

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative BALLUFF, August A. Senator BALLUFF, AUGUST A.

Served from Scott County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 12 Jan 1859, Davenport, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place Josephine E. Havercamp, 30 September 1879,  
St. Mary's Church, Muscatine, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Lawyer, law clerk, druggist, bank cashier, telephone co officer,  
clerk of court, deputy clerk of court

B. Civic responsibilities Member, Demo state central committee 6 yrs

C. Profession \_\_\_\_\_

4. Church membership Catholic

5. Sessions served 33 GA 1909-10, Scott Co., House  
34/35 GA 1911-14 SD 21, Scott Co.

6. Public Offices

A. Local Dep clerk Dist Ct, 1884-1889; Clerk Dist Ct 1893-97

B. State \_\_\_\_\_

C. National \_\_\_\_\_

7. Death 18 November 1934, Davenport, extended illness; bur. St. Marguerites Cem,  
Davenport

8. Children (1) Walter Martin B---- (18 Sept 1880 - ); atty, Davenport;  
(2) Bernadine Adelle (aka Adelle, Adle) (4 Oct. 1884 - ); (3) Elmer George (17 Aug 1887 -  
before 1934).

9. Names of parents John C. Balluff (1829-31 Aug 1888), b. Prussia, grocer, Davenport  
Mathilde (Matilda) Hesse (1841 - 16 June 1921), b. Prussia, both par bur St. Marguerites C

Balluff, August C.

10. Education St Marguerite's School, until age 15  
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11. Degrees \_\_\_\_\_  
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12. Other applicable information At 15, apprenticed to drug firm of Harrison & Holman; clerk in drug store in Muscatine 1879-1882; had own drug store in Davenport 1882 until leaving in 1884 because of health. Dep Clerk Dist Ct, Scott Co, 1884-1889; Clerk of Dist Ct. 1893-1897. Clerk in law office of Cook & Dodge 1889-1893. Employed by Iowa Tel. Co. after leaving office 1897, and became Secy & Treas of Co. Nov. 1898 became cashier of Citizens Nat Bank; when it merged with German Sav. Bank he became vp of bank & also secy/treas of German Trust Co. Resigned 1 May 1908. After 1 Jan 1909 was either clerk or atty w firm of Cook & Dodge, later Cook & Balluff. His son Walter C, who became lawyer in 1901 and joined firm became partner in it in 1906. Walter was Demo. Co. chair in 1934

Wife and ~~one~~ son predeceased him. Survived by ~~W~~Walter, Adele and two grandchildren, and by two sisters and four brothers.

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# Reduce Expenditures

## APPS TO HER DEATH

### WIDOW IN FIVE DAYS TO TAKE FATAL PLUNGE

#### Wasted Romance Blamed For Suicide of Former Showgirl.

Chicago, Nov. 19.—(AP)—A middle-aged woman leaped to her death from a window of the Stevens hotel today, her body landing on a sidewalk on crowded Michigan avenue. It was the third similar death in Chicago in the last five years.

The body landed in front of the Stevens cafe, about 20 feet south of the intersection of Michigan avenue and Balbo place. A policeman who witnessed the fall hurriedly covered the body with a tarpaulin obtained from the cafe.

The victim was identified by the coroner's office as Mrs. Teresa Soughton Ryan, aged 65, wife of Thomas Ryan, a retired policeman, who had registered at the hotel as Mrs. Brown of Joliet, Ill., only a few days before the tragedy.

A fall from a hotel window Sunday ended the broken romance.

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### AAA Allows Greater Hog, Corn Output

#### 10 Per Cent Production Cut '35 Mark; Support Urged.

Washington, Nov. 19.—(AP)—The AAA appealed to the farmers today to support the 1935 corn-hog program, which represents a considerable relaxation of the drive for drastic slashes in output.

Secretary Wallace announced last night that next year's acreage adjustment contracts would call for a 10 per cent reduction each in corn acreage and hog numbers from the 1932-33 acreage. Cuts of 20 to 30 per cent in corn acreage and 25 per cent in hogs were required this year.

Easing up the program further, the AAA will permit farmers to rent any part of their corn fields to the government, purchase feeder pigs from other contract signers, and grow any crop except corn on rented acres.

