

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Stanginger, Otto Senator _____

Represented Polk County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 25 Apr 1881 Des Moines, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place
(1) Nellie Hart 13 June 1924 Polk County, Iowa

(2) Dorothy Proby 22 Oct 1930

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business President and treasurer of the Northwestern Hotel Company as well as general manager since 1908

B. Civic responsibilities Pioneers Club; Elks Club; Knights of Pythias; Improved Order of the Redmen; Yeoman

C. Profession Manager of Northwestern Hotel in Des Moines, Iowa located at 218-222 East 4th Street

4. Church membership No special religion

5. Sessions served 37th General Assembly 1917

6. Public Offices

A. Local _____

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 12 Mar 1935 Des Moines, Iowa; buried Laurel Hill Cemetery, Des Moines, Iowa

8. Children No children

9. Names of parents Frank and Anna (Shlawee) Stanginger

10. Education Graduate of East High School, Des Moines, Iowa in
1899

11. Degrees Graduate of Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa in 1903
architecture degree

12. Other applicable information Republican

- After graduating from college he was associated with General Electric
Company and the First Niagara, Indiana Electric Company for
several years.
- He then returned to Des Moines upon the death of his father
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- He was a prominent athlete in high school and at Iowa State College in
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Otto Starzinger
Candidate
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—Polk County

Born in Des Moines—Grad-
uate of East High and Iowa
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East High football team in
1899 and end on "All Iowa"
College team in 1901. Man-
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Berry Orders Martial Law In Meat Strike

SIOUX FALLS, S. D. (AP)—Minnehaha county and Sioux Falls were placed under martial law at 11 p. m. Tuesday by order of Gov. Tom Berry in connection with a strike of union workers at the Morrell Packing Co. plant here.

Governor Berry's order came following a conference with Adjt. Gen. Edwin C. Coffey at Pierre. Coffey requested the action because he "wanted to be in complete charge."

From 7 Cities.

Units from seven cities, comprising 350 men, were ordered to go on duty immediately. They will be under direction of Col.

Boyd Wales of Alcester, ranking guard officer in the strike area.

Sioux Falls guardsmen will not be called into service, it was learned, presumably because some of the workers at the Morrell Packing Co. plant, scene of the strike, also are guardsmen.

Situation Quiet.

Meanwhile, the situation here was reported "quiet."

Chamber of Commerce directors, city and county officials had joined Tuesday in urging Governor Berry to order out state troops to preserve peace in the Morrell packing house strike.

"Beyond My Control."

"Beyond my control and that of local officers," was the way Sheriff Melvin L. Sells described the situation to the executive.

Sells' telegram was dispatched after Governor Berry had announced the appointment of George Philip, federal district attorney, as his personal representative to attempt to settle the controversy.

Farmers Help.

Strikers drew strength from various members of nearby farm organizations who appeared on the picket lines to relieve union men.

The Sioux Falls trades and labor assembly voted to approve the union's "stand for a voluntary reduction of hours from 32 to 28 per week (with no increase of hourly pay) for the purpose of spreading employment among the workers to keep them off the relief rolls, and the continuation of

STARZINGER, 53, HOTEL MAN, DIES

Heart Ailment Claims Former Legislator.

Otto Starzinger, 53, president and treasurer of the Northwestern Hotel Co. and general manager of Hotel Northwestern since the death of his father in 1908, died Tuesday night.



He had been ill six months. Death was caused by a heart ailment.

Mr. Starzinger, who served as a representative in the state legisla-

ture from Polk county with J. B. Weaver during the thirty-seventh general assembly, in 1917-18, for years was interested in prize stock raising, attending the state fair regularly to purchase prize beef.

Prominent Athlete.

Becoming seriously ill last October, Mr. Starzinger spent two months at Rochester, Minn. He returned to Des Moines Dec. 10 and had been confined to his apartment in Hotel Northwestern since.

Born in Des Moines, Mr. Starzinger was graduated from East High school in 1899 and from Iowa State college at Ames, Ia., in 1903. He was a prominent athlete both at East High and at Iowa State, being selected as an all-state end in football while at Ames.

With Electrical Firms.

After graduation from Iowa State college he was associated with the General Electric Co. and the Fort Wayne, Ind., Electric Co. several years, returning to Des Moines on the death of his father.

