

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Ray, William G. Senator \_\_\_\_\_

Represented Potosi County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 19 Feb 1857 Hopu, Michigan

2. Marriage (s) date place

Sarah Haines 16 Aug 1895 Grinnell, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business He spent one year as president of the Iowa League of Municipalities;  
in 1933 he was honored as one of the master builders of Iowa

B. Civic responsibilities Trustee of Grinnell College; Mason; King of the Pythians;  
Odd Fellows; Grinnell County Club

C. Profession Newspaper editor of the Grinnell Herald, Grinnell, Iowa;  
educator; school administrator; owner of Brooklyn Chronicle, Brooklyn, Iowa  
newspaper, and Montezuma Republican; farmer.

4. Church membership Congregational

5. Sessions served 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> General Assemblies 1896 and 1898

6. Public Offices

A. Local Grinnell postmaster; Grinnell mayor; Grinnell College trustee;  
school board member; chairman of the Potosi County Republican Central  
Committee

B. State He was President of the Iowa Press Association 1927-1930

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

7. Death 30 Jan 1936 Grinnell, Iowa; buried Hazelwood Cemetery, Grinnell, Iowa

8. Children Robert Haines; William G.; Harriet (Mrs. McKinstry)

9. Names of parents Orrin L. and Harriet (Shaw) Ray

Ray, William G.

10. Education He was educated at Medrick, St. Lawrence County, New York;  
He attended Grinnell Academy, Grinnell, Iowa

11. Degrees He attended Iowa College, later called Grinnell College,  
graduating in 1862.

12. Other applicable information Republican

Because of his mother's death when he was age 3, he was raised in the  
home of his maternal grandparents at Medrick, St. Lawrence County,  
New York until age 4.

He then came with friends to Grinnell, Iowa and attended college there.

- He taught school in rural areas nearby while attending college.

- From 1862-1867 he was a principal of Hithico County High School at Parnass, Iowa.

- From 1867-1869 he was superintendent of the Grinnell, Iowa schools.

- After 1869, he was made secretary of the Grinnell school board.

- Also in 1869 he became associated with the Grinnell Herald newspaper. He became a  
partner with Dr. J. A. Graves in publishing the newspaper. He continued  
with the newspaper for 46 years having other partners: Ronald McDonald;  
B. H. Condon; Austin P. Haines and A. L. Stricker.

- He was the Grinnell postmaster 1907-1911. He was Grinnell mayor 1925-1931.

- In 1921 with A. L. Stricker and David Luthardt bought the Brooklyn Chronicle,  
Brooklyn, Iowa newspaper and in 1922 the same people bought the  
Montezuma Republican, Montezuma, Iowa newspaper

Sources Log For Legislation Entries

Applicability

Source	Non Applicable	Applicable	Information obtained
- Obituary			- <u>The Grinnell Register, Grinnell, Iowa</u> <u>Thurs. Feb 3, 1936, p. 1, col 6</u>
- <u>Grinnell Journal</u>			<u>1937, p. 1813</u>
- Obituary			- <u>The Grinnell Herald, Grinnell, Iowa</u> <u>Fri. Jan 31, 1936, p. 1, col 7, 8 and p. 3, col 6, 7, 8</u>
- Photo			- <u>The Brooklyn Chronicle, Brooklyn, Iowa</u> <u>Thurs. Feb 6, 1936, p. 1, col 2, 3</u>
- Article			- <u>The Montezuma Republican, Montezuma, Iowa</u> <u>Thurs. Feb 6, 1936, p. 2, col 3, 4</u>
- Iowa News Records			- WPA - Poweshiek County, Iowa

