

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Potter, Albert M. Senator \_\_\_\_\_

Served from Bremer County

1. Birthday and place 5 Dec 1869 <sup>1868</sup> Haverly, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place

Jessie M. Long 7 June 1893 Haverly, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business He was admitted to the bar in Apr 1891

B. Civic responsibilities Eagle Lodge; Elks' Mason;  
Knights of Pythias

C. Profession Lawyer; hotel clerk; farmer; teacher

4. Church membership Congregational

5. Sessions served 27<sup>th</sup> General Assembly 1898-1899

6. Public Offices

A. Local Haverly city attorney; Justice of the Peace; Haverly, Iowa

B. State \_\_\_\_\_

C. National \_\_\_\_\_

7. Death 30 Jul 1902 Des Moines, Iowa; buried Harlington Cemetery  
Haverly, Iowa

8. Children Kenneth Long

9. Names of parents Millard J. and Sarah A. (Babbage) Potter

10. Education Attended the public schools of Bremer County,  
graduate of Waverly four high schools

11. Degrees Iowa Commercial College - Des Moines, Iowa  
graduating 1 June 1885

12. Other applicable information Democrat

- After being educated he was a hotel clerk, farm hand,  
teacher of bookkeeping and mathematics
- 1889 - kept abstract books for Attorney E. L. Smalley of  
Waverly; wrote accident insurance
- He used his earnings to complete law studies
- Admitted to the bar Apr 1891 in St. Paul, Dakota
- For a time he practiced law and kept abstract books  
in Greeley Center, Nebraska
- He returned to Waverly and practiced law with Mr.  
Smalley.
- He then went to Geneva, NE where he was a secretary  
and attorney for the South Platte Land and  
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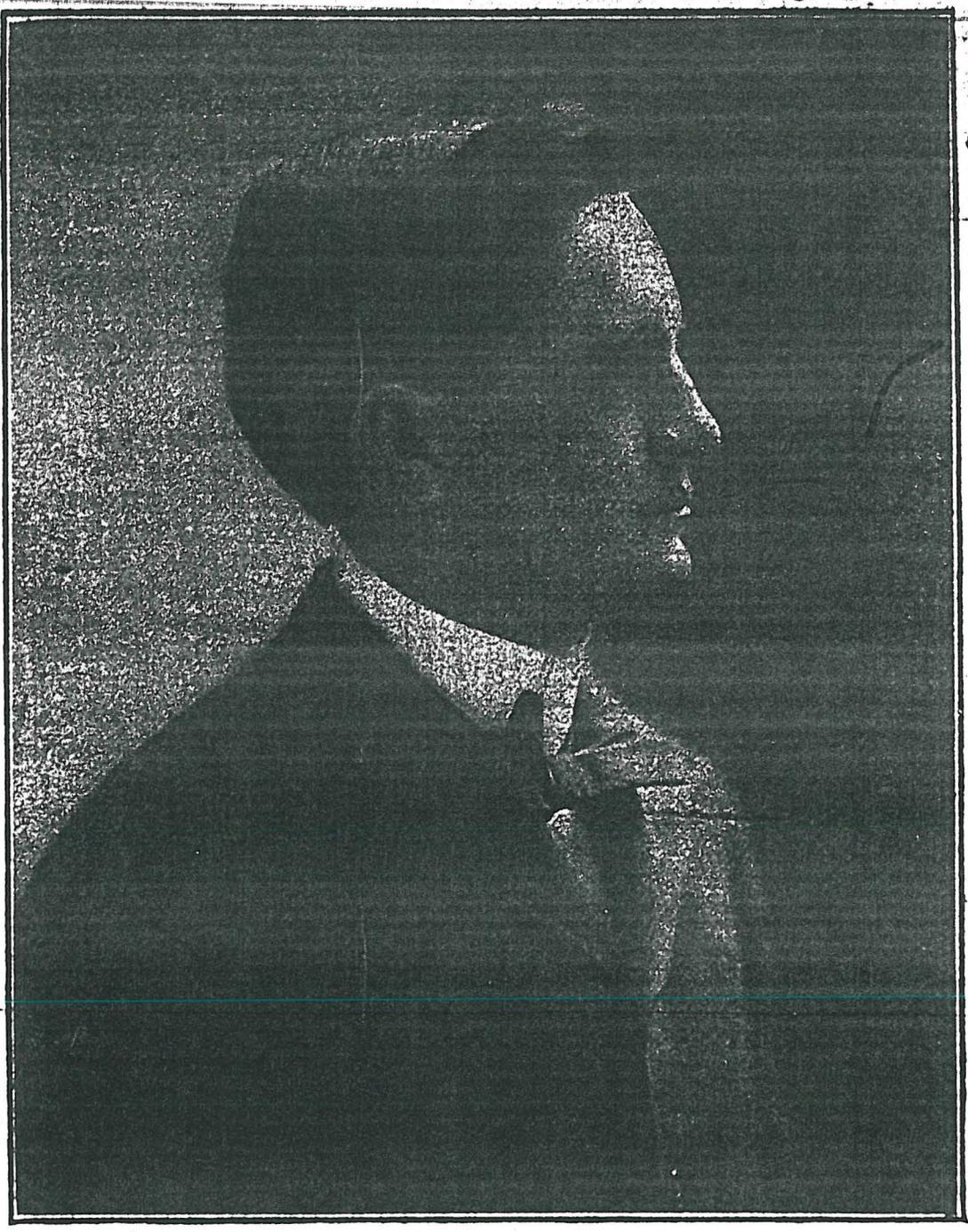
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THE LATE ALBERT M. POTTER.

Unless official statistics are free from any bias of partisanship they are not worth the paper on which they are printed. It appears that the Bureau of Statistics of the Treasury has been made an adjunct of the Press Bureau of the National Republican Committee and is actively engaged in preparing and sending out circulars and articles about the country's commerce with a

Congressman Cousins is quoted as expressing himself regarding the republican platform in the following language: "This platform is a dirty, lousy lie, fabricated by a lot of truckling, temporizing hypocrites, and I'll be preaching the doctrines of true republicanism when the pansy is growing over their grave. I'll support the ticket and make some speeches but I

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## ALBERT M. POTTER DEAD.

Brilliant Young Waverly Citizen Meets  
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Des Moines.

Albert M. Potter died on Saturday afternoon at Mercy Hospital in Des Moines, whither he had been taken after being found in a stupor in his room at the Kirkwood hotel early that morning. The first news of his serious condition reached Waverly a little after noon, and the apprehension that the report created among his relatives and numerous friends was not allayed by the subsequent dispatches, each of which was fraught with more gravity than the one before till finally the announcement came that his death had occurred at 3:30 o'clock. The young wife of the deceased, accompanied by her brother, D. A. Long, immediately set out for Des Moines after the arrival of the first account of his illness, and by driving to Cedar Falls succeeded in catching a train that landed them there that evening.

