judge.

Upon the above resolutions appropri-
ate remarks were made by H. Ambler,
L. G. Palmer, G. B. Corkhill, F. Sample,
W. L. Babb, John P. Grantham, R.
Ambler, T. A. Bareman, P. N. Bowman,
T. W. Newman and Edwin Van Cise.
The resolutions were then adopted, the
members of the Bar rising to their feet.
Below we give

JUDGE TRACY'S REMARKS.

GENTLEMEN OF THE BAR.—The resolu-
tions just read commend themselves to the
heart of every man of professional brother ex-
press in appropriate terms the many
estimable traits of character he possessed.
They also fittingly express the great grief
and sorrow which the death of this

LOCALITY.

We Did it With Our

—Holiday goods at
—Literary content
—Hampton is in K
right laid.
—Can't we have so
entertainment for the
—Benben Eschelman
dow improves his ste
—The city council
log the cemetery.
cruel enough to this
enough to need a gra
—Glad to hear that
at Salem, in the m
dition.
—W. B. Sellen, a
from Burlington is a
—We are a great
wearing new hats
Gracely friends, you
—Old December
on the trail of Au
Wednesday in each
as to cannot the cold
the back-bone of h
—U. S. Marshal
—Jim Green has
life. He will now
reader of the JOURNAL
Let us all hope for t
—John Whiting t
other column.
—A new brick
erected on East Mc
Howe's Academy.
—Are you spons
this paper? If so,
the JOURNAL offic
once.
—Buy a season t
course.
—Hervy Crane
and improving his
—Now that the
close every busines
himself with "Stat
which we print at
—Don't you thi
better town if w
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churches and colle
—Robt. Wilson
consin pierces.
—The moon is
the gas company.
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er than that most
pany's meter.
—One of the is
will come up this
of Farr es. With
allow his "liberal"
for less than fif
damages, and Jel
will be damaged
ducats."
—Rev. Cowles,
out on an endowm
—Don't think
down until you ha
tisenments.
—A handsome
erected in front of
—It is finally di
county democracy
of the liberal tape-
—The place to g
Moines, Iowa, nice
type, good presen
ment.

...has one of the best...
...on the lightning's track...
...is A. B. Hall.

...wants the Press office rooster...
...banking but Edwin thinks...
...giving to be thankful for.

...re, formerly of the 97th Ohio...
...of Philadelphia, is visiting...
...ides near Trenton.

...as turned his eagle over...
...Dougherty and it now streams...
...on the top of D's building.

...four towman, S. T. Trimble...
...ate, on the Republican ticket...
...one of the Louisiana districts.

...these Magic Oil, prepared by...
...Bird & Co., is coming into...
...a valuable Rheumatic Liniment.

...Alnaga Expectorant is without...
...Cough Syrup now offered...
...It is for sale at the Drug...

...ishing to subscribe for Peter...
...can get it at club rates by...
...names with W. T. Johnson,

...red that we are to have a...
...and that J. Billings will...
...what he knows about "The...

...ard of the Press office, the...
...of that paper during the...
...the printing business and...

...has removed his family...
...State. We are sorry to...
...people from our city. Hope...

...Brooks, formerly of this...
...Liberal candidate for Gover...
...and he was washed into the...

...which the Press offers as a...
...libers is supposed to be...
..."organ" of the late...

...Its an imitation of a...

...onging to Cole Bros. fell in...
...remises of Robt. Cole one...
...Help was called and the...

...on out and was as well as...
...ed under the circumstances.

...family returns its best...
...Geo. Steele for a bountiful...
...quail and squirrel. Mr.

...erack shot and when he...
...It is certain death to what...

...kill, while in Des Moines a...
...purchased a monkey and...
...The managers of the...

...have engaged it for the com...
...book out for an improvement...

...ing which came off in Wash...
...reek, the Jenkins of the...
...ground seeing how the wo...

...ed. He says: "Mrs. W...
...was elegantly dressed in...

...ised that the managers of...
...road who are generally...
...matters of enterprise along...

...peralist in using kerosene...
...when we have the best gas in...
...rkins, give us more light...

...GATE CITY tips its hat...
...Pleasant: "Geo. W...
...head of Grant and the...

...the seat of education and...
...It honors itself by thus...

...In season this item is in...
...ating society, & deemed the...
...wrong to cheat a lawyer?

...ation and mature delibera...
...was: "Not wrong, but...
...ay for the trouble."

...payer and treasurer in locating such...
...tracts will be avoided. Great credit is...
...due Mr. Van Allen and his efficient...
...assistant, Mr. Hoyt, for their labors in...
...overcoming the difficulties attending the...
...arrangement of such a map, such as...
...harmonizing indefinite instruments and...
...surveys. The map will be in custody...
...of the county Auditor, where all persons...
...will have the opportunity of finding out...
...just where they live. In point of work-...
...manship this map would do credit to...
...any civil engineer.

DIED.—Noah H. Sutton, at the residence...
...of his parents in this city, Oct. 16th, 1872...
...in the 20th year of his age.

His disease was consumption, under...
...which he lingered six months after retir-...
...ing from all business. He bore his suffer-...
...ings patiently, and was generally cheerful.

He united with the M. E. Church on...
...probation in Feb. 1868, under the pastoral...
...labors of Rev. W. Dennett, and was receiv-...
...ed into full connection Aug. 9th, of the...
...same year.

He passed away quietly to his rest as...
...the shades of night gathered around, say-...
...ing his trust was in Jesus as the only savior.

All that faithful, unrelenting care could do...
...to alleviate pain and prolong life was lov-...
...ingly performed by a devoted Mother and...
...faithful Sisters. They mourn, but not...
...without hope.

The family would express their highest...
...obligations to the many friends and...
...neighbors, who did so much to cheer them...
...in their days of trial and sorrow. May...
...they also enjoy the blessing of Him who...
...says "weep with them that weep."

J. H.

There is a jolly and accommodating lot...
...of fellows at the depot now and we like to...
...drop in and see them. Spalding, the...
...agent, understands his business, and Van...
...Vranken and Bartholomew, the operators...
...are clever young men. Our people are...
...indebted to Mr. Van Vranken for the first...
...news of the Boston fire, and we are, per-...
...sonally, under obligations to him for favors...
...extended and hereby present our thanks.

—Again we have laid on our table...
...by C. H. Whiting, who is still receiving the...
...latest sheet music, the following pieces:

"Kittles Polka," "May Blossoms Revere,"
"Oh, Give me a Home in the South,"
—J. S. Peters, Music Publisher, N York.

—Mrs. Bergholtz returned to her...
...home in Lawrence, Kansas, on Tuesday...
...evening. We are glad to hear that Mr...
...and Mrs. B. have found such a pleasant...
...home. We trust Rufus will meet with that...
...success which his merits so justly entitle...
...him.

—Prof. George, formerly of this city...
...writes us from Napa City, California, to...
...send him the JOURNAL, says he "can't keep...
...house without it." The Professor is...
...Principal of a College located at Napa.

—Sunday of last week Mr. and Mrs. W...
...J. Parker buried their little daughter, Ida...
...who died of Croup. She was a bright little...
...girl and her loss is a heavy blow upon our...
...friends, to whom we extend our sympathy.

—Men who promised us words on sub-...
...scription, "If they would live" had better...
...bring it in pretty soon, else we publish...
...their obituary notices.

—Drew Wright reports that he is doing...
...finely at Barlingame. Glad to hear it and...
...hope he will prove the Wright man in the...
...right place.

—The freight train going west on Tue-...
...day afternoon run into some horses, two...
...miles this side of Fairfield, killing three of...
...the animals and mauling three more.

—Will our good Mayor please communi-...
...cate to the people of this city, through...
...these columns, what protection we have...
...from fire. Have we any?

—L. G. Palmer is the senior member of...
...the Mt. Pleasant bar.