Signers may reduce acreage up to 30 per cent if they choose and receive additional benefit payments. Benefit payments for acreage taken out of production will be increased.

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### Name Sounded Familiar: There Was a Reason

Oskaloosa, Ia.—When Har-

## August A. Balluff, Former Scott County Clerk And State Legislator, Dead

Called

Was Father of Democratic Central Committee Chairman.



AUGUST A. BALLUFF

August A. Balluff, 75, former county official and state legislator, and a resident of Davenport practically his entire life, died at 8 p. m. Sunday at his home, 416 West Sixteenth street. His death terminated an extended illness.

One time chairman of the city and county Democratic central committees himself, Mr. Balluff was the father of Walter M. Balluff, Davenport attorney recently appointed county chairman.

Always a staunch Democrat, Mr. Balluff had served as clerk of the Scott county district court, and as representative and senator from Scott county in the Iowa legislature. Too, he was a member of the Democratic state central committee for the Second district for six years.

#### Funeral Wednesday.

Funeral services will be held at 8:30 a. m. Wednesday at the late residence, and at 9 at St. Anthony's church. Burial, which will be private, will be in St. Marguerite's cemetery. The body was removed to the Fred N. Ruhl funeral home, and will be returned to the family home at 4 p. m. Tuesday. It was requested that flowers be omitted.

A druggist by early training and occupation, Mr. Balluff in later years was an officer in Davenport banks and the Iowa Telephone Co., as well as serving in county and state offices.

He was born in Davenport, Jan. 12, 1859, a son of John C. and Matilda Hesse Balluff, pioneer residents here. He attended St. Marguerite's school, and when 15 years old was apprenticed to Harrison & Holman, whose store was situated at Third and Brady streets, to learn the drug business.

#### Opened Drug Store.

For three years beginning June, 1879, he was employed as a drug clerk in the I. L. Graham store, Muscatine, and in June, 1879, he opened a drug store in East Davenport. Ill health, however, forced him to give up the business, Jan. 1, 1884. In March of that year he entered his first county position, that of clerk in the office of W. J. Birchard, clerk of the Scott county court.

He remained there five years and then became a clerk in the law office of Cook & Dodge. Jan. 1, 1893, he began serving his first term as county court clerk, a post he held for four years.

Upon leaving office he entered

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### Dryland Farm Converted Into A "Gold Mine"

Saco, Mont., Nov. 19.—(AP)—For 24 years, the Charles Palm family eked out an existence on their dryland farm, but now Mrs. Palm, "the gold mine," is seeking and staff for construction of Fort Peck dam, found a million cubic yards of gravel.

## SENT WITH MESSAGE; DO NOT RETURN

### Searchers Find Bodies in Woods With Skulls Crushed.

#### ONE SUSPECT CONFESSES

#### Child, 13, Criminally Assaulted Before She and Sister, 9, Were Killed.

Clifton Forge, Va., Nov. 19.—(AP)—The bodies of two young girls, their skulls crushed by heavy blows, were found in woods near here early this morning by a searching party and shortly afterward authorities arrested three negroes and rushed them to Roanoke for safe keeping.

The two white children, Alice B. Hill, 13, and Ellen Hill, 9, had been missing since Sunday night after they had visited the farm on which one of the arrested negroes lived.

The negroes arrested were Phillip Jones, 25, Chester Smith, Jr., about 23, and Jones' wife. Commonwealth's Attorney M. J. Putnam, stated that he had a confession from Jones that he killed the children, and that in the alleged confession Jones sought to implicate Smith. Smith, however, denied any part in the crime.

#### One Girl Attacked.

Coroner Louis A. Houff said the girls, children of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Hill, of Clifton Forge, died of fractured skulls. He said the older girl had been assaulted.

The coroner said a shotgun, the stock broken and bearing bloodstains, was found under the Jones home. He said the younger child had evidently been killed first and that the two had been dead for about twelve hours at the time the bodies, bound together with fodder twine, were found about 100 yards from the Jones dwelling. Jones had a gun shot wound in one of his legs below the knee, which he claimed was accidentally inflicted.

