

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Eaton, Willard Lee Senator _____

Represented Mitchell County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 13 Oct 1848 Delhi, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place

Laura R. Annie 7 Sept 1874

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Director of two banks in Osage; member of the Board of Trustees of Upper Iowa University of Fayette, Iowa

B. Civic responsibilities Mason

C. Profession Lawyer

4. Church membership Methodist Episcopal

5. Sessions served 27th, 28th, 29th General Assemblies 1898, 1900, 1902

6. Public Offices

A. Local Mayor of Osage; member of the school board trustee of Cedar Valley Seminary

B. State Speaker of the House for 29th General Assembly; in 1906 elected Iowa State Railroad Commissioner

C. National _____

7. Death 7 June 1911 Osage, Iowa; buried Osage Cemetery
Osage, Mitchell County, Iowa.

8. Children Allen Marsh

9. Names of parents General Ariel Hendrick Eaton

10. Education Educated in the Osage, from public schools;
attended Cedar Valley Seminary graduating in 1872.

11. Degrees State University of Iowa Law School, Iowa City, Iowa
received law degree

12. Other applicable information Democrat, later Republican

- In 1855 his father, Orin Kendrick Eaton, was appointed Receiver
of the Land Office located at Decorah, Iowa. In 1856 the office
was located to Osage, Iowa and the Eaton family moved to
Osage.
- He studied law and after being admitted to the bar he engaged
in law practice at Osage, Iowa forming a partnership with
John B. Cleland in 1874 until Mr. Cleland was elected district
judge in 1885.
- He then formed a partnership with J. F. Clyde which lasted until 1897
when Mr. Clyde retired.
- In 1900 he became associated with William H. Salisbury.

erable reputation.

At 4:00 o'clock the band concert and contest will take place. Several bands have entered for the contest and there will be plenty of music. This will take place on Main street. The prizes are \$75.00, \$50.00 and \$25.00.

Following the band contest the Woodmen teams will drill on Main street and contest for the prizes offered which are \$60.00, \$40.00 and \$25.00. The Royal Neighbors will also drill and the prizes offered them are \$50.00, \$35.00 and \$15.00. Several teams have entered for these contests and some exceedingly fine drilling is expected.

After a short intermission for supper the sports will be resumed on Main street and there will be a free for all 100 yard dash, a 100 yard dash for boys under 15 and a tug of war. The tug of war will be between the Osage camp and any other camp ready to compete. The prize hung up is a box of cigars.

The Happy Hooligan Band which is under the leadership of Prof. Fred Kramer and having the star comedians Billie Gardner and Hon. H. J. Johnson will be on the street all day and furnish entertainment and music continuously. This band has been "on the stage" for several seasons and have repeatedly proven their ability to amuse and entertain large crowds. There are twenty members of this band, all local men, but each one an artist in his line. They will be worth coming a long distance to see and hear.

The railroads will probably run special trains to bring in and take away the crowds. The special is to arrive here from Oelwein at 10:00 o'clock and will bring in large numbers.

The local M. W. A.'s have recently fitted up an elegant hall on the third floor of the Smith Block. The main hall is 44x60 feet and there are plenty of ante-rooms and ward-robe rooms. The Woodmen will make their headquarters here.

SENIOR CLASS PLAY.

Senior Class of O. H. S. Give "Because She Loved Him So" to

HON W. L. EATON PASSED AWAY

Succumbed To Serious Heart Trouble
At His Home at Two O'clock
Wednesday Morning.

WAS ILL FOR TWO WEEKS.

The Funeral Will Be Held Friday
Afternoon at Two O'clock, Con-
ducted by Masonic Grand
Lodge Officials

A deep gloom was cast over the city Wednesday morning by the announcement that Hon. W. L. Eaton, who had been so seriously ill for nearly two weeks, had passed away at an early hour.