Zephyrus 25 came in once at Shen Wan-...
...wick & Co.

...his death. In whatever position he was...
...placed he was found to be a man in...
...every sense of the word. But to know...
...all that there was good of this man one...
...had to know him in his home. It was...
...here that he impressed all who met him...
...with his true worth. The heart which...
...was always warm and kind to all with...
...whom he came in daily contact was...
...warmer and kinder when in the midst of...
...his own family. A more devoted...
...husband and kind-hearted father never...
...blessed earth with his presence, and no...
...happier family scenes were ever pictured...
...than those furnished under the roof of...
...Mr. Woolson's house. As husband and...
...father he was all that wife or children...
...could ask, and the grief which weighs...
...like lead upon the hearts of these afflicted...
...friends is only known to those who have...
...passed through the same deep waters.

We have succeeded in gathering some...
...items of interest in the life of the man...
...whose death we mourn: Theron W...
...Woolson was born at Bethlehem, N. H.,...
...Oct. 28, 1812, died at Mt. Pleasant, Iowa...
...Nov. 8th, 1872, aged 61 years 11 days.

While yet young, his father removed to...
...St. Lawrence county, N. Y., where he...
...taught school various terms. In 1835 he...
...removed to the village of Tonawanda...
...N. Y., where he engaged in the mercan-...
...tile business. Here, for some years, he...
...was engaged in the study and practice of...
...law, having been admitted to the bar in...
...the city of Buffalo, N. Y. For many...
...years he served as member from this...
...village of the Board of Supervisors of the...
...county, and also served as Chairman of...
...the Board. For some time he was Presi-...
...dent of the village Board of Trustees...
...and also served as one of the Loan Com-...
...missioners for his county.

In 1856 he removed to Mt. Pleasant...
...Iowa, being induced to locate here that...
...his children might enjoy its excellent...
...educational advantages. Here he devoted...
...himself to the exclusive practice of law.

He was always greatly interested in...
...education. For sometime he served as...
...President of the Board of Directors of our...
...Public Schools, and was for years a...
...leading member of the Board. To him...
...more perhaps than to any other one...
...citizen, are we indebted for our present...
...large (Union) School Building. He was...
...Mayor of our city for a number of years...
...and his administration will be remem-...
...bered by many of our citizens, the city...
...council being checkmated effectually by...
...him in its attempt to pass in the face of...
...an overwhelming popular vote against it...
...—an ordinance licensing billiard tables.

He was for some years city solicitor...
...He was the first chairman of the Board...
...of Supervisors of this county, and a...
...member of the Board for some years. In...
...1863 he was elected to the State Senate...
...from this county, holding this position...
...eight years, and throughout the war, of...
...which he was by voice, pen and purse...
...a determined, effective supporter. In...
...the Senate he was a leading member...
...serving on its most important committees...
...and holding, by vote of that body, the...
...responsible position of its President pro...
...tem. About 1846 he connected himself...
...with the M. E. Church, of which he con-...
...tinued a member until his transfer to the...
...church triumphant.

These are a few of the items of interest...
...in the life of Mr. Woolson, a life of use-...
...fulness and honor, and the loss of such a...
...man will not easily be supplied. To the...
...grief-stricken relatives we join with this...
...sad community in offering sympathy...
...In their great sorrow they must feel a...
...pleasure in the fact that the one whom...

...estimates traits of character he possessed...
...They also fittingly express the great grief...
...and heartfelt sorrow experienced by his...
...family and the community at large, at the...
...loss of one whose place at home, in society...
...and in this County cannot be filled.

His character for strict professional in-...
...tegrity, honesty of purpose and courteous...
...deportment, was such as to endear him to...
...every one who became intimately acquaint-...
...ed with him.

To those of us who have been so intima-...
...tely associated with him for the last...
...sixteen years in the practice of the legal...
...profession these traits of character of our...
...departed friend will serve to guide us upon...
...our professional pathway, and it may be...
...hoped, will lend us to that point of true...
...worth and greatness which he occupied...
...when he ceased to be one among us.

It is worthy of remark, upon this solemn...
...occasion, that although our deceased friend...
...possessed a nervous, sensitive cast of...
...temperament, and that in the practice of...
...his profession, he was always ardently...
...devoted to his clients cause, yet no matter...
...how close the contest of heated discus-...
...sion in which he was engaged, he never so...
...far forgot the true character of the...
...professional gentleman as to be guilty of...
...applying to his opponent unkind words or...
...obscene epithets, and his conduct toward...
...the Court in the management and argu-...
...ment of his causes was always equally...
...commendable.

By the death of Theron W. Woolson, so-...
...ciety has lost an honored, valuable mem-...
...ber, the State an able legislator, the church...
...of which he was a member a true christian...
...the legal profession an able advocate, and...
...his bereaved family a kind hearted, and...
...devoted husband and father.

With mournful pleasure it is ordered that...
...the resolutions presented, be spread upon...
...the records of this Court, and as a further...
...token of respect to the memory of our...
...departed friend, it is ordered that this...
...Court do now adjourn.

The First Annual Contest between the...
...Philomathean and Hamline Literary So-...
...cieties, will be held in College Chapel...
...Friday evening, Nov. 15th, 1872.

PROGRAMME:

MUSIC. PRAYER. MUSIC.

Orator—"America Prophetically." H. J. Cone.

MUSIC.

Orator—"The Inner World." E. A. Robinson.

MUSIC.

Debate—"Should Capital Punishment be Abolished?"

Aff. W. F. McFarland, C. B. Woodhead. Neg. E. B. Randall, N. F. Terry.

Judges—Dr. C. Pearson, Rev. W. Cole, Prof. H. Ambler.

The Contest to begin promptly at 7:30.

Dick Harvey, Cor. Secy. P. L. S.

Geo. T. Wheeler, Cor. Secy. H. L. S.

DIED.—Anna Lindsey, aged 72 years 3 months and 17 days, in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, Oct. 2d, 1872.

She was born in Burlington, Ohio, April 15th, 1800, married John Lindsey April 9th, 1823. At the age of fifteen years she was converted and joined the M. E. Church, of which she was a faithful member the remainder of her life, fifty-seven years.

For nearly half a century her home was the home of the minister and friends of the Church in the West. But she has gone to her "long-sought rest," there to wait the arrival of her husband, sisters, five children, grand-children, and many friends, who will sadly mourn her loss, yet still may profit by her Christian example.

I. N. Rhodes.

DENTAL NOTICE.—D. W. Averill M. D., D. D. S., firm of Averill Brothers, Ottumwa, Iowa, will visit Mt. Pleasant on the 8th of November, and remain 8 days. The Dr. can be found at the Harlan House. Teeth Extracted. Filled. Artificial ones inserted in the best possible manner. Reference.—Our work.

LOST.—A hand-box containing a black velvet bonnet and two boy's caps. Were lost between the public square and Wesley Chapel. The finder will please leave them at this office.

Just received a fine lot of Ladie's Foxed Button Shoes, which will be sold very low. At the Boston Boot & Shoe Store.

Velvet top Button and Lace Shoes for Ladies and Misses. At Boston Boot & Shoe Store.

Ladie's warm Shoes. Flannel lined alpena. Flannel lined Shoes. With low heels for Old Ladie's. At the Boston Boot & Shoe Store, No. 28, Union Block.

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—We see by the Register that Prof. June, of the college, has been lecturing to the Salem people.

—Our three telegraph operators all voted for Grant, and that's where some of the lightning came from that struck the demi-rep party.

—Under the efficient management of the recently appointed depot police the number of loafers about that place is on the decrease. The Colonel makes 'em stand around.

—Dr. Bassett and his new wife made this port on Tuesday morning.

—Mrs. Davis wants us to say to the lady readers who are not satisfied with the amount of hair that nature has furnished them, that she has just returned from Chicago, whither she went to get the latest styles in hair work, and she is now ready to put a head on you according to the latest style.