The circumstances attending Mr. Potter's death contain a good many elements of mystery, all of which have been taken full advantage of in the way of embellishment by the sensation loving reporters of the metropolitan press. The first newspaper reports put forth from Des Moines indicated strongly that he had been a victim of foul play. Then the theory of suicide was exploited to its fullest limit. But in the light of all the facts that were brought out by the careful investigation that has been made, both of these theories now appear to have been discarded for the more rational conclusion that while his death was caused by a drug self administered, it was not taken with suicidal intent. The Des Moines Register and Leader, which has been following the case closely, says in its issue of Tuesday:

"The coroner's jury has finished the inquest over A. M. Potter, with the exception of hearing of the result of the analysis of the stomach, and which report will not be ready for a week or ten days. No verdict will be reached until that time. No direct evidence was adduced proving that Potter committed suicide, and the impression seemed prevalent that he had taken the morphine in the hope that it would induce sleep."

Mr. Potter went to Des Moines on Monday night to attend the republican convention as a spectator. Friends from Waverly were about with him for

by a close, personal friendship of several years' standing. The Masonic order had charge of the obsequies, and Knights of Pythias, Woodmen and Maccabees, in all which orders the deceased had been prominent in his affiliation, were present in force and to escort the remains to their last resting place in beautiful Harlington.

Albert M. Potter was born in Waverly December 15th, 1869, and his childhood was spent on a farm near this city. He attended public school here, and afterward in 1887 and 1888, took a course at Iowa Commercial College in Davenport. Such proficiency had he attained when his course was completed that he was offered the chair of mathematics and bookkeeping in that institution, which he accepted and filled with distinction till 1899, when anxious to equip himself for the practice of law, he resigned and began study in the office of E. L. Smalley. In 1891 he removed to Geneva, where he continued reading law in the office of G. C. Wright and was soon admitted to the bar. For a short time he served as attorney and secretary for the South Platte Land & Loan Co., of Geneva, but the following year he returned here to enter the practice of law with D. A. Long. While a member of that firm he was elected city solicitor and justice of peace, and got his first taste of politics, in which he achieved greater success in after years. He early evidenced a talent for oratory, and his pleas to a jury or efforts from the political rostrum were most eloquent, logical and convincing. He was a democrat in politics, and when his party was casting about for a legislative candidate in 1897, he was the unanimous choice. With the odds apparently against him on account of the reverses his party had received the year before, he made a brilliant campaign and was triumphantly elected. Though the youngest member of the house, he at once took a front rank among the members of that body and made a splendid record. The following year, in view of his distinguished services in the legislature he was offered but declined the nomination for secretary of state, and in 1900 he was again honored by his party in being chosen as a delegate to the Kansas City convention. Early in his career Mr. Potter took a great interest in fraternal orders and this led him at the close of his legislative term to found and organize the Ancient Order of the Red Cross, the transfer of which was

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duce sleep." Mr. Potter went to Des Moines on Monday night to attend the republican convention as a spectator. Friends from Waverly were about with him for the following two days. They noted nothing unusual in his actions and he appeared to be in the best of spirits when they saw him last Wednesday night. It appears, however, that he drank more freely than was his custom, which was not unnatural considering his love for good fellowship and the numerous friends from all over the state that such an occasion brought him in contact with. On the day preceding his tragic end he had for his companion, one Frank E. Scott, a chance acquaintance from Muscatine, they being together most of the afternoon and evening. Between 11 and 12 o'clock Mr. Potter met Judge Callender, an old friend, whose aid he enlisted in getting him away from Scott who was then in a maudlin condition. Judge Callender accompanied Potter to a restaurant, where they had a light repast, and afterward went with him to his room at the Kirkwood house. Judge Callender's testimony is that Mr. Potter was not then perceptibly intoxicated.

At 5 o'clock in the morning Scott appeared at the Kirkwood house and asked to see Potter. The clerk demurred at the idea of rousing a guest at that unusual hour, but Scott was so insistant that a bell boy was finally sent up with his card. No response being awakened by his knock upon the door the bell boy entered the room, the door of which had been left open. Potter lay upon the bed in his night clothes, and from his appearance the boy quickly arrived at the conclusion that his condition was not a natural one. He reported the matter to the clerk, who summoned the hotel physician. It was apparent that Potter was under the influence of some kind of drug, and he was at once removed to Mercy hospital, where he died at 3:30 in the afternoon without regaining consciousness. A coroner's jury was summoned, and detectives set to work to unravel the mystery. Scott, who had been thrown out of the hotel after Potter's condition had been revealed, was found late in the afternoon in a miserable state of intoxication. No coherent statement could be obtained from him, but he insisted upon repeating that Potter had taken his dose. At the inquest next day, however, he claimed to have lost all recollection of the events of the day when he was in Potter's company, Scott is a man who is nearly a complete mental wreck on account

Mr. Potter took a great interest in fraternal orders and this led him at the close of his legislative term to found and organize the Ancient Order of the Red Cross, the transfer of which to the Banker's Union last winter subjected Mr. Potter to much criticism, but whether unjustly or not is not for discussion here. He also served one term as president of the Iowa Fraternal congress, and at the time of his death he had a good position with the Bankers' Union, of Omaha.

Mr. Potter was not without the faults and frailties common to human kind, but in the aggregate the good that was in him greatly outshone his delinquencies. Ambitious though he was, he never forgot the rungs by which he did ascend ambition's ladder, and while true to his friends he was ever ready to forget a wrong and forgive it. Open-hearted and open-handed he won friends and held them with "hooks of steel" even when the clouds of adversity seemed to gather most thickly about him. Forgetting the little dross in his make-up, and remembering only that which was good and pure and wholesome, let us here write the finish and say—Hail, friend, and farewell.

**Plainfield.**

The ladies of the Baptist church served ice cream and cake at the home of David Farnsworth last Saturday evening. A musical program was also given. \$10.20 was cleared.

A Larkin is visiting his son in Marshalltown for a few weeks.

Frank Eddy, a prominent railroad man, is visiting friends in town this week.

Prof. Hollenbeck, the blind evangelist, gave an entertainment in the Methodist church last Monday evening. The program consisted of instrumental music, songs and recitations.

Mrs. Coggeschell left last Tuesday evening to visit her parents in Muscatine county.

Eck Roberts is spending a few days with his parents.

William Craine and wife returned last Thursday from Wisconsin.

