

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative \_\_\_\_\_ Senator Engler, Perry

Represented Jasper County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 16 Jul 1840 Benton, Ohio

2. Marriage (s) date place

Kate Madison 20 Sept 1870 Ann Arbor, Michigan

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Has practiced medicine for 62 years; charter member of Jasper County Medical Society

B. Civic responsibilities I.O.O.F; Mason; Rebekah Lodge

C. Profession Physician; founder of the Newton Herald newspaper; author of books and poems

4. Church membership Unitarian

5. Sessions served 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> General Assemblies 1890, 1892

6. Public Offices

A. Local \_\_\_\_\_

B. State Peoples Party candidate for Congress 1892; candidate for Lieutenant Governor in 1901; president of the Peoples Lawmakers of Iowa

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

7. Death 29 June 1935 Newton Iowa; buried Newton Union Cemetery, Newton, Iowa

8. Children Harry P.; B.J.

9. Names of parents Jacob and Louisa Engler

10. Education

11. Degrees

Graduate in medicine from University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan in 1870; post graduate work done at Long Island Medical College, New York 1871

12. Other applicable information

- Union - Labor party affiliation
- He came west in 1871 and founded his practice in Newton, Iowa
  - In 1887, he founded the Iowa Referendum - the first paper in America that advocated the initiative and the referendum.

Sources Log For Legislation Entries

Applicability

Source	Non Applicable	Applicable	Information obtained
<del>Obituary -</del>			<del>Jasper County Record, Newton, Iowa, Thues. July 4, 1935, p.1, col.1 and p.4, col.2</del>

# DR. PERRY ENGLE, PIONEER NEWTON PHYSICIAN, DIES

Dr. Perry Engle, pioneer doctor, legislator and writer, died Saturday afternoon just 16 days before reaching his ninety-fifth birthday anniversary.

Death came to the dean of Newton physicians Saturday at 3:00 p. m., following a lingering illness of three years. He died at the George Bridges home, 503 West Seventh street North, where he had been making his home since he discontinued his medical practice five years ago.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday at 2 p. m. from the Murdock funeral home, with the Newton I. O. O. F. lodge in charge. Interment was in the Newton Union cemetery.

Upon the request of Dr. Engle, his old-time friend, Rev. E. C. Brooks of Knoxville, delivered the funeral sermon. The Rev. Mr. Brooks was pastor of the Newton Methodist Episcopal church a number of years ago.

## Varied Career

With 62 years of medical service to the community, Dr. Engle's activities were not confined to the realm of medicine alone. He was a member of the Iowa State Senate; he founded the Newton Herald, and was the author of several books and poems.

He held the distinction of being the oldest Master Mason and having the longest Masonic affiliation of any one in the state of Iowa. His membership in both the I.O.O.F. and the Margaret Rebekah lodges were also of many years standing and he was one of two surviving charter members of the Jasper County Medical society. Dr. M. R. Hammer, sr., who studied medicine under Dr. Engle, is the one remaining charter member.

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# Jasper Towns Celebrate Today

Fourth of July will take the form of gala celebrations in a number of Iowa towns.

But, Newton people will be content with family parties, picnics in the city's two parks, on the golf courses or in trips to the celebrating towns. Many from Newton are accompanying the V. F. W. Junior Drum and Bugle corps to Osceola, where the corps will take part in the pretentious program, which is planned there.

Still others are planning to share in the two-day program at Baxter, where dances, speaking, ball games and band concerts will form part of the elaborate festivities. Luther M. Carr, Newton attorney, gave the address this morning at their opening program.

Assistant State Attorney L. A. Radder of Spencer will give the Fourth of July talk immediately following the 9 a. m. band concert. Radder's speech will be followed by program of dancing. This will precede the basket dinner which will be served in the park. In the afternoon a band concert and amateur hour will furnish much of the entertainment. Ball games will be played all during the afternoon.

