

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Gray, Samuel Alexander Senator _____

Represented Lyon County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 7 Jan 1852 Point Marion, Fayette County, Pennsylvania

2. Marriage (s) date place
Sarah H. Gray 13 Feb 1879 Monona, Clayton County, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business _____

B. Civic responsibilities IOOF; Knights of Pythias; Modern Woodmen of America; Yeoman

C. Profession Hardware merchant; farmer; farm implement business

4. Church membership Methodist Episcopal

5. Sessions served 32nd General Assembly 1907

6. Public Offices

A. Local Lyon County auditor; Rock Rapids school trust

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 27 Feb 1909 Rock Rapids, Iowa

8. Children Virgil C.; George H.

9. Names of parents Henry and Mary (Sargent) Gray

10. Education Attended country schools in Clayton County;
one term at Upper Iowa University at
Jayville, Iowa

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information Democrat

- ⁽¹⁸⁵⁶⁾ At age 4 he moved with parents to Clayton County Iowa where he spent his childhood and youth on a farm
- Moved to Lyon County Iowa in spring of 1879, settled on a farm he occupied until 1892 when he moved to Rock Rapids.
- Learned the carpenter trade from his father and did carpentry for three years when he finished school.
- Gradually worked into farming and in 1879 he purchased 480 A. of wild prairie land in Centennial Twp. of Lyon County.
- In 1892 he rented his farm and moved to Rock Rapids and purchased a hardware store. He sold the business in 1902, but returned to the business in 1904.
- Wife Sarah's parents were William and Elizabeth Gray.

valuation the sum of \$216,791.22, which includes \$16,649.91, road taxes, and \$1,654 dog tax. It will be seen by these figures, that it requires quite an amount of money to run a county even so small as Lyon.

The amount collected during the year of 1908 was \$219,786.53. Nearly one-half of this money, or, to be exact, \$91,881.41 is used for the maintenance of the public schools. This being the leading item of expense we will give them, as taken from the records of the county superintendent, which are as follows:

Teachers salaries	\$61,984.00
School house and sites	1,872.08
Bond and interest	\$,649.56
Secretaries and treasurers	1,917.45
Fuel, repairs, janitor, etc.	13,671.02
Records and apparatus	504.25
Free text books and supplies	354.62
Library	62.75
Transportation	28.20
Other purposes	2,757.28

Total \$91,801.41

There are 46 gentlemen teachers, who received \$4,952.05, and 186 ladies who were paid \$12,454.25. There was a total of 4,237 pupils in attendance at the schools of the county. Six boys and eight girls of school age were reported as not attending. This year superintendent Gilman has begun a systematic investigation, and will see that the compulsory education and truancy laws are enforced. Already he has, in two cases, forced parents to keep their children in school. He is consulting the school census, which is taken every year, and comparing it with the enrollment and where he finds a discrepancy, he at once investigates. The law requires that children between the ages of 7 and 14 years to be kept in school at least sixteen consecutive weeks each year, and provides a penalty against parents who fail to live up to it. Mr. Gilman, says he proposes that the children of Lyon county be not robbed of the opportunity to get an education.

The balance of the money was used in paying salary of county officials, court expenses, building bridges, care of poor, insane, etc.

The state levy this year is 4 mills against 8 9-10 last year. The county levy is 19 7-10 against 19 4-10.

There was a total of 1,425 dogs given in to the assessors in 1908; 108 of which were females. Grant township head the list with 101, male dogs and 1 female. From the number female dogs reported, would seem that there might be race suicide in the near future, among the canine population of Grant township. Alvord reports the least number of dogs, only 5 males and 1 female.

The number of men in the county subject to poll tax are 1,612, which is 2 less than last year.

Another \$29,000, and the interest has been paid on the county indebtedness, which leaves the debt now at an even \$15,000, all which will be paid by January 1st, 1911.

