

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative _____ Senator Smith,

Joseph H. - Represented Linn County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 27 Aug 1837 Elkhart County, Indiana

2. Marriage (s) date place
① Louisa Kimberly Henderson 4 Feb 1862 Linn County, Iowa
② Mary E. Hard 1866

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Vice-president of the Cedar Rapids and Iowa City Railway and Light Company;
Associated with the Farmers Insurance Company

B. Civic responsibilities Mason, Shriner; organizer of St. Luke's
Hospital Association, Cedar Rapids Country Club, Commercial Club

C. Profession Physician, insurance underwriter, land owner

4. Church membership Episcopal

5. Sessions served 22nd, 23rd General Assemblies 1888, 1890

6. Public Offices

A. Local Mayor of Cedar Rapids 1875-1876 and again 1878-1879

B. State _____

C. National He was a delegate to the Republican National Convention in
1900 at Philadelphia where McKinley was nominated

7. Death 29 Aug 1910 Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Graves Oak Hill Cemetery, Cedar Rapids, Iowa

8. Children By 1st wife - Edward H.; By 2nd wife - Isaac B.

9. Names of parents Isaac and Sarah (Thomas) Smith

Smith, Jesse H.

10. Education He was educated in a parochial school house

11. Degrees He attended Western College, Lewis County, four fold years;
graduated from Rush Medical College, Chicago, Illinois in 1868

12. Other applicable information

Republican

- He came to Iowa with his parents in 1853 settling in College Township, Lewis County, Iowa
- In January 1858 he began studying medicine with Dr. Milligan and Dr. Taylor in
Lewis County, followed by medical school
- He opened his medical practice in Cedar Rapids where he practiced 16 years.
- He became interested in the insurance business and became identified with
Farmer's Insurance Company from 1869 until his death.
- He was the owner of 800 acres of valuable farm land including the farm
that had belonged to his father.
- His first wife, Lucy, died 20 Oct 1863.
- His second wife, Mary E., died Apr 1904.



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**PRESIDENT OF THE FARMERS
 INSURANCE COMPANY SINCE
 1869**

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 GREAT AND GOOD WORK.**

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 A message was sent him promptly
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 young man of the city, plunged into
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 close to the University dam and near-
 ly as close to death, when saved.

lowa, and was arrested and is now in jail there. The go cart was recovered at the place where Duffy had been staying on North Tenth street west.

Had a Jail Delivery:—Monday night the police were prepared to capture Bob Armstrong who broke jail at Waterloo. They met the trains but later learned that Armstrong had been taken from the train at Vinton. Armstrong was described as being the possessor of a pair of well blacked eyes, he had his right arm in a sling. He took part in a bloody fight which occurred at Waterloo and was being held on a charge of assault.

To Hold Division Meeting:—The physical department of the Y. M. C. A. will hold a board meeting in the Y. M. C. A. rooms Wednesday noon.

Stole the Clock:—Monday afternoon some thief entered the Elite studio and stole a big watch which

1869, Dr. Smith was elected to the presidency and guided its destinies until his death. This strong company has always been such as would bear the closest scrutiny, no fictitious methods of business being employed, its course at all times conforming to the old and time tried maxim that honesty is the best policy. Into other fields Dr. Smith extended his efforts, and was one of the directors and the vice president of the Cedar Rapids & Iowa City Railway & Light company. Moreover, he had extensive farming interests, owning over 300 acres of valuable land. He gave his attention largely to his farm, which is the old homestead of his father and which is one of the valuable agricultural properties of this part of the state.

Dr. Smith was recognized as one of the republican leaders of Linn county and belonged to that class of men who sought to make the party stand for principle and not for the furtherance of the interests of certain individuals. While high political honors were conferred upon him, he never placed personal ambition or aggrandizement before the party welfare or the interests of the commonwealth. In 1875 he was elected mayor of Cedar Rapids for a two years term and again filled the office in 1878 and 1879. In 1888 he was elected state senator from Linn county for a term of four years, which covered an important epoch in the history of the state, during which legislation of a far reaching moment was enacted. In 1900 he was a delegate at large from Iowa to the republican national convention which nominated McKinley and Roosevelt at Philadelphia.

