

Standard Form for Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative ELIET, EILEY Senator

Sen. from Grundy County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 15 February 1869, near Gifford, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place

Cora Waten, 3 October 1895, Hardin Co., Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Farmer, teacher

B. Civic responsibilities co. bd education; township offices

C. Profession

4. Church membership Met hodist

5. Sessions served 41 GA 1925, 44GA 1931; Grundy County

6. Public Offices

A. Local Co Bd Sups, 6 yrs; Co Bd Education; township offices

B. State

C. National

7. Death 21 August 1946, Deaconess Hospital, Marshalltown, Iowa.
Bur. Beaman, Iowa

8. Children (1) Marion C., (July 1897 -) (Ia State U. faculty, Ames; (2) Maud E. (Jan. 1899 -); (3) Kathryn H. (1901 -); (4) William M. (1906 -), Prof. Penn State Univ., State College, Pa.; (5) Silas P. (1910 -), Chicago, Ill. One dau (of 2 and 3) is Mrs. Thomas Lynch, Grundy Co.; other is Mrs. Milroy Hauck, Chicago.)

9. Names of parents Eli Manuel Lepley (E. M., Manuel). 13 July 1846-11 Sept. 1911 Catherine (Katie) Cramer; 19 Mar. 1848-1919; mar. 14 Apr 1868. Bur. Hardin Co.

12. Other applicable information sometimes listed as Elbert.
Taught school for a short time, in rural school, after graduating from Academy.
Was at Iowa State for two years.
For one year after marriage, on farm near New Providence. Then moved to farm in
Clay Township, Grundy County, where he was living at time of death.
On Co Bd Education at time of death. Also Democrat in largely Republican county,
he was elected to bd supt (6yrs), and chair 2 yrs; and twice to legislature.
Survived by wife, 5 children, 2 surviving sisters and 3 surviving brothers.

11. Degrees

10. Education Rural Schools; Academy, New Providence, Iowa; Iowa State College

Lepley, Elbert

Sources Log For Legislation Entries

Applicability

Source Non Applicable Applicable Information obtained

Stork/Clingan, Legislators	x	sessions served
The Grundy Register, Thurs 22 Aug 1946	x	death, obit
US Census, Iowa 1870	x	father & fam
US Census, Iowa 1880	s	"
US Census, Iowa 1900	x	Ellet & fam; plus 1 bro
US Census, Iowa 1920	x	Ellet & fam; plus 1 bro
US Census, Iowa 1925	x	Ellet, + bro; Maud
House Journal 1947	x	Memorial
Mohr, History Hardin Co. 1911	x	Bio of father; w info re Ellett
Hist Hrdin Co., 1883	x	Re father
Port & Bio Record Jasper, Marshall, Grundy Co	x	no ref.

Lepley, Ellet

Mr. SPEAKER: Your committee, appointed to prepare a suitable resolution commemorating the life, character and public service of the late Honorable Elliot Lepley, begs leave to submit the following memorial:

Mr. Elliot Lepley of Clay township, twice a Representative in the state legislature from Grundy county and a former member of the board of supervisors from the Clay-Felix district, died in Deaconess Hospital in Marshalltown August 21, 1946.

Mr. Lepley was born February 15, 1869, near Gifford, Iowa. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Lepley, pioneer residents of central Iowa. He grew up on the farm and his entire active lifetime was devoted to farming.

Mr. Lepley attended the rural schools and the Academy at New Providence. After completing his course there he taught in a rural school for a short time, after which he took a two year course at Iowa State College at Ames.

On October 3, 1895, Elliot Lepley and Cora Walton were married. They observed their golden wedding anniversary a little less than two years ago. During the first year of their marriage they lived on a farm near New Providence. A year later they moved to a farm in Clay township which thereafter served as their home. He had not done any active farm work for several years, but he and his wife continued to reside in their modern and comfortable home where they were surrounded by friends who loved and respected them.

Mr. Lepley was a member of the Democratic party. His section of the county has always been quite strongly Republican, but when he was a candidate for public office, his neighbors disregarded politics and supported him because they liked and trusted him and had confidence in his ability. He served two terms as a Representative in the Iowa state legislature.

Mr. Lepley served two three-year terms as a member of the county board of supervisors from the Clay-Felix district, and he served his district and his county well. During two years of that period he was made chairman of the board.