—Newman, Hall and Smythe, of Burlington, and the Sampson of Lee county are attending court, looking after the interests of their clients.

—Six divorce cases are docketed for this term of Court. Judge Tracy, we are glad to learn, requires that applicants make a good case before he will consent to untie the matrimonial knot.

—An application is to be made asking the pardon of Buut, who was sent to the penitentiary from this county, at the March term of the District Court.

—Judge Drayer is now holding court in Lee county. The Judge will wear the ermine robes for four years more and, of course, he is happy. Lee carries Lee county by a majority of 1.

—Rev. Power removed his family from Keokuk to this place last week and they are settled in their new home. We trust they will find many friends here who will aid in making their residence among us a pleasant one.

—The Washington folks who came home to vote have returned.

—The B. & M. pay car went west Monday, scattering greenbacks all the road, making glad the hearts of fat pocket-books of the employee.

—14 car loads of stock were shipped east from this point on Tuesday morning.

—Several communications came late for this issue.

—O'Connor got six votes in Lee county.

—Geo. Bartlett has heard from all insurance companies, and they are O. K.

—P. S. This paper won't make good bustle. Too many "chips" in it.

BLISHED ARE THEY WHO REMEMBER—Poor.—We the undersigned ministers of gospel, having learned that our young people of this city, who gave an intellectual entertainment last winter for the benefit of suffering poor, and were the means of securing relief to many destitute and afflicted sons, are ready and willing to devise a similar relief to aid the needy during the proaching winter. We extend to them hearty co-operation in their praiseworthy laudable undertaking and commend them to the generous public.

H. P. MORRISON.
JOS. A. DUGGALL.
I. P. TAYLOR.
W. L. BROWN.
W. R. COLE.
GEO. W. POWERS.
WM. WHEATON.

If you want any thing in the line of luxury goods, fancy articles, children's toys, &c., call on MRS. M. M. CORNELL. You will find them to your hearts content. Nov. 15—3w.

THE PRESS.

MT. PLEASANT, IOWA.

FRIDAY, NOV. 12, 1872.

WIN VAN CISE, Editors.

A quarrel has begun in Illinois over the Senatorship, which it is supposed Trumbull must vacate. Oglesby wants it and so does Washburne, and each is at work.

The October election frauds in Philadelphia are to be investigated. Already, enough have been discovered, it is claimed to unseat Hartranft. Forney's Press is now enlisted in behalf of an impartial examination.

Washington gossips affirm that two of the cabinet appointments for the next term are already agreed upon. Harlan is to have his choice of place, and Langdon, the colored lawyer, is to be Attorney General.

The over-wise business men who promised steadiness in the money market if Grant should be re-elected, will please explain the recent advance in gold, and the general unsteadiness in government and other securities on Wall street since the election.—Is everything lovely as they promised?

Among recent disasters one of the latest is the burning at sea of the steamship Missouri of the New York and Havana Line.—Seventy-six lives were lost, and only twelve saved. Among the lost was Col. Albert S. Evans, the accomplished correspondent of the Chicago Tribune, whose death is a sad blow to western journalism.

Late news from France announces the preparation for the trial of Marshal Bazaine for treason, cowardice and other ugly and unsoldierly things.—Two hundred and forty witnesses have been summoned, and the best of counsel engaged, so a long trial may be anticipated, with a few episodes of interest.

Already a struggle has begun in Massachusetts for the Senatorship made vacant by Wilson's election to the vice-presidency.—Boutwell and Dawes, are mentioned, but it is thought Ben. Butler will distance them both.

Major General George G. Meade, died on Nov. 6, at Philadelphia, at the age of 67. He was a thoroughly educated soldier, having graduated at West Point and served through the Mexican War and our recent Rebellion. He will be remembered as the hero of Gettysburg where his eminent ability for the first time tried in the management of so large a force, achieved so signal a victory. He was a man highly esteemed in private circles, and deservedly popular in the city where he made his

and shoes, hides and leather, wool and dry goods. These wealthy firms, at least in shoes and leather and wool, exercised a controlling influence on the market of their commodities. It is said that not one wholesale boot and shoe or hide and leather store is left; while the wool trade has suffered in an equal degree. Among the prominent buildings destroyed are the National Bank of North America, No. 75 Franklin street, and the National Revere Bank No. 74 Franklin street, the Transcript, Traveler, Globe and Herald printing offices, several hotels and many large and elegant stores. Old South church had a narrow escape.—The new post-office passed through unscathed.

The estimate of losses is yet but a rough one. The first day's dispatches placed it as high as Chicago, but later intelligence fixes the amount at eighty or ninety millions with an insurance of ten or twelve millions. Already generous proffers of aid are pouring in from different parts of the Union.—Chicago taking the lead in her donations, remembering that but a year ago she was so kindly befriended by the city she now hates to assist.

The calamity is a grievous one, and illustrates again the great uncertainty of worldly accumulations. Is there a possibility that these recurring disasters can stimulate the genius of invention to provide any defence? Or is there a possible defense to the demon of fire—a power in mortal's reach that can control and crush? And meanwhile as we ponder these problems let us not forget to cultivate charity, and where we are able, to contribute to the relief of those who by this sudden and overwhelming calamity are homeless and penniless upon the world.

Chicago Correspondence.

CHICAGO, 12th Nov., '72.

The topic most uppermost is the great Boston calamity. That of Chicago, so recent and so unprecedented, naturally disposes this people to an extraordinary sensibility on the subject. Had it occurred on the 5th, half the voting population would have ignored even a Presidential election. You would not believe, without considering the horror, slumbering on such recent memory, re-awakened by the news how deep and absorbing the excitement is. You have seen how \$100,000 was voted out of the relief fund—an amount equal to the whole contribution of Boston to Chicago—besides private subscriptions that will probably collect half as much more. Yet considered as a case for relief, it is no parallel—scarcely an analogy. The relief of the sufferers is a few who went forth homeless, might be richly endowed beyond

to do, viz: as if he were preaching to archangels.

After the Battle.

WHAT THE PAPERS SAY.

It is quite interesting, and in some cases even amusing to look over the papers and see what they say about the recent election. Their tone is so different, some of the Grant press maganimous, some vindictive in their victory; some of the Greeley drawing hopeful lessons for the future and some writing very gloomily about it—while the O'Connor Chicago Times puts on such lofty airs of virtue as not even the Brick Lane Branch of the United Grand Junction Ebenezzer Temperance Association wore the night of Sam Weller's visit. Our readers will find the following among the more interesting:

From the Springfield (Mass.) Republican (Liberal Republican.)

But even in the hours of its first defeat, it is only just to say that the Reform movement itself was not only a logical necessity of our political situation, but one of the most hopeful signs of our political life. Its final triumph is as inevitable as gravitation.

OLD TANNERY THE CAUSE.
From the N. Y. World (Dem.)

It is not Mr. Greeley's nomination at Baltimore, but the previous democratization which rendered such a nomination possible, that has cost us this election. The Democratic party of the United States has met an inglorious defeat in the Presidential election, solely because the World was not properly supported in its vehement onslaught upon the Tweed Ring in the winter of 1870, when the Democratic party had control of the New York Legislature. We warned the party at the time of this very consequence; but our vehement appeals were ineffectual, and the democracy must now eat the bitter fruit.

EVERYTHING LOVELY.

From the New York Commercial Advertiser (Republican.)

The foundations of the republic are now secured. The stability of finance, trade, manufacturing, and production is now made certain. The national prosperity will be unabated. Merchants are no longer fearful because of an apprehended interference with the regular, steady, and safe progress of affairs by the hands of an inexperienced and eccentric doctrinaire.

A NEVERTHELESS.

From the N. Y. Evening Post, (Rep.)

The Republican party is once more, and for the fourth time, installed in power by the will of the people. Its leaders, nevertheless, will make a great mistake if they permit themselves to believe that this popular vote is an absolute approval of all that they have done in the past, and a permission that they shall go on for the next four years pursuing the same course, without a most considerable change.