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united in marriage by Speaker Jos. J. Hajek at his residence, 511 Seventh avenue west, Monday evening. The groom's brother, Mr. Frank Grubhoffer, and Mr. John Divisat, were witnesses.

Did Not Lack Nerve:—When George Haddad was fined \$25 in police court Monday morning for insulting some ladies who refused to buy his wares, Chief of Police Carl promptly revoked the peddler's license he had secured. He further stated that Haddad was not going to peddle any more. Haddad thought he knew better and went to Mayor Miles, thinking another license would be given him. He was disappointed and his honor promptly informed Haddad that if he did not get out of town he would perhaps be arrested again.

Labor Day at Postoffice:—Monday, September 4, Labor day, being a national holiday, the postoffice will observe the following hours: The office will open as usual and close at 10:30 a. m. for the day, except the general delivery, stamp and registry windows, which will also be open from 5 p. m. to 6 p. m. One complete delivery will be made in the forenoon after the receipt of the fast mail. Collection in the business districts will be made at 5:45 a. m., 12:15 p. m. and 8 p. m., and in the residence districts at 5 p. m.

W. G. HASKELL,
Postmaster.

Six Will Remain:—Six men of the local navy recruiting station will remain on duty at this station, after the publicity bureau is moved to Indianapolis. They are: Lieutenant D. T. Ghent, Dr. Longabaugh, C. Chester, A. J. Marshall, H. Jeager and R. E. Ellis. The rest of the men will go to Indianapolis. They are: P. W. McCord, J. L. Fahy, G. J. Elcher, S. Rogers, M. J. McGuire, R. Swinehart, F. T. Walling, W. H. Fowler, J. L. Crawshaw, E. Nagel, H. L. Martin, Otto B. Baldorn, R. G. Van Ohlen. The men are busy packing up the cases and machines of the publicity department, in preparation of moving. As soon as these are packed, the men will pack their household goods and bid goodbye to Cedar Rapids.

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RED-LETTER NIGHT IN HUMBOLDT IOWA

**GOTCH LEAVES FOR CHICAGO
TONIGHT, GOING BY WAY OF
DES MOINES.**

Humboldt, Aug. 31:—All the population of Humboldt from the small boy admirers to the grand dads who gave Gotch his training for the first hold in the days of the long ago, will be at the depot tonight to see Gotch depart. He will have a special car for himself, his wife and friends. He will have a small army of wrestling experts with him.

He will go from Humboldt to Des Moines where his car will be attached to a Chicago train. A large delegation of Des Moines sports will go to Chicago to see the wrestling match between Gotch and Hackenschmidt.

DR. FRENCH IMPROVED

**SPLINTER OF STEEL CAUSES
BLOOD-POISONING—CONDI-
TION IS MUCH BETTER.**

"Dr. Charles H. French, who has been seriously ill, at St. Luke's hospital is better." This is the bulletin sent out by Dr. J. W. Bradley, who is attending him.

A few days ago, Dr. French was looking at furniture in one of the local furniture stores. In rubbing his hand over a table, he ran a small piece of steel into his hand. He thought little of it and removed it in a short time. The wound became infected and in twenty-four hours formed an abscess. Twenty four hours later he was a very sick man.

He was removed to St. Luke's hospital where every medical attention was given him. Late in the afternoon it was rumored that he was very low, but a late report from his attending physician, says that he is past the danger stage and that there is no fear that he will not recover.

PUT BLAME ON LIQUOR

Relatives and Friends of George L. Johnson Make Statements.

