

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative _____ Senator Young, John

Alexander - Represented Henry and Washington Counties, from

1. Birthday and place 29. July 1838 Rush County, Indiana

2. Marriage (s) date place

Elizabeth A. Runyon 4 Oct 1860

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Assistant cashier of the Washington National Bank, later cashier and later president.

B. Civic responsibilities G. A. R.

C. Profession Banker

4. Church membership Methodist

5. Sessions served 29th 30th 31st General Assemblies 1902, 1904, 1906

6. Public Offices

A. Local Washington County auditor 1871-1874; mayor of Washington 1879-1880

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 20 Apr 1921 Colfax, Iowa; buried Elm Grove Cemetery, Washington, Iowa

8. Children Harvey E.; Mrs. A. H. Hall

9. Names of parents James M. and Sallie (Egerton) Young

Young, John Alex

10. Education Education in district school of Cedar Township,
Washington County, Iowa

11. Degrees Attended Iowa Wesleyan College, Mount Pleasant, Iowa
for 3 years

12. Other applicable information Republican

- He came with his parents to Washington County, Iowa in 1843 at age 5.
The family located in Cedar Township on a farm where they lived as
members of years.
- At age 19 he began teaching school following that profession for 4 years.
- After marriage, he and his wife settled on a farm in Cedar Township
until 1871 except for when he was in the Civil War.
- Military service - Civil War - Co. A, 25th Iowa Infantry attaining
rank of Captain
- After the war he returned to farming, but only for a few years
because of his wounds and exposure during the war.



J. M. A. Young



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DES MOINES,
IOWA.

CAPTAIN JOHN ALEX YOUNG, SOLDIER, BANKER, LEGISLATOR, PROMINENT HERE MANY YEARS, DIED SUDDENLY TODAY

DEATH OCCURRED AT HOME OF
DAUGHTER, MRS. A. W.
HALL, AT COLFAX

WAS 82 YEARS OLD

Had Been Cashier and President of
Washington National Bank Over
Forty Years—Served in the
State Senate

Captain John Alex Young, one of the most prominent figures in the life of Washington and Washington county for more than fifty years, died this morning at the home of his daughter, Mrs. A. W. Hall, at Colfax, Iowa.

The word was received by his son, Cashier Harvey S. Young of the Washington National bank, about 8 o'clock this morning. Death had come suddenly, altho Captain Young had been quite feeble for the last few weeks.

Harvey Young took the morning train for Colfax and early arrangements will be made for the funeral services. In all probability the body

not able to engage in active farming for more than a few years, because of the effects of wounds and exposure during the war.

In 1871 he was elected county auditor and served the county efficiently in that office four years. On retiring from the county office he became assistant cashier of the Washington National bank, taking that position on January 27, 1874, and on the first of July, 1878, became cashier.

He possessed exceptional qualifications as a banker and under his guidance the business of the Washington National was built up until it became the leading banking institution in the county. He was careful and conservative and often sacrificed his personal interests for the advancement of the bank.

After serving as cashier for thirty-two years, he resigned that position at the meeting of the board of directors in January, 1910, his retirement becoming effective February first of that year, since when he has been the bank's president.

Sent to State Senate

Several years later he was elected to the upper house of the state legislature, where he served with distinction, becoming one of the most prominent and influential members.

When Congressman Thomas Hedge

to return to Washington within the next three or four weeks for the summer.

A Friendly, Lovable Man

John Alex Young was known not only for his ability and because of the positions of trust in which he had been placed, but also because of the essential friendliness and geniality which characterized his life. He had a sincere regard for his fellowmen, was always willing to help those in need and had a friendly word for everyone on all occasions. He could be firm and strict, but few people saw him in that light.

He filled a very large place in this community and probably no other man who lived in the last half century was better known or held in higher personal regard. His life was a good example for the younger generation and his influence was always for good. His death brings a personal sorrow to many in the community who knew and loved him, and their sympathy goes out to his family.

Mr. Young was a member of the Methodist church and always took an active interest in its affairs, being a regular attendant at the church services and a liberal contributor to religious and community enterprises. He was a member of I. G. White post, G. A. R.

Declamatory Contest Postponed

The county declamatory contest, scheduled for Friday evening of this week, has been deferred until next Monday evening at the high school auditorium, on account of the presentation of "Robin Hood" at the Graham Friday night.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our friends and neighbors for the kindness and sympathy shown us in our recent bereavement.

Wm. Dantzer,
Elizabeth Dantzer,
Joseph Dantzer,
Mrs. Rube Smith,
Violet Bruper,
Austin, Minn.