He was a member of the Pioneer club, Elks club, Knights of Pythias, Des Moines Advertising club, East Des Moines club and Iowa Hotel Men's association.

Survivors.

His widow; two brothers, Joseph and Vincent Starzinger, both of Des Moines; and three sisters, Mrs. Marion H. Morrison, Cedar Rapids, Ia.; Mrs. Guy W. Brindage, Auburn, Cal.; and Mrs. J. J. Hollander, Des Moines, survive.

Chicago Man Willed Wardrobe of Dandy

Cuba Swept By Fear As Blood Flows

HAVANA, CUBA (AP)—Bomb explosions injuring 21 persons brought immediate drastic enforcement of the military governor's 9 p. m. curfew law Tuesday night in a hailstorm of bullets from submachine guns, rifles and pistols in the hands of police and soldiers.

The paralyzing general strike showed signs of breaking up, but never in all its hectic revolutionary days was Havana in such a state of desolation and fear. Not 100 civilians of its 800,000 population were on the street.

Heavy Shooting.

Bent on nipping any new movement against President Mendicta's government, Col. Jose Pedraza, military governor, slapped on the curfew order.

At 9:25 p. m. heavy shooting broke out in several parts of the capital. The city was startled, tense, and closely shuttered. Police, soldiers and sailors ran wildly through the streets.

Police Whip Youths.

Police descended upon a group of youths who had defied the curfew order, trouncing them with short lengths of rubber hose.

Bullets were sprayed along the rooftops on the Malacon sea drive near La Punta fortress, several of them striking penthouses on large apartments.

Death Toll at 13.

The body of an unidentified man, riddled with eight bullet holes, was found on the outskirts of the city, raising the death toll of weekend violence to 13.

The administration issued stern warning to terrorists, saboteurs and the like that death would be the penalty for their offenses.

"Gangster" Methods.

Most of those killed were slain in a fashion not unlike that of United States gangsters.

The majority are known to have been enticed from their homes or to have failed to return to them in the evening. The next day their bodies have been found sprawled in suburban streets. How they actually were killed is a matter of pure speculation.

Government employees were in-

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Outline of Personal History of Otto Starginger

RESIDENCE 1204 East Grand Ave
Des Moines Iowa

Kindly furnish on this sheet the necessary data for a personal sketch and return at your early convenience. Every question is important.

EDGAR R. HARLAN, CURATOR
The Historical Department of Iowa
DES MOINES, IOWA

(This form is for use in collecting data on deceased as well as living persons. Appropriate alterations may be made in matter below.)

1. What is your name in full? Otto Starginger
2. What is your present profession or occupation? Manager of
Northwestern Hotel
3. Where and when did you begin? Same place, January 1908
4. What other occupation have you followed; where and when? Worked in factory for General
Electric Co. in New York also Salesman for
Fort Wayne Elec Co. of Ft Wayne Ind
5. What is your residence address? 1204 East Grand Ave
Des Moines Iowa
6. What is your business address? 321 East Walnut
Des Moines Iowa
7. What is the date and the place of your birth? Des Moines Iowa
April 25th 1881
8. If born abroad, when and where did you first settle in America?
9. If you removed again before settling in your present home, where and when was such removal?
10. What schools have you attended; if a graduate, when and with what degree? Graduate East High
School Des Moines, Iowa State College Electric
Engineer 1903, Iowa State College Mechanical Eng. 1906
11. What was your father's full name? Frank Starginger
12. What was your father's occupation? Cabinet Maker and Hotel
keeper
13. What was your mother's full maiden name? Anna Shlarer

14. Where did your parents reside at the time of their marriage? *Parsons Kansas*

15. What military service had your father; give as complete as you can? *none that I know of*

16. What military service have you had? *none*

17. What political offices have you held; do not omit even the smallest, and give date and place of service, if you can? *None*

18. Of what financial, religious, or educational institutions are you a trustee or director; give dates if you can? *None*

19. With what political parties have you been affiliated; give dates? *Republican*

20. In what religious denominations have you a membership? *None*

21. If you have no church membership, to what sectarian faith do you incline? *No special one They mix in politics too much*

