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Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Blanchard, Lucian Cole Senator Blanchard, Lucian Cole - Represented Mahaska County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 15 Apr 1839 Albion, Lewis County, New York

2. Marriage (s) date place
 (1) Sarah Kilburn 13 Jan 1870 Montgomery, Iowa

(2) Josephine Williams 9 June 1896

(3) May Warner 29 Sept 1904

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business President of the Iowa Bar Association; vice-commander of the Iowa Department of the G.A.R.

B. Civic responsibilities G.A.R.; Mason

C. Profession Lawyer

4. Church membership

5. Sessions served 25th General Assembly 1894 - House of Representatives

6. Public Offices 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th General Assemblies 1896, 1898, 1900, 1902 - Senate

A. Local In 1867 he was appointed County Judge of Mahaska County; in 1868 he was elected Judge of the 6th Judicial District

B. State In 1868 appointed Judge of the Circuit Court of Pottawamie, Winnebago and Jefferson Counties and in 1872 Marion and Mahaska counties were added until 1885 when he declined from the bench.

C. National

7. Death Nov 1908 Oskaloosa, Iowa

8. Children By 1st wife - Rosalia (Mrs. B.O. Jerral); Claude

9. Names of parents Cole and Penlope (Aldrich) Blanchard

Blanchard, Lucian Caleb

10. Education Educated in country schools; he attended
Carthage Academy; in 1858 he went to Mt. Morris, Illinois
and entered a course of study at Rock River Seminary for 2 years

11. Degrees Studied law at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor,
Michigan graduating with honors in 1866

12. Other applicable information Republican

- He was raised on a farm of prominent farmers. His father died
when he was age 5, but he remained on the farm until age 17.
- He started west in 1858 studying and teaching schools and living for a
while at Mt. Morris, Illinois.
- He was attracted to Colorado in 1860 but turned back and moved to
Iowa, stopping at Newton in Jasper County where he taught and studied law.
- Military service - Civil War - Co. K, 28th Iowa Volunteer Infantry
- After the war he went to Illinois and taught school
- After graduating from law school he moved to Monticuma, Iowa and opened
a law office.
- In 1865 he went back to practicing law in Oskaloosa, first with J. C. Williams, later
with B. H. Preston and then practiced alone.
- His first wife, Sarah, died 19 Feb 1878 at Oskaloosa, Iowa.
- His second wife, Fzelle, died 22 Apr 1897 at Oskaloosa, Iowa.
- He moved to Oskaloosa in 1874

RAILROADS AGREE TO NINE HOUR LAW

TO OPERATORS BUT CLOSE
SMALL STATIONS.

OUT DISTRESS CRY

pany Chiefs Declare They Are
Near Failure as Result of Slack
Season and the Acts of
Congress.

Washington, Mar. 2.—American
railways have made arrangements to
comply with the provisions of the
"nine-hour law" the operation of the
law will mean the employment by
road companies of several thou-
sand additional operators and the clos-
ing of a large number of small sta-
tions on the principal systems.
The discontinuing of railway service at
remote points, it is thought, will induce
great temporary inconvenience to
traveling and shipping public. In order
to reduce operating expenses, which
seems necessary, the operating
officials of the railways believe that
this is the only way that they possibly
can meet the situation with which
they are confronted.

Near Failure, They Say.
During the hearing of applications
for an extension of the nine-hour law
before the interstate commerce commis-
sion, some astonishing statements
were made by the operating officials
of important railways. A good many
of them, owing to a reduction in their
revenues and to their inability to
obtain the cash necessary to meet
their pay rolls, have been forced, dur-
ing the past four months, almost to

IN THE PUBLIC EYE



JUDGE L. C. BLANCHARD.

Prominent Attorney, Former State
Senator and Well-Known Oskaloosa
Resident who Died
Suddenly Sunday.

SENATOR ALLISON IS SEVENTY-NINE

SENIOR MEMBER OF IOWA'S
WASHINGTON DELEGATION.

TAMPA BURNS SOLDIER

ONE DEATH AND \$600,000
FLORIDA FIRE

HALF OF CITY HO

Convent Is Thrown Open
to Employed Persons Pres-
ent Problem—Fortunate
Act Charitably

Tampa, Fla., March 2.—
An extreme northern section
of the city was destroyed by fire, which
burned in a boarding house Sunday
night uninterruptedly for four hours.
The area burned covered
over 18½ city blocks, and
buildings were destroyed, with a total
estimated at \$600,000, and one
person dead from excitement.
The section included four large
cigar factories, smaller cigar factory and
restaurants, saloons, boarding
houses and over 200 dwellings
of cigar makers.