Entries Close April 30

IOWA CITY, April 20.—Entries in the thirteenth annual interscholastic track and field meet for Iowa high schools to be held at the University of Iowa May 7 will close April 30. This means that more than a week remains during which entries may be mailed in. Invitations to compete have been sent to 600 high schools in the state.

FORD PAYS HEARTS

Motor Car Manufacturer Has Laid Plans for New York, April 20.—Recent reports that Henry Ford



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will be brought to Washington for burial, but nothing definite can be announced today.

A Very Prominent Citizen

Since the civil war, John Alex Young had taken a prominent part in the affairs of Washington and was one of the best known men of the community, but had been retired from active business and political life for the last several years, altho he retained an active interest in community activities and had a keen grasp of affairs up to the last. At the time of his death he was president of the Washington National bank.

He served as county auditor for two terms, was mayor of Washington for two years, served in the state senate and at one time was a prominent candidate for the congressional nomination, but retired because of personal business matters. He was prominent in the Methodist church and took an active part in all movements for community betterment.

Was Born in Indiana

Mr. Young was born in Rush county, Indiana, July 29, 1838, a son of James N. Young and Sallie (Eye-stone) Young, who came to Washington county in 1843, when he was five years old. The family located in Cedar township, being one of the first of the pioneers to settle on the prairie north of Washington, where the Youngs made their home in a log house for a number of years.

After attending the district school, Mr. Young was a student at Iowa Wesleyan college, Mt. Pleasant for three years, and when nineteen years of age began teaching school, following that profession four years. He then married Elizabeth A. Runyan on October 4, 1860 and settled on a farm in Cedar township, which was his home until 1871, except for the time he was serving in the union army.

Member of 25th Iowa

On August 19, 1862, he enlisted in Company A, Twenty-fifth Iowa infantry, of which Col. D. J. Palmer went out as captain. On the organization of the company, Mr. Young was elected second lieutenant and in June, 1863, was promoted to first lieutenant, while a year later he was made captain of the company.

He was slightly wounded at Arkansas Post in January, 1863, and sustained slight injuries at Ringgold, Georgia, in the same year, and also at Resaca the following May. His regiment participated in several important engagements and also in the siege of Vicksburg and the march with Sherman to the sea, taking part later in the grand review at Washington, D. C., after the war.

Elected County Auditor

When the war was over Captain Young returned to civil life, but was

of Burlington, retired from congress, each county in the district put forth a republican candidate to succeed him, except Des Moines county. Captain Young was the logical candidate from Washington county and his candidacy aroused much favorable comment over the district, but before the convention date came, he retired from the race, owing to the pressure of business affairs and other personal reasons, and Charlie Kennedy of Lee county, who has just retired from office, was nominated and elected.

Captain Young served as mayor of Washington in 1879 and 1880, giving the same efficient service in that office as he did in the other positions to which he was elected during his long, active and serviceable career.

Leaves Two Children

Surviving him are his widow and two children, Harvey S. Young, now cashier of the bank which his father served so long, and Mrs. A. W. Hall of Colfax. Mrs. Hall is the mother of Capt. James Norman Hall, noted for his exploits in the air service during the late war and for his books and magazine articles. Captain Young took a great interest and pride in the achievements of this grandson.

Since his retirement from an active position in the bank, Captain Young spent most of the winters in southern California, but for the last two years he and Mrs. Young spent several months each year with their daughter in Colfax, where his death occurred today. They were planning

NOTICE— AUTO OWNERS

I am going into business for myself and am located at the city feed yard in a good clean building where I am prepared to do all kinds of auto painting. I have been in Washington a year and have much work to refer to to show the quality of my output. Phone for dates.

W. A. SMITH
City, 267; Mutual, 107

undated loans of \$5 1/2 million. NEW YORK, April 20.—Recent reports that Henry Ford contemplated extensive financing in Wall street in connection with his motor car business were discredited by bankers, who announced that the Detroit manufacturer, instead of being in the market for money, had liquidated his loans here, aggregating 25 1/2 million dollars.

Names Somewhat Misleading.

Cleopatra's needles were not erected by Cleopatra nor in honor of that queen, but by Thothmes III. Pompey's pillar, in Alexandria, was erected by the Emperor Diocletian, according to its inscription, and has nothing to do with Pompey.

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and Representative Citizens of the County,

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OF THE PRESIDENTS OF THE UNITED STATES.

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daughter of John and Esther Henderson. By this union there have been eight children, of whom the living are: Bessie C., Annette, Myrtle L., Charles C., Ella M. and Nora B.