Hattie Paulson is assisting in the post office. Mrs. Holmes, who is now in Waterloo, was compelled to quit the work on account of failing health.

Ray Bently is in the bank again, after a few weeks' vacation.

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of the day when he was in Potter's company, Scott is a man who is nearly a complete mental wreck on account of the use of morphine, and little weight can be attached to what he says.

At first the solution of the mystery of Mr. Potter's death appeared to present insurmountable difficulties from the fact that there was no evidence of any receptacle in which the deadly potion could have been contained in his room. This was subsequently cleared up to some extent by the finding of a broken vial under his window, and by the fact being revealed that Mr. Potter had bought an ounce of laudanum at a drug store Friday afternoon. That the drug was bought for the use of Scott appears to be fully confirmed by the latter's early statements about "his dose." It appears, however, that he neglected to turn the drug over to Scott, and finding it impossible to sleep had taken it himself. So far as is known Mr. Potter was not addicted to the use of drugs, and he was probably not familiar with the amount that should constitute a dose. Scott, on the other hand, is an old morphine user whose normal dose, according to a Des Moines physician, is six or eight grains, sufficient to kill half a dozen men not addicted to its use. An ounce of laudanum is equal to but a grain and a half of morphine, and though it proved fatal to Potter, it would have been a very light dose for the habituated drug fiend Scott. The fact that Scott was craving for "his dose," which he remembered was in Potter's possession, also accounts for his eagerness to visit Potter at so early an hour in the morning. As against the theory that Mr. Potter took the drug knowing what the consequence would be, it is shown that he had a good position, and that he had recently allowed much life insurance to lapse, which, devoted to his family as he was, he would not have done had he contemplated self destruction.

Viewed in any light, however, the death of Mr. Potter is much deplored, and it is seldom that our community has been more deeply stirred than by the circumstances of the finish of his brilliant and notable career.

The remains were brought home Monday morning, and the funeral held Tuesday afternoon from his late residence in the Fourth ward. A brief service was held there, Rev. Dr. Claypool imploring divine benediction and Rev. Brereton reading a biography of the deceased and making a feeling address recounting the noble and generous qualities with which he was endowed, made familiar to the speaker

day, on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Kreiger returned last week from a two months' visit to Oregon.

There will be union services in the Baptist church next Sunday evening.

Charles Farnsworth has completed an addition to his house in the form of a neat and comfortable kitchen.

Frederika.

Mr. and Mrs. Sherman, of Wisconsin, came on their wedding tour to visit her cousin, Mrs. Chas. Anderson.

Miss Mary Laden, of Republic, has been sewing the past week for Mrs. Rowe.

Likum Gillett's little boy, Walter, fell and broke his arm. Dr. Robinson attended him.

Miss Myrtle Cook, of Chicago, visited her aunt, Miss Bertha Bergman, the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Johnston drove to Tripoli Tuesday to visit their daughter, Mrs. Maurer. Their grandson, Edwin, returned home with them.

Chas. Golding drove to Waverly Saturday on business.

Dr. Jungblut and wife called on Dr. Robinson Wednesday.

Dave Willett is putting a well on his place.

Martin Donovan, of Jerico, was on our streets Sunday.

Mr. Crouse had the misfortune to get a fishhook in his finger Thursday which had to be cut out.

Guy and Roy Hinkley visited relatives here Sunday. The latter expects to start for Oklahoma this week.

Mrs. Mary Carr returned home Sunday from Carrville where she has been visiting Mr. Carr's parents.

The Cemetery association will meet with Mrs. Christianson Aug. 14th. All the members are requested to attend, as it is the yearly election of officers.

Rev. Bethel and family, of Sumner, called on the Brodie and Golding families Saturday.

The Epworth League will give an ice cream supper in Golding's hall on Friday, Aug. 8th. All are cordially invited to come.

Card of Thanks.

We desire to extend our heartfelt thanks to the kind people who preferred their aid and sympathy to us in our recent sad bereavement, and assure them that their kindness will never be forgotten.

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Death of A. M. Potter.

Albert M. Potter was found unconscious at his room in the Kirkwood hotel, Des Moines, Iowa, at 5 o'clock a. m. last Saturday. He was taken immediately to Mercy hospital in Des Moines where he died at 3:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon without having regained consciousness. Shortly after noon Saturday a telegram reached Waverly telling of Mr. Potter's condition and Mrs. Potter and her brother, D. A. Long, immediately left for Des Moines, but they did not reach that city until some hours after his death. Mr. Potter left Waverly the first of last week to transact business in Des Moines and he expected to be absent only a few days. At first there seemed to be some mystery connected with the affair and it took a coroner's jury several days to get at the facts relating to his sudden death. It seems that instead of coming home on Friday as he intended, Potter fell in with one Frank E. Scott of Muscatine who is a hard drinker and a victim of the morphine habit. The men were together until about 11 o'clock Friday night when Potter left Scott and went to his room in the Kirkwood hotel. This was the last seen of him until he was found unconscious the next morning. A hackman told the coroner's jury of driving the two men about the city during Friday night prior to 11 o'clock. It was found that Potter bought an ounce of laudanum at a drug store Friday afternoon and the bottle in which he bought it was found outside of the hotel where he had thrown it from his window after swallowing the fatal dose. It is thought by his friends that he intended to take a portion of the drug to quiet his nerves and induce a good night's sleep prior to taking a morning train for home on Saturday. But he took an over-dose which cost him his life.

His companion, Frank E. Scott, was held by the police during the inquest but he was in such a maudlin condition from drugs and drink that his testimony was not considered by the jury and Scott was sent to his home in Muscatine on Monday.

Mr. Potter's remains were brought to Waverly Sunday night and the funeral was held from the family residence Tuesday afternoon. Rev. J. E. Brereton officiated, assisted by Dr. E. V. Claypool, and the choir of the Congregational church assisted with singing. The funeral was largely attended. The burial was

it with the laudnaum. He remained standing by the desk on which lay the poison register. Probably it took me five minutes to get the package ready. I filled an ounce bottle, as he had said he wanted an ounce, and wrapped it and the cotton up together in a blue parcel with an elastic rubber around it. I took it to him at the desk and he paid for it and went out. I was called to do some other work, and perhaps it was ten minutes before I returned to complete the poison register entry.

"I then found that the name had been changed from A. M. Potter to O. M. Potts; and the address was changed from Waverly to Waterloo. The other entry had been erased. Later, I filled out the blank for the purchaser's signature to correspond with the last name he had written. The law does not require the person buying, to sign the register, but the blank provides that the clerk may do it. I did not think anything much about the change of the signature. Most people go on the theory that it is no one's business what they buy."

"Did he have time while you was away to erase the first name and write in the fictitious one?" a juryman asked.