22. In what societies of learning have you a membership? *American Institute of Electrical Engineers*

23. Of what secular orders or secret societies are you a member? *Elks, Redmen, Geoman The Jovian Order*

24. What honors or offices have you held in your society or lodge; give dates? *None*

25. Of what social clubs are you a member? *None*

26. Of what business firms have you been a member? *None*

27. Please enclose both a business card and your photograph for permanent record in the Historical Department of Iowa

28. For which of your works (as writer, sculptor, artist, architect, politician or other constructive influence) have you the highest esteem? *Electrical Engineers Jovian Order*

- 29. Please supply for permanent preservation in the Historical Department of Iowa a list of all your works.....
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- 30. Will you attach your autograph to one or more of your works and present the same to the Historical Department of Iowa for permanent preservation?.....
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DOMESTIC HISTORY OUTLINE

FIRST MARRIAGE.

- 32. With whom was your first marriage? *Dingle*.....
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- 33. Where and what date was this marriage?.....
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- 34. When and where was your wife (or husband) born?.....
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- 35. In what religious denomination did your wife (or husband) hold membership?.....
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- 36. Where did your wife (or husband) die, if not surviving, and where and when was the interment?.....
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- 37. What was the full name of the father of your wife (or husband) and where was he born?.....
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- 38. What was the full maiden name of the mother of your wife (or husband)?.....
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- 39. Where and when was she born?.....
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the implement business, removing to Durant in 1874. He also engaged in real estate business and was financially interested in and a director of several banks. He served as school director, councilman, mayor, and representative, being elected to the latter position in 1924, and serving in the Forty-first General Assembly. He was a member of the Lutheran church, and in politics was a Republican. September 2, 1934, he and his wife, who was Miss Minnie Feldhahn of Durant, celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary.

FRANCIS MARION LAIRD was born on a farm five miles south of Tabor, Iowa, in 1855, and died in Tabor December 3, 1934. His parents were Johnston and Mary Laird, pioneer settlers of Fremont County. He followed farming in his early life, and although retired and living in Tabor, he continued until his death to own the farm on which he was born. He was secretary of the local school board, was a trustee of Tabor College, a member of the town council, and was elected representative from Fremont County in 1903, serving in the Thirtieth and Thirty-first general assemblies. He was a Democrat in politics, and an active member of the Congregational church.

MILTON REMLEY was born in Lewisburg, Virginia (now West Virginia), October 12, 1844, and died in Iowa City, Iowa, March 17, 1930. Burial was in Oakland Cemetery, Iowa City. He came with his parents to a farm in Johnson County, Iowa, in 1855. He was graduated with the degree of A. B. from the State University of Iowa in 1867, and the degree of A. M. in 1872. He began the practice of law at Anamosa in 1868, and in 1872 his brother, Howard Marshall Remley, joined with him as a partner, but in 1874 he removed to Iowa City where he continued in practice until a few years before his death. In 1894 he was elected attorney general and was twice re-elected, serving six years, 1895-1901. He ranked among the abler men who in the history of the state, occupied that important position.

OTTO STARZINGER was born in Des Moines, Iowa, in 1882, and died in the same city March 12, 1935. Burial was in Laurel Hill Cemetery, Des Moines. He was graduated from East Des Moines High School in 1899 and from Iowa State College, Ames, in 1903. For a few years he was employed by the General Electric Company, and the Fort Wayne, Indiana, Electric Company, but in 1908 returned to Des Moines and assumed the management of the Northwestern Hotel in East Des Moines which he continued to do until his death. For years he was interested in raising prize stock. In 1916 he was elected representative and served in the Thirty-seventh General Assembly.

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sixth General Assembly, That in the passing of the Honorable George C. Stanzel, the state has lost a valuable and honored citizen, and the House would tender by this resolution, its sincere sympathy to the surviving members of the family in their sorrow, and

Be It Further Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the Journal of the House, and that the Chief Clerk be instructed to send an enrolled copy to the family of the deceased.

JOHN H. SELBY,
ROY J. SOURS,
DON V. MCLEAN,

Committee.

Unanimously adopted, April 18, 1935.

HONORABLE OTTO STARZINGER

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee appointed to prepare resolutions commemorative of the life, character and public services of the late Honorable Otto Starzinger of Polk county, Iowa, beg leave to submit the following report:

Otto Starzinger was born in Des Moines, Iowa, April 25, 1881. He was graduated from East High School in 1900 and from the Iowa State College at Ames in 1904. He was associated with the General Electric Company for several years and was general manager of the Hotel Northwestern from 1908 until the time of his death March 12, 1935.