Mr. Sands, as already intimated, has spent his whole life in Washington County. Coming to the county four years before a railroad had been built in the State, and when settlements were few and far between, confined principally to the prairies, he has lived to witness the many great changes that have been made, and to perform his part in bringing them all about. Growing up in Oregon Township, he is well known by all its citizens, and has been honored by them with many of the local offices, which he has filled to the entire satisfaction of all. While not numbered among the very wealthy men of Washington County, he is yet in comfortable circumstances, and that which he has is the result of his own labors, assisted in part by his good wife. Mr. and Mrs. Sands are consistent members of the United Presbyterian Church. Politically, he is a Republican, and takes much interest in all political affairs.

JOHN ALEX. YOUNG, Cashier of the Washington National Bank, dates his residence in Washington County from 1843, at which time he came to the county in company with his parents, a mere lad of five years. He was born in Rush County, Ind., July 29, 1838, and is the son of James N. and Sally (Eyestone) Young, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this volume. The family arrived in Washington County when it was little better than a wilderness, when the settlers' cabins were few and far between, and here the subject of this sketch grew to manhood, and has since become one of its best known and most highly respected citizens. His first instruction in the mysteries of A, B, C's, and a-b abs, was received from his father, and when the rude log school-house was erected, there he was sent, principally in the winter months until he was sixteen years of age, when he entered the University at Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, where he pursued his studies for three years. The next three years he spent in teaching district schools, varied with farm work.

The next important event in our subject's life was his marriage, Oct. 4, 1860, with Elizabeth A. Runyon, the daughter of M. D. and Elizabeth (Tingley) Runyon. She was born in Jefferson County, Ohio, in 1839. In the spring of 1861 the young couple settled on a small farm in Cedar Township, with a view of making for themselves a home where peace and plenty should reign. But at this time the dark war clouds which had been for so long a time hanging over the country, burst forth, and call after call was made for men to put down the unholy Rebellion. The call must be heeded by the able-bodied men of the land, it mattered not what sacred ties should be torn asunder, nor how strong the love of the wife for the husband, the mother for the child. In August, 1862, John Alex. Young was one of a number to form a company which became Co. A, 25th Iowa Vol. Inf. Enlisting as a private, at the election for officers of the company, he was chosen Second Lieutenant, and served as such until June, 1863, when he was promoted First Lieutenant. One year afterward, in June, 1864, he was promoted Captain, and served as such till the close of the war.

Among the engagements and campaigns participated in by Capt. Young, were Chickasaw Bayou, Arkansas Post, siege and capture of Vicksburg, second battle of Jackson, Miss., Cherokee Station, Lookout Mountain, Missionary Ridge, Ringgold and Resaca. In the last engagement, which was part of the Atlanta campaign, he was wounded in the temple by a spent ball, and sent first to the field hospital, and then to the general hospital at Lookout Mountain, from which place he was granted a furlough and was sent home to recuperate. Rejoining his regiment after a short stay at home, he was with it on its march to the sea, and in the grand review in Washington at the close of the war. With his regiment, he was mustered out at Washington in June, 1865, receiving his discharge a few days afterward at Davenport, Iowa.

Capt. Young then returned home, and at once settled down to the peaceful vocation of a farmer, at which he remained until 1871, when he was elected County Auditor, and removed to Washington. In 1873 he was again nominated for that office, but was beaten by a majority of sixty-two votes, while

the rest of the ticket was snowed under by 500 majority. This was the year when the Anti-Monopoly or Grange movement swept almost the entire country, and when many of the best and most capable officers were retired to private life in the interest of reform.

In the position of County Auditor, Capt. Young showed such business qualifications, that on the expiration of his term of office he was offered the position of book-keeper in the Washington National Bank, and entered upon his duties in that institution Jan. 27, 1874. He was soon afterward made Assistant Cashier, and July 1, 1878, was promoted Cashier, which office he still holds, having the perfect confidence of the officers and stockholders, and of the entire community. He has twice served as Mayor of the city of Washington with satisfaction to his constituents. In politics, he is a staunch Republican. Religiously he is connected with the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which body his wife is also a member. Socially, he is a member of the G. A. R. Mr. and Mrs. Young have two children: Ella A., now the wife of A. W. Hall, of Colfax, Iowa, and Harvey S., also residing in that city.

An excellent portrait of Capt. Young will be seen upon a preceding page, which will be appreciated by every patron of the ALBUM.



CAPT. D. E. COCKLIN is a farmer and stock-raiser, living upon section 7, Marion Township. He is a native of Ohio, born in Wayne County, Dec. 25, 1835, and is a son of Samuel and Mary Cocklin, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania, but who emigrated to Ohio at an early day. In 1854, the family came to Washington County, Iowa, and settled on section 8, Marion Township, where the father purchased 220 acres of land, forty of which was improved. The mother died in 1856, but the father is yet living, making his home with his son.