In the evening there will be dancing on the pavement and in one of the garage buildings. Plans have been completed for both square and round dances.

Sugar Grove Grange in the Metz neighborhood will hold their annual Fourth of July celebration in the grove near Metz. Ball games and basket dinner will be featured.

Prairie City, too, will do its celebrating with a picnic. It will be held at the Brown school house and Tim J. Campbell, Newton attorney, will be the speaker.

Grinnell is starting their festive show with a parade at 9:30 a. m. This will be followed with a speech by E. C. Brock Manning, mayor of Ottumwa, at 11 a. m. Ball games will be played and a fireworks



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#### To Newton

Dr. Engle came west in 1871 and founded his practice in Newton, where he cared for the medical needs of this community for 62 years. He was untiring in his efforts to serve his patients and in the early days kept two teams of horses and a saddle horse ready to answer all calls, far or near—24 hours a day.

Far ahead of his contemporaries in the science of medicine, Dr. Engle practiced the sterilizing of surgical instruments in the days when antiseptics were little known. He was always among the first to accept new and better methods in the pursuit of his profession.

As one of his avocations, Dr. Engle founded the old Newton Herald, which later evolved into The Newton Daily News. Although his connection with the paper was kept a secret for a time, he championed many civic and state causes through its columns. In 1887, he established the Iowa Referendum, the first paper in America that advocated the initiative and the referendum.

Dr. Engle served in the twenty-third and twenty-fourth general assemblies of the Iowa senate. He was the People's party candidate for congress in 1892, and a candidate for lieutenant-governor in 1901.

#### Senate Activities

During his senatorship, he was first to introduce a bill of woman's suffrage before the Iowa senate; he introduced a bill that founded an industrial school for the blind at Vinton; he introduced one of the committee bills that created the present Australian ballot law of Iowa and he fought successfully for a two-cent railroad fare in Iowa, and also a free text book law. Dr. Engle, as an Independent, held unique power in the senate, as both the Republicans and the Democrats had elected an exact

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Other towns in the state, which are nearby are Red Oak, Runnells, Indianola and Webster City.

BAXTER—Pointing to "signs of ominous portent" that "threaten our welfare at the present time," Attorney Luther M. Carr of Newton Wednesday called on a Fourth of July holiday celebration crowd to "consecrate" their lives "to the protection of our constitutional form of government."

Attorney Carr was the speaker of the day at the first of a two-day celebration of the Fourth being held by the Baxter community.

There were two fundamental principles considered in the drafting of the constitution," he declared: "first is free representation, regardless of property, race or creed; second, mutual checks and balances between the branches of government."

#### For 158 Years

"For 158 years we have lived and prospered under those two fundamental principles," he continued.

"Yet, I regret to say," he charged, "that there are those in high places in our country today, who would for reasons best known to themselves, take advantage of the fear that has laid hold on our minds these past few years and urge us, in the exercise of our right of franchise, to voluntarily give up by voting a constitutional amendment, what our supreme court has compelled them to return, namely, the second fundamental principle—the levee that separates us from the flood waters of destruction.

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Writing was one of the pioneer doctor's hobbies and among his works are two books, "Heredity" and "The Horrors of War and the Beauties of Peace."

Dr. Engle was united in marriage to Kate Madison on Sept. 20, 1870, at Ann Arbor, Mich., and was the father of two children, Dr. Harry P. Engle of Newton and B. J. Engle of Hollywood, Calif.

#### Lodge Members

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"And I appeal to you as freeborn American citizens, without regard to party, race or creed, that if such a proposal is submitted to you for a vote, you will remember that the honor, peace and prosperity that is yours as Americans was planted long years ago on the solid foundation of our constitutional form of government."

Roscoe Bradt of the Automatic company left this afternoon on a business trip to Denver, Colo., and Salt Lake City, Utah. Mrs. Bradt and sons, Russell and Albert, are accompanying him. They will be

gone until the middle of July

