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Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Senator Mardis,
Alexander - Represented Wayne and Lucas Counties, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 10 Oct 1852 Quincy County, Ohio

2. Marriage (s) date place
Margaret Sechrist

3. Significant events for example:
A. Business _____
B. Civic responsibilities _____
C. Profession Contractor

4. Church membership Church of Christ

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

6. Public Offices
A. Local _____
B. State _____
C. National _____

7. Death 16 Sept 1920 Corydon, Iowa; buried Corydon Cemetery, Corydon, Iowa

8. Children L. P. ; Mrs. J. K. Greer; Mattie (died young)

9. Names of parents _____

10. Education _____

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information Republican

- He came with his parents at almost age 5 to Clarke County where he grew to manhood learning the truckmaking and brush-laying industry
- After marriage, they moved to Mercer County, MO where he engaged in a wool carding and spinning industry for a short time.
- He moved to Corydon, Iowa in 1879

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PROMINENT CITIZEN PASSES TO REWARD

ALEXANDER MARDIS SUCCUMBS
TO BRIGHT'S DISEASE AFTER
LINGERING ILLNESS

By John Stirling Sr.

Alex Mardis was born in Guernsey county, Ohio, on October 10, 1852, and died at his residence in Corydon, Ia., Thursday, September 16, 1929, aged 67 years, 11 months and 6 days. His funeral took place from the family home Saturday afternoon, September 18, conducted by Rev. John Stubbs, pastor of the Church of Christ. Eulogistic talks were made by Hon. Lewis Miles, Judge H.K. Evans and C. W. Steele, after which the remains were interred in the Corydon cemetery, there to await the last great call.

Deceased leaves a wife, one son L. P. Mardis, and one daughter, Mrs. J. K. Green. Another son, Walter, died in early boyhood.

Mr. Mardis was brought by his parents, when not quite five years old, to Clark county, where he grew to manhood, learning the brickmaking and brick laying industry, and was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Sechrist, a resident of that county. Later he removed to Mercer, Mo., where for a short time he carried on a wool carding and spinning industry and where his oldest child was born. He came to Corydon in 1879, the same year the railroad was built through the town. When he first came here the only brick business house was the Selby



SEWAL CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL IS NEARING COMPLETION

We are informed that the new building for the Sewal Consolidated school will be finished and ready for occupancy in about four weeks. It will be a fine home and greatly add to the school facilities of the county.

just as the former president, Judge Freeland, his predecessor, died.

A man of sound judgment, strict integrity and far-seeing in all matters connected with business, he will be sadly missed by his associates who were wont to consult him in many an emergency, knowing that they would be given the benefit of his wide experience in affairs and advice which would not only be sound and practical, but conservative and safe to follow.

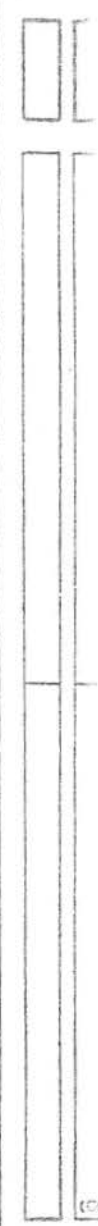
How well he was liked by his workmen is shown by the fact that three of his employes, Messrs. George Smith, Joseph Snodgrass and Joel Walker, worked for him for over thirty years and only went to other employment several years ago when he went out of the brick making business.

Alex Mardis will be missed in the Wayne County bank, in Corydon among all classes, in the county of Wayne and adjoining counties, and over the state where ever he was known, but by no one so badly as by his sorrowful wife, who in all the years since their marriage has seldom left his side—being indeed a helpmate in all the word implies—who will miss him most of all. She has the sympathy of all in her sad affliction, and may God help her to bear her burden.

DONALD REUNION

The Donald children, of which there are six girls and six boys living, held their annual reunion last Sunday with the youngest child, Mr. Frank Donald and family, of Corydon.