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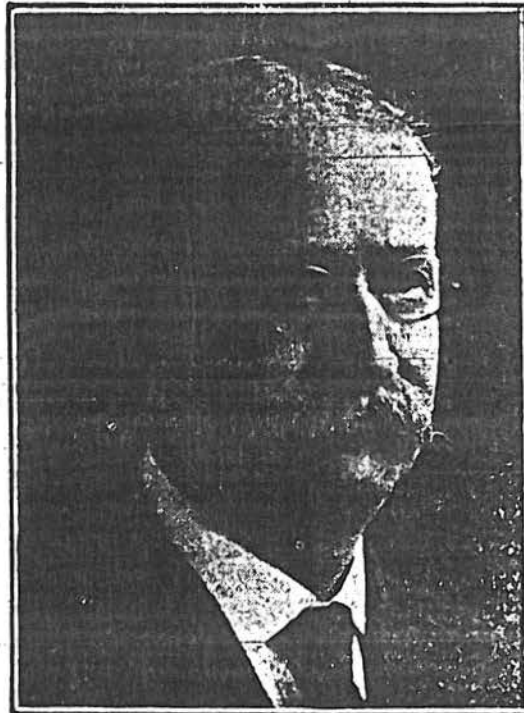
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## W. G. Ray



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If I'm lying 'mong the things I've allers knowed".  
—Paul Lawrence Dunbar.

The above picture of Mr. Ray is chosen from among others of a more recent date because it shows him as we would all like to remember him, while he was still hale and hearty and before the ravages of disease stamped themselves upon his face, as they did in later years.

## Former Chronicle Editor Writes His Tribute to "The Old Man", W. G. Ray

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**W. G. Ray, Senior Editor of The Herald,  
Reaches Close Of Useful Life Thursday  
Morning — Funeral At Home at  
2:00 P. M. Saturday.**

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W. G. RAY**

of William G. Ray is to the entire profession in Iowa you in your grief, the time one can think what a life Ray has lived his work has been reflect a credit to aged in news- yours, Bill L. Walters, Editor Des Moines and Tribune.

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The strong hand which for so many years has been at the helm of The Grinnell Herald and of so many worthy projects in Grinnell was stilled by death Thursday morning when Honorable W. G. Ray quietly slept his way across the border line which separates this life from the other shore. So quiet was his passing that those at his bedside could hardly tell that the last faint spark had fled. Death occurred at 9:20 o'clock in the morning after a sudden re-lapse which had been noted a few hours before, at 4:30 o'clock.

Mr. Ray had been in high spirits when he left The Herald office on the afternoon of Saturday, Jan. 18, to take a business drive to Toledo. He never returned to the spot about which his life activities had so largely centered. On Sunday afternoon he underwent a heart attack and on Monday he was taken to the Community hospital, where, after he had rested quietly for a few days, the decline began which resulted in his death.

Funeral services will be held Saturday at 2 o'clock from the home at 821 High street, conducted by Rev. Robert Inglis. Burial will be in Hazelwood cemetery.

Honorary pallbearers will be G. H. Hamlin, Senator H. W. Spaulding, S. J. Pooley, C. K. Needham, V. G. Preston, President John S. Nollen, Judge D. W. Hamilton and Professor H. W. Norris. Active pallbearers will be David Sutherland of Montezuma, Carl E. Child, Paul P. Meyers, A. M. Burton, Mayor B. N. Whitaker and R. F. Nuckolls.

Mr. Ray's son, Willard, will be unable to attend the funeral on account of illness.

W. G. Ray was born in Hope,

ment abiding place. He and his sister found a congenial home of refinement and high thinking with Mr. and Mrs. Willard. They attended the Grinnell Academy and later Grinnell College, from which they graduated together in the cyclone class of 1882. Probably Mr. Ray knew more about that bitter day in Grinnell's history than anyone else and his accounts of it, which have appeared in the columns of The Herald, have been of undisputed historical worth and form a record of authentic knowledge, which will be of great value in days to come.

During his college course he



**W. G. RAY**

As he appeared in early manhood. This picture was taken when he was a member of the Iowa Legislature.

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He was a brilliant student and newspaper activities. When the Beta Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa



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have been 79 years old on the  
nineteenth of next month. He was  
the son of Orin L. and Harriet  
Shaw Ray. When he was three  
years of age his mother died when  
his sister, the late Harriet Ray  
Ames, was born. At the death of  
Mrs. Ray her father, Col. Enos  
Shaw of Madrid, St. Lawrence  
county, New York, came to Hast-  
ings, Mich., where the family then  
lived and took the four older  
motherless children home with  
him, so that Mr. Ray's earliest  
memories centered about northern  
New York state and the little red  
brick school house which he at-  
tended and about which his mem-  
ory lingered lovingly his whole life  
long.