The subject of this sketch was reared upon a farm and received his education in the common schools of his native State. Prior to the breaking out of the war, he taught four terms of public school. In common with every other loyal man, when the South

arrayed itself against the General Government, and by force of arms determined to maintain its right to secede, young Cocklin at once determined to join with those who proposed to maintain the Union inviolate. In the fall of 1861 he enlisted as a private in Co. I, 13th Iowa Vol. Inf., and served until the close of the war. Soon after his enlistment he was appointed Corporal, and was made Sergeant shortly after the battle of Shiloh, in which the 13th Regiment bore such an honorable part. The record of the 13th Iowa Infantry is indeed a glorious one. Together with the 11th, 15th and 16th Iowa Regiments, they formed one of the most distinguished brigades in the Army of the Tennessee, and were once accorded the honor of saving that entire army from a terrible defeat. In the winter of 1862-63 the regiment with its brigade returned from Gen. Grant's march into Central Mississippi to La Fayette, Tenn., and on the 2d of January left for Young's Point, La., where the regiment worked hard on the celebrated Vicksburg Canal, and until the following September its duties were fatiguing. In the siege and capture of Vicksburg, July 4, 1863, the 13th Regiment bore an honorable part. The autumn and most of the winter of 1863-64 were spent by the 13th at Vicksburg, and there the regiment re-enlisted as veterans, though it did not take its furlough until after the march to Meridian. In the Atlanta campaign Sergt. Cocklin was in command of his company, but in November, 1864, was promoted Captain, and as such served until the close of the war. From Atlanta the regiment marched to Savannah, thence to Goldsboro, and on to Washington, where it formed a part of that vast number in the grand review at that place. The regiment was mustered out at Louisville, Ky., and discharged at Davenport, Aug. 12, 1865.

On receiving his discharge, Capt. Cocklin again returned to his home in Washington County, and one month thereafter, on the 12th day of September, 1865, was united in marriage with Miss Hester A. Powell, the daughter of Joseph and Martha (Johnson) Powell. Two children have been born unto them, Charles J. and Samuel, both residing at home. Capt. Cocklin is now the owner of ninety-two acres of land on section 7, Marion Township.

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JOHN HAMMILL, President of the Senate
J. H. ANDERSON, Speaker of the House

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state senator was the only elective political office which he ever held. During the time that he was a member of this Senate a bill was passed which has been since called the "Farr Paving Bill," which provided for a method of paving the roads in the state from the sparsely settled part of a city into the business district.

Senator Farr was then in the Thirty-sixth General Assembly and his seat was in the vicinity of where my own seat is now. I will never forget the friendly interest he expressed for me at that time. He was indeed a kindly man and as such was truly loved.

JOHN ALEX YOUNG

MR. PRESIDENT—Your committee appointed to prepare suitable resolutions commemorating the life and service of John Alex Young of Washington county, Iowa, a member of this Senate during the Twenty-ninth, Thirtieth and Thirty-first General Assemblies, beg leave to report as follows:

John Alex Young, a son of James N. Young and Sallie (Eyestone) Young, was born in Rush County, Indiana, July 13, 1838, and came to Washington county in 1843 when he was five years old, and was a resident of Washington county, Iowa, continuously thereafter until the date of his death, April 20, 1921. He was therefore one of the pioneers of Washington County and of Iowa. He attended the district school and attended school at the Iowa Wesleyan College in Mt. Pleasant, and began teaching in the public schools when he was nineteen years old.

On October 4, 1860, he was married to Elizabeth A. Runyon at Washington, Iowa, and made his home on the farm until 1871. When his country needed men for the Civil War, John Alex Young early answered the call and on August 19, 1862 enlisted in Company A of the 25th Iowa Infantry, and upon the organization of the company, Senator Young was made 2d Lieutenant; was later promoted to 1st Lieutenant and then was made Captain of his company. In January, 1863 at the battle of Arkansas Post, and again at Ringgold, Georgia, the same year, Senator Young received wounds while in the service. His regiment during the war participated in many important engagements among which was the Siege of Vicksburg and Sherman's march to the sea, and also participated in the grand review which took place at Washington, D. C., after the war.

After his return from his service in the army, Senator Young became active in the affairs of his county and became one of the leaders in political activity, affiliating with the republican party at all times. As a result of his wounds in the army, he was physically not strong enough to conduct his farming operations, and in 1871 was elected County Auditor of Washington county, in which capacity he served the county efficiently for four years.

