

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Cross, Charles J. Senator _____
Represented Page County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place .. 1856 Sidney Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place

Nina Nipon 2 Jan 1880

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business _____

B. Civic responsibilities _____

C. Profession Merchant

4. Church membership Congregational

5. Sessions served 30th, 31st General Assemblies 1904, 1906

6. Public Offices

A. Local _____

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 11 Jan 1917 Santa Anna, California

8. Children Charles J.; Bertha E.; Mrs. T.C. Rowland

9. Names of parents _____

10. Education _____

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information _____

Republican

- *He moved to Santa Ana, California around 7-8 years before his death. He and his son-in-law, T. C. Rowland, engaged in raising fruit and growing English walnuts.*
- *He was born in a log cabin and experienced the frontier hardships.*
- *He worked as a clerk in his brother's (R. J. Cross) store at Monti.*
- *Later they moved the store to Shenandoah, Iowa. There he worked for around 40 years.*

Sources Log For Legislation Entries

Applicability

Source Non Applicable Applicable Information obtained

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Iowa, Mon. Jan 15, 1917, p. 2, col. 1*

that while occasional mistakes may be made their judgment can be relied upon, and that "no such principle of the individual is an economy." He goes on farther to eulogize the people and insists that the primary principle must be retained. I call attention to this cartoon

C. F. CROSE AND GEO. BIDDLE DIE

Former Prominent Shenandoah Citizens Pass Away in California.

Word was received here Friday of the death of C. F. Crose, which occurred at his home in Santa Ana, Calif., the preceding day, caused by cancer. Mr. Crose had been living in California for the past seven or eight years, having left Shenandoah for that place; where he and his son-in-law were engaged in fruit farming, making the growing of English walnuts a specialty. He has been in poor health for some time, so that the announcement of his death did not cause great surprise among those familiar with the fact.

Mr. Crose was born in a log cabin at Sidney in 1856, and he experienced all the hardships of frontier life as he grew to manhood. He clerked in a store for his brother, R. A. Crose, at Manti when a young man, and when Shenandoah was founded they moved the store to this place, locating in a building where the First National Bank now stands. The business was continued there for about forty years, during all of which time practically Mr. Crose was interested in it.

On June 2, 1880, he was united in marriage to Miss Nina Nixon, and she and one daughter, Mrs. T. C. Rowland, still survive to mourn his death. He also leaves three brothers to mourn. He was elected in 1903 to the state legislature from this county and served his constituents well. He was a member of the Congregational church of this city, and during his residence here was always found at the head of all of the activities of the city that looked towards its welfare.

I am as anxious as anyone for this murder mystery solved. I would be glad to pay any amount to aid the county supervisors in employing a to make a sweeping investigation. I am anxious for and would come a full investigation of rumors and clues pertaining to Moore tragedy. The county spent a lot of money already in Wilkerson investigation of a and a half has settled nothing. recent effort would appear to effort to collect a bill for that the county board has to pay.

"It occurs to me that it is good policy to secure the services of some reputable investigator to make the next efforts along the line of unraveling the mystery and the responsibility for the same as possible. If Montgomery owes the Burns agency \$2000 should be paid; if not, our county should not help "squeeze" the board into paying this bill in the sake of continuing Wilkerson case. There are plenty of men with experience and ability who could be secured for the work at a price which the board could expect treatment and unprejudicial reports.

"I think also, that the grand jury should make as complete an investigation as possible. Phases of the Villisca tragedy should include in their investigation the charges made that some men gave perjured testimony at the cent slander suit. Our county should not long retain the confidence of the people if witnesses can be treated with impunity.

"It does seem that after a half years of agitation and the county board in refusing to call for new ones after the