When he was 17 years old, he  
and his sister Harriet, who had  
been brought back to New York  
state when she was five years old,  
came to Iowa to make their home  
with Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Willard,  
Mrs. Willard having been a sister  
of their mother. It was a venture-  
some trip to the boy and girl from  
rural New York and the methods  
of travel were primitive, but they  
arrived safely and when Mr. Ray  
reached Grinnell his roots struck  
deep. He had reached his perma-



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was formed in Grinnell College,  
his was one of the first alumni  
names added to the list and during  
his days of health he was a posi-  
tive influence in the affairs of the  
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After graduating from college  
he became principal of the Guth-  
rie County High School at Panora,  
a position which he was to hold for  
five years. Here also his genius for  
friendship asserted itself, for the  
friends whom he made there re-  
mained friends his whole life  
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He was summoned from his du-  
ties in Panora in 1887 when he  
was called back to Grinnell to be-  
come superintendent of schools, a  
position in which he continued  
happily until 1889, when he became  
associated with The Grinnell Her-  
ald as junior partner with Dr. S.  
A. Cravath, at that time its editor.

Mr. Ray's period as superinten-  
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# "Soldier Rest!"

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school to him and always speak of their relations in terms indicating their high affection and esteem.

Mr. Ray as a newspaper man was a success from the first. His temperament and keen mentality were especially fitted for the work. He was an indefatigable worker, with a faculty of being in the forefront of every worthy enterprise and under his direction The Herald grew by leaps and bounds. During his long newspaper career he had been associated with various partners following the retirement of Dr. Cravath, the list including Ronald McDonald, G. W. Cowden, Austin P. Haines and A. L. Frisbie. The erection of The Herald building in 1916 was in many ways the culmination of his newspaper ambition. He took great pride in it and great satisfaction in planning the details of a modern newspaper plant.

He was also interested in other newspaper projects in addition to The Herald. In 1921 he, with David Sutherland and A. L. Frisbie, bought The Brooklyn Chronicle, which at the time of his death was owned by the firm of Ray & Frisbie and edited by his daughter, Mrs. Harriet McMurray. In 1923 the same parties bought The Montezuma Republican, which is now owned and edited by Mr. Sutherland.

August 16, 1895, Mr. Ray was married to Sarah Haines Ray, daughter of R. M. Haines, prominent pioneer attorney and his wife, Joanna Harris Haines. To them were born three children, Willard H., of Norfolk, Va., Mrs. Harriet McMurray of Brooklyn and Robert Haines Ray of Grinnell. He is also survived by six grandchildren, Roberta, Joan and Sally Ray, children of Mr and Mrs. Willard Ray, and Doris Jean, George Ray and

president and also as treasurer of that body. In 1933 the association paid a deserved tribute to his many years of distinguished service by electing him one of Iowa's Master Editors, an honor which he appreciated all the more greatly because it came after the serious operation in the fall of 1931, which practically ended his active business career.

Immediately after his retirement from his duties as superintendent of schools, he was elected secretary of the Grinnell school board, a position in which his wise counsel and long experience in school matters made his service of unusual value. He served consecutively until the time of his serious illness in 1931. Since then he had not been active, although still associated with the board in an honorary capacity.

He was one of the charter members of the Grinnell Country Club and was one of those whose subscriptions made possible the erection of the present club house.

For many years he was an active Mason, advancing as far as the Consistory degree and he was also influential in the Knights of Pythias and the Odd Fellows.

He was a member of the Congregational church and for many years took delight in the flourishing Sunday School class which he taught.

During his younger days he devoted much time to teaching in various Teachers' Institutes in this section of the state.

Everywhere he went, in the legislature, in lodge halls, among his brother editors, in educational circles, he made friends; not acquaintances but real friends, drawn to him not only by his ability but by his honesty of purpose, his willingness to serve and his capacity for friendship.

He loved his college classmates and was also a devoted and generous supporter of Grinnell College, which honored him in 1926 by electing him to the position which he held at the time of his death

# Margaret Stewart

## Luncheon for D Worker Given by Miss Ann Rice

Dr. O. F. Parish of the Poweshiek County Relief Committee members of the conference staff of the office at a luncheon at a luncheon at Monroe Wednesday Miss Margaret Stewart, who is leaving for social service administration at the University of Iowa dinner an informal relief work was her member of impromptu appreciation for work were given. S employed by the local tration since Jul charge of all cases nell.

