

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Finch Parley Senator Finch
Parley - Represented Bowler, Humboldt, and Pocahontas Counties from

1. Birthday and place 24. Sept 1844 Windham, Bradford County,
Pennsylvania

2. Marriage (s) date place
Mary Delphine White 1869

3. Significant events for example:
A. Business He was largely instrumental in establishing the Humboldt
municipal water works system; president of the Humboldt State Bank
B. Civic responsibilities Mason; Eastern Star
C. Profession Lawyer

4. Church membership Congregational

5. Sessions served 25th, 26th General Assemblies 1894, 1896 - House of Representatives

6. Public Offices 27th, 28th General Assemblies 1898, 1900 - Senate

A. Local Mayor of Humboldt for 3 terms; town commissioner for several terms;
B. State
C. National

7. Death 16 Feb 1927 East Dodge, Iowa; buried

8. Children Mina (Mrs. Housel)

9. Names of parents James and Lucia (Johnson) Finch

10. Education Educated in the common schools in Bedford
County, Pennsylvania

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information Republican

- He was a resident of Humboldt County, Iowa for nearly
55 years.
- He started teaching schools at age 18. He taught 9 terms in the
states of Pennsylvania and New York.
- While he was teaching schools he also read law in a law
office and later studied law with his brother, Frank Finch
who was a lawyer in Pennsylvania since 1871.
- Military service - due to physical disabilities he could not be
mustered into the service.
- He came to Iowa in 1871 settling in Waterloo, Iowa where he
read law in the office of Judge Orrin Miller.
- He then moved to Humboldt, Iowa in Spring 1872
where he began practicing law which he followed
actively until 1912
- His wife, Mary, died in 1882 in Humboldt, Iowa.

PARLEY FINCH, RESIDENT HERE 55 YEARS, IS DEAD

SETTLED HERE IN 1872

Mr. Finch Was for Many Years
Very Prominent in
Northern Iowa

Parley Finch, a resident of Humboldt since 1872, one of the most widely known and highly respected citizens of northern Iowa, passed away at Mercy hospital in Fort Dodge a little before noon today (Wednesday). Mr. Finch had not been in good health for some time but not until quite recently did he submit to his infirmities and was taken to the hospital only a few days ago, that he might have the best possible care.

He was born at Windham, Bradford county, Penn., September 24, 1844. By close attention to business and uprightness in his dealings with the people, he had acquired an unusually large circle of friends and a very substantial material competency. He represented this district two terms each in the house of representatives and the senate in the state legislature.

Funeral services will be held from the Congregational church in Humboldt, Friday afternoon, February 18, at 2:30, conducted by Rev. H. O. Spelman of Clarion.

Rev. Share Spoke At Rotary Luncheon

Tuesday evening was Rotaryann night for the Rotary club when every member and better half or lady friend was present to enjoy the feed and program. Rev. Share provided the main number on the program using for his subject "Balloon Tires" applying their principles to the modern life in a manner that was very amusing as

Baby Beef Clubs Increase Classes

"Boys and girls who compete in the baby beef club classes at the Iowa State Fair this year will have three classes in which to show calves instead of two, as in the past," states John Day, Field Man of the Iowa Beef Producers' association, in a recent report to the Iowa Department of Agriculture.

"This will make it possible for the calves to be judged much better," states M. G. Thornburg, Secretary of Agriculture, who is Superintendent of this division of the fair. "The baby beef club show has been the largest exhibition at the fair and as a result, the classes were very large. The division of the calves into three ages instead of two will be a big help to the show."

In speaking of the new classes, A. R. Corey, Secretary of the fair, states, "The age classification which we are making, will start with March 1st, calves instead of January 1st. The first group will be the calves from March 1st to April 15th. The second group will be from April 16th to June 15th. The third group will run from June 16th to September 30th."

Income Tax Man Here February 22-23

Information from the office of Lars Bladine, internal revenue collector for Iowa, is that a representative of his office will be at the office of Mrs. R. J. Johnston in Humboldt on Tuesday and Wednesday of next week, February 22 and 23, to assist in making out reports for all who wish his assistance. He will also be at the State Bank in Livermore on the 24th. It will be well to bear these dates in mind if you wish help from the representative.

H. M. Nichols Retained as County Agent

At a recent meeting of the farm bureau executives H. M. Nichols was re-elected county agent for this year. Mr. Nichols has been very successful in his work as county agent in the past and the re-election meets with general approval of those interested in his line of work.

A Tribute to P. Finch

In the death of Hon. Parley Finch, which occurred at Mercy hospital in Fort Dodge on February 16, 1927, passed one of the strongest figures among the makers of present day northern Iowa from the beginning of pioneer days. For nearly 55 years he had been a resident of Humboldt closely identified with the growth of the town and county, with the business interests of northern Iowa, and for a large portion of that period as a law maker and law interpreter with the development and growth of this state.

Mr. Finch, the son of James and Lucia Johnson Finch, was born September 24, 1844 at Windham, Bradford county, Pennsylvania. He attended the common schools in Bradford county, Pennsylvania, and commenced teaching school at the age of 18. He taught 9 terms in the states of Pennsylvania and New York during which time he read law in a law office and later studied law with his brother Ira Finch, who was a lawyer, and was admitted to the bar in Pennsylvania in September, 1871.

During Civil War times, he was for a period in the camp for recruits at Elmira, New York, but owing to physical disabilities at that time was not mustered into the army service. There was also at Elmira, a large prisoners' camp for the confinement of Confederate prisoners and Mr. Finch often, in his reminiscences, told interesting recollections of the northern army recruiting camp at Elmira and of the large number of Confederate prisoners held in the prisoners' camp there.