After completing this service the great work of his life began when he was made assistant cashier of The Washington National Bank of Washington, Iowa, in 1874, and later in 1878 became the cashier and guiding spirit of the institution, and through his efforts, skill and ability he was able to build up this institution so that at the end of

thirty-two years' service in the bank he had made it the leading banking institution of Washington county.

In his dealings with the patrons of his bank and with the public he was always kind and considerate, yet firm and determined, and while he could realize and sympathize with the interests of his customers, yet he could firmly and actively correct and chastise recalcitrants. He resigned his position as cashier in 1910.

Senator Young was elected to the State Senate from the Washington-Henry county district to the Twenty-ninth General Assembly where he served for three sessions, and his service in the General Assembly was always marked with fairness, courtesy and ability. At one time Senator Young was a candidate for Congress and had a fair chance of being nominated at the republican convention, but because of the condition of his health and the pressure of business affairs in which he was interested, he withdrew from the convention before the nomination was made.

Senator Young was a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Washington, Iowa, for many years. He left surviving him his widow and two children, Harvey S. Young, who now serves as cashier of the bank which his father had built, and Mrs. A. W. Hall of Colfax, Iowa, who is the mother of Captain Norman Hall of aviation fame during the World War.

Senator Young was at all times an ardent supporter of republican principles and a loyal patriot during the World War. When his grandson, Norman Hall, was making his record, Senator Young made the statement that he had been called Auditor Young, Cashier Young, Captain Young, and now he was called Norman Hall's grandfather, and that he was prouder of that name than any of the others.

After retiring from active work in the bank, Senator Young spent most of his winters either in California or in Colfax where his daughter lived. He was an active member of I. G. White Post of the G. A. R., and after being away from the bank for several years, he was elected and served as president of that institution until the time of his death.

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Iowa that in the death of Honorable John Alex Young the State of Iowa and the county in which he resided, have lost a useful, earnest, honest, progressive and upright citizen, a valiant soldier and a man whose life activities were fearless in the cause of right and justice.

Be It Further Resolved, that this Senate extend to his family its sincere sympathy in their great bereavement; and

Be It Further Resolved, that these resolutions be printed in the Senate Journal, and that the Secretary of the Senate be directed to forward an engrossed copy to the family of the deceased.

J. L. BROOKHART.

BYRON W. NEWBERRY.

J. A. NELSON.

The resolutions were adopted unanimously.

Senator Newberry spoke as follows:

I served with Senator Young of Washington County during the Thirtieth and Thirty-first General Assemblies. He served with distinction

during the civil war, attaining the rank of Captain. For many years he engaged in banking. I recollect his coming to my desk one day during the Thirty-first General Assembly and saying, "It is just thirty years ago today that I became cashier of a bank at Washington and I have served in the bank ever since." I understand that his son is now the manager of that bank and that he has a grandson who is cashier of a national bank at Arlington, Iowa. They are a family of bankers. He was the grandfather of Norman Hall, the renowned aviator and author.

Senator Young was an able and conscientious legislator. He was the author of the first anti-discrimination law enacted in this state, which applied to petroleum and its products. This law has since been extended, constituting the present law.

Iowa in his death lost a most worthy and useful citizen.

ALVA C. HAGER

MR. PRESIDENT—Your committee appointed to prepare resolutions commemorating the life, character and services of Alva C. Hager, beg leave to submit the following report:

Mr. Hager was born in Chautauqua county, New York, October 29, 1849, and when he was ten years of age moved with his parents to Iowa where they farmed in Jackson county. Six years later they moved to Jones county where Mr. Hager received his high school education in the Monticello and Anamosa High Schools.

In the year 1874 he entered the law department of the University of Iowa, receiving his degree a year later. After passing the state bar examination he started his law practice at Greenfield, Iowa.

He was presiding officer of the Republican state convention in 1892. Was elected a member of the state senate, in 1893, and was re-elected the next term but resigned to go to Congress in 1894. He was Congressman from Iowa for three terms, from 1894 to 1900, representing the ninth district.

In 1900 he returned to Greenfield, and in 1901 moved to Des Moines where he entered a partnership with O. R. Patrick, later with Charles L. Powell. He had his office in the Iowa National bank building.

He was a member of the Des Moines Club and golf and country club and was active in many civic organizations. During the war he was a leader of liberty loan drives and was in much demand as a speaker.

From 1911 to 1918 he was president of the Commercial Savings Bank, and at the time of his death was also a director of the Des Moines Silo Company.

He had been in ill health for many months, and on January 18th was taken to Iowa Lutheran hospital, where he died January 30, 1923.