Relatives and friends of George L. Johnson who has been arrested at Detroit, Mich., for a violation of the State Liquor Law, are making statements that the young man never managed the affairs of his father. He has done nothing for his father's business and

LAST SERVICES FOR DR. J. H. SMITH

**IMPRESSIVE FUNERAL SERVICES
AT THE RESIDENCE THURS-
DAY AFTERNOON.**

The funeral services for the late Dr. Jesse H. Smith were held at the family residence yesterday afternoon at three o'clock, in the presence of a large concourse of relatives and friends. The funeral services of the Episcopal church were read by Dr. Arthur, rector of the church in which Dr. Smith long served as an officer. The services were concluded at the grave, in Oakhill cemetery, where the remains were laid at rest. The vestry of Grace church and the board of directors of St. Luke's hospital attended the funeral in a body. The pall bearers were employees of the Farmers' Insurance company for which the deceased was president for more than forty years. The employees of the insurance company also attended the services in a body and preceded the hearse to the cemetery. As is customary in the Episcopal church no formal address was delivered, the services being wholly confined to the ritual provided by the church for such solemn services. At the cemetery the grave and its surroundings were encased in a mass of beautiful flowers.



Sunday Mautnee and Night.
Mr. Cal Stewart, who comes to Greene's opera house, is one of the highest salaried comedians on the stage, besides starring in his big new production of "In Politics." He talks for all of the phonograph companies and his voice and funny stories have been heard by millions of people all over the world where the English language is spoken and understood; and for that matter, the natives of Germany, France and other European countries laugh at his jokes, they being translated into the different languages. So popular are his humorous sayings that a hunting party recently took with them a phonograph and his records with them into the wilds of Africa, where they were entertained between big hunts.

Story Refreshingly New.
The Lion and the Mouse, which the United Play company brings to Greene's opera house Monday, matinee and evening, is a story of the

The Ride On Abernathy

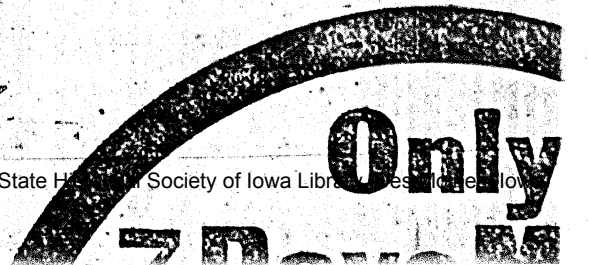
- ☑ How Temple and Louie, 6 and 10, from Oklahoma to New York.
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WEDNESDAY AUGUST 30.

DEATH OF DR. J. H. SMITH.

Dr. J. H. Smith, who died at his home Tuesday morning, was of the pioneers of this part of the state as well as a man of distinguished life and abilities. He had long been prominent in the political, business and social life of Cedar Rapids and Linn county. He was born in Indiana and in early manhood came to Iowa, with his father who purchased large tracts of land in this part of the state. He was reared as a farmer, but became a doctor and a business man. As long ago as 1869 he was elected president of the Farmers' Insurance company and in conjunction with his father-in-law, the late John W. Henderson, he built that institution up until it is today recognized as one of the safest and soundest of all fire insurance companies. The best part of his life's work went into that company and it is one of his best monuments and he was fortunate in being able to leave it to a son who has already shown his ability to carry the work forward and upward along the good and sound lines laid down by his elders.

Dr. Smith retained until the close of his life his interest in all that pertains to humanity. He was always interested in politics and he held himself a number of high positions in the politics of his state. He served as mayor of Cedar Rapids, as senator from Linn county and he was a delegate to the republican national convention, chosen at large in 1900, the historic convention in which McKinley was renominated.

Dr. Smith during his long and active life was a safe and sane influence in city, county and state. He was one of the men on whom others relied for counsel and for leadership and he never advised any one wrongly or led him in the wrong direction. He was a hale and hearty man and it was always a pleasure for his friends to meet him. He was granted a long life and a successful one and he left this world with a good remembrance behind him.

MR. CUMMINS AND ANOTHER FIGHT.

We can hardly believe that Senator Cummins will ask all his friends in Iowa, or all who have been associated with him politically, to join him

the position, that President Taft will take. For years there had been loud clamor for closer trade relations with Canada. We were told that the high protectionists were throwing away our opportunities in that undeveloped land. A great ado was made about this matter by many politicians who voted against reciprocity when it was finally presented to them. Some said it was not in the form that they wanted it. They wanted this or that provision different, but in this world we can not shape up every law just as all of us would have it. A reciprocity agreement between two countries must necessarily take both countries into consideration and it is at best only a compromise. That is what reciprocity is as it is now enacted.