Once Lived In Iowa

Thomas Olyver, the inventor of the Olyver typewriter and Oliver cotton harvesting machine, who died suddenly in Chicago, was for several years a Methodist pastor in Iowa, and it was while serving the church in Iowa that he conceived the idea of the cotton harvester. He was in the act of leaving for the south to make a government demonstration

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Mr. Feay moved to Iowa in 1855 and settled in Clayton county, from which place he moved to Lyon county in 1879, locating on a piece of land in the western part of the county, which he had purchased for a homestead. On February 13, 1879, he was married at Monona, Clayton county, to Miss Sarah F. Gray, and their two sons, Virgil C. and George W. were both born in Lyon county. When he was about 23 or 24 years of age, Mr. Feay gave his heart to Christ and became a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he has been a faithful worker ever since. After coming to Lyon county he placed his membership with the M. E. church at Larchwood, and when he removed to Rock Rapids in the fall of 1892 he transferred his membership to the Methodist church in this place. He has been an honored member of the board of trustees of this church for the past 15 years.

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Card of Thanks

We wish to extend our sincere thanks to our kind friends and neighbors who so kindly assisted us during the illness and after the death of our beloved husband and father.

—Mrs. S. A. Feay
—V. C. Feay
—G. W. Feay

Real Estate Transfers

Fred Helmers and wife to Dick Brandsma, that part of the N-1-2 of NW 1-4 35-98-46 west of C. St. P. & O. Ry., \$3500.

Jacob Schoepemann to Henry Ward Husman, SE 1/4 of NE 1-4 3-99-44, \$2520.

Wm. Mann and wife to Henry Reynolds, Lots 7-8-9, Blk 16, Doon, Iowa, \$1200.

Sykes Olson to Ole Severson, lots 1-2-3-4-13-14, Block 32 Sykes lat ad to Larchwood, \$500.

W. E. Holmes and wife to Mut. Ben Life Ins. Co., Lots 1-2-3-7-8-9, Blk 17 Bonnie Doon, Iowa, \$100.

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COST OF OUR SCHOOLS

It Is Much Greater Than Generally Supposed by the Public

Nearly One-Half of All the Money Paid In Taxes Is Spent in Educating Our Young People

The tax list for 1908 was turned over to Treasurer Weberg on January 1st. It shows that the total taxable valuation of the county to be \$5,137,538.00. The valuation of farm land is \$3,427,263; town lots, \$385,851; personal property \$719,965; telegraph and telephones \$21,811; express companies \$4,075; railroads \$548,573. The valuation on this property, except public utilities, such as railroads, telegraphs, telephones, express companies, etc., is fixed by the local assessors. The public utility corporation values are fixed by the state executive council.

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LYON COUNTY PIONEER DEAD

Upon the stroke of noon Saturday S. A. Feay quietly breathed his last, after an illness of six months. For the past two years he had been ailing, but not until last August did he enter, where they pronounced his disease sugar diabetes. Since that time he slowly but gradually grew weaker until the end.

The funeral was held at the M. E. church on Monday afternoon and a large number of friends were present, the I. O. O. F. society being represented by every member. The service were in charge of Rev. W. J. Carr, former pastor and Rev. Lory, the present pastor.

Samuel Alexander Feay was born at Point Marian, Pa., Jan. 7, 1852, and therefore at the time of his death, Feb. 27, 1909, was 57 years, one month and twenty days old. He has living three brothers and four sisters, and his father, a man 78 years old, also survives him. The old gentleman is

ected auditor of Lyon county on the democratic ticket, serving one term of two years. In 1897 he was elected a member of the school board of Rock Rapids, which position he held to the time of his death. In the fall of 1906 he was elected representative from the 99th district comprising Lyon county, and was present at the regular session of the 32d General Assembly in the winter of 1907, and also at the special session convened last August. He was a member of the Odd Fellows and Knights of Pythias lodges and of the Modern Woodmen and Yeoman. At the time of his death he held insurance in the Northwestern Mutual of Milwaukee, the Modern Woodmen and Yeoman.

After retiring from the auditor's office, Mr. Feay engaged in the hardware business in this city succeeding G. W. Penman, and for a time also was engaged in the farm implement business. On account of his falling health he sold both implement and



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