He was a prominent athlete at East High School and also at Ames. He was a good scholar, holding degrees in both electrical and mechanical engineering. Being trustworthy and unselfish, he had a host of friends in all walks of life.

His widow, two brothers, Joseph and Vincent, of Des Moines, and three sisters, Mrs. Marion H. Morrison of Cedar Rapids, Mrs. Guy W. Brundage of Auburn, California, and Mrs. J. J. Hollander of Des Moines, mourn the death of their beloved husband and brother.

In politics, Mr. Starzinger served as a republican representative from Polk county during the Thirty-seventh General Assembly. He was a member of the Pioneer Club, Des Moines Advertising Club, East Des Moines Club and Iowa Hotel Men's Association.

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Forty-sixth General Assembly, That in the passing of the Honorable Otto Starzinger, the state has lost a valuable and honored citizen, and the House would tender by this resolution, its sincere sympathy to the surviving members of his family in their sorrow, and

Be It Further Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the Journal of the House, and that the Chief Clerk be instructed to send an enrolled copy to the family of the deceased.

PAUL CUNNINGHAM,
E. A. ELLIOTT,
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Committee.

Unanimously adopted, April 18, 1935.

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Home Person

Otto Starzinger

Birth **25 Apr 1881** in Iowa
Death **15 Mar 1935** in Des Moines, Polk, IA, USA

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1910 Age: 29	Residence Des Moines Ward 6, Polk, Iowa	1 source citation
1920 Age: 39	Residence Des Moines Ward 6, Polk, Iowa	1 source citation
1925 1 Jan Age: 43	Residence Des Moines Ward 6	1 source citation
1935 15 Mar Age: 53	Death Des Moines, Polk, IA, USA	1 source citation
	Residence Des Moines, Polk, Iowa	1 source citation

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Family Members

Parents

Frank Starzinger
1847 - 1908

Anna J. Schlave
1845 -

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Spouse & Children

No Spouse or Children

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World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918

3 citations provide evidence for **Name, Birth, Residence**

Web Links



You searched for **Otto Starzinger** in **Iowa**

Name:	Otto Starzinger
Birth Year:	abt 1880
Birth Place:	Iowa
Gender:	Male
Race:	White
Marital Status:	Single
Census Date:	1915
Residence State:	Iowa
Residence County:	Polk
Locality:	Des Moines
Mother's Birthplace:	Germany
Father's Birthplace:	Germany
Roll:	IA1915_406
Line:	n184
Neighbors:	View others on page
Household Name:	
Members:	Otto Starzinger

Source Information:

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Name:	Otto Starzinger [Otto Starzinger] [Otto Eigensatz]
Home in 1900:	Lee, Polk, Iowa
Age:	19
Birth Date:	Apr 1881
Birthplace:	Iowa
Race:	White
Gender:	Male
Relationship to Head of House:	Son
Father's Name:	Frank Starzinger
Father's Birthplace:	Austria
Mother's Name:	Anna Starzinger
Mother's Birthplace:	Germany
Marital Status:	Single
Occupation:	View on Image
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Members:	Frank Starzinger
	Anna Starzinger
	Joseph Starzinger
	Frank C Starzinger
	Beatrice Starzinger
	Otto Starzinger
	Pauline Starzinger
	Leonta Starzinger



You searched for **Otto Starzinger** in **Iowa**

Name:	Otto Starzinger [Ott Starzinger] [Otto Sterzinger]
Home in 1920:	Des Moines Ward 6, Polk, Iowa
Age:	38
Estimated birth year:	abt 1882
Birthplace:	Iowa
Relation to Head of House:	Son
Father's Birth Place:	Austria
Mother's Name:	Anna Starzinger
Mother's Birth Place:	Germany
Marital Status:	Single
Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Able to read:	Yes
Able to Write:	Yes
Neighbors:	View others on page
Household Members:	Name Anna Starzinger Otto Starzinger Joseph Starzinger John Hollander Beatrice Hollander Frank Hollander