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Robert McMurray, children  
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 wanee, and one brother, Charles  
 of Nebraska, preceded him in  
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man of the Board of Supervisors; Joseph Phelffer, case worker; Frank Edge, statistician; W. H. Stone, director of the Poweshiek County Relief Administration; Francis Thorp, surplus commodities clerk, and E. M. Gregson and John Talbott, members of the emergency relief committee.

## Closing Out Sale Of A. A. White Estate

The A. A. White Estate, J. G. Shifflett, administrator, will hold a closing out sale on Monday, Feb. 17, starting at 12:30 o'clock p. m. at the farm, one and one-half miles west of Grinnell. The offering includes a gray mare, weight 1,925, nine Holstein dairy cows, all tested, three Hampshire brood sows and 21 fall pigs, farm machinery, some alfalfa hay, corn and oats.

Col. J. L. McIlrath is the auctioneer and the Poweshiek County National Bank will do the clerking.

was down on his luck.

A man of outstanding ability, a man closely linked with the development of Grinnell through many years, a definite influence for good, a fond husband and father, a business man of outstanding capacity; all these things can be truly said of the man whose earthly pilgrimage ended on Thursday morning. Those whom he has helped with unobtrusive generosity, those who have known him through the storm and stress of the years, those who have profited by his good advice and loyalty and friendship, mourn the passing of an able editor, a good citizen and an inspiring leader.

**Much Marble From Vermont**  
Over half the marble quarried in the United States comes from Vermont.



takes you two or three more to the top, where you can look out over the city for miles and miles. Up and down the river, and think how that through the force and ability of one man this was made possible. Not saying he was right or wrong, but Huey Long did it, and everything down there is Huey Long. No question about it.

As you enter the beautifully landscaped capitol grounds (the one at Des Moines, in comparison, is like a misused cow or pig pen), you come to a long stately stairway of 48 steps. Each step has the name of a state on it. The states are grouped, such as the Thirteen Original colonies, and then a space, then the next state to enter the union, and so on up. We stood on Iowa and wished that Iowa had some of the climate and some of the water and some of the beauty of Louisiana, without its defects.

As you enter the beautiful wrought iron doors, a guide approaches and tells you of the beauty of the place. You can see it, but with the explanation it seems even more beautiful. The floor on the first entrance is of lava, colored about like the court house walls here, and came all the way from Italy, Mt. Vesuvius. Pretty, but costly. The walls are of marble, some from Alabama and Vermont. Everything is highly polished, shines like the sun and give one the impression of entering a huge cathedral. The senate and house chambers are beautiful. Indirect lighting, beautiful woodwork, and if you have never seen any state capitol building but Iowa's, like the writer, you just can't describe it.

Same way all over the building. Two offices of state on each floor. They have plenty of departments which occupy many floors. The governor has an individual elevator. The lady guide hooked onto the arm of the writer and showed him many of the beautiful paintings on the wall, until Ed remarked that our grandchildren would certainly like to see this building. She then hunted up a young chap from New Orleans and that ended that. In order to somewhat clear the strained situation, Ed at the next point of interest suggested that perhaps the "governor" had better make a call on Governor Allen. But down in that state there is only one governor who rates higher than a clerk in political office, so the strife was on.

But, seriously, the building is wonderful. Had this writer the power of description to describe it, he would be sitting on a throne out in Hollywood.

Out in front of the building lies

check at Mrs. Anderson's.

### THE OLD MAN IS DEAD.

"The Old Man," meaning no disrespect, is dead. To us the "Old Man" is W. G. Ray, who for over 50 years gave his all for the Grinnell Herald. For over 35 years this writer knew W. G. Ray. His father and mother knew him before that. Coming to Grinnell, without a cent, he worked his way through Grinnell college, helping also his sister. He taught school and then became associated with Cravath in the Herald. His life span saw this county grow from near pioneer days to the present. Up to the last he was interested in its growth. He helped put Grinnell on its feet, was loyal to all its institutions, and all money Mr. Ray made was spent right in that town. For him there was no other place to spend it.