He is survived by a widow, two daughters and five grandchildren.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved. By the Senate of the Fortieth General Assembly of Iowa, that in the death of Alva C. Hager, the state and community where he lived, have suffered the loss of an influential and honorable citizen; and

Be It Further Resolved. That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon

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HISTORY OF Washington County Iowa

From the First White Settlements to 1908

By HOWARD A. BURRELL

Also Biographical Sketches of Some Prominent Citizens of the County

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of Harman Brining, living in Jackson township; and George, who is deceased.

No event of special importance occurred to vary the routine of farm life for John Horning in his boyhood and youth. He worked at home until he had attained his majority, and in the meantime he acquired his education through the improvement of such opportunities as the public schools afforded. He started out in life on his own account as a farm hand and worked in that way for fourteen years, during which time he carefully saved his earnings and then joined his brother William in the purchase of one hundred and sixty acres of good land in Seventy-Six township. They carried on farming in partnership upon that tract until 1895, when John Horning sold his interest to his brother and purchased his present farm, comprising one hundred and sixty acres on section 15, of the same township. His fields are well tilled and bring forth rich harvests. The farm presents a most neat and attractive appearance. He also makes a specialty of raising and feeding hogs and sells a large number annually, so that his yearly income is greatly augmented thereby. He is recognized as a business man of keen discernment and unfaltering energy whose success has come as the direct reward of earnest and persistent labor.

On the 13th of March, 1907, Mr. Horning was united in marriage to Miss Nellie De Long, a native of Cedar township, this county. The marriage has been blessed with an interesting little daughter, Mabel Marie. The parents are both members of the Methodist Episcopal church and Mr. Horning gives his political allegiance to the democratic party, but has never aspired to or desired office, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs. He forms his plans readily, is determined in their execution and as the years have passed he has won that prosperity which is the direct and merited reward of earnest, persistent labor.

HON. JOHN ALEXANDER YOUNG.

Hon. John Alexander Young, who since 1843 has resided in Washington county, has devoted his life to agricultural pursuits and banking, having for the past thirty years acted as cashier of the Washington National Bank. He has, moreover, been active in public affairs shaping the political history of the state, representing his district in the upper house of the general assembly. His salient characteristics are those of honorable manhood and progressive citizenship, combined with an unfaltering allegiance to the duties and obligations which each day brings. He was born in Rush county, Indiana, July 29, 1838.

His grandfather, Alexander Young, was a native of Pennsylvania and one of the early settlers of Flemingsburg, Kentucky, where he was married. Later he removed to Indiana and in 1848 came to Iowa, his last days being spent near Lexington, in Washington county, where he died when about seventy-five years of age. On the day of his death he rode on horseback from

his home to the polling place and voted for Abraham Lincoln, passing away on the succeeding evening. He had served his country as a soldier in the war of 1812 and was also a progressive citizen, giving practical aid in the work of general improvement and progress as this county was converted from a frontier district into one of the splendidly developed counties of the commonwealth. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Elizabeth Ricketts, passed away when about eighty-two years of age.

Their son, James N. Young, was born in Flemingsburg, Kentucky, and during boyhood accompanied his parents on their removal to Rush county, Indiana. In early manhood he engaged in clerking and in teaching in the public schools. The remainder of his life was devoted to farming. In Rush county, Indiana, he wedded Sallie Eyestone, a daughter of John Eyestone, who was a native of Ohio and removed to Indiana during the pioneer epoch in its history. In that state he followed merchandising for a number of years and eventually took up his abode in Washington county, Iowa, where he engaged in farming. Both he and his wife, Mrs. Alice (Armstrong) Eyestone, lived to an advanced age and reared a large family, including their daughter Sallie, who became the wife of James N. Young. She was a native of Ohio and went to Indiana in her girlhood with her parents and was there married. They became the parents of two children, the younger being James Harvey Young, who was killed in the battle of Shiloh. The wife and mother died in October, 1840, when less than twenty years of age. She was a constant member of the Methodist church and her many excellent traits of heart and mind endeared her to all who knew her. Mr. Young also held membership in the Methodist church. Following the death of his first wife he wedded Martha J. Combs, and there were fifteen children born of that union, of whom nine are yet living: Elizabeth, the wife of H. H. Beaty of Elk county, Kansas; Samuel P., of Eureka, Kansas; Edward A., of Carthage, Missouri; Fletcher, of Elk county, Kansas; Jennie, the wife of William Burt, also of Elk county, Kansas; Riley and Robert, both of Elk county, Kansas; George, of Idaho; and Flourney, residing in Elk county, Kansas. Ida, deceased, became the wife of a Mr. Haines. The others died in early life.