"I was gone five minutes, at least three. He would have had time and was at the desk where the book was lying."

"When did you notice the change had been made?"

"When I went back to the desk after doing some other work following his departure. Perhaps it was ten minutes after he was gone."

"He didn't say anything about changing it?"

"No sir."

Detectives Ed Walsh and George McNutt told about finding the broken bottle which had held the morphine on the skylight of the court of the Kirkwood. It was discovered just as the second search was about to be abandoned. The bottle had been thrown from Potter's room window and had lit on a half dozen grates where it had been shattered to pieces. The neck, cork and label were all that could be gathered together. Clerk Brann identified the label as in his hand writing, and thought the bottle mouth and cork were of about the same size furnished by him to Potter.

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by the Banker's Union of Omaha.  
Mr. Potter went with the latter com-  
pany and spent some time in Omaha.  
For the past month he has been tak-  
ing a vacation, having had a severe  
attack of pleurisy while at Omaha.  
He had planned to return to his work  
at Omaha soon after his return from  
Des Moines, but was considering a  
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him more with his family and had  
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Albert M. Potter was a friend loyal  
to his friends, a boy and man of in-  
domitable energy, and possessed of  
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will now be forgotten by his friends  
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the orphaned baby boy, dear mother,

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The friends of the family believe  
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Mr. Long who examined the hand-  
writing on the druggist's register  
states that any one familiar with Mr.  
Potter's writing would be able to say  
positively that the changes were not  
made by Mr. Potter. In fact the  
drug clerk so assured him in the pres-  
ence of the detective at Des Moines,  
and said that he didn't know who  
did make the change. He is confi-  
dent that the errors in Mr. Brann's  
testimony will be cleared up.

A letter received today from a  
friend in Des Moines, contains  
among other matters the following,  
which expresses perhaps the feelings  
entertained by scores of Mr. Potter's  
friends here and elsewhere:

"Mr. Potter was my true friend  
and there was between us a bond  
which even death cannot loosen. I  
regret the unfortunate circumstances  
attending his death as would a  
brother, and the news came to me  
like a flash of lightning from a clear  
sky, inflicting a shock from which I  
have not recovered. He was a man  
of noble qualities, generous to a  
fault, hopeful and ambitious, trying  
to reach solid ground."

"I have no faith in the theory of  
suicide. All my talk with him while  
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time on Thursday afternoon, and  
about three hours Friday afternoon  
was along hopeful lines. I never  
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loss.

On June 7, 1893, Mr. Potter was  
married to Miss Jessie M. Long who  
with their little son Kenneth, survives  
him.

Tuesday's Des Moines Register  
and Leader contained the following:  
"The coroner's jury has finished the  
inquest over A. M. Potter, with the  
exception of hearing the result of the  
analysis of the stomach, and which  
report will not be ready for a week  
or ten days. No verdict will be  
reached until that time. No direct  
evidence was adduced proving that  
Potter committed suicide, and the  
impression seemed prevalent that he  
had taken the morphine in the hope  
that it would induce sleep and aid  
him to recover from the spree on  
which he had been for a week. Be-  
ing intoxicated, he took an overdose.

Frank E. Scott, Potter's compan-  
ion in his last hours, was sent to his  
home in Muscatine last night by the  
authorities, the coroner's jury being  
satisfied that he knew nothing of the  
reasons leading Potter to take poi-  
son either with intent to commit sui-  
cide or without that intent. Scott is  
in precarious physical and mental  
condition. It was thought best to  
send him to his mother's home at  
once. The detectives searched his  
valise at the Morgan hotel and found  
that he had been telling the truth  
about taking medicine to cure him-  
self of morphine, for four of the  
bottles were found in his grip while  
there was no sign of morphine drug  
or apparatus for injection.

"Clerk E. D. Brann of the Savery  
hotel told of the purchase of an  
ounce of laudanum by Potter last  
Friday. 'He came in about 2:15 in  
the afternoon,' said Mr. Brann. 'He  
asked for some laudanum. I asked  
him if he was in pain. He said he  
had an earache. I asked him if he  
wanted anything else. He said he  
would take some cotton. I took out  
the poison register and filled it. He  
gave me his name, but I already  
knew it. I filled in the name and  
the other required facts in all the  
spaces, but left the space for his sig-  
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hours later decided to end his life.  
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ter and statements have been made  
which I know to be wholly false."

He had complained of an earache  
on Thursday and Friday forenoon,  
said it was troubling him again and  
wanted to know what he should do.  
I told him to go to some doctor and  
get a prescription. He said some-  
thing about going to a drugstore,  
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ter I last saw him, he did go and get  
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the purpose of relieving the pain in  
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that when he went to his room Fri-  
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mind he must get a night's rest and  
be ready to see me in the morning  
and then go home to his family. He  
wanted to get straightened up, and  
after soothing his ear he concluded  
to take a dose of laudanum to in-  
duce sleep, and not having a spoon  
with which to take it, he took too  
much and lapsed into a slumber  
from which he never awakened."

In connection with the above, it is  
also learned that before he left home  
Albert Potter was afflicted with the  
earache, and while at his home com-  
plained to his mother in the pres-  
ence of several other members of  
the family of it, and apparently this  
trouble staid with him after he went  
to Des Moines. This would seem to  
clear the whole matter up and show  
that through the mistake of an over-  
dose by one not used to the drug,  
death resulted.

**Church for Sale.**

Sealed bids will be received by the  
committee until 6 p. m. Tuesday,  
Aug. 19, 1902, for the sale of the Ev-  
angelical church and lot on West  
Water street. Bids will be consid-  
ered for the lot and church building  
jointly, or either the lot, or building  
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outbuildings not included. Parties  
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## MYSTERIOUS DEATH OF ALBERT M. POTTER

*Prominent Politician Found Unconscious in His Room at the Kirkwood Hotel.*

*Expires at 3:30 P. M., After His Removal to the Mercy Hospital.*

*Death Is Believed to Have Been From an Accidental Overdose of Chloral.*

Former State Representative Albert M. Potter, recently of Waverly, Iowa, died at Mercy hospital in Des Moines yesterday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. It is believed that his death was caused by chloral poisoning. He was found uncon-

### DEAD SHOTS ARE BADLY NEEDED

Rudyard Kipling Wants English Boys Trained in Use of the Rifle.

London, Aug. 2.—Rudyard Kipling made a characteristic speech at the opening of a miniature rifle range at Sydenham, county of Kent, today. He said, in the course of his remarks:

"Recent experience has taught us that we must not allow a whole population to grow up in ignorance of shooting. Rifle shooting should be taught the same as are the A. B. C's. Such a course would not produce barbarians. Everything must be subordinated to shooting quickly."