He first came to Iowa in 1871, to Waterloo, where he read law in the office of Judge Oren Miller, and came to Humboldt in the spring of 1872, and commenced the practice of law which he actively followed until about 1912. He was married in 1869 to Mary Delphine Waite of Nichols, N. Y., who died in Humboldt in 1882.

He served as mayor of Humboldt for three terms and for several terms as councilman, and was largely instrumental in establishing the municipal water works system. He was elected Representative to the Iowa legislature in 1893, and re-elected to that position in 1895. He served in the Iowa House of Representatives in two regular sessions and in one extra session in which the Code of 1897 was adopted. He was chairman of one of the Code committees in the extra session of the Twenty-sixth General Assembly and was also Acting chairman of the Judiciary Committee during that session. In May, 1897, he was elected unanimously as senior member of the House of Representatives and was also Secretary of that Committee and spent

with his personality, he was known to those who had penetrated that interior and come to know him well as one of the kindest of men, ever ready to aid materially and with counsel and advice the unfortunate. His interest in children was well known to those who were so fortunate as to make his close personal acquaintance and to them was revealed the kindness of his disposition, as can be attested by so many in Humboldt, a revelation to many who did not know him well.

His counsel and advice was excellent and was freely given to the many who sought the same, not for financial remuneration but gratuitously to those whom he felt it would help. He was a member of the Masonic Order and was the oldest Mason in Humboldt in years of membership in that Order, having been first made a Mason in Owego, New York, in the spring of 1871, and taking a demit from that lodge to Eastern Star Lodge A. F. & A. M. in Humboldt, of which he had been a member for about 55 years. He was the last survivor of a large family of brothers and sisters and leaves to survive him one daughter, Mina Finch-Housel, and two grandchildren, Mary Delphine Housel and William Parley Housel, all of Humboldt.

An old friend of Mr. Finch, Hon. M. F. Healy, of Fort Dodge, learning of his death, writes:

"Mr. Finch was a type of the elder generation, knowing and appreciating the values of the homely old fashioned virtues of life. I recall with sadness and at the same time with pleasure, the warm personal friendship that existed between my brother, Thomas D. Healy, who died 18 years ago January 15th, last and Senator Finch. Their close and almost affectionate friendship was formed during their service in the State Senate of Iowa many years ago, and my brother often said that no more faithful and devoted servant of Iowa ever honored the people of his district than Senator Finch. He had reached a ripe old age, had done his state public service of a high character and has left a name and memory that will be an inspiration to those who were near and dear to him."

CONGO, CHURCH EXTENDS CALL TO REV. LUTEMAN

At a meeting of the Congregational church held the last of the week, it was decided by a unanimous vote to extend a call to the Rev. Mr. Luteman who has been temporarily occupying the Alden Congregational church pulpit. Rev. Luteman spoke here a couple of weeks ago when he made a very favorable impression on those who heard him and he is very highly regarded in place.

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sion of the Twenty-sixth General As- sembly and was also Acting chairman of the Judiciary Committee during that session. In May, 1897, he was elected unanimously as senior member of the Code Supervising committee from the House of Representatives and was also Secretary of that Committee and spent his time until October 1, 1897 in the performance of the duties of that position. He was known in the legisla- ture as one of the hardest working members of that body and his know- ledge of and familiarity with the Code was recognized as phenominal.

In 1897, he was elected Senator from the Fiftieth Iowa Senatorial District was re-elected to a second term and served four years as State Senator. After his retirement from Legislative duties, he devoted his time to the practice of law and was extensively interested in real estate operations, in- volving large holdings in Iowa, in Mississippi, and in Arkansas. He was for many years president of the Hum- boldt State Bank, retiring from that position when he disposed of his hold- ings in that Bank in July, 1917.

When the United States entered the World War, he early took a very active part in the sale of Liberty Bonds, in aiding all war activities, and sub- scribed very liberally for Liberty Bonds during the war period.

As a lawyer, he ranked very high in the profession, and for many years was recognized as the leader of the bar in Humboldt County, Iowa. He improved many thousands of acres of land in Iowa, Mississippi, and Arkans- as, and erected three of the principal business buildings in Humboldt, which now add so much to the principal street of the city. The welfare and promotion of the town was ever dear to his heart and years ago when Hum- boldt College had been closed, he was one of the leaders in the movement for the purchase of the college prop- erty, and turning it over to and ar- ranging for its conduct under new management for many years, there- after. For that purpose, he contribut- ed liberally and was always a liberal contributor toward projects for the up-building of the town. He was the originator and a hearty supporter of the proposition for the building of the present City Hall in Humboldt.

While of conservative type of mind, his conservatism was constructive rather than destructive and he bent his efforts toward what he regarded solid building of wise public institu- tions and activities and was liberal in his financial support of them.

Beneath the somewhat austere ex- terior which was perhaps the result of his manifold public and business interests which made it rather diffi- cult for many to become acquainted

extend a call to the Rev. Mr. Luteman who has been temporarily occupying the Alden Congregational church pul- pit. Rev. Luteman spoke here a couple of weeks ago when he made a very fa- vorable impression on those who heard him and he is very highly re- garded in places where he has held pastorates. It is not known at this time whether or not he will accept.

DAKOTA CITY DECLAM TO BE HELD MARCH 2ND

On Wednesday, March 2nd a declam- atory contest will be held at Dakota City, between the three high schools, Thor, Livermore and Dakota City.

The students taking part in this contest are the winners of the second place in the previous home contests at each school. A small charge of 25c will be asked to help defray expenses. The public is invited.

Card of Thanks

We take this opportunity to extend our thanks to the many kind friends and neighbors for the many acts of kindness rendered to us during the illness and death of our beloved wife, daughter and sister. Also for the many beautiful floral offerings.

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