

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Gesman, N. J. Jr. Senator _____
Represented Marion County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 1 Nov 1865 Pella, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place
Did not marry

3. Significant events for example:
A. Business _____
B. Civic responsibilities _____
C. Profession Real estate; store clerk

4. Church membership _____

5. Sessions served 40th General Assembly 1923

6. Public Offices
A. Local Mayor of Pella 1909-1912; Justice of the Peace;
B. State _____
C. National _____

7. Death 11 Apr 1936 Pella, Iowa; buried Graceland Cemetery, Pella, Iowa

8. Children No children

9. Names of parents N. J. and Anna (De Jong) Gesman

10. Education He was educated in common schools

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information

Democrat

- After leaving school he was a clerk in Pella stores for a number of years
- In 1888 he moved to Burlington, Wisconsin where he also clerked for several years.
- He then moved to Des Moines, Iowa where he clerked for 4 years in a clothing store. There he also later had charge of the Smith-Premier Typewriter Company.
- He returned to Pella, Iowa in 1900 and lived with his widowed mother and entered the real estate business

Sources Log For Legislation Entries

Applicability

Source	Non Applicable	Applicable	Information obtained
-			Obituary - <u>The Pella Chronicle</u> , Pella, Iowa, Thurs, Apr. 16, 1936, p. 1, col. 6
-			<u>Iowa Official Register 1923-1924</u> , p. 224

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

**N. J. GESMAN IS
CALLED BY DEATH
AT HOME HERE**

**Life-Long Resident Dies Fol-
lowing Stroke Of
Apoplexy**

Following a stroke of apoplexy, which he suffered on Monday evening of last week, N. J. Gesman, well-known local citizen and resident of Pella since his birth, died Saturday morning at 5.20 o'clock at the home of his sister, Mrs. John Korver, East First street. His age was 70 years.

Funeral services were held on Monday afternoon at 2.00 o'clock at the Wormhoudt & Plette funeral home, conducted by Rev. Jacob Prins. Interment was in Graceland.

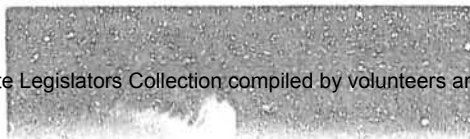
Was Mayor of Pella

Mr. Gesman was born in Pella on Nov. 1, 1865, the son of Rev. N. J. Gesman and Anna De Jong. All his life was spent in this community. He is survived by a brother, George Gesman, Oskaloosa, and a sister, Mrs. John Korver, Pella.

For several years Mr. Gesman was clerk in the Rhynsburger and Porter stores and 35 years he engaged in the real estate business with his brother, George Gesman.

Mr. Gesman was mayor of Pella for two terms, 1909-10, 1911-12, resigning on March 1, 1912, when he was succeeded by H. J. Vanden Berg. He was representative from Marion county in the Iowa general assembly for two terms, and at the time of his death was Justice of the Peace for Lake Prairie township. He was a student of current events, was a well informed man and a versatile writer, often contributing articles of interest to local newspapers.

Only One Birthday



**L. F. Bousquet For
County Treasurer**

L. F. Bousquet has entered the race for county treasurer of Marion county in the Republican pri-



L. F. Bousquet

mary. His announcement appears elsewhere in this issue.

Mr. Bousquet was postmaster of Pella for 16 years, retiring in July 1933 in favor of the Democratic appointee, E. Van Zante. During his long term of office he served the city efficiently and faithfully, and by his courteous dealings with the public and prompt attention to every detail of the office he made many friends, many of whom will be glad to support him in the coming primary, and if nominated in the fall election. In 1921 Mr. Bousquet bought half interest in the jewelry business of the late James De Wit and has since been thus engaged. His candidacy is entitled to serious consideration.

**F. F. A. Boys Are
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