On Thursday morning, May 25, Mr. Eaton was stricken with serious heart trouble. While the family and friends felt much alarm and were anxious as to the outcome, Mr. Eaton was very hopeful. Everything possible was done to relieve and help the sick man but it availed nothing. The Grim Reaper came and took one we will sorely miss and one whose place cannot, and will not be filled. Mr. Eaton had not reached his sixty-fourth year, and while his life had been an active and a strenuous one, yet it seems to a poor weak mortal that he should have been spared for several years of usefulness.

Mr. Eaton has lived in Mitchell county for the past fifty-seven years. His father, Gen. A. K. Eaton, was a prominent man in Iowa in early days, but no less prominent was he whom we now mourn. His services as legal advisor were sought with confidence. As a friend he was ever loyal and true. As a public spirited citizen he was ever ready to give of his time and talents for the public good. In political life he was a power and in lodge circles he was looked to as a leader.

The funeral will be held on Friday afternoon at two o'clock. The officials of the Masonic Grand Lodge of Iowa will be present and take charge of the ceremonies.

A PROMISING MUSICIAN.

OSAGE LOSES FOREMOST CITIZEN

The Passing of Hon. W. L. Eaton Re-
Moves a Progressive and Public
Spirited Man.

WAS NATIVE BORN IOWAN

Loved and Respected by His Towns-
men, Honored by the State and
Mourned by All.

That the familiar form of Willard L. Eaton will be no longer seen upon our streets, that he cannot be consulted in his office and that his home will know him no more is hard to believe or realize. To have had such a man as he as a citizen, to feel and see the influence of his life on the community, and to see him stand forth the peer of any man in the state is a source of great satisfaction to those closest to him, but to see him removed by death at the zenith of his power and usefulness is hard to bear, hard to understand and hard to realize. But such is life and we can only bow to the inevitable.

Willard Lee Eaton was born at Delhi, Delaware county, Iowa on October 13, 1848 and passed away at his home in Osage on June 7th, 1911.

In 1855, his father Ariel K. Eaton, who was a prominent man in the early history of the state, was appointed Receiver of the Land Office then located at Decorah. The following year the land office was removed to Osage and the Eaton family became residents of this city. It will thus be seen that nearly the entire life of Willard L. Eaton was passed in Osage. He attended the public schools of the town and the Cedar Valley Seminary graduating from the Seminary in a class of seven in 1871. He took up the study of law, finished

ried the county by a safe majority. While always interested and a close student of political matters he took no further active part in politics until 1896 and in this memorable campaign he was indeed a power for the Republican ticket. In 1897 he was made the Republican nominee for representative from this county. For three terms he represented the county in the legislature, and was made speaker of the twenty-ninth general assembly. In 1906 he was elected state Railroad Commissioner. This office he held until the beginning of the present year. His mastery of the intricate problems brought before the commission and the able manner in which he conducted the hearings before that body gave him a place as an expert of extraordinary ability on transportation questions. More details of his political life are better told in another column of this paper.

Mr. Eaton was a man with a wonderful mind. His power to grasp legal propositions with apparently no effort was marvelous. His services were in constant demand and his record in both lower and higher courts is a record that those who cherish his memory can look to with pride.

Mr. Eaton's power of mind coupled with an unselfish nature made a combination that could not help but endear him to all men. He was always ready to give of his time and talents for the public good. He served as mayor of the city, member of the school board trustee of the Seminary, trustee of the Methodist Episcopal church and in other public capacities and his co-workers always looked to him as a leader and one whose judgment could be safely followed. The city of Osage has surely lost a citizen who not only brought her honor by his achievements outside her borders but one who rendered a most valuable service in the common and every day affairs of the city.

SCHOOL CLOSSES AT NEWHA

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Program on Last Thursday
Evening.

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The Commencement Exercises at Newhaven Academy were held Thursday evening. Each member of the graduating class delivered an oration. A pretty little operetta given and the program interspersed with music. At the close of the program Rev. J. P. Martin of the Heart Church of Osage gave the benediction. Diplomas for completing the Academic course were conferred on Mary J. Schweiger, Edith L. B. Alice V. Kelley, Mary C. Theresa E. Dynes and Bert Toelle.