While their parents were living this reunion was held each year at the parental Wm. Donald home, but after their death it was decided to continue the reunion, commencing with the oldest child, and some feeling it would be more convenient at some other date than New Year's Day, decided it would be better to set their own time of meeting. This being the twentieth year, they have met with each child, and will begin again by meeting with Mrs. R. W. Smalley and hus-



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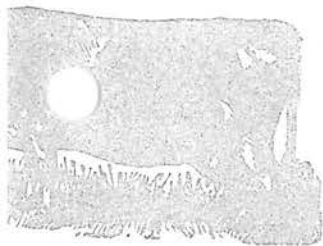
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W. C. McMurry, Clerk

HON. ALEXANDER MARDIS

block, now occupied by the Wayne County bank and the Democrat office, erected in 1876. His life in Corydon since then should act as an incentive to the younger generation of the place and the surrounding country. Coming here at the age of 27 years, with a wife and young child, with very little money and lots of ambition and a well grounded determination to fulfill his contract to the letter, he soon found financial backers and then the way was clear to success and eventually to fortune.

His first operation of consequence was the building of the Rea block, then followed in quick succession the Hughes block, 60x80 feet, then the three magnificent residences of the late Hon. J. W. Freeland and the late Thomas Beal, which has recently been torn down to make room for a number of other fine residences. Then followed the erection of the Rea residence, and the Corydon school building, with several additions as the wants of the district demanded.

In 1890 in company with E. A. Rea he constructed the present courthouse, which at the time it was finished was considered the best public building in southern Iowa, and even now after 30 years of use stands as a monument of the business integrity of these two men. After the vexed question of the county seat was settled, brick buildings went up all round the square, almost all built by Mr. Mardis out of brick manufactured by him in his own kiln in Corydon, where all the brick was made for his earlier building operations, he being a great believer in patronizing home industries. He also erected many buildings in adjoining towns and counties in this state and in northern Missouri.

In politics Mr. Mardis was a consistent republican and served as county auditor for two terms. He also represented this and Lucas county in the state senate for a term of four years, from 1899 to and including 1903, and was honored by being placed on several important committees, and aided in the adoption of many important legislation matters. He was also a presidential elector in 1908 and cast the vote for this district for Taft.

In financial matters he had held stock in the Wayne County State bank for nearly thirty years and for the past fifteen years was always on the managing committee of the board of directors, and since the death of Hon. Judge Freeland has been president of that institution, dying in the harness, just as he would have willed it, and

time of meeting. The being the twelfth year, they have met with each child, and will begin again by meeting with Mrs. R. W. Smalley and husband on New Year's Day, 1921. She is the oldest of a family of fifteen children, three being deceased.

There were ninety-eight present at this reunion and it is hoped they will each live to meet during the coming twelve years.

The tables were filled to their capacity, the dinner being held on the lawn and served cafeteria style. A very pleasant day was spent by all present.

A REAL CABBAGE HEAD

Mr. D. L. Webber, of the Bethel neighborhood, has proven to the Democrat family that he is the best cabbage raiser in the county. Last Saturday he brought in a fine ten-pound head and laid it on the editor's desk with his compliments. If any of our friends can produce a better head, we are so close to Missouri that we will have to be shown.

MONEY GROWING MELONS

King M. Carter, living on route No. 1 out of Lineville, was in town last Thursday paying taxes and renewing for the Democrat. Mr. Carter is no doubt the biggest melon raiser in the county, and finds the business year in and year out as quite profitable. This season he put out seven acres, mostly watermelons, and to date has sold over six hundred dollars' worth. He says in his twenty-five years' experience of raising melons this year beats them all. He sells most of his crop by retail.

COMING SALE OF DUROGS

The Democrat job department has just completed a stock catalog for Garratt Brothers and Scholty, of Allerton, who will hold a public sale of fifty-five head of exceedingly well bred Big Type Duroc hogs. The sale will be at Allerton on the night of Wednesday, October 20, and the offering is said to be one of the best in this part of the state. It is the first sale of these gentlemen, who have been breeding and raising fine hogs for some time. The buyers of these animals will be the possessors of quality stock on which they can realize fine returns.

Write them for a catalog.

ONLY FEW DAYS LEFT.

The Corydon Vulcanizing Co., local dealers in Gates Tires, Gates Tested Tubes and other Gates products, are offering, for a short time, to give a Gates Tested Tube free with every Gates Tire. Hundreds of motorists in this vicinity are taking advantage of this chance to secure a new tube.