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Name:	Otto Starzinger
Birth Year:	abt 1882
Birth Place:	Iowa
Gender:	Male
Race:	White
Marital Status:	Widowed
Census Date:	1 Jan 1925
Residence State:	Iowa
Residence County:	Polk
Locality:	Des Moines Ward 6
Relation to Head:	Head
Mother's Birth Year:	abt 1846
Mother's Birthplace:	Germany
Father:	Frank Starzinger
Father's Birthplace:	Germany
Marriage Place:	Kansas
Roll:	IA1925_1904
Line:	17
Neighbors:	View others on page
Household Name:	
Members:	Otto Starzinger
	Ole Hatteberg
	Abraham Cohen
	Harry A Kingsley
	Linna Archer



You searched for **Otto** born in **1876**

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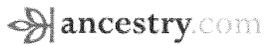


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You searched for **Starzinger** in **Iowa**

Iowa Cemetery Records

Name:	Otto Starzinger
Death Date:	15 Mar 1935
Page #:	740
Birth Date:	1892
Cemetery:	Laurel Hill
Relative:	43
Level Info:	<i>Iowa Graves Registration Survey WPA Polk County Iowa</i>

Source Information:
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Hotel has had colorful history

Linda Ross of Des Moines would like to know the history of the Northwestern Hotel at East Third and Walnut streets.

The Northwestern Hotel at 321 E. Walnut St. has had a rather colorful history since it was built in 1912.

It was saved in 1983 from an eventual wrecking-ball when it was purchased by Northwestern Limited, a partnership that includes the Beving, Swanson and Forrest law firm, whose offices are now in the old hotel.

According to Jim Long, an attorney with the firm, the hotel was originally built as a railroad hotel across the street from the passenger terminal of the Chicago and North Western Railway. That site is now part of Dewey Ford. He said the building was built primarily to serve passengers and railroad workers.

What is now a parking lot south of the building was then a dormitory-like structure where the railroad workers stayed overnight. Long said that there was an early precursor of today's skywalks connecting the dormitory with the hotel.

"We like to think it was the first skywalk," he said.

He said outlines of the skywalk opening can still be seen on the south side of the building.

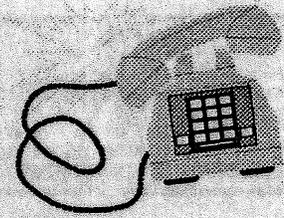
The building is on the National Register of Historic Places, Long said. It was designed by the architectural firm of Proudfoot and Byrd, which also designed the Polk County Courthouse and quite a few other landmarks around town, he said.

The building is the only remaining one of the atrium-type hotels that were built then, and its atrium is intact today. The lobby of the three-story brick building has a two-story soaring ceiling with a large stained glass window and a wraparound balcony, he said. The walls are made of marble.

Other tenants of the building include a branch post office on the first floor and several lobbyists.

The most colorful stories about the old hotel can be found in some yellowing Des Moines Register clippings from 1931.

In August of that year, state



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agents raided the building, took an elevator to the basement and interrupted a dice game. They had obtained a key to a basement door — it had a peep hole — from the elevator operator. A buzzer system from the main desk to the basement, used to signal the operator of the game, was apparently not used or heeded. Eight men were arrested and \$196 was taken from the table.

About four months later, shortly after Christmas, city, county and state officers raided the building and searched nearly every room. They seized 14 revolvers, seven shotguns and three quarts of alcohol.

Among those arrested was John Watters, alias "Go-About Riley," a former barbecue stand proprietor. "Go-About" had earlier been investigated because of a ransom note he had carried to negotiate the release of James "Gentleman Jimmy" Sheridan, a Fifth Avenue cigar store proprietor who had been kidnapped and freed after a \$10,000 ransom was paid. (There's quite a story there, too, but for now we're addressing the Northwestern Hotel.)

Three ladies of questionable character — Alice, Blanche, and Nina — were arrested, as were four others.

Later years found the old hotel going downhill and becoming a health and sanitation risk until it was purchased and renovated by the present owners.

Now instead of bootleggers, gamblers and ladies of uneven reputation, it houses lawyers and lobbyists.

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Business Spotlight: Commercial Real Estate



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Jeff Link, center; Brad Anderson, left; and Matt Paul of LinkStrategies visit the remodeled lobby of the old Northwestern Hotel in the East Village of Des Moines. The consulting company has moved its offices to the building's third floor.