Prizes were awarded to Norton, Lorena Blonigen, Marr and Patrick Lockwood. Penmanship certificates were awarded on Mary J. Schweiger, T. Dynes, Winnie Devitt, Laura Grace Green, Mary McGrant and Frank Devitt.

FRANK KINGSBURY PROM

Made Assistant Cashier of State of West Union to Succeed
A. J. Gurney.

The West Union Argo station. Mr. F. Y. Whitmore has resigned place as cashier of the State of West Union after having labored on the financial pulse of the greater part of the time as of the above named bank. Mr.

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SOCIAL AT KILDEE

Miss Bess Brown, Kildee school west ranged for graduation a social for Friday. The Cedar Band will to furnish plenty of Rue will present of ice cream will be exercises will be on lawn. Everybody is ed to attend.

Thorn, who had be sociated with Mr. J. past four years, Hoyer of Des Moines, forty years, Dr. St. Paul who started career in Osage at time that Mr. Eaton of law were came to pay a tribute respect to the dep monies were conducted Master Craig of Lodge, Rev. F. W. fervent prayer and Dr. Smith spoke with sorrow and with the ring of real sympathy of character, successful career influence that Mr. exercised over all came in contact. I monies at the home escorted to the cemetery Masons and tender the beautiful Mason Messrs. T. M. Salisbury, G. H. Salisbury, Dr. R. L. Whitson were the pa Messrs. Jas. A. Smith, Wm. Tupper, Johnson, Avery Foster and J. F. Cl bearers.



HON. W. L. EATON

the law course of the State University was admitted to the bar and engaged in general law practice in Osage. He formed a partnership with John B. Cleland in 1874 which continued until Mr. Cleland was elected district judge in 1885. He then formed a partnership with J. F. Clyde. This partnership was dissolved in 1897 when Mr. Clyde commenced his service on the bench. In 1900 Wm. H. Salisbury became associated with him and the firm of Eaton & Salisbury has been a leading law firm of the state.

On September 7, 1874 Mr. Eaton was united in marriage with Miss Laura R. Annis who has truly been a help-mate and is now left to mourn the loss of a loving, kind and thoughtful husband. One son, Allen March, will greatly miss the guiding hand of a wise father. One brother, Frank Eaton also survives.

Until about the year 1890 Mr. Eaton was a Democrat and in several campaigns rendered valuable service to his party. In 1888 he was prevailed upon to take the nomination for county attorney and was although the republicans carried

by many men.

At the time of his death he was Director in two of the banks of Osage and was a member of the Board of Trustees of the Upper Iowa University of Fayette.

Mr. Eaton's home life was ideal and his devotion to wife and son was marked and intense. What greater tribute or compliment could a man pay to his life companion than did Mr. Eaton in his will which says: "I give devise and bequeath to my son, Allan March Eaton a good mother, which is the best inheritance a boy can have. I have perfect confidence in her judgment and am sure that she will give him whatever is best for his true interests and for this reason I make no reservation upon her absolute control of my estate."

The funeral, which was in charge of the Masonic Grand Lodge was held Friday afternoon at the home. A large number, not only from the immediate community but from all over the state gathered to pay a last loving tribute to this man who had been so much a community and state. The state Railroad commissioners, Messrs. Palmer, Ketchum and

railroad wreck near Lansing, in which six freight cars were demolished and the engine one third in mud. The cause a wash out of the bank. The k sitated a detour via La se, 4. The crops here are be those in Mitchell county, and is an abundance of rain. Irving L. Mellott, Pastor.

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HON. W. L. EATON

greater part of the time as cashier of the above named bank. Mr. Whitmore proposes to take a well earned rest from responsibilities.

Mr. A. J. Gurney who has long been the assistant cashier is made cashier and Frank W. Kingsbury is raised from the position of teller to that of assistant cashier. The Argo says that Mr. Kingsbury has been with the bank for four years, and also states "Mr. Kingsbury came to the West Union from Osage with a good family name to recommend him, and has made an enviable place for himself in the commercial, religious and social life of the city. He is one of the rising young business men of the West Union."

