

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Senator Garrett,
Alexander Middleton — Represented Linn and Muscatine
Counties, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 31. Mar 1857 near Letts, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place
Laura Dill Oct 1878 Muscatine, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business _____

B. Civic responsibilities Mason, Grinner

C. Profession Livestock and grain dealer

4. Church membership Methodist Episcopal

5. Sessions served 34th, 35th General Assemblies 1911, 1913

6. Public Offices

A. Local _____

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 15 Aug 1915 Letts, Iowa; buried Letts Cemetery, Letts, Iowa

8. Children May (Mrs. Barnes); J. B.; Mrs. E. R. Mc Cormick

9. Names of parents Barton and Elizabeth (Finley) Garrett

Garrett, Alexander Middleton

10. Education _____

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information Senator

course gathered to attend the services that were almost as many outside as in the structure. The funeral cortege was the longest ever seen in Letts. The Masonic orders had charge of the services at the church and at the grave and a Knight Templar escort was provided for the trip to the cemetery. Rev. D. Phillips, pastor of the Methodist church at Letts, was the officiating minister.

Funeral of Mrs. E. Garrett.

The funeral services of Mrs. Elizabeth Garrett were held here Saturday afternoon at 2 p. m. from the home of her son, J. E., conducted by Rev. T. M. Balcoff, of Columbus Junction, with interment in the Wapello cemetery.

Thus passed away another of Wapello's old and highly respected residents, a woman who was loved and admired by all who knew her for her kindly disposition and friendly manner. She was a pioneer of Wapello, and like her late husband, A. Garrett, was prominent in the early life and development of this city. She was a member of the local temple of the Pythian Sisters, who attended the funeral in a body, and a large number of old friends attended the services.

May Reduce Number of Routes.

There is every likelihood that the number of rural mail routes in Louisa county will be reduced when the post office department gets through with the investigation of all routes now being made. It is not known which towns in the county will be affected. Some time ago, the local office received a blue print of the rural routes of this city with instructions to outline the routes, noting the conditions of the roads at all points and the location of the houses touched by the routes. This procedure carried out elsewhere has resulted in extensive changes in the rural routes, thus leading local authorities to believe that the same result will be experienced here. There have been wide changes in the rural service in many parts of the state recently after investigation by the authorities.

Blood Poison Sets In.

J. E. Casten is having quite a time with his right hand which he bruised in the center of palm with a pitchfork while pitching hay. Inflammation set in which developed into catarrh and now blood poison has set in. He had his hand lanced twice, but no pus could be found, nor the swelling reduced. The infection seems to be between the tendons and the bones and is difficult to get at. It has been causing him quite a little pain. He went to the Burlington hospital yesterday to consult surgeons there in regard to it and an operation will probably be necessary.

he never failed to make it good. During recent years he had been associated in business with his brother, Ulric Garrett.

Mr. Garrett in the spring of 1910 was besieged with requests that he become a candidate for the state senate, and yielding, was nominated without opposition. The senatorial district has always been heavily republican and particularly Louisa county. Mr. Garrett largely through his personal popularity overcame this majority and was elected, the first democrat for a generation that had been sent to Des Moines from the Muscatine-Louisa district.

Mr. Garrett as state senator made an excellent record and was found inevitably on the right side of every public question of importance that came before either session of which he was a member. He took his position of senator seriously and he never acted nor cast his vote until he was thoroughly familiar with the subject before the assembly. He was renominated for the office last year and despite the increased strength of the opposition, he was defeated by only a few hundred votes, receiving in total more votes than had been given a democratic candidate for 25 years.

Senator Garrett was born March 31, 1857, on a farm near Letts and received his early education in the schools of the community. He was the son of Barton Garrett and Elizabeth Finley Garrett. He was united in marriage to Miss Laura Dill, of Fredonia, at Muscatine in October, 1878, and to this union three children were born, Mrs. May Barnes, of Marcus, Iowa; J. B. Garrett, of near Letts, and Mrs. E. R. McCormick, of Letts. A niece, Miss Mayme Garrett, who has made her home with Mr. Garrett since infancy, also survives, as do three grandchildren, Harriet and Jeanette McCormick and Laura Elizabeth Barnes. Mrs. Garrett also survives her husband, as well as three brothers, Ulric Garrett and Joseph Garrett, of Letts, and J. M. Garrett of Kansas City.