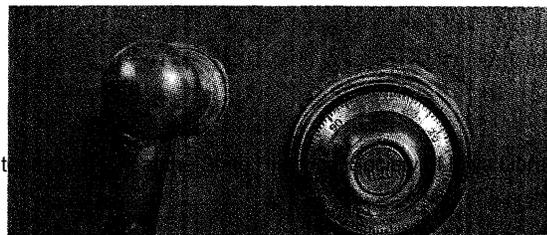
D.M. hotel building earns a new lease on life — again

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Since it opened in 1914, the Northwestern Hotel at 221



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Since it opened in 1914, the Northwestern Hotel at 321 E. Walnut St. has done it all — from being a hostelry for railroad workers and travelers to a Depression-era speakeasy to a home for low-income elderly.

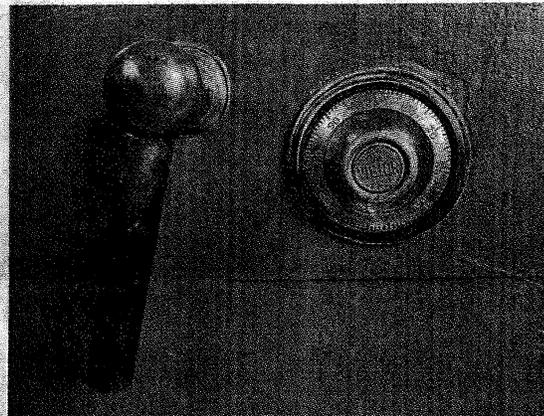
The building is getting another makeover as it re-emerges as part of Des Moines' East Village.

The old hotel may still have a secret or two to give, as new owner Jeff Link has discovered.

Link, founder and chief executive of LinkStrategies, a political campaign consulting firm, would like to get into an old safe that stands on the west side of the hotel's impressive lobby — an area that features a stone floor, marble walls and a stained glass skylight.

Alas, no one seems to know the combination.

"You don't just pick one of these



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— Jeff Link, co-owner of the Northwestern Hotel, talking about the building's safe

things," said Link, a former chief of staff to U.S. Sen. Tom Harkin, as he twisted the safe's dial.

"We're so close to the Capitol, who knows? There may be something inside that could change Iowa history."

Link is part of a new ownership group that includes lawyer Joe Gunderson and developer Mike Nelson, who bought the 97-year-old Northwestern earlier this year from Dan Stanborough for \$1.2 million.

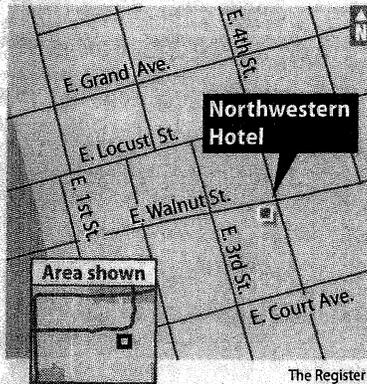
The new owners plan to continue

the slow renaissance the old hotel has undergone since the Beving, Swanson and Forrest law firm bought the three-story building in 1984 and converted the second-story balcony floor into the offices that are still used today.

LinkStrategies is renovating the third floor for its offices, which had been on the west side of the Des Moines River at 420 Watson Powell Way.

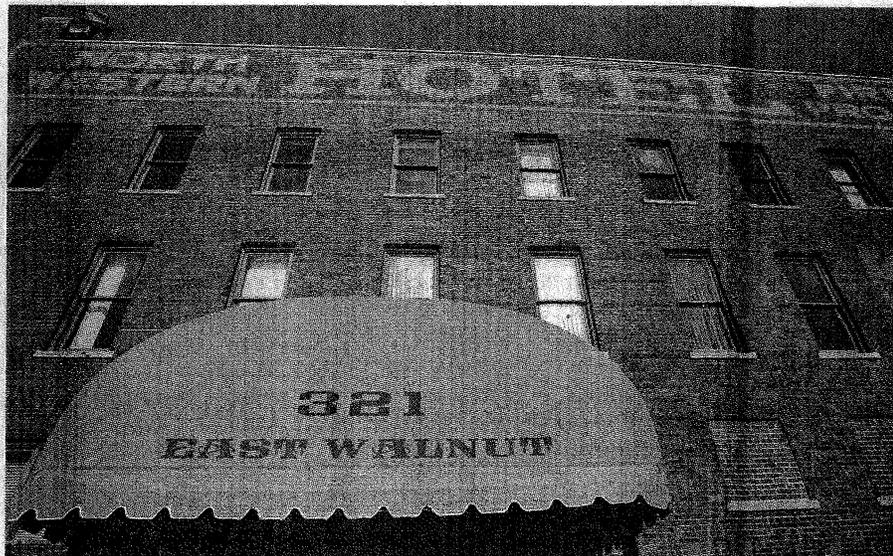
The company's new location is no accident.