He also filled positions of public trust from time to time in his home township. For many years and at the time of his death, he was a member of the county board of education.

Memorial to the Honorable Elliot Lepley of Grundy County

Committee.

ALBERT WEISS,
A. G. REDMAN,
M. F. BOCKWOLDT,

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Fifty-second General Assembly, That, in the death of Honorable Peter John Klinker, the people of Crawford county and of the entire State of Iowa have sustained a great loss.

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

Two qualifications which he possessed in the highest degree were honesty and ability. These qualifications won and held the confidence and support of his neighbors. He was a plain, outspoken and conscientious man. He stood and worked continually for better education and better farming. When death comes to men of his type, the entire community feels a sense of deep loss and sorrow.

Surviving, besides Mrs. Lepley, are five children, Marion, who is a member of the faculty of Iowa State College; Mrs. Thomas Lynch, who resides on a farm in Clay township; Mrs. Milvooy Hasek, of Chicago; Dr. William Lepley, an associate professor at Penn State College; and Silas Lepley, who is in charge of large truck operations in Chicago. *Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Fifty-second General Assembly, That in the passing of the late Honorable Ellet Lepley, the State has lost a valued and honored citizen and the family a loving father and husband, 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.

H. R. FREI, JR.,

W. ELDON WALTER,

LAWRENCE PUTNEY,

Committee.

Memorial to the Honorable Howard A. Mathews of Des Moines County
 Mr. SPEAKER: Your committee, appointed to prepare a suitable resolution commemorating the life, character, and public service of the Honorable Howard A. Mathews, begs leave to submit the following memorial:

Howard A. Mathews was born September 27, 1866, on a farm near Danville, Des Moines county, Iowa, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Mathews, pioneer residents of that county. Mr. Mathews died at Burlington hospital April 23, 1945.

He was married to Miss Emma Guegler October 29, 1896, who survives, with their four children—Alvin Mathews of Long Island, N. Y., George Mathews of Danville, Lorin Mathews of Chicago, and Mrs. Paul Kellar of Danville; three brothers, Warren Mathews of New London, Willis Mathews and Fred Mathews of Danville; a sister, Birdie Mathews of Danville, and six grandchildren.

Mr. Mathews attended district school and was graduated from the Danville High School in 1887. He taught school twelve years in the fall and winter, working on a farm during the spring and summer. In 1899 he was elected Des Moines county superintendent of schools and moved to Burlington. This office he held nine years. He was then elected principal of Washington school in Burlington. The following year, 1910, he was unanimously re-elected, but resigned his school work and moved to a farm near Danville.

The Grundy Register

GRUNDY CENTER, IOWA, THURSDAY, AUGUST 12, 1942

Eliet Lepley, Former Grundy County Representative

Grundy School To Open On Tuesday September 3rd

**SCHOOL WILL HAVE STRONG
TEACHING STAFF, WILL OF-
FER BEST TRANSPORTATION
FOR FIRST TIME.**

Did someone say they were from Grundy Center? Mayor Paul Hook, who recently attended home from the city, arrived here from York at last shortly before leaving. As usual someone asked him where he was from, and when he said Grundy Center, there was the usual loud tittering about "Good heavens, what a name for a town!"

A moment later a man in a uniform walked over to the group and asked, "Did someone say they were from Grundy Center? When Paul Hook asked him, he was from York? The answer was all in Iowa." The answer was all in Iowa. The answer was all in Iowa. The answer was all in Iowa.

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IN GRUNDY COUNTY

The 18 months old daughter of Mrs. Roy Weatherly from Grundy was taken sick Sunday and the following day she was taken to the University hospital at Iowa City where an examination showed the child was afflicted with infantile paralysis. The child's father died in October of last year from the same disease. The Grundy school can now be contacted.

ARNOLD HOOK MOVING

Indications are that there will be an increased enrollment in Grundy Center school for the coming year to more than keep pace with growth in the enrollment in recent years.

Farm Bureau Give Centennial Show At Fairgrounds

Home ticket puts on good show of pioneer days. The show was written by Mrs. O. U. Holman.

Simon Westerman A Candidate For Sheriff

Simon Westerman, Lincoln town-ship farmer, will be a candidate for sheriff of Grundy county at the November election. He will be giving his nominating petition in the township on Monday.

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EMELTA KUANA, GRUNDY

Home Economics, Registers

The program constituted Grundy county's effort toward a centennial celebration.