Mr. Garrett was a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal church and was prominent in Masonic circles, being a Knight Templar and a Shriner.

The funeral services were held in the Methodist church at Letts at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, conducted by Rev. D. Phillips, pastor of the church. The services were attended by an enormous crowd of his friends from all over the county and many from elsewhere. The church was packed to its capacity and the yard surrounding it was filled with friends paying their last tribute to a good and worthy man. The burial took place in the Letts cemetery with the Masonic lodge in charge.

Money to Loan on good mortgage securities. Ed. Hicklin.

The Mediapolis Chautauqua.

We neglected to mention last week that this year's session of the Mediapolis chautauqua is one of the best ever held in this part of the state. An excellent program has been arranged of noted lecturers and musicians, who are second to none and it is certain that all who attend this year will be greatly pleased. The chautauqua convened yesterday, August 18, and will continue until Thursday, Aug. 26. One of the features of this year's session which will be of interest to the communities surrounding that place is the declamatory contest, which will be held on the evening of August 25. The contest will be limited to representatives from the public schools of Danville, Morning Sun, New London, Oakville and Winfield. Following are the representatives of the schools in the order above named: Leland Seaton, Marvel M. Kerr, Emma Rose Clawson, Armour Wilson and Cecil Thompson. The prizes will be: first, \$10; second, \$5; third, \$3; fourth, \$2; fifth, \$1.

The chautauqua is a home affair. It is managed by Mediapolis people and is maintained merely for the good of the community and the patrons and not for financial gain. It is the only chautauqua we know of that has a full nine days' program for the low admission price of \$1.25 for a season ticket. The roads from the city to the grounds have been oiled by the enterprising management and everything combined promises the patrons a very pleasant and profitable time there.

Fine Program Friday Evening.

A musical and literary program of unusual merit will be given at the M. E. church on Friday evening at 8 p. m. under the auspices of the Queen Esther Circle. The "Hello" song in costume and the impressive "Ten Virgins" also in costume will be worth the price of admission which is 25 cents for adults and 15 cents for children from 7 to 12 years, under 7 years free if accompanied by an older person. These prices include a serving of ice cream and cake free at the close of the program. Ice cream will be served to the public not attending the program, for the regular price of 10 cents for both cake and cream. If anyone desires he can be served with cream from 7 to 8 p. m. and also after the program. We must not fail to speak of the unusual exercise "Wen Shun" by 11 girls, portraying a Chinese girl's life. It is amusing and instructive. The proceeds will be used to help educate a needy girl in the southland. Everybody come out and help the girls to help others.

Lost—Black coat last Wednesday between Dr. Paxton's barn and the bridge. Leave at this office. 33-2

for another engine to pull hill. We arrived at Be hours late. We visited several days and while our day we passed along on pasture field containing wheat around there from 12 to 30 bushel per looked well for that our farmers expected 25 to 30 acre. This will look our Louisa county farmer you take into consideration they tend their crops as of land, it looks better. no preparation of the soil planting. Just drive into ing been in wheat or corn with a lister, a machine a furrow each way and in the furrow 18 to 30 Nothing more is done till 4 to 6 inches high, when a harrowing just one they wait till the corn is two feet high and go over 2-row disc cultivator, with all the ground that was with the lister in the soil to the furrow and the corn. Therefore one man puts to 150 acres of corn. The ing at from \$10 to \$15 p looks like the best place vestment to me that I just passing along.

From here we go to see many sights of interest attracting our attention to city park, where one can week and enjoy it. But ven on to Colorado Springs, where nature has a wonderful freaks of scenery. to the mountains 26 miles of the Springs and with the foot of Pikes Peak. 24th of July we were in largest hall storms I ever hail lay 2 to 3 inches level. We leave here at Colorado Springs. From take the Denver and Rio road for Salt Lake. through the Royal Gorge largest mountain gaps. At one place the rock is the height of 2627 feet on which we are riding. 30 feet apart at the top, Kansas river and the road passing through side by bottom. You can readily walls are perpendicular overhanging in places. At the divide, the highest point level in the world, over gauge railroad passes. over Soldiers' Summit a way in and out among the and over the plains to here are more sights, more and pass over the ert except the Great Salt in the course of time it San Diego and Los Angeles