#### Sent on Errand.

Authorities said they learned the children left home Sunday afternoon after the parents had received a telephone call from Jones asking that they be sent to notify his wife that he would not be home until late. Officers said they established that soon after this call, Jones went home.

A searching party was formed last night after the children failed to return home. The bodies were found about 4 o'clock this morning.

Smith told authorities he took Jones to a point near the latter's home in a taxi-cab during the afternoon, but that he did not go within half a mile of the house.

### HUEY TO SEEK PRESIDENCY ON THIRD TICKET

Baton Rouge, La., Nov. 19.—(AP)—Huey Long, planning to seek the presidency in 1936 on a third party ticket, is basing his hopes for election on the young voters and "thinkers."

He hasn't made any announcement yet, but in conversation has intimated he will try out his pet schemes to make a "topical" thing of the sort to the nation. "I care nothing about the old politics and messbacks," he said.

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from a building. He was  
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bond fixed at \$1,000.  
Police said Chehak made a written  
confession that he stole play-  
ing cards worth more than \$50  
from the Petersen Paper Co., stock-  
room, 222 East First street. Some  
of the cards he sold to tavern  
keepers who surrendered the stolen  
property at the request of police.  
Chehak, who was represented by  
Attorney L. E. Marshall, said he  
stole cards on three different oc-  
casions while collecting waste  
paper in the Peterson plant.

## Proposals For New Legislation Aired at Meeting

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tion, and division of inspection.  
The commissioner is empowered  
to employ deputies, office assist-  
ants, and officers, all of whose sal-  
aries would be fixed by the govern-  
or and comptroller.  
The department is charged with  
full police authority to enforce  
all state laws, enforce all laws re-  
lating to traffic including those re-  
gulating weight, speed and opera-  
tion of vehicles, drivers', motor  
vehicle, truckers' licenses, in-  
vestigate fires and apprehend  
persons suspected of arson, and  
disseminate fire prevention  
education, cooperate with game  
wardens in the enforcement of the  
fish and game laws, inspect and  
test all fuel and oil pumps, weights,  
measures, and scales, and the col-  
lection and classification of criminal  
identification records.

The department is also author-  
ized to establish a training  
school for law enforcement offi-  
cials and the subjects of instruction  
are set forth in the prelimi-  
nary measure.

### Rewards to General Fund.

The governor is empowered to  
establish divisional headquarters,  
through the state. Under the measure,  
no officer of the department  
would be permitted to claim and  
retain a reward for the apprehen-  
sion of a criminal, all such funds  
to be turned into the state's gen-  
eral fund.

### The state bureau of purchases

bill provides for the establishment  
of a state purchasing agency in  
the office of the state comptroller.  
Heading the agency would be a  
state purchasing agent appointed by  
the comptroller, the appointee  
to be an individual with experi-  
ence in purchasing and the mer-  
cantile trade.

Power would be given the agent  
to purchase or contract for all  
supplies, materials and equip-  
ment required by the various state  
officers and departments, enforce  
standard specifications, transfer  
materials and supplies between  
departments and have charge of  
central storerooms.

All purchases wherever possible  
would be on the basis of competi-  
tive bids and awards made to the  
lowest and best responsible bidder.

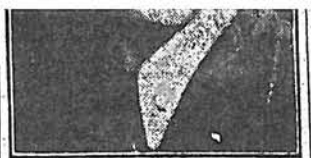
The county purchasing bill  
would establish purchasing pro-  
cedure for the various counties,  
providing that the board of super-  
visors of any county shall appoint  
as county purchasing agent a de-  
puty county auditor.

The county purchasing agent  
would have duties similar to those  
of the state purchasing agent in  
respect to his own county. He  
would be responsible for purchase  
or contracting for all supplies,  
materials equipment and contract-  
ual services required by all de-  
partments or agencies of the coun-  
ty government subject to the pro-  
visions of the act, and the trans-  
fer and sale of obsolete equip-  
ment.

His purchases also would be  
based wherever possible on com-  
petitive bids and purchases or con-  
tracts exceeding \$1,000 could not  
be made without the approval of  
a majority vote of the board of  
supervisors.

### Those At Conference.

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lators Collection compiled by volunteers and staff at the State Historical Society of Iowa Library, Des Moines, Iowa.