Ship Govt. Bins

Mr. Brum paid \$11,000 for the house he sold to Mr. Crook.

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Go On Strike At Canning Factory

Mexican Nationals

Demand that he be paid on North Basis rather than on basis of weight

The thirty Mexican Nationals who were brought to Grundy Center for the cannery factory had con-

tract for the entire teaching staff. A strong teaching staff for the new year.

Grundy Center school will use buses for the first time this year.

Source: Iowa Territorial and State Legislators Collection compiled by volunteers and staff at the State Historical Society of Iowa Library, Des Moines, Iowa.

END COMES AT HOSPITAL IN MARSHAL TOWN WEDNESDAY MORNING; HAD BEEN A RESIDENT OF GRUNDY COUNTY HALF A CENTURY

Ellet Lepley of Clay township, twice representative in the state legislature from Grundy county and a former member of the board of supervisors from the Clay-Felix district, died in Deaconess hospital in Marshalltown at 5:15 Wednesday morning. While his health of late had not been good, he was up and about his home daily. On Friday he went to the hospital for treatment and observation. On Tuesday he suffered a stroke at the hospital from which he was unable to recover. He was 77 years old. He was born Feb. 15, 1869.

Spent All of His Life in Hardin and Grundy Counties

Mr. Lepley was born near Gilford. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Lepley, pioneer real-estate agents of central Iowa. He grew up on the farm and his entire active lifetime was devoted to farming. After completing the course in a rural school he attended the Academy at New Providence. After completing his course there he spent a short time at the Agricultural college at Ames. On October 3rd, 1895, Ellet Lepley and Cora Walton were married. They observed their golden wedding anniversary a little less than a year ago. They lived on a farm near New Providence during the first year of their marriage. A year later they moved to a farm in Clay township which has since been their home. He had not done any active farm work for several years but he and his wife continued to reside in their modern and comfortable home on their farm where they were surrounded by friends who loved and respected them. During the past ten years they spent their winters in Florida and had expected to go back there this year before the return of cold weather.

Offices Held—Local and County

Mr. Lepley was a democrat. His section of the county has been quite strongly republican, but when he was a candidate for office his neighbors disregarded politics and supported him because they liked and trusted him and had confidence in his ability. He never let them down and retained their confidence during the many years he lived among them.

Twice Chosen Representative

Mr. Lepley served two terms in the Iowa state legislature from Grundy county and the record he made there was all to his credit and it was approved by his constituents.

Served as County Supervisor

Mr. Lepley served two three-year terms as a member of the LEPLLEY—

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Grundy Farms Sell

New Pastor at Wellsburg



Rev. Joseph Vande Kleet was installed as pastor of the First Christian Reformed church west of Wellsburg Friday evening. He succeeds the Rev. Louis Voskull who resigned a few months ago.

Car Theft Case Goes To Jury

Gerald Clemens from Iowa Falls, who is held in the Grundy county jail on a car stealing charge, fell on a plea of Not Guilty when he was brought before District Court Judge Evans last Thursday forenoon. The court set his case for trial before a jury in the district court on September 30th. His bond was fixed at \$2000. He has been unable to furnish bond.

Clemens is charged with having stolen Henry Van Tiger's car which was parked on the streets in Grundy Center. He and the car were picked up the same night in Waterloo. A car stolen the same night at Iowa Falls was found parked in Grundy Center. The keys to both cars were found in Clemens' possession when he was picked up at Waterloo. He claims another man was with him who claimed to be the owner of the car and who was driving. Clemens claims he was ber how he got to Grundy Center or Waterloo. His wife and sister years ago and at the State Penitentiary.

Mexican Nationals Go On Strike At Canning Factory

DEMAND THEY BE PAID ON HOURLY BASIS RATHER THAN ON BASIS OF WEIGHT OF THE CORN THEY PICK.

The thirty Mexican Nationals who were brought to Grundy Center to pick the 1200 acres of sweet corn for the Marshall Canning Factory in Grundy Center went on strike Tuesday morning. They were not satisfied the way they were paid.

The canning factory had contracted with them for payment for the weight of the corn they picked. The Mexicans started working on that basis Saturday afternoon when the canning season opened. They worked under the same terms on Monday. Monday night they decided they didn't like the weight basis of payment but that they wanted to be paid the standard pay in cash per hour. This pay for employees in the factory is 70 cents an hour and that is what the Mexicans demanded. Their demands were refused and they refused to go to work Tuesday morning and the factory had to shut down.