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The Register

The main entrance of the old Northwestern Hotel is in the back of the building. The East Village building has been remodeled and now houses several offices.



building's exterior.

A second-story balcony overlooks the lobby. The third floor has the same narrow hallways characteristic of 19th and early 20th century hotels.

Link is entertaining ideas for the lobby, which is empty but retains the look and feel of a hotel. Recesses in the stone floor near the safe denote where the hotel's front desk once stood.

The hotel was built in 1912 and was occupied two years later by the Chicago & North Western Railway, now part of the Union Pacific Railroad.

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The Northwestern stood across from the now-demolished rail terminal. It was common a century ago for railroads to be in the hotel business to accommodate crews and passengers.

The Northwestern Hotel hit a high point of sorts in 1931 when it emerged as Des Moines' version of a tenderloin district. Police raided a dice game in the basement, arrested eight men and seized \$196.

14 revolvers, seven shotguns and three quarts of alcohol, still illegal during Prohibition.

The demise of passenger trains caused the Northwestern to slip into the fate of many old hotels: It became a residence. By 1980, the old hotel was declared unfit for human habitation by Polk County, and its 20 permanent residents were evicted.

The way back for the hotel began in 1983 when it was put on the National Register of Historic Places. A year later, the Beving law firm bought the building and after some renovations moved its offices there.

WALL STREET

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The stock market is usually regarded as a forward-looking mechanism, but Lee said about one-third of the time, the Standard & Poor's recovered around the same time as the economy.

"I'm tilting toward thinking we're going to have lows in mid-July," Lee said. "In the meantime, we're stuck in a range."

Wall Street is waiting for more specifics from the government on its various efforts to more adequately assess when to expect growth again. Obama is scheduled to discuss a program today on preventing foreclosures, but investors are particularly eager for details from the Treasury Department about its new rescue plan for the troubled banking sector.

During the weekend, a meeting of Group of Seven finance ministers failed to produce any specific steps to revive the global financial system, either.

Iowa's publicly traded companies lose \$910 million of their value

Shares of Iowa's publicly traded companies lost \$910 million, or 5.2 percent of their market value, in Tuesday's sell-off.

The biggest percentage loss belonged to a bank, **Ames National Corp.**, which lost 24.7 percent. Shares of **Principal Financial Group** lost the most value, \$212 million. Principal's value loss is magnified because it has more shares than any of Iowa's 22 other publicly traded companies.

Two Iowa companies escaped Tuesday's sell-off. Shares of **Iowa Telecom** gained \$1.53 to close at \$14.64. Shares of **Art's-Way Manufacturing** gained 1 cent to close at \$4.41.

Shares of six Iowa companies hit 52-week lows. They were:

- **Casey's General Stores**, which closed at \$20.05, off 24 cents.
- **FBL Financial Group** closed at \$6.66, down 75 cents.
- **Flexsteel Industries** closed at \$6.31, down 13 cents.
- **Heartland Express** closed at \$12.90, down 13 cents.
- **Heartland Financial** closed at \$12.45, down 59 cents.
- **Lee Enterprises**, which closed at 28 cents a share, down 3 cents, and matching its previous low.

Other double-digit percentage losers were:

- **West Bancorp.**, down 13 percent.
- **United Fire and Casualty**, down 11.5 percent.
- **FBL Financial Group**, down 11.1 percent.
- **American Equity Investment Life Holding Co.**, off 10 percent.

— Dave Elbert

Office furniture retailer and fireplace manufacturer HNI Corp. said its fourth-quarter profit dropped 77 percent compared with the same period from a year ago, mainly because of hefty charges and sluggish sales.
For the quarter ended Jan. 3, net income fell to \$8.5 million, or 19 cents per share, from \$37.5 million, or 82 cents per

Profits, sales fall at HNI Corp. of Muscatine

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