Cigar Factories Burned
All factories carried large
stocks of tobacco and cigars. The
fire embraced all the
buildings between Twelfth
and Sixteenth
avenues and Sixteenth
and Twentieth streets. It originated
in a boarding house of Anton
Twelfth avenue, and, fast
strong wind, spread fan-
gling the efforts of the fire
which was crippled by water
pressure, to check it
into a panic, rushed out,
save but little of the

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MINSTRELS TO-NIGHT.

**Base Ball Benefit Promises
Good Entertainment.**

All rehearsal of the minstrels to be given by the Uniformed Rank of Pythias for the base ball was given yesterday afternoon at the Grand opera house. All the jokes and sketches were gone over in an excellent manner. The performance will be the best ever held in Oskaloosa. The chorus is worth going to hear, composed of the male voices in Oskaloosa.

End men are the best ever and they don't keep the audience in any more we miss our guess. Harry A. Oskaloosa's burnt cork artist, is present at the big Minstrel and will give one of his up-to-date

L. C. BLANCHARD DEAD

**Prominent Citizen and Attorney Is
Suddenly Called.**

Judge Lucian C. Blanchard died at his home, No. 304 North Third street, suddenly and unexpectedly, Sunday evening about eleven o'clock, after a brief period of intense suffering with a complex heart trouble, possibly attended with a paralysis. The cause of death is stated as a typical case of "Angina Pectoris." The Judge was in excellent spirits and seeming in his usual health during the day. Saturday he attended to business affairs at his office. Early Sunday evening he complained of a slight pain in his chest, and accompanied by his wife he walked to the residence of Dr. Farmer, a few blocks distant, where he was given relief. The trouble passed away and they returned to their home where the Judge partook of a hearty luncheon, eating with evident relish. He went to the library and had been reading some little time when he said he felt uncomfortable and ill. This complaint was followed by increasing pain and vomiting. The pain continued and the Judge was persuaded to retire to his room while medical assistance was called. The family physician arrived a few minutes before half past eight o'clock. He found the sufferer lying on his bed partially disrobed and in intense agony. Remedies were applied with prompt results for the better. The Judge, however, complained of an inability to breathe and a seeming asthmatic condition of the throat. He had been placed in bed, but found positions annoying and his respiration seemed impaired. He asked to be raised to a sitting posture. This gave some relief. He was rational and seemed much better, but worried and fretted about not being able to get sufficient air. Alarming symptoms soon developed and the physician informed Mrs. Blanchard that the patient was dying. He passed away within a short time



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he served. He was appointed member of the Iowa Vicksburg Commission, was elected member of the Iowa Bar Association, member of the International Law of St. Louis, has served as Commander of the Iowa G. A. R., and has held numerous national and state appointments.

The deceased was active in Masonic circles as elsewhere. He was a Templar and a Yorkson. He held office in the Lodge of Masons, having served as Orator and Grand Treasurer several terms. Together with Wilson of Newton he edited the "Masonic Digest," an able compendium of Masonic law. He wielded a wide influence in Masonic jurisprudence.

Judge Blanchard was born in Montezuma, January 13, 1844, the son of Sarah Kilburn. To this was born a daughter, Mrs. B. O. Jerrel of this city, wife of B. O. Jerrel of this city, son, Claude, of Davenport.

Starting With a Rush!

The first day of our March 25 per cent reduction has started off with a rush! It seems almost like the day before Xmas. You had better take advantage of this sale. If you need anything in

**Watches, Jewelry, Clocks,
Silverware, Cut Glass or China.**

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and Jewelers.**

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Lucian C. Blanchard was born at Diana Lewis County, New York, of Caleb and Penlope (Aldrich) Blanchard, April 15, 1839. He was the youngest son in a family of six children and with him was a twin sister Lucia Humes, deceased. The parents were prominent farmers and honored in their community. Lucian was reared upon a farm and his early education was of the country school. The father died when the lad was but five years of age but he remained on the farm until seventeen. He started for the west in 1858 studying and teaching school and resided for a time at Mt. Morris, Illinois. He was attracted to Colorado early in 1860 but in less than a year returned eastward and came to Iowa, stopping at Newton, Jasper county where he taught school for a time, combining his work with the study of law. During the tension of the rebellion he volunteered his services to the Union and enlisted in Company K 28th Iowa Vol. Inf., and with this regiment he saw almost eighteen months service engaging in conflict at Fort Gibson, Champion Hills and at the siege and capture of Vicksburg. He went to New Orleans with his company but was soon afterwards discharged on account of disability. He came north to Illinois, taught school, canvassed for a book, walking through the country afoot and thereby regaining health. He resumed his law studies in the University of Michigan, graduated with honors in 1866 and on June 25, of that year he returned to Montezuma and opened an office. His ability and his energy immediately brought recognition and the following year, 1867, he was appointed judge of the Jasper county court and elected to the place the following fall.