In his prime, even up to 70 years of age, he was a hard and tireless worker, sparing himself not in the least. Seemed to take pride in his rugged constitution, his ability to "take it" and the thought that his life's work was the Grinnell Herald. He served as mayor of the city, represented this county in the state legislature, was a trustee of Grinnell college, besides serving on literally thousands of committees, including much work in the Knights of Pythias lodge. He was president of the Iowa State Press association and several years back had been awarded the honor of a Master Editor. He was a staunch prohibitionist.

For years Bill Ray was county chairman of the Republican party. Under his regime all were treated fairly and squarely. His word was as good as his bond and he took no advantage nor tried to because of his office. No delegation was complete without Ray. He was named first and he was there. He rode no fences and you knew where he stood.

Knowing him as we knew him, and thinking back over the years, from the time we carried papers for Ray and Cowden until we went into partnership in the Brooklyn Chronicle covers a long time. So with that in view, we might say that W. G. Ray was without exception the hardest man to work for you ever encountered. He was boss and brooked no suggestions. What he said, right or wrong, was right. He insulted by his gruff manner many of his customers, but the strange thing was that back they came. Why? He delivered the goods. This writer has been fired, quit, rehired and fired more times than he can remember by Mr. Ray. Still in all the years he never had a better friend. Went into part-

chosen for our lesson, we find Master insisting that the moral of an act is determined by thought or intention behind it. J here teaches, says Prof. E. F. S that "the best conduct is worth when it is only an outward performance for the sake of show or

# BRUC BART Says:

### Dancing Alarms Russia.

A new danger is threatening noble Russian experiment. Inside enemies are seeking to under Communism by encouraging young people to go in for the rumba, and the foxtrot.

"Not only our youth, but workers are being corrupted by dancing teachers," says a Communist writer in Moscow. "It is impossible to foxtrot and be a good Communist. We can not believe that this is of spontaneous origin. If it is of spontaneous origin, of it there must be an organized movement which is intended to a glorious chapter of history disgraceful close."

The fears of this Communist writer are well founded. Dancing leads to laughter, and nowher the world is a politician who not tremble when he hears a laugh. Can you possibly imagine a drearier lot of human beings, the solemn faced leaders of Soviet? Is it conceivable that I ever sees a joke? Or that the front of Mussolini could heave a quake in the throes of a belly-laugh.

Also, young people at a dancing party are acutely conscious of the undistribution of sex appeal. Look on any dancing party and you cover something which must be very disturbing to the Soviet mind. A few girls with a dozen young men around them, and a dozen girls none.

The Soviet has sought to down sex-appeal by putting the men into ugly costumes and making them as homely as possible. But once let the pretty girls make themselves up fancy, and right away competitive spirit breaks out. Measles all over the boys. Smarter ones immediately want to make more money in order to out their rivals. Indeed, the prin-



write the goods. This writer has been fired, quit, rehired and fired more times than he can remember by Mr. Ray. Still in all the years he never had a better friend. Went into partnership with he and A. L. Frisbie. He turned the operation of the papers over to the writer, with never a suggestion as to how it should be run. When asked he gave advice from his years of experience. We recall of blowing up one morning and quitting. Mad as mad could be. Never would enter the shop again and hoped it went broke. That same afternoon borrowed money from "The Old Man" to tide over a small financial embarrassment. He was mad at us also. Started working again that same afternoon. His war record was 100 per cent. Out of his shop, besides his son, five men wore the uniform. At the close of the war, all had their jobs back. He would not engage a man of service age, but carried on with the help of girls and older men. He was loyal to the highest degree and many a family has much to thank W. G. Ray for. When he aided by money, help or advice, he kept his good deeds to himself and never hired a hand to inform the world what had been done. Grinnell people never knew how much good he did. They never will. The secret went to the grave with him. Going back to war days, the writer was working for Ray and Frisbie. Times were strenuous and lads were leaving on every train. One afternoon while sitting at his desk, he saw some friends in uniform. Going over to Mr. Ray, he said: "I am going to join the army." "When?" growled Mr. Ray. "Right now," we replied. "You sure give me a lot of time, don't you?" barked the boss. With that he turned to the bookkeeper and said: "Give him his money; pay him for all week." "Turning to the writer, he grumbled: "When you get back, your job is here for you." After the war was over, still in uniform and on the same morning we returned, we dropped into the office. The old man was sitting at his desk and did not recognize us. "What do you want?" in the same hard boiled tone he had used months before. "I just came in to say 'hello.'" "When did you get home?" "This morning," we replied. "Well, when do you want to go to work here?" "Right now," and sure enough at 11:45 that same morning we were working, still in the uniform. During the war his partner, Mr. Frisbie, left for the Red Cross work