A VICTORY FOR PROTECTION.

From the Philadelphia Press (Republican.)

With the triumphant re-election of President Grant, supplementing, as it does, the election of a new House of representatives still more largely republican than the last, the principle of protection to American industry is again completely endorsed and its perpetuity secured. Manufacturers need no longer tremble lest their business should be destroyed by an inundation of cheap foreign goods.

AND NOW "WE TOLD YOU SO."

From the Chicago Times (Bourbon.)

The Democratic party organization of the past is dead. It is beyond the hope of resurrection. Nothing that its organic functionaries can do will ever bring it back to life and vigor again. Its elements only exist, disintegrated and dispersed. The only party for public office-seekers, who falsely style themselves "Liberals," it is a thing too utterly contemptible, in the

OBITUARY.

HON. T. W. WOOLSON.

Our community was startled on Friday last to hear of the death of one of its most distinguished citizens, Hon. T. W. Woolson. He had been engaged in professional labor Thursday morning, but feeling ill returned to his home where he was prostrated with a violent attack of Cholera-morbus.—Medical aid was at once called, but he sank rapidly and died on the afternoon of Friday. The funeral occurred Sunday at 2 o'clock from the house, the members of the bar attending as a body and a very large number of our citizens being present to testify their friendship for the deceased and sympathy for the bereaved family. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. A. P. Morrison. A long train of carriages and pedestrians followed the remains to their last resting place in Forest Home Cemetery.

T. W. Woolson was born at Bethlehem, New Hampshire, Oct. 28, 1811.—The extreme poverty of his parents made his early life a continued struggle. Deprived of the advantages of school, he was while yet very young "bought out" as "chose boy" to a physician. Afterward, he was apprenticed to his brother, first as a jeweler, and on his change of vocation, to the trade of tailor. Subsequently, requiring more vigorous employment, he worked at wood-turning. During all this time, he had a ravenous appetite for books, and devoted all his spare time to reading, providing means also whereby he could pursue his studies while employed at his daily toil. Thus while treading at the lathe, he was sowing his lessons, and adding to his stock of knowledge. He had already exhausted the village library, and with the aid of the village clergyman, had made some progress in Latin. Later, he was removed to St. Lawrence county, N. Y., where he taught school several terms. About 1835, he removed to Tonawanda, N. Y., where he engaged in mercantile business, and subsequently in the practice of law, after admission to the bar in the city of Buffalo. He was highly esteemed by his fellow-citizens, and was honored by them with several offices of profit and trust in the county.

In 1856, he removed to Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, and at once devoted himself to the exclusive practice of law. At a very early day he gained the confidence of the people here, and entered heartily with them into every measure that promised to advance the common interest. He was many years connected with our school board, a great part of the time as president, and was mainly instrumental in securing the erection of the Central (Union) School Building. He was mayor of the city for two years, making his service conspicuous in the memorable contest with billiard-saloons, his dexterity and decision defeating the billiard-license ordinance. He also held for some time the position of City Solicitor. In the inauguration of the system of County Supervisors, he served as a member from this city, and was the first chairman of the board. In 1861, he was chosen to represent our county in the State Senate, and was re-elected in 1865. He was an influential member of this body, serving on important committees, and holding the position of president of the Senate. In politics, he was originally a democrat, but his strong anti-slavery instincts led him into the republican

Council Proceedings.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
Nov. 4, 1872.

Regular meeting.
Present.—Trustees McGregor, Tilton, Mc, Strauss, Cooper, Bereman and Clark McCoy.
Mayor Brock in the chair.
The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.
The following claims were presented and allowed:
S Dickey, 1 month's salary and nails, \$ 3 25
E Hawkins, 14 days at St com 26 87
C H Martin, 7 1/2 do do 18 75
Jos' Gore, hauling sand and drayage, 10 00
Gas Company, gas bill for Oct. 162 80
J W Herbert salary and lighting lamps, 66 33
J W Herbert, wood and burying nuisance, 2 00—68 33
W B Clark, 27 days' work on Str. 4 12
J J Carter, 1 do do do 1 50
John Shane, 17 loads stone at 25c 4 25
M White, 7 do do 1 75
Geo Robertson, 5 do @ 60c 3 00
The bill of J A Higgins was presented: For building sidewalk and repairing sewer, 0 00
For services as notice 1 day and night, 5 00—12 00
Trustee Strauss moved that the claim of J A Higgins be allowed.
Trustee Cooper moved to amend by allowing \$9 00 for work on sidewalk and sewer.
The amendment was adopted.
The motion as amended was then adopted.
The claim of Hutton & McAdam for printing, \$19 00, was presented and referred to the committee on claims.
The report of Weighmaster for October was presented with Treasurer's receipt for \$18 25 which was on motion of Trustee Cooper ordered filed.
The report of Street Commissioner Hawkins was presented.
On motion of Trustee Cooper the report was received and the Clerk instructed to draw an order in his favor for \$17 56.
The report of Street Commissioner Matilda was presented, and on motion of Trustee Cooper, the report was received and the Clerk instructed to draw an order in his favor for \$6 08.
Trustee Dugdale appeared and took his seat.
The committee on Public Grounds and Buildings reported in favor of allowing the claim of S Dickey, \$5 00.
On motion of Trustee Bereman the claim was allowed.
Trustee Trites appeared and took his seat in the Council.
The committee on streets and alleys made the following report:
Your committee to whom was referred the petition of N. M. Cowles and others for a sidewalk on the south side of Saunders street from Broadway to White street, report favorably to petitioners.
On motion of Trustee Bereman the report was adopted, and the committee on Ordinance instructed to draw an ordinance in accordance with the report.
The petition of J. T. Woods and others asking the Council to order sidewalk on the east side of Broadway from De Wolf's mill to the north boundary of the city, was presented.
On motion of Trustee Cooper the petition was referred to the committee on streets and alleys.
On motion of Trustee Bereman the committee on streets and alleys was instructed to report all sidewalks needing repair to the Council at its next meeting.

dier, having graduated at West Point, and served through the Mexican War and our recent Rebellion. He will be remembered as the hero of Gettysburg where, his eminent ability for the first time tried in the management of so large a force, achieved a signal victory. He was a highly esteemed in private circles, and deservedly popular in the city where he made his home.

A gigantic scheme is on foot to raise the salaries of government officers during the coming session of Congress. The Washington Chronicle and N. Y. Times are of course supporting the measure, and Forney's Press is giving it countenance. The plan is to raise the cabinet salaries to \$20,000, and the president's to \$50,000. "The salary of the President," says the Times' semi-official dispatch, "must be raised between now and the 4th of next March in order to have it take effect during any part of President Grant's second term." We are next informed that the president will not ask it, but that the salary lobby will be so strong that "if the proposition is made in congress to raise it to \$50,000 it will hardly meet with much opposition." Furthermore an appropriation is to be made for a new executive mansion. The old one is to be converted into offices, as "unfitted for the residence of a man of wealth."

The Boston Fire.