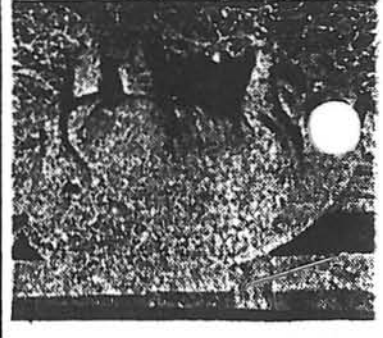
A representative from the government came here from Marshalltown and talked to the strike leaders. He told them they had entered into an agreement when they came here to be paid so much per ton for the corn they picked and that they could not break their contract and continue to remain in the United States. The Mexicans are permitted to come to this country under an agreement between the American and the Mexican government so long as there is work for them here that they are willing to do and when that work is done of which they refuse to work, their permit to remain in this country can be revoked and they can be sent back to Mexico. When this situation was called to the attention of the strikers and their refusal to go back to work might terminate their stay in this country they decided to go back on the job Tuesday afternoon. There has been similar trouble at other plants where Mexicans were called to help pick sweet corn, but the troubles have been put down.

108 People Employed in Factory

108 people are now employed in the local canning factory. They work but one shift a day and all-night work may not be necessary unless the crop matures too fast. It is expected that it will take at least three weeks to take care of the crop to be put up at the Grundy factory.

Yield and Quality High

The yield and quality of the year's crop is high and excellent.



Shown above is the champion in the Grundy County Fair. For good and champion Chester White mar-

RURAL TEACHERS AT CO. MEETING

All of Grundy county's rural teachers attended a county-wide meeting in the new high school building at Grundy Center Tuesday. The program as outlined was given at the forenoon and the afternoon sessions. The teachers were given their supplies for the year at the conclusion of the program.

Some of the schools in the county will open next Monday. Most of them will begin the first week in September. All of the rural schools are now supplied with a teacher.

May Murphy Sells

Mr. May Murphy of Grant township has sold her house on East Main street, Grundy Center, to Leonard Brumm, Murphy bought this house a few months ago from Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Biesheimer. At that time she expected to move from her farm to Grundy Center. When she decided against moving she sold the house again. Possession will be given on the first of the month. At that time the new owner will move and Mr. and Mrs. Biesheimer will occupy the apartment in the Beckman house which has been occupied by Mr. and Mrs. George Diehl. The sale was made by Groote & Hulme.

Mr. Brumm paid \$11,500 for the house he bought from Mrs. Murphy and he received \$12,000 for the house he sold to Mr. Groote.

Ship Govt. Bins To Wisconsin

Government grain bins that have been in use in Grundy county in late years have been sold in quite large number by the County for use of farm storage bins. The bins are being torn down now to get them ready for shipment.

All of the bins that have been located at Stout are being torn down now, ready for shipment. There are 12 bins at Stout. Two of the bins at Dike have been sold and will be torn down and there

he married Miss Lydia Parish, a daughter of Meredith Parish. She was born January 12, 1840. They have one child—Lulu. In 1868 Mr. Parish came to Hardin county, Iowa, and in 1876 purchased his present farm of 165 acres, valued at \$50 per acre. He has also 200 acres in Wright county, valued at \$20 per acre. In politics he is a Republican, and has held several local offices.

David Ingrum, farmer and stock-grower, was born in Wayne county, New York, November 24, 1834. He is the son of Eliphahel and Maria (Doggett) Ingrum, who were the parents of five children. David was reared on his father's farm, and received a common school education. When nine years of age his parents emigrated to Elkhart, Indiana. In 1858 he married Miss Eliza Jane Mabie. She was born in Huron county, New York, October 27, 1831. There were nine children, four living—Zipporah, Rosilla, Ona and Sarah. In January, 1862, the family left Indiana and came to Marshall county, Iowa, locating in Liberty township, and in 1864 came to Hardin and settled on the place where they now live. Mr. and Mrs. Ingrum came to the State in limited circumstances. They have now 227 acres of land, valued at \$35 per acre. Mr. and Mrs. Ingrum are members of the Baptist Church. Mr. Ingrum was a soldier in the 13th Iowa Volunteer Infantry.