Following his second marriage James N. Young came with his family to Washington county, Iowa, casting in his lot among the pioneer settlers. He located in Cedar township and secured two hundred and sixty-seven acres of government land, of which two hundred acres were prairie on which not a furrow had been turned nor an improvement made. He built a hewed log house, in which the family were soon comfortably installed, although there were many hardships and privations incident to pioneer life to be met. Their home was the farthest out on the prairie from the timber. It was not deemed wise at that time to take up prairie land as the value of it was not known, but the years proved the wisdom of the settlers who did so, for in all the country there is no richer soil than the Iowa prairies and no state in a similar area produces as large crops of some of our chief cereals. As time passed and Mr. Young prospered in his undertakings he erected new buildings, made substantial improvements upon his farm and developed one of the

fine properties of the locality, making his home thereon for a little more than thirty years, or until 1873, when he lost heavily by going security for friends. He then removed to Elk county, Kansas, and started anew on the wild prairies, again meeting all of the conditions of pioneer life in the effort to retrieve his lost position. In this he was successful, accumulating a competency for old age, and his last years were spent in Howard, Kansas, where he reached the age of eighty-two years, lacking one month. His second wife died a week later. Mr. Young is well remembered by many of the citizens of Washington county as a man who in all of life's relations enjoyed and merited the respect and good will of his fellow citizens. He held various township offices and in the winter of 1854-55 was representative from Washington and Louisa counties in the Iowa legislature, the capital being then at Iowa City. Washington county owes him much for his efforts in her behalf, which were always far-reaching and beneficial.

John A. Young, whose name introduces this record, was reared on his father's farm in Washington county, arriving here in 1843 when a little lad of five years. His early education was obtained in the subscription and district schools, while later he enjoyed the benefit of three years' instruction in the Iowa Wesleyan University at Mount Pleasant. He made good use of his opportunities and when nineteen years of age began teaching school, which profession he followed for four years. He then married and located on a farm of one hundred and twenty acres in Cedar township, which he improved and made his home until the winter of 1871. As the years passed he brought his fields under a high state of cultivation, using the latest improved machinery to facilitate his work, and the value of his labor was manifest in the excellent crops which he produced.

Leaving the farm to take up other lines of business activity, Mr. Young removed to Washington on the 1st of December, 1871, having been elected county auditor, in which position he served for two years. On retiring from that office he became assistant cashier of the Washington National Bank on the 27th of January, 1874, and on the 1st of July, 1878, he became cashier, which position he has filled for more than thirty years. He stands as one of the foremost representatives of financial interests in this part of the state, thoroughly acquainted with banking in every particular, ever watchful of the interests of his patrons and at the same time winning success for the institution through his capable management and keen business discernment. His life work has at all times been creditable and in no business transaction has he ever been known to take advantage of the necessities of his fellowmen. In fact, he sustains an unassailable reputation for business integrity and is honored and respected wherever known and most of all where best known.

That his fellow citizens have faith in him is indicated by the fact that he was elected to represent the tenth district in the state senate where he served through three sessions, giving to each question which came up for settlement thoughtful and earnest consideration. He was one of the active working members of the upper house and was actuated in all that he did by a sincere desire to promote the interests of the commonwealth. He was also the chairman of the Chattanooga-Iowa monument commission for seven years.

Long before this Mr. Young had given substantial proof of his loyalty to his country, the only interruption to an active business career occurring in 1862 when, on the 19th of August, he responded to the country's call for military aid and enlisted as a private of Company A, Twenty-fifth Iowa Volunteer Infantry. With this command he served until honorably discharged on the 6th of June, 1865, the regiment disbanding on the 15th of the same month. On the organization of the company he was elected second lieutenant and in June, 1863, was promoted to first lieutenant, while a year later he was made captain of his company. He was slightly wounded at Arkansas Post in January, 1863, and again sustained slight injuries at Ringgold, Georgia, in the same year. At Resaca, on the 15th of May, 1864, he was seriously wounded in the head. During his connection with the army he participated in a number of hotly contested battles, including the engagement at Chickasaw Bayou, Arkansas Post, the entire siege of Vicksburg, Lookout Mountain, Missionary Ridge, Ringgold and the engagements of the Atlanta campaign, followed by the celebrated march under Sherman to the sea and then northward from Savannah, Georgia, through the Carolinas. At Columbia in February, 1865, his company, under his orders, saved the hospital buildings (the Columbia College buildings which were then used for hospital buildings) from destruction by fire, while the city was burning. The buildings at the time contained about one hundred and eighty ill and wounded men, most of whom were Confederates. His broad humanitarianism, however, prompted him to do this work, knowing that the inmates were unable to make their escape because of illness or wounds. Captain Young likewise participated in the battle of Bentonville in March, 1865, after which the Union troops followed Johnston's army to a point near Raleigh and there remained until peace was declared, word reaching them at Goldsboro of Lee's surrender at Appomattox. Captain Young was also with the victorious army that marched through the streets of the capital city, cheered by countless thousands who thus welcomed the northern troops, while over Pennsylvania avenue was suspended a broad banner, bearing the words: "The only debt which the country owes that she cannot pay is the debt that she owes to her soldiers." When the war was over Captain Young resumed the duties of civil life, although he was not able to engage actively in the work of the farm for but a few years, owing to the serious consequences of his wounds.