If we are going to oppose everything that is not exactly as we want it, we shall find that we have to oppose about every new idea or every law that is proposed.

For the time being, reciprocity is not a topic in politics. It is an accomplished fact. There can be nothing gained by fighting it now. It is now on the books for a fair trial and we should give it that. If it is disastrous to any American interests, let it be repealed. If it is not thus disastrous it will probably become part of our permanent relations with Canada and its scope will, no doubt, be extended.

THE FOLLY OF TRYING TO BEAT THE LAWS.

"Smitch," whose real name is probably Mecum, has learned that it does not pay to try to beat the laws. At the age of 22 he is up against the fact that the man who tries to set aside the laws of men, and of God is not long for either life or liberty. Like many others he imagined that he was smart enough for that. "Smitch" seems to have had more than his share of cunning and certainly more than his share of nerve. He has broken many laws in his time and he has made escapes from jails and penitentiaries, but before he has matured his manhood he is up against it and he will now be fortunate indeed if he is not strangled to death in Canada, from a public gallows.

Such is the usual ending of the man who tries to beat the laws of the land. Thousands of others have tried it and their ending has been just the same. But thousands of others will continue to try it and their end will be the same.

We sometimes think about a criminal as a smart man. But, as a matter of fact, a criminal is apt to be about the stupidest kind of an animal. Some of them have cunning, many of them have courage, and they are able to carry on their game for a while, but every man with the criminal instinct has a weakness in him. He is

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 A stone bruised she brow
 And in sorrowful to how
 She felt and "hurted While she was hav play."
 And I take her up, kiss
 The new little wou this:
 "Oh, you must be c one,
 You mustn't get h daddy' koffe.
 For every cut with it Leaves another bru dy's heart.

Every night I must : The fresh little cuts "knee;
 The little hurts that play.
 And brought the te day;
 For the path of chi set
 With care and tro that fret.

Oh, little girl, when Far, greater hurts t know;
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 And he'll do his t things right.

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cabin, in which some of the children were born. After carrying on general agricultural pursuits for a long period Mr. Zvacek retired to private life and is now living in Ely in the enjoyment of a well earned rest. The father was born in 1844 and the mother in 1852. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Zvacek are: Mrs. Fanny Stanek; Emma, the wife of John Zezula; Agnes, the wife of George Chadinea; Lillie and Libbie, at home; Charles, in Cedar Rapids; and Frank, who follows farming.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Becicka have been born two children: Mary, who was born July 8, 1894, and Joseph, born September 1, 1895, both having been educated in the schools of Ely. The parents are members of the Bohemian Reformed church and Mr. Becicka belongs to Ely Lodge, No. 581, I. O. O. F., and Ely Lodge, No. 325, A. O. U. W. He is independent in his political views, supporting the men and measures whom he regards as best qualified for office without considering party affiliation. For a quarter of a century he has been a resident of Linn county and, improving his opportunities throughout that entire period, has steadily worked his way upward, winning success which is the merited reward of his earnest labor and close application.

JESSE H. SMITH, M. D.

The character of the individual is determined by his utilization of his opportunities, his employment of his talents and his fulfillment of his obligations to mankind. In all these particulars Dr. Jesse H. Smith measures up to the highest standard and his life is recognized as one of large usefulness in the county and state in which he has long made his home. His enterprise and adaptability in business, his loyalty and progressiveness in political circles and his broad humanitarianism and philanthropy have all indelibly engraven his name upon the pages of Iowa's annals. He is probably today the oldest president of a fire insurance company in the United States, having since 1869 occupied the position of chief executive officer of the Farmers Insurance Company.

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HENRY E. MASON

Henry E. Mason, who is an enterprising and successful farmer of Bertram township, was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, on the 4th of October, 1851, a son of Robert and Susannah (Brauneller) Mason. The father was a native of Virginia, while the mother was born in the Buckeye state. They spent their married life in Ohio and to them were born ten children of whom four are deceased. With the exception of Henry E. all the others live in Ohio. Both the parents are now deceased, their death occurring in that state.