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The death of the loss to the city and the passing is general. A man and in his work to write the history of name will ever be remembered years when Oskaloosa for advancement and leave a lasting impression who have known and lived with him.

The funeral will be held at his residence on North Tenth day, March 6, at two

UNIQUE CELI

Ham Lawson Observer

etches and songs. The orchestra one of the largest and best ever brought together, composed of the leading musical artists of the city.

If you want base ball in Oskaloosa, help the base ball entertainment tonight. It is worth the price of admission to hear Ed Parry, the big University of Chicago foot ball star, sing "Love Me and the World is Mine." You will get ten cents worth of fun for every penny invested in a ticket.

Accounts not settled by March 8 will be left in hands of J. M. Herron.
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who possesses her first
"Gassard"
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The deceased was a public-spirited man and his public service occupied a great portion of his busy life. He was interested in public affairs and his knowledge of men and matters gave him prominent place in city, county and state politics. He has held positions of honor and trust almost without number. He was elected to the state assembly as representative from Mahaska in 1893, serving a term of two years. He was chosen to the state senate in 1895 and by continuous choice he served in this place in the Twenty-sixth, Twenty-seventh and Twenty-eighth General Assemblies. He took an important part in the legislation of the state during these periods and he erected for himself a monument that will be as lasting as the organization of the state

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To enjoy the celebration of the nineteenth birthday anniversary of the late Ham Lawson, having made his first journey around the world on the 29th of January, 1840. In commemoration of this event a grand celebration was held at the Lawson home last Saturday and continued from early morning until 3 o'clock Sunday. One hundred and one guests were

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The death of the gentleman is a loss to the city and the regret at his passing is general. He was a good man and in his work he has helped to write the history of the city. His name will ever be identified with the years when Oskaloosa was struggling for advancement and his example will leave a lasting impress upon those who have known and who have worked with him.

The funeral will be held at the late residence on North Third street, Friday, March 6, at two o'clock p. m.

UNIQUE CELEBRATION.

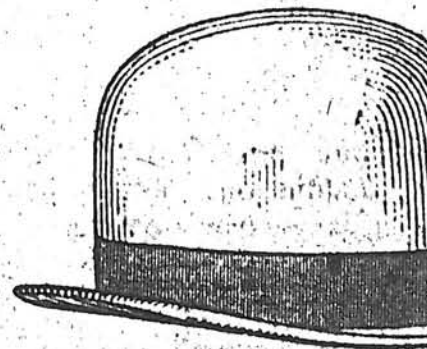
Ham Lawson Observes His Seventeenth Birthday

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CHICAGO:

CHAPMAN BROTHERS,

1887.

"When I first moved to Muscatine County by standing in my door I could see but five houses, and people traveled sixty miles to mill, which was only twenty miles from me. Eleven years later I could see seventy-five houses.

"During the winter of 1848-49 there was a very deep snow, which began falling the 8th of November and continued until it was two feet deep; being accompanied by a wind it drifted terribly. One of my outside doors was snowed under, and the snow was piled up five feet on the roof. There being an extra room in my house, I gave it for a school-room, as there was no school-house within three miles. It was necessary to have a place of exit from the school-room and my part of the the house, as the snow was piled along the entire side of the house. To find where the door was from the outside I put a ramrod up through the snow at the top of the door, then went outside and began digging toward the ramrod, a distance of twenty feet, cutting a road four feet broad. This snow lasted till the next April. Wild animals of all kinds suffered for food during this time, and a great many starved to death. I have seen fifty deer in one herd top of a snowdrift eating the twigs of the trees.

"I bought fifty-eight acres of timber and prairie this year. In February I commenced to break forty acres, and by the 4th of June had it enclosed and planted in corn. The 25th of June my wife died of cholera, leaving me with a family of four children. With the assistance of kind neighbors I kept my family together until the following January, when I married my present wife. The following spring I bought eighty acres.