At the close of hostilities he gladly returned to his family. He had been married on the 4th of October, 1860, to Miss Elizabeth A. Runyan, a daughter of Micajah D. and Elizabeth (Argo) Runyan, who were early settlers of Jefferson county, Ohio, where the birth of Mrs. Young occurred. By her marriage she became the mother of three children. Ella Annette became the wife of A. W. Hall, of Colfax, Iowa, and the mother of five children, Fred Y., James N., Harvey W., Dorothy E. and Marjorie. John Wilbur, the first born son, died in infancy. Harvey S., now cashier of the Winfield State Bank at Winfield, Iowa, married Louise E. Parmalee, and they have three children, Hoyt R., Helen and Ruth.

Captain and Mrs. Young hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal church and occupy a prominent position in social circles where intelligence and true worth are regarded as essential attributes to congeniality. Mr. Young belongs to I. G. White Post, No. 108, G. A. R., and thus maintains pleasant relations with his old army comrades. In his political views he has always been a republican since the organization of the party, never failing to support its candidates at the polls. He served as mayor of Washington in 1879 and 1880. In a review of his life it will be seen that his salient characteristics which have led him to prominence are such as any might cultivate, consisting of activity and reliability in business, loyalty in military and political service and the just recognition at all times of the rights of others. Such a man cannot fail to enjoy the confidence, good will and honor of his fellowmen.

R. H. CARR.

R. H. Carr, successfully conducting a livery stable in Wellman, is one of Iowa's native sons, his birth having occurred in Lime Creek township on the 17th of February, 1868. His father, I. N. Carr, a native of New York, is a veteran of the Civil war and is now living retired after many years of active connection with the business interests of Iowa. At the early age of fourteen years he was thrown upon his own resources for a livelihood, but through unfaltering energy and indefatigable perseverance he worked his way upward in the business world to a place of distinction among the representative citizens of Washington county. He first became connected with a nail factory, where he was employed for two years, and then, at the age of sixteen, he came to Iowa where he secured employment as a farm hand, continuing thus until twenty years of age. He then purchased a farm in Lime Creek township, where he continued to reside until 1898, in which year he retired from active business life and removed to Wellman, where he now resides. He owns two hundred and eighty-three acres of land in Lime Creek township and also five residences in the village of Wellman, while he is well known in financial circles of this city as a director of the Wellman Savings Bank, and a stockholder in the Bank of Keota, Iowa. In 1865 he married Miss Margaret Taylor, a native of Iowa and a daughter of Henry and Eleanor (Squires) Taylor, and in their family were eleven children, namely; David A., a resident of Manitoba, Canada; R. H., of this review; Nora I., the wife of Rev. W. A. Schwimley, pastor of a church at Sibley, Iowa; Sylvia E., the wife of Dr. J. E. Green, of Grand Junction, Colorado; Ezra D., deceased; Harriet E., the wife of Rev. W. De Yoe, the pastor of a church in Chicago, Illinois; Mary Isabelle, the wife of Ralph B. Hull, of Washington county; Maud B., the wife of Otto Klockenteger, a blacksmith of Wellman, Iowa; Nellie G., who wedded W. Palmer, a resident of Oklahoma; Victor C., employed in the Wellman Savings Bank; and Leslie L., now attending the State University at Iowa City. Mr. and Mrs.

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Grand Army of the Republic

Veteran's name Young, John Alexander

Residence

Occupation

Date birth Jul 29 1838 Place Ind

Date death Apr 19 1921 Place
Cause Elm Grove Cem. Place burial Washington Twp.
Washington Co., Ia.

War record

Capt A 25 Iowa Inf.
Rank Company Regiment State Organization

Age 24 Res. Washington

Enlisted Apptd. 2d Lt. 15 Ag '62
Date Place
Prom. Capt. 12 Je 1864
Must. Out 6 Je 1865

Discharged

Date

Place

War

Battles, etc.

Nearest relatives

Father

Nativity

Mother

Nativity

Wife

Children

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