Henry E. Mason was reared in the state of his nativity and assisted his father in his work until he had reached the age of twenty-six years. He then rented land in Ohio, which he operated for ten years, and subsequently sought the broader opportunities of the middle west, coming to Linn county, Iowa. He has made farming and stock-raising his work since coming to this state and now rents a farm of two hundred and forty acres in Bertram township.

Mr. Mason was married to Miss Clara Sawyer, a daughter of William and Isabel Sawyer, both of whom died in Ohio. Mrs. Mason is one of six children born to her parents, of whom four are now living, the other three making their home in Ohio. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Mason have been born three children: Valid F., who married Flora Munn and lives at home; Orval C., who married a Miss Walters and lives in Bertram township; and Merrill M., still under the parental roof.

In politics Mr. Mason is a republican and his fellow townsmen have called upon him to fill a number of local offices. He has served as alderman of Mount Vernon, has been school director and at the present time is serving as trustee of Bertram township. His fraternal relations connect him with Mount Vernon Lodge, No. 551, I. O. O. F., in which he has filled the chair of noble grand. Both he and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church, in which he has served as trustee. Mr. Mason is a man of worth in the community in which he makes his home. He takes a deep interest in public affairs, lending his aid and influence in the cause of every good movement and heartily promoting the progress and advancement of his locality.

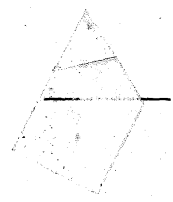
FRED KERN

One by one the soldiers of the Civil war have answered the last roll call. They have bivouaced on the other side of the river when their last march was completed, but history remains to tell the story of their bravery and their loyalty. Among those that Iowa sent to the country's defense when rebellion threatened the destruction of the Union Fred Kern was numbered. He was equally faithful to his duties of citizenship in days of peace and Cedar Rapids numbered him among her representative and valued residents.

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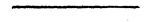
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the expiration of that period he purchased a tract of land in Greenwood, Missouri, thirty miles from Kansas City, and is now devoting his energies to farming. At the age of twenty-one he enlisted for service in the Spanish-American war as a member of Company M, Fifty-first Iowa, U. S. V., and was mustered out at San Francisco, November 2, 1899. He married Miss Rose C. Wilkinsen and they have three children: Helen Emma, Wilbur and Mary. Their friends in Red Oak are many and, returning on frequent visits to the city, they continue their acquaintance there. Mr. Gassner is proving a capable business man, ready and resourceful, and success is attending his efforts.

JESSE H. SMITH, M. D.

In the years of an active, useful and honorable life, Dr. Jesse H. Smith of Cedar Rapids concentrated his efforts upon medical practice, upon the insurance business and upon the establishment and management of an important public utility, being vice president of the Cedar Rapids & Iowa City Railway & Light Company. He also had extensive agricultural interests and along all those lines his labors were so wisely and carefully directed that success came to him in large and substantial measure. In his later years he lived practically retired and when death called him on the 29th of August, 1911, he left behind him that good name which is rather to be chosen than great riches.

For many years Dr. Smith lived upon the frontier, for Indiana was largely a pioneer state at the time of his birth and through the period of his youth, and Linn county, Iowa, was also in a western frontier district when he took up his abode within its borders. His birth occurred in Elkhart county, Indiana, August 27, 1837. His father, Isaac Smith, a native of Ohio, made farming and stock-raising his life work, conducting a large business. The year 1853 witnessed the arrival of Isaac Smith in Iowa, at which time he took up his abode in College township, Linn county, where he purchased sixteen hundred acres of land and carried on general farming and stock-raising interests until his last days. In early manhood he wedded Sarah Thomas, a native of Virginia, and her death occurred in 1870 when she was sixty-nine years of age. The husband and father survived until October, 1880, and passed away at the venerable age of eighty years.