### GLUCOSE FACTORY TO REOPEN.

Marshalltown People Hear Good News Regarding Big Industry.

Marshalltown, Ia., Aug. 2.—(Special.)—The big factory of the Glucose Sugar Refining company, that has stood idle in this city for more than a year, is soon to be reopened. While the exact date has not been set it is believed from information given by Assistant Superintendent L. F. Harrison, who was in the city Friday, that the factory will again begin operations in the course of a few weeks.

### GOVERNOR CUMMINS IS WAITING

Has Not Yet Secured Data for Investigation of the Rock Island Reorganization.

Governor Cummins yesterday did not find time to proceed with the investigation of the Rock Island reorganization movement. He was occupied much of the day with sessions of the executive council and with correspondence that has been accumulating since the railroad assessment was taken up. He said last evening he had hardly had time to think of the investigation, but hoped in a short time to do some careful work upon it.

The governor said he had already taken steps to secure the company's complete statement from New York. He would then be in a position to become more thoroughly acquainted with the purposes of the readjustment. Until this is obtained, the governor will not go forward with his examination into the purposes and methods of the reorganization and will say nothing.

The greatest interest continues to be displayed about the state house in the governor's attitude. It is pointed out Mr. Cummins is taking now the same position he took in his inaugural address, when he contended every corporation should be obliged to have its capital stock fully

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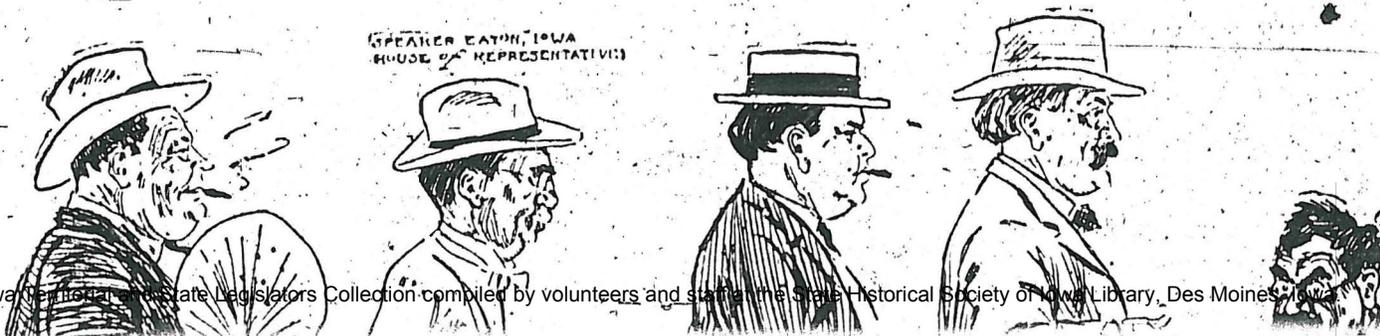
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relous in his room, No. 85, at the Kirkwood hotel, yesterday morning at 5 o'clock, and was removed to the hospital at once, but died without regaining consciousness.

He spent Friday evening in company with Frank E. Scott of Muscatine. Scott was found at Kelsey's saloon on East Sixth, near Locust street, yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock by Detectives Walsh and McNutt, but he was so under the influence of liquor and morphine that he could not talk coherently. He will be held until he is able to tell what he and Potter did on Friday night.

Potter, however, went to the Kirkwood hotel about 11 o'clock Friday night, after having left Scott, and at that time was not perceptibly intoxicated. He had been in the city since Tuesday or Wednesday and was drinking. After he left Scott Friday evening he visited the drug store run by Dr. Harry Crawford at Fourth and Locust streets, where he spent five or ten minutes, and then went to the Oxford restaurant where he had a lunch. He went to bed at 11 and was found unconscious at 5 in the morning. Dr. Wilton McCarthy attempted in vain to resuscitate him.

A post mortem was begun at McDermott's morgue by Dr. McCarthy, Dr. Hoffman and Dr. Rockafellow last evening. The vital organs were found to be in perfect condition. This is regarded by the physicians as a certain indication that death was caused by the action of poison taken internally. The stomach will be examined and analyzed by Dr. Hoffman.

Mrs. Potter and her brother, D. A. Long, the county attorney of Bremer county, arrived in the city on the Great Western last evening, and will take the remains to Waverly today.

#### Accidental Overdose.

The most generally accepted theory of Potter's death is that he accidentally took an overdose of chloral. It is not known how much life insurance he carried, but it was a large amount. He had been president of the National Fraternal Insurance association or congress and was known to carry a large line of policies of this character, in addition to some old line policies. One of these, for \$5,000 in the Mutual of New York, recently lapsed.

Some mystery at first seemed to attach itself to the cause of Mr. Potter's death. No bottle or paper of any kind giving signs of having contained poison could be found in his room. No one had seen him buy poison and it was not believed, generally, that he indulged in drugs in addition to liquor.

"He bought nothing in here but root beer," said Dr. Reynolds of the drug store he visited just before 11 o'clock Friday night. "He did not call for drugs of any kind. We carry chloral in crystal form. He was just as sober, apparently, as any sober man when he was here. There seemed to be nothing the matter with him."

"He was not intoxicated to a very perceptible degree," said Judge D. F. Calendar, who walked from the corner at the Savery down to the Kirkwood and Oxford restaurant with him just before Mr. Potter went to bed. "He gave no evidence of having taken any drug. I did not see him take any and know he did not buy any while he was with me."

It is concluded, therefore, that Potter carried the drug in his pocket; that he took it while walking on the street, perhaps, throwing away the paper or bottle.

Was With Scott.

Potter spent Friday night with Frank

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# MAKING OF IT A WHITE MAN'S STATE

## Alabama Republican Committee Excludes Negroes From Convention.

Birmingham, Ala., Aug. 2.—At a meeting of the state republican executive committee here today, at which it was decided to call a state convention in Birmingham, Sept. 16, to nominate a full state ticket, a resolution was adopted, which, it is claimed, will practically deprive the negroes of representation in the party. The resolution is as follows:

"Resolved, That only those shall be recognized and be permitted to participate in the state and county convention, and be present at meetings, who are fully qualified voters under the new constitution of Alabama."

The effect of this will be to make the republican party in Alabama a white man's party, as under the new constitution of Alabama the negroes are practically all disfranchised.

The negro republicans are very much disgruntled at the action of the committee, and say they will appeal to the national executive committee. One negro delegate stated that he would advise bloodshed if necessary to enforce the rights of his race.