Roy E. Dickerson, above, di-  
rector of activities of the Grand  
Council of the Order of DeMolay,  
will confer the Legion of Honor  
degree upon Emil Strohbehn, Dav-  
enport, and Alex Vreeland, Rock-  
ford, Ill., formerly of this city, at  
the DeMolay-Zarephath Consili-  
ary program Thursday at 7:45  
p. m. at the Masonic temple.

As official grand council rep-  
resentative, Mr. Dickerson will  
also present Clinton Rehling,  
past master councillor of the  
local DeMolays, with emblems  
conferred with the honor of  
Representative DeMolay. The dis-  
tinction is the highest award of  
the Order as distinguished from  
a degree.

The public is cordially invited  
to attend the ceremonies.

## "G. P." Show Is Rated Highly By R. W. Cram

"The play and the performance  
of 'Green Pastures' impressed me  
more than any other I have seen,"  
Ralph W. Cram, Editor and Pub-  
lisher of The Democrat, wrote Wil-  
liam J. Kinck, local impresario  
who is bringing the stage show  
to the Masonic Temple, Monday,  
Nov. 25.

Mr. Cram saw "Green Pastures"  
during its Chicago run and he liked  
it so well he will see it again.

"His opinion is shared by many  
Davenporters who saw the show  
in Chicago," Mr. Kinck states.  
"As a result of the mouth-to-mouth  
advertising, our advance seat sale  
has been most encouraging."

"Green Pastures" will be at the  
Temple for a matinee and night  
performance. It will bring one of  
the largest casts ever seen here,  
the cast being the same as that  
which opened the show in New  
York four years ago.

## AAA Allows Greater Hog, Corn Output

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Increased from 30 to 35 cents a  
bushel. Farmers will be allowed  
\$1 a head for the number of hogs  
reduced from the base period aver-  
age. Under the 1934 contract they  
were paid \$5 a head for the num-  
ber remaining after the 25 per  
cent reduction was made.

Dr. A. S. Black, chief of the  
corn-hog program, declared that  
certain factors "make a burden-  
some surplus of corn in the fall  
of 1935 a certainty unless a large  
percentage of farmers agree this  
coming spring to hold plantings  
within reasonable limits."

Pleading for farmers' support, he  
said "plans now must be based on  
the future outlook, not on the situ-  
ation at the moment."

The AAA will begin disburse-  
ment of the second installment of  
the 1934 corn-hog payments, total-  
ing about \$92,000,000, within a few  
days.

Most of the checks on the first  
installment of the 1934 program,  
totaling about \$129,000,000, have  
been distributed to producers.

Second payments will be distrib-  
uted as rapidly as compliance cer-  
tificates have been received and  
checked in Washington. To date  
approximately 450,000 certificates  
out of the total of 1,150,000 con-  
tracts have been received.

Ames, Ia., Nov. 19.—(AP)—With  
corn-hog reduction programs under  
way...

plea will be entered in district  
court late this afternoon.

With two prior convictions as a  
shoplifter, Mrs. Alamanzo was ar-  
rested Saturday afternoon when  
she stole merchandise from five  
downtown stores.

Conviction on the current charge  
may result in commitment of the  
defendant to the women's reforma-  
tory at Rockwell City.

## Former Scott County Clerk, Solon, Is Dead

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the employ of the Iowa Telephone  
Co. and soon was appointed secre-  
tary and treasurer, a position he  
held until November, 1898, when  
he became cashier of the old Citiz-  
ens National bank. When that  
bank was merged with the German  
Savings bank he became vice pres-  
ident of the latter, as well as sec-  
retary and treasurer of the Ger-  
man Trust Co., a position from  
which he resigned May 1, 1908.

### Elected Legislator.

It was in the fall of that year  
he was elected representative  
from Scott county in the Iowa  
legislature, serving during the 33rd  
general assembly. In 1910 he was  
elected senator and served in the  
34th and 35th general assemblies.

About Jan. 1, 1909, he returned  
to the firm of Cook & Dodge, and  
continued with it and its successor,  
Cook & Balluff, until his death.

At Muscatine, Sept. 30, 1879, he  
married Josephine E. Havercamp,  
whose death occurred Dec. 20,  
1929.