Dr. Jesse H. Smith was the youngest of their six children. The first fifteen years of his life were spent in his native county and in 1853 he came with his parents to Iowa. The "temple of learning" in which he acquired his education was one of the old time log school houses common in pioneer days. He afterward entered Western College in the town of Western, Linn county, spending two years as one of the first students in that institution. He was always a broad reader and in that way continually promoted his knowledge. In January, 1858, he took up the study of medicine under the direction of Drs. Milligan and Taylor and afterward matriculated in Rush Medical College of Chicago, from which he was graduated with the class of 1860.

Thus well equipped for his chosen profession, Dr. Smith opened an office in Cedar Rapids and practiced for more than sixteen years, spending much of that time in partnership with Dr. Mansfield, one of the early physicians of the city. Other

business interests of importance also claimed his attention. He became identified with the Farmers Insurance Company when it was a mutual company. It is now the oldest corporation in Linn county. In 1868 it was organized as a joint stock company and in January, of the following year, Dr. Smith was elected its president and so continued until his death. When he took charge the business was in a chaotic condition, but he soon unraveled the tangle of affairs and growth and development resulted from his wise direction and spirit of enterprise. Today the Farmers Insurance Company is recognized as one of the soundest of the kind in the United States, becoming not only in name but in reality a protective insurance company. Dr. Smith builded its interests upon the sure foundation of honesty, diligence and determination and remained the president of the company until his demise. He also became one of the directors and the vice president of the Cedar Rapids & Iowa City Railway & Light Company, and he was the owner of eight hundred acres of valuable farm land, including the old homestead of his father. He was largely interested in agriculture and its advancement and was quick to adopt any new methods which promised to be of value in operating the fields and producing the best crops. He never faltered in the performance of any task to which he set himself and he seemed to readily recognize the possibilities of every business situation. He neglected no opportunity, took advantage of none of his fellows in business transactions, but by constructive and honorable methods reached the goal of substantial success.

In 1862 Dr. Smith was united in marriage to Miss Lucy Henderson, a daughter of John W. Henderson. She passed away October 20, 1863, leaving a son Edward, whose birth occurred on the 18th of April, of that year. In 1866 Dr. Smith married Miss Mary E. Ward, of Illinois, who passed away in April, 1904, leaving a son, Isaac B., who was born January 20, 1868.

Death again entered the family circle when Dr. Smith was called to his final rest August 29, 1911. His demise was not only mourned by his immediate relatives, but by a large circle of friends, while the entire community recognized the fact that one of the leading influential and valued residents of Cedar Rapids was gone. His life was ever actuated by high and honorable purposes, having their root in his Christian faith as a member of the Episcopal church. He was also loyal to the beneficent teachings of Masonry and in that fraternity attained high rank, becoming a member of the Scottish Rite consistory and of the Mystic Shrine. He was also president of the Masonic Temple Association from its organization and in 1887 became one of the organizers of St. Luke's Hospital Association, of which he was president from the beginning until his death. He contributed generously to its support and promoted its influence in many ways. He belonged also to the Cedar Rapids Country Club and the Commercial Club, and was popular in both organizations. He also recognized the political obligations devolving upon him and, standing stanchly for republican principles, became one of the recognized leaders of his party in Linn county. In 1875 popular franchise made him mayor of Cedar Rapids for a two years' term and he was again called to the office for the year 1878-9. In 1888 he was elected state senator from Linn county for a term of four years and during that period he gave most careful consideration to the vital and significant problems which came up for settlement. In 1900 he was one of Iowa's delegates at large to the republican national convention at Philadelphia where McKinley and Roosevelt were nominated. For twenty years or more prior to his death Dr. Smith

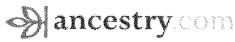
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Ere he passed away, it was written of him: "There is no more splendid example of the self-made man in Linn county than Dr. Smith, his career being a striking example of what may be accomplished by one who must look to self-reliance, industry and perseverance for success. The possibilities of high position afforded in the United States to industry and fidelity were never better illustrated than in the case of Dr. Smith. In his youth he worked for whatever the world was to bring him of enjoyment or honors. He has reached the evening of life not only possessed of wealth and past political honors, but also of exalted social position and of a mind enriched by travel and by constant mingling with men and women of the highest breeding, education and accomplishments. He is today possessed of almost everything that men covet as of value and in the midst of his success he has found time for the finer things that our self-made men are so prone to overlook—aid in money and personal attention to schools and churches, beneficence to charitable institutions and the artistic adornment of his home and of his city." He reached the age of seventy-four years and his memory is associated in the minds of all who knew him with those things which are most honorable and worth while in life.