## STAMP PRINTING CONTRACT LET

Washington, Aug. 2.—Acting Postmaster General Madden today awarded to the bureau of engraving and printing the contract for printing the adhesive postage stamps and stamp books for the United States for the four years beginning November 1 next. The bureau was the lowest of two bidders, and the price at which it now gets the contract is \$261,000 less than the amount of its original proposition. Acting Postmaster General Madden also has awarded to the Hartford Manufacturing company of Hartford, Conn., the contract for supplying registered package tags, official and dead letter envelopes for the government during the year beginning October 1 next.

IT IS HARD TO GET ENOUGH REGISTER AND LEADERS TO SATISFY

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Instead of 90 copies send me 100 copies tomorrow and until further orders. Seems hard to get enough to satisfy these Indians.

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paid for at par before allowed to transact business. Attorney General Mullan has not yet been called in. He has left for his home at Waterloo and for the present it is understood the investigation will be by the governor himself. Judge Dille, one of the resident directors of the now Iowa company, contends there is no basis for objections to it and that when the governor investigates, he will find this to be the case.

The impression of some who commented on the matter yesterday was that the state could find no legal remedy to prevent the reorganization. It is pointed out, however, this agitation is likely to lead to stricter corporation laws when the next assembly meets.

## GLOOMY OUTLOOK IN THE FLOOD DISTRICT

Dallas, Texas, Aug. 2.—Reports this afternoon from northeast Texas give a rather gloomy outlook from the flooded area. The Texas Midland is still unable to operate its through service. The Texas & New Orleans is tied up east of Seago, as the east fork of the Trinity river is running several feet over the tracks there. The Texas Central has abandoned passenger trains each way owing to wash-outs near Waco. Other roads report trains on time or nearly so.

Redwood Falls, Minn., Aug. 2.—Redwood Falls suffered badly from a heavy wind storm and cloudburst late last night. King Brothers' machinery warehouse was unroofed and otherwise badly damaged. The court house roof was torn off and the city hall tower blown down, crashing through an adjoining building. Shade trees were uprooted and windows broken. Water ran in torrents in the streets. All crops are flat.

## FOREST FIRE NEAR LEADVILLE

Denver, Colo., Aug. 2.—Reports from Leadville say that a serious forest fire is raging six miles northeast of the city on the north of Prospect mountain. Several cabins have already been burned. The fire is not far from the South Fork track, and the railroad has sent out men from Golden a forest fire is reported on a stretch of timber between Coal and Ralston creeks.

In Wyoming, on the headwaters of the Popo Agle, a big fire is burning and a large amount of timber has already been destroyed.

#### Chicago Bank Clearings.

Chicago, Aug. 2.—Clearings, \$25,048,986; balances, \$3,188,835; posted exchange, \$4.86 for sixty days and \$4.88 1/2 for demand; New York exchange, 10c premium.

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# MYSTERIOUS DEATH OF A. M. POTTER

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E. Scott of Muscatine, and together they had visited the residence of Oscar Barrick at 924 East Sixth street, where Scott's wife, who has not been living with him for four years, resides, being a sister of Mr. Barrick. Scott and Potter went twice to the Barrick house Friday night together, before 10 o'clock. About 11 o'clock Scott returned alone, sitting on the carriage seat with the driver.

At 10:30 o'clock, Potter and Scott passed the Savery hotel, and Potter appealed to Judge Callendar, who was sitting in front of the hotel, to get him away from Scott, who, he said, was drunk. The judge managed to get Potter away from Scott and went with him to the Kirkwood hotel, where he had been stopping for a week. Potter went to the Oxford cafe, where he ate three hard-boiled eggs. He then went to his room in the hotel, and had begun undressing, when Judge Callendar left him.

Scott, in the mean time, had gotten a hack and gone to the residence of his wife, for a third time. His whereabouts after that until 5 o'clock in the morning are unknown. He stopped at the Morgan hotel early in the week.

About 5 o'clock yesterday morning Scott appeared at the hotel and demanded to see Potter. The clerk refused to allow him to go to Potter's room. He was so persistent that a bell boy was sent to Potter's room with a card. The boy was unable to rouse Potter and so reported. Further efforts failed, and the physician was sent for and the door opened. Potter was found in bed unconscious.

He was taken to Mercy hospital at once and efforts to revive him were continued until it was evident that he could not recover.

## Mrs. Scott Interviewed.

A reporter for The Register and Leader accompanied the detectives to the residence of Mrs. Scott, yesterday afternoon, when they interviewed her about the visits of Potter and Scott to her home Friday night. She keeps house for her brother, who with his sons is in the roofing contracting business at 911 Walnut street.

"Mr. Scott was under the influence of morphine, rather than liquor, when he was here," she said. "He was not admitted to the house on either of his visits. On the second visit his friend, Mr. Potter, introduced himself to me. On the first visit he did not get out of the carriage. On the third visit Mr. Scott seemed to be alone, riding on the seat with the driver.

"I was married to Mr. Scott in Muscatine nearly twenty years ago. We separated four years ago. I have resided with my brother, Mr. Barrick, during a part of the time since our separation. I left him because he threatened my life. I was afraid of him, but I am not now and was not on any of his visits yesterday and today. I have sued him for a divorce and have refused to talk to him except in the presence of my attorney.

"The second time he was here last night I went out to the front yard and he staggered onto one of my flower beds, then jumped out of the carriage and rushed up to see that he had been

and he went over toward the Savery."

Dr. Crawford did not recall Scott's name and telegraphed to Dr. Gibson, who replied with the name about 3 o'clock.

Meanwhile, however, the detectives had discovered the hack driver who had carried Scott around with him all forenoon.

Scott had tried to get money yesterday morning early on his watch at a number of places, and finally induced George Reddingh after, a driver for Monarch, to take him to the home of his wife. Arriving there, he told the driver to return in a half hour. When the driver returned, Scott was gone. Later he found him at a saloon near East Sixth and Locust street and then Scott had a roll of money. During the rest of the forenoon Scott was driven around town, visited a half dozen saloons and sporting houses, and finally, while the driver was looking for some one he wanted to see in an East Des Moines bank, he disappeared from the carriage and the hackman, who had tried to lose him for several hours, turned in. Where Scott spent the time from noon till he was found in Kelsey's place at 3:45 by the detectives is not known.

The detectives in vain tried to make him tell what he meant by Potter getting the dose intended for him, but could not. It was thought he might be in a condition to tell what he and Potter did Friday night, the places they visited, and the drugs and liquors they bought.

## Potter was Prominent.

Potter was a member of the legislature of 1898. He was a democrat, and defeated Burton E. Sweet in Bremer county. He resided at Waverly, where his family is prominent and well to do. He was defeated for re-election to the house of 1900 by Mr. Sweet.