It is but thirteen months since the whole country, and indeed the larger part of the civilized world, was startled by the tidings of the terrible calamity which befel Chicago. The great fire destroyed two hundred millions worth of property, and cast homeless and hungry on the world a vast crowd of people. And now the disaster repeats itself, on a scale of almost equal horror, in the city of Boston. The fire broke out at 7 o'clock last Saturday evening in a five story granite building on the corner of Summer and Kingston streets. The whole building was in flames before the arrival of firemen, and despite their vigorous efforts to quell it, spread rapidly from block to block and street to street, destroying vast numbers of the finest business houses with their rich stores. The fire continued to rage throughout the night and next day until noon, when it finally yielded to the management of the fire department, military and police, and its further progress was arrested. The district is bounded by Summer, Federal, Broad, Central Water, Washington and Bedford streets, and comprises an area of nearly seventy acres. In this limit were concentrated the wholesale houses of Boston—particularly in the line of boots

\$100,000 was voted out of the relief fund—an amount equal to the whole contribution of Boston to Chicago—besides private subscriptions that will probably collect half as much more. Yet considered as a case for relief, it is no parallel—scarcely an analogy for the Chicago affliction. The few who went forth homeless, might be richly endowed beyond the poor all they lost, without an appreciable draught on the abundance of remaining Boston and opulent neighbors adjacent. It is a case in which only the very rich have lost, and I have been told by Boston capitalists now here that events will show them richer in five years than they were before the fire. It may, at all events, be safely affirmed that so great a fire never before inflicted so little personal calamity. To my public remark in the Sherman House hall, that the fire would only westernize Boston and incite her, with a credit greater than that of New York (with her treble population) and untold millions of wealth intact, to attempt the recovery of her ancient ascendancy over all eastern cities, I was surprised at the eager and ardent cheers of a score of Bostonians present. They seemed to believe it.

Arriving here on the 25th ult., I had scarcely spent a day until, by intimations from the councils of leadership in the Liberal party, I realized—I need not shy with boundless astonishment, and shame for my country—that the whole movement against corruption had been hamstringed by corruption; and that contrary to all customary data for reckoning, it was morally certain that the Grant electoral ticket would carry everywhere with majorities of amazing inflation. The plain truth is they are too rich to oppose, while cupidity or poverty remain amongst even a moderate proportion of local leaders and editors throughout the country. It is a pity the phrase has so often and so lightly been used, till it has worn too smooth to catch—the people are sold out. It was never true before, and now in what words can such an event in such a country be sufficiently solemnized? Let disinterested men learn one thing, viz: there are no politics in this country now.

Mr. Pleasant's good name everywhere is not lost in this great city. When occasion brings up the place of my residence, I am struck by the uniformity of the remark that it is a beautiful place with a high-toned, cordial, generous and virtuous people.

I recently listened to a sermon of the insubordinate Mr. Cheney, rector of Christ's Church, Episcopal. He is an orator of remarkable fluency, fertility and tact. I could not forbear, however, the suspicion that he was too conscious of his worldly audience to feel as Massillon always attempted

to do so. "We told you so." From the Chicago Times (Houderon.) The democratic party organization of the past is dead. It is beyond the hope of resurrection. Nothing that its organic functionaries can do will ever bring it back to life and vigor again. Its elements only exist, disintegrated and dispersed. As for the little side show organization of Republican office-seekers, who falsely style themselves "Liberals," it is a thing too utterly contemptible, in the character of its leaders, as well as in the number of its followers, to be worthy of a moment's consideration.

ROPE FROM EXAMPLE.

From the New York Tribune (Liberal Republican.) In 1856 a coalition of parties sprang into the field with great enthusiasm, and nominated a National ticket. For a time the enthusiasm of its origin was infectious, and it promised to sweep the country. But in October it was crushed in Pennsylvania, and the overwhelming defeat which naturally followed, a month afterward, was supposed to have destroyed it. Four years later it ruled the country. Defeat had consolidated it into the party of victory. Whether yesterday's defeat is to have a similar result may not be confidently asserted; but it is certain that nothing which occurred yesterday proves more against the future success of the Liberal party than the election of James Buchanan proved against the future success of the republican party.

VINDICTIVE STILL.

From the N. Y. Times (Adm.) Had Greeley been elected, we should inevitably have had outbreaks all over the South, and Greeley himself would have been powerless to restrain them. We have escaped this peril, and now the country ought not to be thrown into further agitation by the bitterness and disappointments of a disgraceful faction. The people want peace. The contest has been prolonged, and every issue that the Greeleys could raise has been fairly, fully, and patiently heard and tried. Their arguments, their tricks, and their pretences, have all had a good chance. Judgment has gone against them, and now it is their duty to refrain from striving to unsettle private and public business, and to acquiesce in the decision of the vast majority of the people.

Greeley and the Tribune.

The following is the card published by Mr. Greeley in resuming the editorship of the Tribune:

The undersigned resumes the editorship of the Tribune, which he relinquished on embarking in another line of business six months ago. Henceforth it shall be his endeavor to make this a thoroughly independent journal, treating all parties and political movements with judicial fairness and candor, but counting the favor and deprecating the wrath of no one.

If he can hereafter say anything that will tend to heartily unite the whole American People on the broad platform of Universal Amnesty and Impartial Suffrage, he will gladly do so. For the present, however, he can best commend that consummation by silence and forbearance. The victors in our late struggle can hardly fail to take the whole subject of Southern rights and wrongs into early and earnest consideration, and to them, for the present, he renounces it.

Since he will never again be a candidate for any office, and is not in full accord with either of the great parties which have hitherto divided the country, he will be able and will endeavor to give truer and steadier regard to the progress of Science, Industry, and the Useful Arts, than a partisan journal can do; and he will not be provoked to indulgence in those bitter personalities which are the recognized base of journalism. Satisfied by a generous public, he will do his best to make the Tribune a power in the broader field of non-contingent, as when human freedom was imperiled, it was in the arena of political partisanship.

Respectfully, HENRY GREELEY.

of City Solicitor. In the inauguration of the system of County Supervisors, he served as a member from this city, and was the first chairman of the board. In 1861, he was chosen to represent our county in the State Senate, and was re-elected in 1865. He was an influential member of this body, serving on important committees, and holding the position of president pro tem. In politics, he was originally a democrat, but his strong anti-slavery instincts led him into the republican party at its organization, and he has remained with it since, though since his retirement from the Senate, taking no active part in politics.

Mr. Woolson was twice married, leaving four children by his first wife, and his last wife and one child surviving him. About 1846, he united with the M. E. Church, of which he remained a member to the day of his death.

Theron W. Woolson's place in our community will be very hard to fill. As an attorney, he was able, industrious, devoted and honest. No one prepared himself more thoroughly, or worked more arduously for a client's interests. And in the management of cases, he used none but honorable means to accomplish his ends. It is said of him that he was extremely sensitive; but it was the sensitiveness of conscientiousness that shrank from some of the practices of his profession, wherein others less sensitive are wont to indulge. Of a nervous temperament, he avoided criminal practice and the more exciting conflicts of law, and gave more attention to equity practice, in which he was eminently successful. As a citizen, he was one of the most highly esteemed, as the honors with which from time to time he was crowned abundantly testify. In all his relations with his fellow men, he was found scrupulously honest and honorable. His habitual urbanity of manners, his cordial hospitality, and his rich and varied culture, withal, won from wide reading and years of careful observation, made his society especially valuable to his friends, who learned much from intercourse with him. But it is in the domestic circle that his loss will be most deeply felt. He was pre-eminently a man for the home. Fond of the comforts of life, he had provided these for himself and family, and became established in a residence whose grounds his taste had helped to beautify, with all the auxiliaries that contribute to the pleasures of life's declining years. His attachments were very strong, and his love for his family was a ruling passion of his life.

So has passed away one of our best men. An industrious, pains-taking lawyer, an enterprising citizen, an upright, consistent christian, an affectionate husband and father, he will be missed by many, and his death sincerely mourned. May his example stimulate those who knew him to live a better life, and his memory be ever held precious in this community where sixteen of his best years were passed.

A WORD OF ADVICE.

From the New York Herald (Ind.) To General Grant his triumphant reelection is a popular endorsement of his administration, of which he may well be proud. But he should now aim at something higher than Mr. Fish's policy of peace with foreign nations at any cost, and at something better than Mr. Boutwell's game of bluff with the gold gamblers of Wall street. We think the country has a right to expect, and will expect, with the second inauguration of General Grant on the 4th of March, a new Cabinet and a new policy.

The petition of J. T. Woods and others asking the Council to order sidewalk on the east side of Broadway from De Wolf's mill to the north boundary of the city, was presented.