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measies an over the boys. nic- ence, once in a w- habit it would b is deminded too v flight of time. and Mr. Ray carried on. He could have eased his tasks by securing young men to help him, but not he. No man of service age could work for him. It was men like him who made it possible for the nation to win. No man, friend or enemy, could say he was crooked. Hard and all that, but under his gruff, even hostile appearance beat a heart of true gold. Sure he was at times unreasonable, but he made up for it. Kept the office on fire with his caustic remarks, yet get into trouble and there he was, helping you out. Had as much mental ability as any man who ever lived in Grinnell. Could make a good talk, a good conversationalist, and could remember in the minutest details events of years ago. He had no equal in that respect. His writings up to the time he was 70 and past were clear and forceful. He wielded at will a wicked editorial pen, and his remarks had sense. The writer, who owes his business experience to Mr. Ray, is going to miss him. We loved him, respected him and at times hated him. But throughout all the years, through fair or stormy times, Mr. Ray and the writer were good close friends. We worked together, played together (not much of that, though), fought with each other, joined forces and fought against a common enemy—in short he was more of "a father" to us than our boss or our partner. In these days of trial and doubt, may there be more men with iron like "The Old Man," W. G. Ray of the Grinnell Herald and Grinnell. He has left his stamp on Grinnell, the newspapers in the county, and upon the thousands who came into contact with him. We are going to miss Mr. Ray. We were disappointed in the reply made by Senator Robinson to the Al Smith attack on the New Deal. All he did was quote from addresses made by Mr. Smith. Now all Al has to do to prove he is a fine gentleman is to hunt up the speeches made by Senator Robinson when he and Al were Democratic nominees. No doubt the senator extolled the virtues of the governor in great style. J. M. Grimes is a candidate for the governorship of this great State of Iowa. Readers of this paper

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## Smiley Confirmation Is Made By Senate

Confirmation of the appointment of Wilford S. Smiley as postmaster of Grinnell was made by the Senate last week and was announced in the Friday issue of the Des Moines Register.

## PAIRINGS ARE ANNOUNCED FOR COUNTY CAGERS

## Guernsey Will Be De- fending Champion of County.

Guernsey will be the defending champion of Poweshiek county high schools in the annual county basketball tournament to be held in the gymnasium of Montezuma High school February 20, 21 and 22. There are several good games in prospect, and as usual much interest is expected.

Announcement of the schedule was made last week. Thursday at 3:30 p. m. the opening day of the tournament. Montezuma meets Hartwick. The second game of the tourney will be at 4:30 between Searsboro and Grinnell's seconds.

Evening games for the first night start at 7:30 o'clock when Brooklyn meets Guernsey. At 8:30 Deep River and Malcom play.

Friday at 7:30 the winner of the Montezuma-Hartwick game meets the winner of the Searsboro-Grinnell game. At 8:30 the winner of the Brooklyn-Guernsey game meets the winner of the Deep River-Malcom game.

The consolation game will start at 8:30 Saturday evening, with the championship game scheduled to start at 8:30 o'clock.

The subject will be home management.

## SERVICES ARE HELD FOR W. G. RAY SATURDAY

### Brief and Impressive Rites Are Held For Editor.

821 High street Saturday afternoon was the scene of simple, yet none the less heart-felt and impressive funeral services for Grinnell's gallant newspaper veteran, senior editor of The Herald, Master Editor, former president of the Iowa Press Association, member of the 22nd and 23rd general assemblies, former postmaster, former mayor, college trustee, school board member, etc., in short a man who had given his all for his home town and county. He passed away Thursday morning at the ripe old age of 79 years.