E. M. Lepley, one of the enterprising farmers of Union township, was born in Knox county, Ohio, July 13, 1844. He is a son of John and Mary Lepley, who were the parents of twelve children, six of whom are living. His father was a farmer by occupation, and died in Knox county. The subject of this memoir married Miss Katy Cramer, a daughter of John Cramer, one of the pioneers of Hardin county, who was killed in 1873 by being run away with by a team. She was born in Somerset county, Pennsylvania, March 19, 1848. Mr. and Mrs. Lepley are the parents of six children, viz: Elliott, Irwin, Samuel, Rosa, Eddie and Peter. In 1864, Mr. Lepley came to Hardin county, where he remained a couple of years, returning then to Ohio, where he remained until 1868, when he again came out and purchased his present place, which was then wild prairie land, and commenced to make a home. He has now 115 acres of land, valued at \$35 per acre, and also 4 acres of timber.

N. Hallett was born in Steuben county, New York, on the 11th day of December, 1825. He is the son of Elijah Hallett, who was born February 2, 1793, and Elizabeth (Moore) Hallett, born February 1, 1796, who were the parents of eight children, four sons and four daughters, three of whom are living—Nelson, Lorenza and the subject of this sketch. His father died February 21, 1832, and his mother March 27, 1873. N. Hallett was married in 1850 to Miss Harriet Smith, a daughter of T. J. and Margaret (Gilchrist) Smith. She was born February 14, 1831. Their children were, Estella J., born May 23, 1852; died April 16, 1880; Myra E., born April 1, 1861; died January 12, 1864; Vinnie E., born September 27, 1867; and George S., born October 26, 1870. In the fall of 1852, Mr. Hallett left Steuben county, New York, and emigrated to Whiteside county, Illinois, where he engaged in farming. In 1865 he came to Hardin county, Iowa, and located where

Richard are living at home; Louisa married Louie Skou and they live at Ida Grove, Iowa; Anna and Anton live at home; two children died in early life. The wife and mother passed to her rest on November 9, 1909.

Mr. Pingel is a Republican and has taken a good citizen's interest in local public affairs. He has been a member of the school board for three years. He is a member of the Methodist church and faithful in his attendance on the same.

ELI MANUEL LEPLEY.

One of the larger landowners of Union township, and one of its most successful farmers, is a man who, when he began farming there, started in a very small way, but who, by diligence, industry and perseverance, has attained his present comfortable position, and Eli Manuel Lepley is widely known in Hardin county as one of her most representative farmers. He was born on July 13, 1842, in Knox county, Ohio.

Adam Lepley, grandfather of the subject, was a native of Germany, and with two brothers came to the United States in 1770 and settled in Somerset county, Pennsylvania. The two brothers were killed by Indians. Adam married and became the father of eight sons and two daughters. At an early day he walked through to Knox county, Ohio, leading a pack horse, and took up wild land. This he improved and was a farmer until his death.

John Lepley, the youngest child of Adam Lepley, was born on August 15, 1795, and married Mary Kemery, of Virginia, who was born on April 4, 1804. They were the parents of the following children: Barbara was born on December 28, 1823, married S. Myers, and came to Mahaska county, Iowa, in 1845, where she and her husband died. Peter was born on January 21, 1836, and married Elizabeth Hartinger, with whom he came to Union township, Hardin county, Iowa, and there he died on January 30, 1908. His widow is living in Union. Delilah was born on July 26, 1827, and married Martin Braddock. They moved to Marshall county, Iowa, in 1852, where he died and she still resides. Samuel was born on March 31, 1829, and was killed at the age of fifteen in Knox county, Ohio. William, who was born on October 11, 1830, died at the age of two. Christina was born on July 27, 1832, and is deceased. Josephus was born on June 20, 1834, and married Olive Horn, of Knox county, Ohio. He served three years in the Forty-third Ohio Infantry, and after the war went to Jasper county, Missouri, where he died six months later. His widow is now in Kansas. Melissa was born on June

19, 1836, married Hugh Dudgeon, who later moved to Kansas, where she died on August 15, 1910. John was born on August 19, 1840, and married Eunice Tracy. He died in 1899, his widow is living in Knox county, Ohio. Eli M. is the subject of this review. Nancy A. was born on May 26, 1844, and died at the age of eleven.