He organized and was prominent in the management of the Red Cross Fraternal Insurance association of Waverly. This was absorbed by the Bankers' Union of the World of Omaha. At the time of the absorption of the company by the Omaha concern Potter became a vice president of the Bankers' Union. He drew a salary of \$5,100. It has been stated that he had retired from this position within the last month, but the facts are not known here.

It was known, however, that he had removed to Omaha. He had a wife but no children. She lives in Omaha and is expected in Des Moines to take the remains of her husband either there or to Waverly, when the inquest has been finished.

Potter was a member of the lodge of the Eagles and a member in good standing of the Waterloo lodge of the Elks. His cards in the grip he had with him at the Kirkwood indicated these facts. Nothing of a notable character was found in his room. His valise contained linen and a fine Elks' chain and charm. His purse had but \$2 or \$3 in it of small change. One of his peculiarities was his refusal to carry a watch worth more than \$1. He had a large brass affair, which in reality was one of the small clock movements which sell for \$1, and which he carried, always, with him, setting it regularly every morning when he wound it up. This watch was found in his room. One of his fingers indicated that it had recently borne a ring. He had no ring in his possession when found. He was in the city attending the republican state convention as a visitor. A delegate badge was found in his grip.

## Scott Can Explain.

The detectives are confident that Scott will be able to put them next to the facts in the case. Everything depends on Scott's explanation of the whereabouts of himself and Potter during Friday

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**Mrs. Scott interviewed.**

A reporter for The Register and Leader accompanied the detectives to the residence of Mrs. Scott, yesterday afternoon, when they interviewed her about the visits of Potter and Scott to her home Friday night. She keeps house for her brother, who with his son is in the roofing contracting business at 911 Walnut street.

"Mr. Scott was under the influence of morphine, rather than liquor, when he was here," she said. "He was not admitted to the house on either of his visits. On the second visit his friend, Mr. Potter, introduced himself to me. On the first visit he did not get out of the carriage. On the third visit Mr. Scott seemed to be alone, riding on the seat with the driver.

"I was married to Mr. Scott in Muscatine nearly twenty years ago. We separated four years ago. I have resided with my brother, Mr. Barrick, during a part of the time since our separation. I left him because he threatened my life. I was afraid of him, but I am not now and was not on any of his visits yesterday and today. I have sued him for a divorce and have refused to talk to him except in the presence of my attorney.

"The second time he was here last night I went out to the front yard and he staggered onto one of my flower beds. I said: 'Oh, my flowers.' Mr. Potter then jumped out of the carriage and rushed up to say that he had been a member of the legislature and the flowers didn't make any difference." When I found he was not from Muscatine, and was no one I knew, I ordered them both to leave and came into the house.

"Today Mr. Scott was here twice. The first time I did not see him, but my brother ordered him away. The second time no one was here. He came into the kitchen, but left after a half hour."

**"Got My Dose," Said Scott.**

Scott kept insisting yesterday in talking in maudlin fashion about Potter, that Potter had gotten the dose intended for him. The detectives could not discover his meaning.

After he was thrown out of the Kirkwood hotel yesterday morning, at the time Potter was found, Scott went to the drug store at the corner of Fourth and Locust street, where he tried to get \$5 from Dr. Crawford on a gold watch. Crawford knew him slightly and refused to lend him the money.

"Dr. J. C. Gibson of Coon Rapids introduced the man to me some day this week," said Dr. Crawford. "Dr. Gibson told me that it was a wonder Scott was alive, for seven or eight years ago his normal dose of morphine was six or eight grains. Scott sat by and did not demur to this. I do not remember seeing him again until this (Saturday) morning, when he came in, plainly under the influence of morphine, and asked me to lend him \$5 on his watch. He said that his friend had got a dose intended for him and was down at the Kirkwood with ice on him, or some such remark as that. He talked about having been out on Sixth street with Potter to see his own wife from whom he was separated and sat around for quite a while making himself conspicuous by talking to himself and muttering that he wouldn't harm a hair of her head. Finally I asked him to get

of \$5,100. It has been stated that he had retired from this position within the last month, but the facts are not known here.

It was known, however, that he had removed to Omaha. He had a wife but no children. She lives in Omaha and is expected in Des Moines to take the remains of her husband either there or to Waverly, when the inquest has been finished.

Potter was a member of the lodge of the Eagles and a member in good standing of the Waterloo lodge of the Elks. His cards in the grip he had with him at the Kirkwood indicated these facts. Nothing of a notable character was found in his room. His valise contained liquor and a fine Elks' chain and charm. His purse had but \$2 or \$3 in it of small change. One of his peculiarities was his refusal to carry a watch worth more than \$1. He had a large brass affair, which in reality was one of the small clock movements which sell for \$1, and which he carried, always, with him, setting it regularly every morning when he wound it up. This watch was found in his room. One of his fingers indicated that it had recently borne a ring. He had no ring in his possession when found. He was, in the city attending the republican state convention as a visitor. A delegate badge was found in his grip.

**Scott Can Explain.**

The detectives are confident that Scott will be able to put them next to the facts in the case. Everything depends on Scott's explanation of the whereabouts of himself and Potter during Friday evening. The significance of his remark about Potter having gotten his dose appeals to the officers.

Speculation as to the cause of Potter's death leads them to several theories. It is thought possible that the men, trying to stop drinking, had gone to a drug store and ordered doses of chloral, which drinking men sometimes take, and Potter, by mistake, got the larger dose mixed for Scott. But Scott claims to have lost \$180 during Friday night and it is in connection with this that he says that Potter got his dose, as if to indicate that some one had tried to rob them. On the other hand it is difficult to understand why the poison did not take effect at once, instead of not until after Potter had gone to bed. Again, it is thought possible that some one might have got to Potter's room after he went to bed and there induced him to take the poison, for the purpose of robbing him. But the hotel attaches, the bell boys, watchmen and elevator boy, declare that no one went to Potter's room after he went to bed until he was found dying.

A rumor was started to the effect that Scott had gone to Potter's room some time during the night and had been found there when the hotel people discovered Potter dying. This was an error. It was his insistence that he see Potter that led to the discovery.

Scott's mother runs a hotel at Muscatine and is said to be financially successful. Mrs. Scott said that it took about \$2.50 a day for her husband's liquor and drug bills. Scott is a good-looking man, however, and is dressed well. His brother, Will Scott, is an engineer on the Rock Island railroad, and lives at Valley Junction.

The coroner's jury in the case is composed of G. L. Dobson, Al Moore and Mac Watkins. The inquest will begin today at 3 o'clock p. m. at the court house.