Conducted by Rev. Robert Inglis of the Congregational church, the funeral oration was brief, yet complete, and the body was laid to rest at Hazelwood cemetery, where "I'm lying 'mong the things I've allers knowed." The Register is going to deal briefly with the "30" story of W. G. Ray because it belongs to The Herald and the final chapter shall be more appropriately printed in that publication on which Mr. Ray "gave his last full measure of devotion."

"Crossing the Bar" with music by W. B. Olds and "Requiem" by Sidney Homer, were rendered by the college male quartet composed of F. Walter Hoffman, Chester Williams, Richard Kunel and David E. Peck.

Honorary pallbearers were G. H. Hamlin, Senator H. W. Spaulding, S. J. Pooley, C. K. Needham, V. G. Preston, President John S. Nollen, Judge D. W. Hamilton and Professor H. W. Norris. The active pallbearers were David Sutherland of Montezuma, Carl E. Child, Paul P. Meyers, A. M. Burton, Mayor B. N. Whitaker, and R. F. Nuckolls.

Promptly at 2:00 o'clock, the hour of the funeral, Grinnell stores pulled down their shades and suspended business for a half hour on a busy Saturday afternoon, out of respect for a man who had labored unceasingly in behalf of their interests. It was a fitting tribute for W. G. Ray.

business men of the town to meet at the old state bank building. Much information was learned at this time to the surprise of all present and may materialize greatly to the benefit of the town.

A number of inquiries had been made relative to the organization of a bank, it being a problem to transact business without a bank. Several men want to rent the blacksmith shop if arrangements can be made and already a hardware store is about to materialize with a couple of local men. All of these things would help Malcom to get back to part normal times and is at least encouraging.

The following officers were elected: Lester Schneekloth, President; Holly Larson, Vice President; Earl Taylor, Secretary and Everett Schultz Treasurer. The business firms represented were: Lester Schneekloth, Malcom Garage, Holly Larson Meat Market, Earl Taylor, Little Owl Lunch, Everett Schultz, Standard Oil Truck, H. B. Booknau, Farmers Elevator, Chas. Miller, Porter & Miller Cafe, Scott Cummings and Rolly Winchell, truck owners, Earnest Collis, windmill and pump man, Jas. Nowak, Harness Maker, Arthur Williams, Oil Salesman, Tom Sanders, Postmaster, Lou Maxfield, Insurance Orange Hall, Farm Implements, Iver Davis, Mail Carrier, Dick Rivers, Keith Wildman and Hubert Shope, all grocers.

A. B. Smith and Harley Wolfe, Produce Dealers, Manuel Gonzales, cigar maker, Amos West, mayor, Dr. Delano Wilcox, M. D., Rev. Gus Grossheim, Presbyterian Minister, Rev. Wilson Hyde, Methodist Minister, all of these men pledged themselves to put forth every effort 100 per cent to keep Malcom on the map.

The next meeting will be held at the Farmers Elevator office rooms, heat and light furnished gratis by Mr. Booknau. Every member present is suggested to recommend something that will benefit Malcom.

## Junior Red Cross Displays Original Oil Paintings

The Junior Red Cross is fortunate in having in its possession for this week, Miss Anna Milo Upjohn's original oil painting and water color panels, and they wish to invite everyone to take advantage of the opportunity to see them at the Red Cross Center, Saturday afternoon, February 8th, from 2:00 o'clock until 5:00 o'clock, at which time the Junior Members have planned a tea, and promise entertainment in the way of folk dances representing various curios from abroad which they will display.

Home week program which is in progress at Iowa State College at Ames



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## HONORABLE WILLIAM G. RAY

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee appointed to prepare resolutions commemorative of the life, character and public services of the late William G. Ray, of Poweshiek county, beg leave to submit the following report:

William G. Ray was born at Hope, Michigan, February 19, 1857, and died in Grinnell, Iowa, January 30, 1936. Burial was in Hazelwood Cemetery, Grinnell. His parents were Orin L. and Harriet Shaw Ray.