Eli M. Lepley had to go two and one-half miles to get the limited schooling which he received. He remained at home until he was twenty and in 1863 came west alone. For one year he lived with his brother Peter, then returned to Ohio, but later returned to Union township. Here he has since lived and has improved his lands and added to his holdings until now he owns four hundred and forty acres in Union township, and one hundred and twenty in Grundy county and a section of land in Canada. While following general farming, he has been for the last twenty years a breeder of registered Poland-China hogs, and keeps thoroughbred Hereford cattle and some horses and sheep, feeding on the farm all the hay and grain raised. He has won a reputation as a stock breeder. He has erected all the improvements on his farm, including a large and comfortable modern home, which contrasts greatly with the single-room, fourteen by sixteen shanty in which he and his wife first lived. Mrs. Lepley is a member of the Christian church at Union. In politics Mr. Lepley is a Democrat, and has held several local offices to the satisfaction of the community.

On April 14, 1868, Mr. Lepley was married to Katie Cramer, a native of Somerset county, Pennsylvania, the daughter of John and Elizabeth (Gisbert) Cramer. The Gisberts were of Irish stock. John Cramer was born in Germany on September 12, 1821, and died on September 4, 1873. His wife was born on March 14, 1820, and died on May 22, 1873. John Cramer went to Whiteside county, Illinois, then, in 1853, entered one hundred and sixty acres of land in section 5, Union township, Hardin county, Iowa, which he improved and sold, and then moved east of Steamboat Rock, where he and his wife both died. Their children were: Loraine, born on December 30, 1838, died in March, 1910; Hamilton, born on September 25, 1841, and served two years in Company A, Twelfth Iowa Infantry, after the war located in Union township, and later moved to South Dakota, and now resides in Kansas; Walter, born on November 20, 1842, died on April 15, 1856; Hudson, born on August 10, 1844, is now a ranchman in Oregon; Mary, born on June 10, 1846, is the wife of Sparks Beal, of Nebraska; Katie, Mr. Lepley's wife, was born on March 19, 1848; Sarah was born on February 10, 1850, and married William Moore, who died in Kansas in December, 1909; Leland, born on March 23, 1852, is a farmer in Minnesota.

To Mr. and Mrs. Lepley seven children have been born: Elliott, born on February 15, 1869, married Cora Walton, has five children, and is farming in Grundy county. His children are Marion, Maud, Katie, William and Silas. Erwin was born on April 23, 1870, and is farming in Grundy county. Samuel was born on June 23, 1872, married Callie Rowan, and is farming in Union township, Hardin county. Rose, born on October 11, 1873, married C. McMillian, of Pasadena, California, to whom she has borne two sons, Lawrence and Carlton. Ed, born on November 29, 1877, is at home. Peter, who was born on August 6, 1879, is farming in Providence township, Hardin county, married Nettie Gates, and has three children, Francis, Claire and Willet. Lillie, born on April 20, 1885, married L. Hutchins, of Deer Trail, Colorado. These children all received at the hands of their parents a good education.

Mr. Lepley is widely and favorably known in Hardin county, and those who know him esteem him highly on account of his many strong traits of character and affable nature. His business success, for farming today is a business, has been marked.

JOHN RUMPER.

It is the tendency of men, however sincere, to exalt the importance of their own callings and to be unconsciously influenced by the pursuits, activities, studies and tastes of their own lives. But they can often be pardoned for this, especially if their success has been gained through persistently following agricultural pursuits, to which John Rumper, of the village of Radcliffe, Hardin county, has devoted his life with the result that he is today regarded as one of the leading farmers and stock men in Sherman township, and, as might naturally be expected, he is an enthusiastic advocate of modern, scientific tilling of the soil, and those of younger years engaged in this vocation would make no mistake by following his example.

Mr. Rumper was born March 6, 1843, in Asendorf Hoya, Hanover, Germany, and he is the son of Henry and Mary (Holthaus) Rumper, both natives of the above named place; they spent their entire lives in the Fatherland, engaged in farm work. As far back as the subject can trace his genealogy his people lived on the same farm in Germany. His paternal grandparents were Henry and Margaretta (Holthaus) Rumper. The parents were members of the Reformed Lutheran church. The following five children in their family grew to maturity: Margaret, who lived in Radcliffe, this county, is deceased, as are also Richard and Henry; Dora lives in Germany; John,

of this review.