On motion of Trustee Cooper the petition was referred to the committee on streets and alleys.

On motion of Trustee Bereman the Street Commissioners were instructed to report all sidewalks needing repair to the Council at its next meeting.

On motion of Trustee Strawn the Council then adjourned until Monday, November 18th, 1872.

Wm. McCort, City Clerk.

O. J. Gimble appears on our advertising pages to-day. He is one of our best business men, and is growing in favor.

The Markets.

PAVING OFFICE,	
Mt. Pleasant, Nov. 14, 1872.	
Wheat—Spring,	80¢@90
"—Winter,	125¢@135
Corn—in the ear,	20¢@25
Oats,	15¢@17
Potatoes,	25¢@30
Eggs,	21
Butter,	12¢@16
White beans,	150
Hams, country	
" sugar cured	18¢@20
Bacon,	10¢@12
Lard,	7¢@8
Corn meal—coarse,	35¢@40
" fine,	50
Flour—spring,	190
" winter,	200
" white winter,	210

Chicago Market, Nov. 12.

Chicago, Nov. 12.—Flour quiet at former prices. Wheat in fair request and steadier. No. 1 sold at \$1.12 a 1.14; No. 2 cash and November closed \$1.12; December 1.13; No. 3 closed at 91¢. Corn firm; No. 2 cash 31¢ a 32; November 31¢ a 32 rejected 29. Oats in better demand and 1/2¢ higher; cash No. 2, 21 a 21 1/2; November 21; December 22 1/2. Rye steady at 51 a 52, for No. 2 and 4¢ for rejected. Barley dull and easier. No. 2 cash 54 a 59¢. Mess pork cash \$18 for old and \$13.50 a \$13.75 for new. Lard quiet and easier at 7 1/2. Whisky firm and 2¢ higher with sales at 90¢.

CATTLE—Cattle receipts 2,092; limited business on shipping account, market closing tolerable steady; Texas steers sold at \$2.87 (a 3.00); good cows and fat butcher steers \$3.50 a 4.57 1/2. Work oxen become a drug on the market, selling as low as \$1.00 a yoke. Hogs—Receipts 13,263; market dull and 10¢ to 12 1/2¢ lower, the best prices offered are \$1.25; a few extra selected hogs sold at \$1.35. Sheep—Receipts 3,476; market steady at former prices; sales \$2.25 a \$2.12 1/2.

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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.

"Personal anecdotes, when characteristic, greatly enliven the pages of a biography."—SAMUEL SMILES.

not succeed in acquiring a large, general practice. He was, nevertheless, an able lawyer and a man of extraordinary political and intellectual strength, for he was nominated by the Whigs as their candidate for Congress, in 1854, against Augustus Hall, the Democratic candidate, and one of the greatest lawyers and most accomplished orators in the State, and was defeated by a majority of only 214. He was also, in 1856, chosen as a delegate to the Constitutional Convention, which met at Iowa City in January, 1857. It was a notable body of men. In 1860 he was a delegate to the Republican Presidential Convention at Chicago, which nominated Mr. Lincoln. The following is from one of Prof. H. I. Herriott's articles on "Iowa, and the First Nomination of Abraham Lincoln," Vol. VIII, Third Series of the Annals of Iowa, p. 191:

In the Constitutional Convention of 1857, the irrespressible champion of the proposal to strike "white" from the supreme statute of Iowa and grant the electoral franchise to negroes was a doughty New Englander, R. L. B. Clark, of Mount Pleasant, Senator Harlan's home town.

Mr. Clark had been several years in the State before I came to it. Living not far apart, we occasionally met at court and elsewhere. I remember him as a man of rather slight stature, with black beard, hair and eyes, and a very animated and lively expression of countenance. His attire was of black broadcloth and noticeably neat in all respects. He left the State in the latter sixties, I should say, removing to the City of Washington. He was still living in 1882, for he came all the way from Washington to attend the reunion of the members of the Constitutional Convention before referred to, held at Des Moines on January 19th of that year. Judge George G. Wright, in the course of his welcoming address, said:

Politically the Convention was divided into fifteen Democrats and twenty-one Republicans. On the side of the majority, those most prominent in debate were the three Clarks—William Penn, John T. and Rufus L. B.

The latter was born in Lebanon, Connecticut, in 1817; was educated in New York and practiced his profession there for a while. He came to Iowa in the winter of 1849-50. He was a delegate to the Convention that nominated James W. Grimes for Governor, and introduced what was known as the Kansas and Nebraska Resolution, pledging the influence of his party against the extension of slavery. From what has been said, it clearly appears that Mr. Clark was a man of great force of character and extraordinary ability.

Theron W. Woolson was one of the early lawyers of Mt. Pleasant, but just what period he came there, I am unable to say. He has been dead many years. He was the father of John S. Woolson, who succeeded Judge Love as the United States District Judge. Theron W. Woolson was a member of the Ninth, Tenth, Eleventh and Twelfth General Assemblies, as the Senator from Henry County. I was associated with him as the Senator from Wapello County in the Eleventh General Assembly, which convened in the old Capitol Building, in January, 1866. He was the most careful, the most painstaking, the most technical and probably the

closest observer of everything that came up, of any man in the Senate. As a lawyer, he was equally painstaking and had the reputation of being one of the most careful and best prepared members of the bar. He practiced successfully for many years in Mt. Pleasant, and to the time of his death. For a portion of the time, he was associated with his son, John S., in the practice, and also with Judge W. I. Babb, under the firm name of Woolson and Babb. They were both good lawyers and built up an extensive practice.

Leroy Palmer was a picturesque character. He was a native of Christian County, Kentucky, where he was born in 1821. He was a brother of General John M. Palmer, who was one of the most conspicuous officers in the Civil War, and afterwards Governor of Illinois, United States Senator from that State, and the Gold Standard Democratic candidate in one of the Presidential Campaigns. The family moved from Kentucky to Madison County, Illinois, near Alton, in 1831. Leroy was reared on his father's farm, and his means of education were limited. He read law with his brother, John M. Palmer, and was admitted to the bar at Hillsboro, Montgomery County, in 1846. He had just commenced practice at Carlinville when the Mexican War broke out. He enlisted as a private in Company B, Captain Elkin, Fourth Illinois Infantry. At the close of his military service he returned to Carlinville, and in the autumn of 1847 came to Mt. Pleasant, Iowa. He intended to locate later at Monroe City where it was thought the capital of the State would be fixed; this failing, he concluded to remain at Mt. Pleasant, and here he conducted an active practice for upwards of forty-five years. In 1861 he was elected State Senator and was a member of the Judiciary Committee of that body. In 1862 he was elected Judge of the County Court of Henry County. In 1874 he was the Democratic candidate for Congress, and carried his own County, which was an overwhelmingly Republican one. He was a Democrat in politics, but voted for Mr. Lincoln in 1864. In other words, he was a War Democrat and in favor of the most vigorous measures for putting down the Rebellion. He had a wide practice and was one of the best known and most prominent lawyers in that part of the State.

I have said he was a picturesque character, but just why he was, it is difficult to delineate, and I shall not attempt it beyond a few illustrations. In the first place, he belonged to the old-fashioned school of men, with not only old-fashioned ways and manners, but old-fashioned ideas and old-fashioned modes of expressing them. In these respects he was so quaint as to be eccentric. And with this, his personality was quite in harmony. He was not "grand, gloomy and peculiar," but rather tall and lank, with a bright twinkle of the dark eyes that denoted both wit and originality. On account of his free and generous spirit, combined with his ready wit, great intelligence, and solid talents, he was a general favorite with the people—a fact fully

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a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church, well known as a speaker of talent, and a man of culture. He was ordained by the Upper Iowa Conference; was transferred to the Iowa Conference in 1865, was assigned to the Abingdon charge in 1868, and came to the Salem charge in the fall of 1870, where, after a faithful work of two years, he died, July 21, 1872. He left a devoted wife and four children to mourn their loss. His widow still lives in Salem. Of his surviving children, William, the eldest, born March 28, 1856, is a druggist in Pierce, Neb.; he was married, Feb. 17, 1878, to Miss Eva Crew, and has two children; Samuel F. was born May 15, 1860, is unmarried, and is a farmer in Northwestern Nebraska; Nellie E., the wife of Dr. Dilts, was formerly a teacher. Addie was born Dec. 7, 1868, is still living with her widowed mother, and is a teacher of deservedly high standing in the county. Two other children, Edmund J. and Eva, died in childhood.