Owing to his mother's death he lived at the home of his maternal grandparents at Madrid, St. Lawrence county, New York, from the time he was three years old until he was seventeen, when he came to friends in Grinnell. He attended the Grinnell Academy and matriculated in Iowa College (later Grinnell College), from which he was graduated in 1882, teaching country schools occasionally in the meantime. From 1882 to 1887 he was principal of Guthrie County High School at Panora, and from 1887 to 1889 was superintendent of Grinnell public schools. During these years he did much teaching in various teachers' institutes in his section of the state. On retiring as superintendent of Grinnell schools, he was made secretary of the Grinnell School Board which he held until failing health overtook him.

In 1889 he became associated as junior partner with Drs. S. A. Cravath in the publication of the Grinnell Herald. This work he continued until the time of his death, having as partners during that forty-six years, besides Dr. Cravath, Ronald McDonald, G. W. Cowden, Austin P. Haines, and in recent years, A. L. Frisbie.

In 1895 he was elected representative and served in the Twenty-sixth, the Twenty-sixth Extra (Code, Revision), and the Twenty-seventh General Assemblies. He was chairman of the Normal Schools Committee in the Twenty-sixth, and of the Private Corporations Committee in the Twenty-seventh.

He was chairman of the Republican County Central Committee of his county for several years. He served as postmaster at Grinnell from January 18, 1907, until January 31, 1911. He served Grinnell as mayor from 1925 to 1931. During those years he took much interest in the Iowa League of Municipalities, and served that organization one year as its president. In 1921 he with A. L. Frisbie and David Sutherland bought the Brooklyn Chronicle, which at the time of his death was owned by Ray & Frisbie. In 1923 the same parties bought the Montezuma Republican, which is now owned and edited by Mr. Sutherland. Mr. Ray served as president of the Iowa Press Association for the year 1929-30. In 1933 the association gave him the further honor of designating him as one of the master editors of the state. He was made a trustee of Grinnell College in 1926, was an active member of the Masonic and Knights of Pythias Orders and of the Congregational church.

He gave unstintingly of his talents and strength to the welfare of the people of his town, county and state.

William G. Ray came to Grinnell when entering the early years of his youth. Here he made his home, while he took a leading part in all activities, civic, literary and spiritual.

As a business man he was known for his integrity and fidelity to every



trust in which he was placed in charge. No one came to him for aid without receiving a generous portion from the hand of Mr. Ray.

He was widely known throughout Poweshiek county. Men of all parties and all creeds held him in highest esteem and the oldest residents now living in Poweshiek county take pleasure in recalling the many splendid traits of character he evinced through his long and creditable career as a leading citizen in his county.

*Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Forty-seventh General Assembly, That in the passing of the Honorable William G. Ray, the state has lost a valuable and honored citizen, and the House would tender by this resolution, its sincere sympathy to the surviving members of the family in their sorrow, and*

*Be It Further Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the Journal of the House, and that the Chief Clerk be instructed to send an enrolled copy to the family of the deceased.*

J. W. FRIZZELL,  
J. P. GALLAGHER,  
J. E. CRAVEN,

*Committee.*

Unanimously adopted, April 19, 1937.

#### HONORABLE SIDNEY R. REED

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee appointed to prepare suitable resolutions commemorating the life and service of the Honorable Sidney R. Reed, late of Guthrie county, Iowa, beg leave to submit the following memorial:

Sidney R. Reed was born in Noble county, Ohio, April 29, 1859, and passed away at the family residence in the town of Montieth, Iowa, April 30, 1934.

At the age of three he came with his parents, Harmon T. Reed and Louisa Jordan Reed, to Iowa. His entire farm life was spent on the same farm near Montieth.

In his early life, he was a teacher in rural schools. Later he became a farmer and was also interested in the One Hundred and One Ranch in Cherry county, Nebraska. After retiring, he was associated with his brother in Montieth in livestock and grain business.

Mr. Reed was united in marriage on November 10, 1880, to Miss Alice McClellan. Three children were born, all of whom survive, Mrs. Pearl Reed Clampitt, Adel, Iowa; Mrs. Nora Reed Moench, Waterville, Minnesota and Mrs. Hazel Reed Havens, Rochester, Minnesota.

Mr. Reed served his community and state and served them well. Iowa has lost a most valuable citizen.

*Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Forty-seventh General Assembly, That in the passing of the Honorable Sidney R. Reed the state has lost an honored citizen, a man of high ideals in brotherly living and useful citizenship.*



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