Surviving, besides his son, Wal-  
ter M. Balluff, are a daughter, Miss  
Adele B. Balluff, also of Daven-  
port; two sisters, Mrs. Mary Hoff-  
man, Davenport, and Mrs. Lucy  
Kimmel, Springfield, Mo.; four  
brothers, John B. and Albert A.  
Balluff, Chula Vista, Calif., and  
Henry E. and Joseph Balluff, Chi-  
cago, and two grandchildren, Bar-  
bara J. and Bernard F. Balluff,  
Davenport.

## Third Woman In Five Days Leaps to Death

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ance of another Chicago woman.  
Mrs. Nellie Ablin, 26, a former  
showgirl, died in a plunge from the  
eighth floor of the Commonwealth  
hotel on the North Side last night  
during a celebration in honor of  
the 10 to 9 victory of the Chicago  
Bears professional team over the  
New York Giants.

Five days ago a young woman  
jumped from a Michigan avenue  
building after a man with whom  
she had been friendly had become  
interested in another girl.

Police said Mrs. Ablin was sepa-  
rated from her husband, Irving  
Ablin, of Aurora, Ill., and that her  
separation was believed to have  
been the reason for her act.

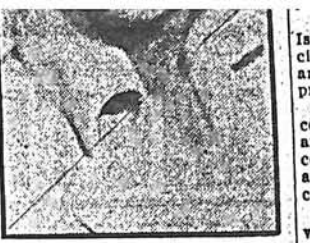
After she had listened to a broad-  
cast of the football game, police  
said the young woman sent a tele-  
gram of congratulation to Bernie  
Masterson of the Bears, a former  
University of Nebraska backfield  
star. She then proposed the cele-  
bration and later jumped from the  
window.

### Leaps From 8th Floor.

Witnesses of the tragedy were  
the victim's sister, Mrs. Thelma  
Walker Smith, 25, Lucille Moyses,  
Mrs. Alice Bennett, former Detroit  
night club hostess, and Mary Fran-  
ces Smith, 5-year-old niece of the  
dead woman.

Mrs. Bennett, who shared the ho-  
tel apartment with Mrs. Ablin, said  
the victim brooded over her separa-  
tion from her husband and had  
been inordinately interested in  
news reports of the death plunge  
from the Medina club last Wednes-  
day of Lucille Nolan, 21-year-old  
night club hostess.

Judge Dewey said he wanted to  
give the woman a chance to go home  
before she jumped.



Miss Jean Lovere, above, food  
expert of Hollywood, Cal., will  
conduct a course in food chemis-  
try Wednesday, Thursday, and  
Friday at 8 p. m. at Unity Center,  
318 Whitaker building. She is  
director of the food chemistry  
institute in Los Angeles, and  
previously taught in the Food  
Institute at Hollywood. While  
there, she had a number of movie  
stars as students, including  
Norma Talmadge, Mrs. Joe E.  
Brown, Myrna Kennedy and Alice  
Day.

## Seaman Ill; Doctor Sends Advice By Air

San Juan, Puerto Rico, Nov. 19.  
—(AP)—For three days and nights  
a physician labored to save the  
life of a patient he may never see,  
and neither of them today probably  
knows even the other's name.

The happened in the Caribbean.  
The American steamer Algic  
was steaming toward the Barba-  
dados, 625 miles southwest, last  
Thursday. The chief engineer  
doubled up with abdominal pains.  
His captain ordered him to bed.

Freighters of 5,496 tons gross  
register do not carry medical ex-  
perts aboard, but the captain knew  
a sick man when he saw one.

He sent out a wireless message  
for advice, and the United States  
coastguard cutter Unalga, sta-  
tioned here, responded. The Al-  
gic's skipper described his patient's  
symptoms and the medical officer  
aboard the coastguard cutter told  
him what to do.

He ordered icepacks to be pre-  
pared and alternated with hot water  
bottles on the patient's abdomen.  
Then, as the sick man's condition  
changed, he ordered stimulants,  
then opiates, then orange juice  
with brandy. At times he ordered  
the patient placed in a half re-  
clining position and at other times  
he directed him placed flat on his  
back.