EDWARD SAVAGE CROSSETT.

Edward Savage Crossett, of Davenport, had proceeded far on the journey of life when death called him December 13, 1910, and almost to the last he remained an active factor in business, contributing in large measure to the commercial development of his city and of the middle west. He was ever a representative of the highest type of American manhood and citizenship. While his business interests became extensive and were of great importance, he regarded his commercial activities as but one phase of his life which did not exclude his active participation in and support of the other vital interests which go to make up human existence. He thoroughly understood his opportunities but recognized as well his obligations and he met the latter as fully as he utilized the former. His large benevolences will be remembered by those who were the recipients of his bounty perhaps long after his connection with the business development of his city is forgotten.

Mr. Crossett came upon the scene of the world's activities long before Davenport had an existence. He was born in West Plattsburg, Clinton county, New York, February 4, 1828, the old home being near the historic battlefield of Plattsburg of the War of 1812, in which his father, John Savage Crossett, had participated as a loyal American soldier. After attending the public schools Edward S. Crossett continued his education in an academy and his early business training came to him in the printing office of Bardwell & Kneeland in Troy, New York, but failing health forced him to abandon that work. Later he was employed as a clerk in a shoe store at a salary of but two dollars and a half per month and board. In 1846, at the age of eighteen years, he began clerking in a little store at Schroon Lake, New York, and two years later he and his brother purchased the business. While thus engaged he made his initial step in connection with the lumber trade, for the firm handled pine and spruce lumber in small quantities.



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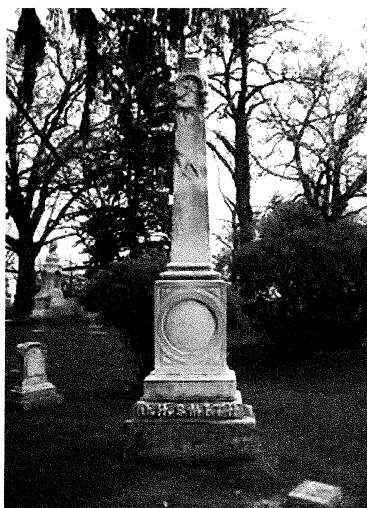
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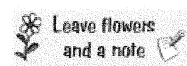
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— **An Extensive Traveler.**

— For the past twenty years, he spent his winters in the south of California and he traveled extensively throughout the country. There was no more splendid example of the self-made man in Linn county than Dr. Smith, his career being a striking example of what may be accomplished by one who must look for success. The possibilities of high position afforded in the United States to industry and fidelity were never better illustrated than in the case of Dr. Smith. In his youth he worked for whatever the world was to bring him of enjoyment or honors.

— He reached the evening of life not only possessed of wealth and past political honors but also of exalted social position and of a mind enriched by travel and by constant mingling with men and women of the highest breeding, education and accomplishment. He was possessed of almost everything that men covet as of value and in the midst of his success, he always found time for the finer things of life, that our self-made men are so prone to overlook - aid in money and personal attention to schools and churches, beneficence to charitable institutions and the artistic adornment of his home and of his city.

— **Celebrated Birthday Sunday.**

— It was only last Sunday that Dr. Smith celebrated his birthday. His illness covered a period of a little over two years during which time his business operations were limited to a visit to the office only at intervals. His illness and death were both peaceful and he suffered but little pain. Monday, and as late as last evening, he appeared cheerful with those around him and even joked with them, but had frequent coughing spells which bothered him.

— Dr. Smith's son Isaac B. Smith, secretary-treasurer and general traffic manager for the Cedar Rapids and Iowa City Railway and Light company was in Chicago at the time of his father's death but is expected home this afternoon. No funeral arrangement will be made until his arrival.

Also on the same page at the bottom of Columns 3 & 4, there is a large photo of Dr. Smith with a brief bio.

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