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self a wife, and in Clayton county he continued farming until 1866, the year he became identified with Madison county. On settling at his present location, he built a log house, 18 x 24 feet, which for some time served as his home while he cultivated his land and increased his holdings. At one time he owned as much as 400 acres of choice land here, but has given 160 acres to his son and retains in the home place 240 acres, well improved with good buildings, etc. All these years his attention has been given to general farming,

Mr. McBride was married in Clayton county, Iowa, to Miss Eleanor Hazen, a native of that county, who was for more than twenty years his faithful and loving companion, and who departed this life in August, 1879. She bore him five children—Lawrence, Carrie, Nellie, Cora and Hattie—and all are living except Cora.

Both in his political and religious views Mr. McBride is independent and liberal.

**A**LBERT M. POTTER.—It falls to the lot of few young men to gain the success which Mr. Potter has already achieved. If one has through a lifetime of effort gained a place among the successful few it is generally conceded that his career is an enviable one; but Mr. Potter has already won a foremost place among the members of the bar of Waverly, and his determination and abilities will undoubtedly win him still further advancement. He is now a member of the well known firm of Long & Potter.

A native of the city which is still his home, he was born December 15, 1868, and is a son of Millard F. and Sarah A. (Babbage) Potter, the former a native of New York and the latter of Illinois, born near Chicago. The maternal grandparents, Salvenus and Mary E. (Taepe) Potter, were natives of New York and England respectively, and during the childhood of their son Millard emigrated to Bremer county, Iowa, locating on a farm. There the father of our subject grew to manhood, and for

many years followed farming and stock-raising, but is now living retired in Waverly. He was married in this city to Miss Babbage, who in her early girlhood days accompanied her parents to Bremer county, where she was educated. She is a member of the Methodist Church and a most estimable lady. In the family were six children: Albert M.; Arthur S.; Flora B.; Fannie, who died at the age of two years; Guy E. and Nellie M.

Our subject attended the public schools of his native county and continued his education in the Waverly high school. Afterward he pursued a course in the Iowa Commercial College at Davenport, at which institution he was graduated on the 1st of June, 1888, meeting the tuition and other necessary expenses with money which he had himself earned. He clerked for a part of the time in a hotel and previously worked as a farm hand for a time. His high standing in the school is well indicated by the fact that upon his graduation he was retained in the institution as an instructor in bookkeeping and mathematics, being thus employed during the winter of 1888-9. On the 15th of March of the latter year he began keeping a set of abstract books for Attorney E. L. Smalley, of Waverly, at a salary of \$3 per week. He wrote accident insurance and otherwise earned money, which together with his small salary, enabled him to complete his law studies. His evenings were devoted to the study of law under the direction of Mr. Smalley, with whom he remained for two years and one month.

On leaving the office of that gentleman, Mr. Potter went to St. Paul, Nebraska, in April, 1891, and on the 29th of that month was admitted to the bar. He began practice in Greeley Center, Nebraska, and purchased a set of abstract books, remaining there for two months. On selling out he returned to Waverly and again entered the office of E. L. Smalley, with whom he continued until the 1st of October, 1891. At that time he went to Geneva, Nebraska, and accepted a position as secretary and attorney for the South Platte Land & Loan

Company, continuing there until May 1, 1892, when he again came to Waverly and entered into partnership with Dan A. Long, the connection having since continued. In politics, Mr. Potter is a stalwart Democrat, unswerving in his support of the principles of that party. He has always taken quite an active interest in political affairs, is well informed on the issues of the day, and is now serving his second term as City Attorney of Waverly, notwithstanding that Waverly is Republican by about 150 majority.

His career is a most creditable one for determined effort, laudable ambition and well directed enterprise have brought to him his success. In addition to his good practice, he now owns a farm of 120 acres near Waverly, together with some town property.

On the 7th of June, 1893, Mr. Potter was united in marriage with Jessie M. Long, his partner's sister. She is a native of Iowa and a daughter of Dan A. and Margaret (Darragh) Long, of Waverly.

VINCENT PERRONETT GRAY is a man whom to know is to honor. As a soldier of the late war, he made an enviable record; his business career is without a blemish, and while leading an active life he has found time to devote to holier duties. Recognizing the brotherhood of mankind, he is earnest in his support of all that is calculated to uplift humanity and throughout the community where he resides he is held in the highest regard.

Mr. Gray is a native of London, England, born April 1, 1835. When only six months old he was brought to America by his parents, Richard and Elizabeth (Kirshaw) Gray. The voyage was made in an old sailing vessel, for it was some years previous to steam navigation. From London they sailed to New York, where they arrived after several weeks, continuing at once by canal and rail to Ohio, where they made a settlement. The father had engaged in merchandising in London, and while there

was persuaded by Bishop McIlvaine to come to this country and study for the ministry of the Episcopal Church. He followed out the proposed plan and became an itinerant preacher, traveling over one-half of Ohio for twenty-one years. He then removed to Cincinnati, where he made a permanent location, and passed away at the age of seventy-six. His wife died a short time later, at the age of seventy-two, and both were buried in the same grave. They had always said that they would go together, and it was their heart's desire, after a long life of usefulness devoted to the good of humanity in this world, to receive their reward together in the world to come. They had twelve children, of whom four sons and a daughter are yet living. The eldest brother, who was a medical practitioner, served as assistant surgeon during the Civil war for three years.

Vincent P. Gray received but meager school privileges and from an early age has been dependent entirely upon his own resources for the necessaries of life. When a lad of fourteen he began working as a farm hand and was thus employed until after the breaking out of the Civil war. In 1856, on attaining his majority, he came to Iowa, casting his lot with the early settlers of Tama county, and was living in the village of Eureka when he offered his services to the Government, joining the "boys in blue" of Company C, Tenth Iowa Infantry. The company was commanded by Captain Albert Stoddard. He served with great valor and distinction and received honorable mention from his officers. He was discharged at Huntsville, Alabama, and re-enlisting as a veteran served until the close of the war, when he was again discharged at Little Rock, Arkansas, August 15, 1865. He was wounded five times in the battle of Champion Hills, one time severely enough to confine him to the hospital for months; but, contrary to the advice of the physician, after only two weeks in the hospital he took the field again, at his own risk,—and that a very serious and hazardous one, too,—so anxious was he to have a hand in taking



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Age: **30**

Birth Date: **Dec 1869**

Birthplace: **Iowa**

Race: **White**

Gender: **Male**

Relationship to head-of-house: **Head**

Father's Birthplace: **New York**

Mother's Birthplace: **Illinois**

Spouse's name: **Jessie M Potter**

Marriage Year: **1893**

Marital Status: **Married**

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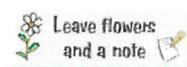
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