The freighter's captain watched  
his chief engineer closely and re-  
ported, across hundreds of miles  
of sea, his temperature, pulse, and  
respiration, together with the rel-  
ative degrees of pain and ease.

Meanwhile the engineroom crew,  
without its chief, labored to hur-  
ry their ship toward port. They  
made Bridgetown at 2 a. m. yester-  
day. As the Algic dropped an-  
chor, a launch pulled up alongside  
with doctors. They took the sick  
man ashore, put him in a waiting  
ambulance, and hurried him to a  
hospital cot.

Then, and not until that moment,  
the United States medical officer  
on the Unalga signed off.

## CLERIC, FACING MANN ACT COUNT, GRANTED PAROLE

Des Moines, Nov. 19.—(AP)—  
Basel W. Footé, Council Bluffs  
evangelist who pleaded guilty to  
charges of Mann Act violation, to-  
day won a parole by professing  
repentance and a desire to care for  
his wife and five children.

Footé was sentenced by Federal  
Judge Charles A. Dewey to two  
years imprisonment in federal peni-  
tentiary when arraigned today and  
then paroled for a period of three  
months to the Iowa State Penitentiary,  
Des Moines.

Judge Dewey said he wanted to  
give Footé a chance to go home  
before he jumped.

Costs of the last elec-  
tion in Rock Island  
22.6 cents while in  
it was 12.8 cents.

The difference is in  
the use of voting ma-  
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105 voting machines  
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of precincts in Rock  
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county poles with m  
cost about \$200,000.

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## DRIVER FIN \$20; RA TRAFFI

## Officers Testif Schumacher When Pick

Charles Schumach  
Colorado street, was  
costs in police cour  
found guilty of reck  
charge filed after he  
traffic post at Secon  
streets shortly before  
day.

Police officers testi-  
fied Schumacher was  
intoxicated when he  
was seated behind the  
automobile which he  
drove into the time  
before they shut it  
down.

The defendant ad-  
mitted he had been  
drinking, but he  
said the automobile  
skidded on the  
tracks as he was  
turning north into Har-  
bor street.

## JAPAN REJE COMPROMI NAVAI

London, Nov. 19.—  
The British govern-  
ment today rejected  
a proposal for a  
treaty which would  
allow Japanese ships  
to call at British  
ports in the Pacific  
Ocean.

The ambassador  
in London, Sir  
Simon, said that  
Japan could not  
accept the British  
offer of a treaty  
which would allow  
Japanese ships to  
call at British  
ports in the Pacific  
Ocean.

At the same time  
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## "KING OF NIC CLUBS

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brushes with the la  
of his cafes durin  
the name of the  
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county bar and has engaged in many notable cases in the state and federal courts. He came to Davenport when its population was less than four thousand, and has witnessed its growth to over forty thousand people. He is a republican in politics and has been a frequent speaker in its political campaigns.

At his present age of seventy-eight, he is as vigorous in mind and body as at fifty, and coming of a long-lived ancestry, he bids fair to attain the limit of possible expectancy.

Walter M. Balluff was born September 18, 1880, in Scott county. His father, August A. Balluff, was also born in Scott county, and his mother, Josephine E. (Havercamp) Balluff was born in Muscatine county, both parents being of German descent.

Mr. Balluff was educated in the public schools of Davenport, graduating in 1899. He took a law course at the Iowa State University, graduating in 1901, and was admitted to the bar the same year, entering the law office of Cook & Dodge, and in 1906 he became a member of that firm and engaged in the general practice in all branches of the law.

In politics Mr. Balluff is a democrat with no political aspirations. He belongs to the Order of the Elks and the Knights of Columbus.

Henry E. C. Ditzen was born in Davenport, May 5, 1872. His parents, Henry J. and Amelia (Meier) Ditzen, were born and resided in Germany until about 1848 when they came to Davenport and gained a residence here.

Mr. Ditzen, the subject of this sketch, was educated in the common schools and high school of Davenport, and studied in the Iowa State University, law department, graduating in September, 1897. He was admitted to the bar the same year, and began the practice of the law alone; and on January 1, 1905, he qualified as a justice of the peace, having been elected in the fall of 1904. He is a