"We lived a prosperous, contented and happy life until the spring of 1854, when the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad was located through Muscatine County, passing directly through the center of my farm. Then I sold out, in 1855, and once more, in October, started westward. After five days' journeying through a beautiful country I arrived in Mahaska County, and bought the farm that I now live on, also another farm of 160 acres, and eighty acres of timber land. I dealt in land until the last ten years, and have also engaged in raising stock, principally swine. The country is

well wooded and watered, with an abundance of rock and coal. The climate is finely adapted to agricultural pursuits. I have witnessed with keen interest the change from almost a wilderness, where Indians roamed in pursuit of game and plunder, and where there were but two log school-houses (cabins) in five miles, one of them being supplied with light by leaving a log out of one side and filling the opening with panes of glass; the other had small window frames. In these we had our preaching and other public meetings. The nearest church was eleven miles away. Merchandise was transported across the river in ferry-boats. Our dwellings were log cabins with bare rafters, and only the necessities of life within them. Now we have a thriving, thickly populated country, well supplied with churches and school-houses, and strongly constructed bridges over our rivers, fine dwelling-houses, with every convenience and luxury, surrounded with fruit and ornamental trees, fields where all varieties of grain are grown, and where improved stock of all kinds may be found, and with railroads to take our surplus products to all parts of the United States."

JUDGE L. C. BLANCHARD, attorney, of the firm of Blanchard & Preston, of Oskaloosa, and one of the most prominent and successful practitioners in this section of the Hawkeye State, is a native of New York, born in Diana, Lewis County, April 15, 1839. His parents were Caleb and Penelope (Aldrich) Blanchard. His father was a farmer by occupation, a native of Rhode Island, and rested from his labors when his son, our subject, was a lad of five years old. The mother was a native of Vermont, and survived her husband many years, dying in 1862, in the State of New York. The parental household consisted of six children, of whom the record is as follows: Rosanna became the wife of A. Harris, a farmer of Jefferson County, N. Y., and is now deceased; Rosalia married Maj. Charles Newcomer, a banker of Mt. Morris, Ill., and she also is deceased; Martin resides in Newton, Iowa, and deals in real estate; Pauline married J. W. Ford, a farmer of Clay

County, Iowa; Lucia, deceased, was the wife of Warren Humes, a farmer of Lewis County, N. Y.; this daughter and the subject of our sketch were twins.

Mr. Blanchard was reared on a farm, and resided in his native State until about seventeen years of age, in the meantime having been a student of Carthage Academy and also having taught school in that vicinity. In 1858 he went to Mt. Morris, Ill., and entered upon a course of study at Rock River Seminary, which he pursued for two years. In the spring of 1860 he went to Pike's Peak for the benefit of his health and also to engage in mining, and remained there during the summer. He then returned as far east as Iowa, and taught school the following winter in Jasper County. He then received news of his mother's failing health, and returning home, remained with her until her decease the following year. He then returned to Iowa, intending to enter upon the study of law. His plans, however, were frustrated by the breaking out of the Rebellion, as his patriotism would not allow him to do otherwise than to proffer his services to aid in the preservation of the Union. He enlisted as a private in Co. K, 28th Iowa Vol. Inf., under command of Capt. John Myer, and served about fifteen months, being in the battles of Port Gibson, Champion Hills, and the siege and capture of Vicksburg. After this last event he was sent with his regiment to New Orleans, and then, on account of physical disability, received his discharge. He returned to Illinois to recuperate, stopping for a time at Mt. Morris, and thence going to Morrison, where he engaged in teaching school. In the spring of 1864 Mr. Blanchard, not being able to engage in manual labor, canvassed the county of Whiteside for Greeley's "American Conflict." He traveled on foot and was successful in his undertaking. After closing up this business he determined to resume his law studies, and accordingly entered the University of Michigan, where he took a thorough course and graduated in 1866.

The subject of our sketch entered upon the practice of his profession June 25, 1866, in Montezuma, Iowa. He was bright and ambitious, made hosts of friends, and met with remarkable success. The following year he was appointed Judge of the

County Court, and was elected to that office in the fall of the same year. He still climbed upward in his profession, and in the fall of 1868 was elected Judge of the circuit which included the counties of Poweshiek, Washington, Keokuk and Jefferson. He occupied this position four years, and was then elected to the enlarged circuit which, in addition to the afore-mentioned counties, included Jasper, Marion and Mahaska. After serving his term of four years as Circuit Judge, he was re-elected, serving another four years, and making a sum total of twelve years' service as Circuit Judge. He then declined to become a candidate for re-election, and commenced the practice of law at Oskaloosa, to which place he had removed in 1874, and has been thus occupied since that time. He was associated in partnership with J. C. Williams for two years, and after the dissolution of the firm practiced alone until November, 1885, when he associated himself with B. W. Preston, his present partner.