Dr. Dilts and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is a Republican in politics, and a member of Monarch Lodge No. 183, Knights of Pythias, of Salem. As a physician he has already acquired the confidence of the people, and as members of society he and his wife are held in high esteem.



THERON WEBB WOOLSON, deceased, who became a citizen of Henry County in 1856, was during his residence here one of its foremost citizens, and a leader in its public, professional, social and religious circles. A man of marked personality, of great ability, of unswerving uprightness of character, of the strictest professional integrity, conscientious and fearless in the discharge of every duty, public or private, he possessed all the requisites for leadership. His mind was trained, and his character formed in the school of necessity, and the lessons there learned were never forgotten. He was born at Lisbon, N. H., on the 28th of October, 1811, and was a son of a New England farmer. His mother's Christian name was Rebecca. Some years after the birth

of the subject of this memoir, his parents removed to St. Lawrence County, N. Y., where both died, the father leaving his widow and nine children in straitened circumstances. Before that event young Theron had become a bread winner, and was hired out to farmers in the neighborhood. His only actual schooling was during this time, when he attended the district school four winter terms, his liberal education being entirely self-acquired. He was of an active, susceptible temperament, with an ardent desire for knowledge, and from his early youth showed the love of reading which clung to him all his lifetime. A physician in whose employ he was about this time, observing his intelligence and thirst for learning, gave him free access to his library, whose contents he soon mastered, also reading all other books accessible, which were by no means numerous in country neighborhoods in that day.

An elder brother who had remained in New Hampshire, had a merchant tailoring establishment in Littleton, in that State. Theron was apprenticed to him, and he devoted himself with characteristic ardor to mastering that trade, at which he soon became an adept. While working at it he kept up his reading and study, and soon attracted the attention of the pastor of the church of which he was an attendant. This man was highly educated himself, and recognizing a kindred spirit in the studious young tailor, gave him lessons in the higher English branches in mathematics, and in Latin, hearing his recitations evenings. Close attention to his trade, coupled with his studious habits, told on a not over rugged constitution, and out-door work became a necessity. He procured employment as a wood worker, and after a time was given charge of a foot-lathe. His health was benefited by the change, and he at the same time made opportunity to continue his studies while at his labor, having his book before him, reading, and digesting what he read while he worked.

With restored health he sought more congenial employment, and having thoroughly qualified himself, procured a position as teacher, first in New Hampshire, and afterward in St. Lawrence County, N. Y. The characteristics of impressing his ideas on others, and of acquiring control over those with

whom he came into contact, here found an opportunity for development. His schools came to be considered models for order and for the rapid mental growth of his pupils. His earnestness impressed the scholars, and the result was shown in their rapid advance. He followed this profession until 1835, when he determined to go farther west, and establish himself in what he designed should be his permanent life-work. Stopping at Tonawanda, Erie Co., N. Y., he engaged, temporarily as he supposed, as clerk and book-keeper in a large general store. His business habits, close attention, and strict integrity, soon won recognition, and by degrees the proprietor leaned more and more on his employe, until the care and management of the entire business devolved upon him, and the business which he had taken up, as he supposed, but for a time, became the work of his early manhood. In this he continued for several years, but having more knowledge than any other person in the locality of legal and business matters, he inevitably drifted into the position of adviser and counselor of many people there, who came to rely upon his judgment and character. He engaged extensively in conveyancing, and was elected Justice of the Peace, which undoubtedly gave him the bent which in later years led him into the practice of the law, which he studied, and to the practice of which he was admitted at Buffalo, in that county. He embarked, and always successfully, in many enterprises at Tonawanda. For some years he had a shingle factory there, and he was the inventor of the process of steaming the blocks from which they were cut, greatly facilitating and cheapening their manufacture. He, with a brother-in-law, engaged largely in real-estate operations, and he laid out an addition to the town, and by his foresight and industry acquired a liberal fortune. He lived in Tonawanda for twenty-one years, and was a leading citizen of the town and county, often called upon to fill positions of trust. He was for years President of the Board of Trustees of the village, and head of the local educational board. He represented the town in the Board of Supervisors, of which he was Chairman, and he also filled the position of Loan Commissioner for the county. He was a truly representative citizen, who strongly impressed himself

on those with whom he was associated, and had the respect and confidence of all who knew him, and wielded a great influence in the community. There, as later in Mt. Pleasant, he was foremost in advocating public improvements, and fostering worthy enterprises.

The rapidly growing State of Iowa attracted Mr. Woolson's attention, and he made a tour through it with the intention of seeking a home within its borders. The superior educational advantages of Mt. Pleasant determined his location here, and he removed to it in 1856, arriving here June 6 of that year. After coming to Mt. Pleasant, he devoted himself exclusively to the practice of the law, and formed a partnership with Henry Ambler, Esq., then the leading attorney of the city, and the firm at once took a prominent place among the lawyers of the State. Three years later the firm was dissolved, and Mr. Woolson associated with himself a son-in-law, Samuel McFarland, who entered the Union army during the Rebellion, became Colonel of the 19th Iowa Volunteers, and was killed while charging a rebel battery at Prairie Grove, Ark., in December, 1862. After this Mr. Woolson was alone until 1864, when he entered into partnership with P. N. Bowman, Esq., which continued until Sept. 6, 1866, when the latter retired, and the partnership with his son John S. was formed, which was unbroken until Mr. Woolson's death.

From an appreciative sketch of his career, written not long after Mr. Woolson's death, we extract the following:

"That keen interest in educational matters which had characterized his former life, was carried to his new residence, and the cause of education found no more unselfish, zealous and considerate advocate and friend. He was for many years a member of the educational board of the city; for years its President, and aided largely, by his devotion, energy and ripe judgment, in placing the public schools of the city in their present well-deserved high position. To him the public-school system was a matter so sacred, so intimately connected with the public welfare and highest interests of the commonwealth, that its demands upon his time were always honored gladly and freely.

"For a number of years he held the position of City Solicitor of the city, and he was for a number of terms its Mayor. As Mayor, he exhibited that decision of character, determination of purpose, and

State to the National Convention which first nominated Gen. Grant for President.

His religious associations were with the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he was a member from 1836. He united with the Asbury (now First) Methodist Episcopal Church, after coming to Mt. Pleasant, and was for many years a member of its official board, and a zealous, consistent member of the church until his death.

September 1, 1836, Mr. Woolson was married to Clarissa Simson, who proved herself a devoted wife and loving mother. She died suddenly, March 7, 1862, while he was absent in the Legislature, of which he was then a member. She left three daughters: Mrs. Peter Melendy, now of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Mrs. R. J. Borghlothus, of Minneapolis, Minn.; and Mrs. M. W. Darling, of Sioux City, Iowa; also one son, John S., of whom see sketch on another page. June 26, 1865, Mr. Woolson was united in marriage with Anna Carney, who with her son, J. Leigh, now survives.