SOCIAL AT KILDEE SCHOOL

Miss Bess Brown, teacher of the Kildee school west of town has arranged for graduating exercises and a social for Friday evening, June 16. The Cedar Band will be in attendance to furnish plenty of music, Prof. La Rue will present the diplomas and ice cream will be served. The exercises will be on the school house lawn. Everybody is cordially invited to attend.

Thorn, who had been so closely associated with Mr. Eaton during the past four years, Hon. Sidney A. Foster of Des Moines, a close friend of forty years, Dr. Samuel G. Smith of St. Paul who started his ministerial career in Osage at about the same time that Mr. Eaton began the practice of law were among those who came to pay a tribute of love and respect to the departed. The ceremonies were conducted by Grand Master Craig of the Iowa Grand Lodge. Rev. F. W. Court offered a fervent prayer and Mr. Foster and Dr. Smith spoke from hearts filled with sorrow and with words that had the ring of real sincerity, of the nobility of character, the honorable and successful career and the elevating influence that Mr. Eaton's life had exercised over all with whom he came in contact. Following the ceremonies at the house the body was escorted to the cemetery by Brother Masons and tenderly laid to rest with the beautiful Masonic burial service.

Messrs. T. M. Atherton, W. H. Salisbury, G. H. Sawyer, Thomas Ferris, Dr. R. L. Whitley, and Geo. Hanson were the pall bearers while Messrs. Jas. A. Smith, L. W. Knoult, Wm. Tupper, F. P. French, J. H. Johnson, Avery Brush, Sidney A. Foster and J. F. Clyde were honorary bearers.

caste, but the moral conviction ed the standard of acceptance among its people. It was a truly altruistic sentiment that was instilled into its beginning. It was not so much what the man has been as what the man is now, that controlled the interest of the old in the estimate of the new citizen.

What created this deferred judgment of individuals is difficult to account for except by attributing that the present grace must be justified by works.

This is not an attempted moral thesis, but for the information of the present generation and I trust to the memories of elder citizens for the justification of my assumption. To show the changes, I must introduce the names of men as they occur to me, names of those who took active part in Osage business, social and political affairs during the time of my residence here, who have performed their obligations to the mortal effort and now rest in the last and final sleep. In attempting this delicate task, many worthy names may be omitted, not from design, but for failure of my memory to recall.

Arad Hitchcock, pioneer of force and power, died when a senator from this district which at the time embraced the counties of Mitchell, Floyd, Bremer, Butler, Cerro Gordo, Hancock, Winnebago and Worth. Nathaniel C. Deering, a pioneer saw mill builder and operator, a man of culture and great gentility, served several years the old Sixth District in Congress at Washington, when this district covered from Howard to Winnebago counties inclusive on the west and south to include Black Hawk and Hardin. But I must not take the space for personal reference except very brief mention. Gen. A. K. Eaton, Col. Jenkins, both officers of the U. S. Land Office; Jesse P. Brush, banker; Charley Schurfs; Henry and Joe Kelley and J. E. B. Morgan, manufacturers; Ben Grimes and "Gus" Tupper, hardware merchants; grand old Doctor S. B. Chase; that pure minded old educator, the father of the Cedar Valley Seminary, Prof. Alva Bush; Doctor J. L. Whitley; the ever genial J. F. Dallery, druggist; the quaint and capable Cyrus Foreman, who was a member of the Commission at the final completion of Iowa's State House at Des Moines; the pioneer and versatile T. M. Atherton, who established the Mitchell County Press; the able Arthur Clyde, who conducted the early establishment of the then Mitchell County, now the Osage News; Uncle Billy Woods, the partner in the merchandize.

Uncle John Blal Johnson; George Bill Johnson; "C George Weather "Squire" Knoult Col. Gulliver; Chas. Lower; M Evans, druggist; Evans, clothier furniture; M. R. Norm Norton; kill Spaulding, doubtedly many overlook.

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