In addition to other important business, Judge Blanchard has been attorney for the county of Mahaska in important litigation, and also for the Central Railroad Company. During the existence here of the Oskaloosa Insurance Company, he had charge of its legal business, and was retained for some time after its removal to Des Moines. He is attorney for the Farmer's and Trader's Bank and for some of the most important coal companies in the city, among them the Western Union Fuel and the Western Fuel Supply Companies. At the organization of the Farmer's and Trader's Bank, Judge Blanchard became a stockholder and Vice President; when this was succeeded by the Farmer's and Trader's National Bank he was elected a Director and Vice President, which office he still holds. He is also a member of the Board of Directors of the Oskaloosa Power and Land Company.

Judge Blanchard is a warm friend and earnest admirer of the principles of the Masonic fraternity, and has been prominently connected with it for many years. As a Mason he has been Master of Triluminar Lodge, and was Grand Orator of the Grand Lodge of Iowa at its session in Dubuque in 1879, his oration being delivered June 4, at its 36th Annual Communication. This oration was published in many papers of Iowa and other States.

It was also printed in the *Masonic Record* in Allahabad, India. At the same session he was elected Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, serving one year, and in 1880, in connection with Past Grand Master J. W. Wilson, was appointed by the Grand Lodge to prepare and publish a digest of the decisions of the Grand Lodge of Iowa. This work was approved, and was adopted and published by the Grand Lodge.

Judge Blanchard has been twice married; first at Montezuma, Iowa, Jan. 13, 1870, to Miss Sarah Kilburn, daughter of F. A. Kilburn, then the leading merchant of that vicinity. Of this marriage two children were born who are yet living: Rosalia, born March 7, 1872, and Claude, May 17, 1875. Mrs. Sarah Blanchard died in Oskaloosa, Feb. 19, 1878.

Judge Blanchard was the second time married, in Oskaloosa, June 9, 1886, to Miss Jozelle Williams, daughter of Micajah T. Williams, of Oskaloosa, a sketch of whom appears on another page in this work. The Judge and his bride, for their wedding trip, took a tour through Europe, visiting the principal cities in the British Isles and the continent. They landed in Queenstown after making the ocean voyage in safety, and proceeded to the city of Cork; then made a tour of the Lakes of Killarney and adjacent places of interest, thence to Dublin and Belfast, taking a steamer from there to Glasgow, Scotland, visiting the historic places in Edinburgh, Melrose, Abbotsford and Dryburg, names familiar in connection with Sir Walter Scott. From there they journeyed to France, spent a week in Paris, went thence to London, Antwerp and Brussels, visiting the field of Waterloo which witnessed Napoleon's last battle, and from Cologne by steamer up the storied Rhine, touching the rich city of Frankfurt-on-the-Main, and thence to Heidelberg, where the fete in honor of the 500th anniversary of the founding of its famous university was in progress. They then proceeded to Baden-Baden, and from there made a trip by diligence in the Black Forest, thence to Strasburg, with its famous clock on its more famous cathedral; from there to beautiful Lucerne in Switzerland, thence by steamer to Vitznau, and by rail up the Rigi, from the top of which seven beautiful lakes were seen, with dozens of Swiss

villages and the whole range of the Bernese Alps; thence by the Brunig Pass to Merigen, and by ponies to the top of the great Shideck, where the glaciers are. They afterward proceeded to Bern, the capital of Switzerland, from there to Freyburg and Lausanne, and by steamer across the lake to Geneva, and then back to Paris by rail; thence to London; and embarking at Liverpool, after a very rough passage landed in the city of New York.

A A. SPENNY, who resides in the village of Cedar, was born in Fulton County, Ill., Feb. 2, 1846, and came to this county in 1885. He is the son of James and Sarah (Kountz) Spenny, the former of whom died in Wataga, Knox Co., Ill., in 1884; the latter still resides in Kenton, Fulton County, the same State. A. A. Spenny was married, Oct. 2, 1868, to Miss Mary Will, a daughter of David and Jane (Asbury) Will, both of whom are deceased, the former departing this life in 1865 and the latter in 1863. Mr. and Mrs. Spenny are the parents of seven children—Ida, Jessie, Nellie, Grace, Charles, Albert and Clarence.

Mr. Spenny is a member of, the I. O. O. F., and in his political affiliations is a Democrat. He is of the firm of Spenny & Higgason, who are engaged in the manufacture of tile and terra cotta ornaments, in which they are doing quite an extensive business. They employ six men, use a twenty-horse-power engine, and turn out about 60,000 tile per month, the sizes running from three to eight inches.

JOHN T. PORTER, who owns 200 acres of choice land and is a highly respected resident of Union Township, was born in Ireland, Oct. 20, 1841. He is a son of James and Margaret (McKee) Porter, both of whom were natives of that country, and both are now deceased. John T. came to America with his parents in 1842, and settled in Clinton County, N. Y. He remained at home with his parents until reaching his major-