Mr. Woolson's death was sudden and unexpected. On Nov. 7, 1872, he was at his office preparing for the approaching term of Court. For several days he had been somewhat unwell, and in the afternoon of that day was feeling so much worse that he retired to his home. Within two hours of that time he was attacked with acute cholera morbus, so violent in its action as to closely simulate Asiatic cholera. The attack was so violent that in a few hours hope was almost abandoned, and when his wife (who had been absent with a sick daughter) arrived home at 9 P. M., his life was despaired of. He lingered until 4:20 P. M. of the next day, when the great soul was released from the overtaken body, passing peacefully away. His funeral on November 10 was attended by a large concourse of mourning friends, and by the bar of the county, who attended in a body. His remains were interred in Forest Home Cemetery, in the city in which his riper years had been spent, and of which he was, with possibly a single exception, the foremost citizen.

On the following day, at the opening of the District Court, a committee, previously appointed at a meeting of the members of the bar, presented resolutions adopted by that body, which were placed

upon the records of the court. Judge Joshua Tracy, in well chosen words, paid the following tribute to the memory of Mr. Woolson:

The resolutions just read, commemorative of the death of our friend and professional brother, express in appropriate terms the many estimable traits of character he possessed. They also express the great grief and heartfelt sorrow experienced by his family and the community at large at the loss of one whose place at home, in society and in church, cannot be filled.

His character for strict professional integrity, honesty of purpose and courteous deportment, was such as to endear him to everyone who became intimately acquainted with him.

To those of us who have been so intimately acquainted with him for the last sixteen years in the practice of the legal profession, these traits of character of our departed friend will serve to guide us upon our professional pathway, and, it may be hoped, will lead us to that point of true worth and greatness which he occupied when he ceased to be one among us.

It is worthy of remark upon this solemn occasion, that although our deceased friend possessed a nervous, sensitive cast of temperament, and that in the practice of his profession he was ardently devoted to his client's cause, yet no matter how close the contest, or heated the discussion in which he was engaged, he never so far forgot the character of the true professional gentleman, as to be guilty of applying to his opponent unkind words, or opprobrious epithets, and his conduct toward the Court in the management and argument of his causes was always equally commendable.

By the death of Theron W. Woolson, society has lost an honored, valuable member, the State an able legislator, the church of which he was a member a true Christian, the legal profession an able advocate, and his bereaved family a kind-hearted and devoted husband and father.

With mournful pleasure, it is ordered that the resolutions presented be spread upon the records of this court; and as a further token of respect to the memory of our departed friend, it is ordered the Court do now adjourn.

Committees were appointed to present the resolutions to the Supreme Court of the State, and also to the United States Circuit Court for this State, in both of which he had an extensive practice.

The Board of Supervisors of the county, for whom Mr. Woolson was at the time of his death counsel, also took formal action in the passage of this resolution:

Be it resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Henry County, now in session, That it is with feelings of profound regret that we learn of the death of a former honorable member and Chairman of this board, and for a long time its principal attorney and adviser, Hon. Theron W. Woolson; and it is with great pleasure we record our admiration of the fidelity of his conduct in all those relations, discharging them with promptness, great good judgment and ability; and we hereby express and tender to the family of the deceased our heartfelt sympathy.

The press of the whole State, and of both political parties, noticed in fitting terms and with expressions of appreciative feelings, his life and death. From his political and professional associates many letters were received by his family. all expressive of their profound sorrow at his sudden and untimely death.

It is difficult concisely, yet fully, to express the proper estimate of a life so well rounded, so symmetrical as a whole, and yet possessing in so many directions such marked peculiarities. Perhaps the characteristic best remembered by his intimate friends as pervading his whole life, and lighting up his daily walk, was the entire faithfulness, the thorough conscientiousness, with which he applied himself to the performance of duty, in whatever direction that duty lay. As a lawyer he was regarded as pre-eminently a safe counselor, and had the justly deserved reputation of a dissuader from litigation, often inducing clients to settle amicably rather than by active proceedings, a trait in his admirable character which was fully appreciated by the better class of litigants, and which entitled him to the blessings promised to the "peacemaker." No client, constituent or employer ever had occasion to complain of lack, on his part, of thorough application to the matters placed in his charge. To this application he brought a mind naturally strong and clear, which had been matured by close observation and continuous study. His mind was eminently judicial, and had he been called to the bench, he would have graced the highest position. His record as a citizen, lawyer, official and legislator, shows his faithful attention, his ripe judgment, his intellectual strength and his purity of life.

Yet that record is not complete without mention of his home life. He was peculiarly domestic in his

tastes and desires, and no happiness was so keenly appreciated by him as that which came from the surroundings of family and friends at home. The shadows and perplexities of business or official life he left outside the threshold, and to family and friends under his own roof-tree was fully shown the genuine hospitality of his nature. In his later years, the enjoyment he realized from his home life perceptibly increased, and his distaste for the strifes and conflicts of public life became stronger, until prospect and promise of official station alike failed to induce him to submit again to the disagreeable accompaniments of public position. No truer father or devoted husband ever gladdened a happy home. In all the relations of life he "fought a good fight," he "kept the faith," and his memory is precious not only to the family he trained to follow in his footsteps, but to all who had the privilege of knowing him.

The admirable portrait of Mr. Woolson, on a preceding page, will preserve to his many friends the lineaments of this great man as he appeared in his mature years. It is one that adds great value to this volume, and our readers will thank us for inserting it.

CHRISTIAN ROTH, a farmer residing on section 9, Jefferson Township, Henry Co., Iowa, was born in France, April 10, 1845, and is the son of Christian and Katie (Wittmer) Roth, mention of whom is made in the sketch of Peter Roth, brother of our subject. In this county Christian Roth, Jr., grew to manhood, and was married, Feb. 15, 1877, to Miss Fannie Augsperger, daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Shantz) Augsperger, the father born in Strasburg, France, the mother in Germany. Jacob was but six weeks old when his parents came to America. They settled in Butler County, Ohio, near Hamilton, and were among the early settlers there. The Shantz family located in Wayne County, near Worcester, and the parents lived and died there. They had eight children: Jacob married Miss Blouth, and resides on the homestead farm in Wayne County, Ohio; Christian, for his second wife, wedded Annie Creaser, and



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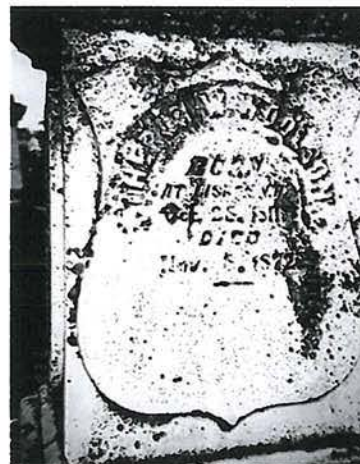
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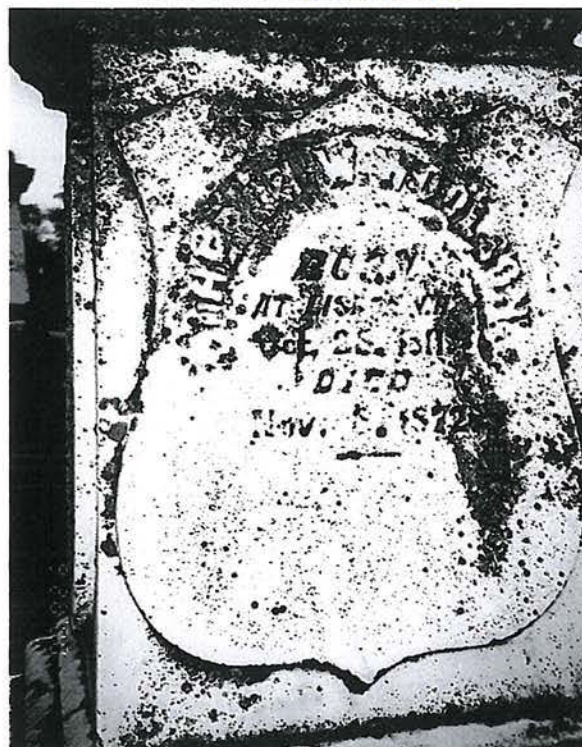
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