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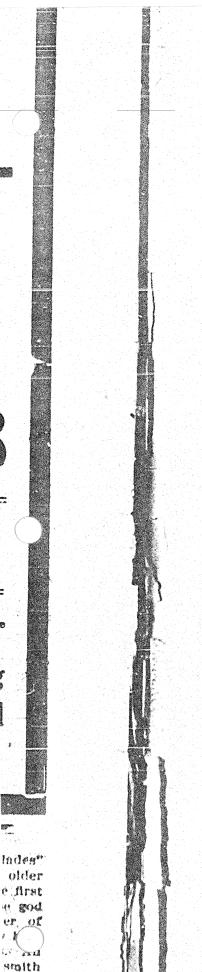
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Great Western train Wednesday eve-The train left Fort Dodge ning. about 8:30. Mr. Smith died without warning or struggle. He had been attending a Grain Growers meeting in Fort Dodge, going over on the morning train. He ate a hearty supper and was in excellent health up to the moment of his death. He was a guest at the R. M. Crawford home in Fort Dodge. At the time of his death he was visiting with the division engineer of the Western. The train Great Was stopped and backed to Fort Dodge and the body taken off. The conductor at once wired Mrs. Smith. The remains will be brought to Eagle Grove this Thursday noon. Mr. Smith was a ploneer in Wright county. He was a former state senator, banker, grain buyer and farmer. He was living in retirement at his home on East Broadway. He is survived by his wife and one son, Russell Smith, and one brother, J. R. Smith, of this city, who is at present in Mississippi. The funeral will probably be held in the Methodist church on Saturday.

Immediately upon receipt of the news of Mr. Smith's death, J. W. Porter and Frank Fisher went to Fort Dodge and took charge of the remains.



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SOCIETY NOTES -O -----By Margaret M. Rankin

Nucl P.-T. Association Entertaine A jolly party occurred at th home of Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Larsc last Wednesday evening when th former, assisted by Mrs. Spence Smith and Miss Pearl Derscheid, et tertained the members of the Pa ent-Teacher's Association of Nuel.

Fifty members and friends sponded to the invitations, and lively evening was spent with va ious stunts, games and music. La er in the evening a delicious t W course luncheon was served. T occasion also marked the sixteent wedding anniversary of two of th guests, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Friday, a well as the birthday of the hos Needless to say, each event was fi tingly observed.

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The Daughters of America will h entertained at the home of Mrs. Fl Royal Friday evening of this weel The hostesses will be Mesdamee Schlader, Kubitschek and Bromle; -0--

### Entertains for Mother

Mrs. E. W. Wilcox entertained few ladies at her home Friday after noon complimentary to her mother Mrs. M. Hagen, of Boone, who visite here over the week-end.' A plca: ant social afternoon was spent an at the close a daility two cours luncheon was served.

### -----East-West Club

The East-West Bridge Club wa entertained at the home of Mrs Thomas Garland on Tuesday after noon.

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The L. A. to O. R. C. Auxiliary wa entertained at a six o'cleck dinner a the home of Mrs. W. Boylson Tues day evening.

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## General Turnout from All Over This Part of State to Honor Well Known Citizen.

-----The funeral of the late W. C. Smith was held at the Mothodist church last Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. The church Was filled with friends and acquaintances of Mr. Smith and of the Smith fam-The prominence of Mr. Smith made his passing of unusual interest and marks the lend of another ploneer who held a firm and abrang taith in Iowa and its future.

As stated in the Eagle last week, Mr. Smith was stricken with heart tailure on the Great Western tiain last Wednesday evening while en route nome from Fort Dodge, and died almost instantly. The train was backed to the depot and the body taken off and the conductor sent a telegram to Mrs. Smith. Jno. Porter and Frank Fisher went at once to Fort Dodge and looked after the remains which were brought to Eagle Grove Thursday.

We are indebted to Rev. Mubleman for the following very complete and accurate account of Mr. Smith's life:

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Cherokee Times: County agents n Iowa report that not more than 300,000 bushels of corn has been burned in Iowa as a result of the 'burn it'' 'burn it" campaign. The reason for this is that Iowa farmers have nore than 300,000 bushels of brains n their visible supply.

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AS A HUSBAND AND FATHER-He was remarkably kind. In the 31 years of his married life he never spoke an unkind word to his wife nor did he rule his children unkindly. Because of his kindly manners and the fact that he was successful in business and well read in public affairs, he was often consulted by young men who were starting in life. No one ever sought his council without receiving the best that he had to give them out of his experience and a heart filled with interest in their welfare.

THE LAST VEAR showed signs of failing health. His friends have noticed his feeble step. His eyesight has failed him so that he has not been able to recognize people on the street. This caused him some anxiety lest his friends and fellow townsmen should think that he was losing interest in them. But nobody ever spoke to him without receiving a cheerful greeting in reply. Although death always comes with a shock, his wife and son had been informed by the doctor that the end might come suddenly,

HIS DEATH came without warning on the evening of January 25th. when he was on the Chicago and Great Western train returning from Fort Dodge, where he had gone that morning to attend the Farmers Convention, and also to look after some business matters. He had reached the age of 79 years, 1 month and 3 days

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California and Earthquakes-1 and Winter Weather.

Humbold: Republican: Iowa cold, all right, but with a amount of clothing and a f warm house, it is no hardship to in Iowa--unless you are an inv California is the land of old pe and cripples, and those who liv their wits. This is not a slam at ifornia, for there are those who by their wits in every country. it is a fact that people of vigo years are better off in Iowa. fornia is the place to spend you: clining years, and it is the place those who can not stand the vig lowa winters. But it is no place a husky young fellow who is loc

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Sad Days for the Hog Man William E. Greene, the pure bred hog man, who recently sold his hog ranch of something like a hundred acres just northeast of the Algona city limits for \$555 per acre, has gone into bankruptcy and the first meeting of his creditors was held at the office of Referee Crowell in Algona on January 24. It is understood that Mr. Greene's debts amount to between \$20,000 and \$30,000 with little or no assets.

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Obituary

BIRTH NOTES-William Callum Smith was born Dec. 22, 1842. in the town of Roxbury, N. Y. He was sixth of a family of eight children, two sisters and six brothers, three of whom came to this country with their parents from Forres. Scotland. They sailed from Grenoch, May 24. 1836, and landed in New York City on July 1, making the voyage in one month and seven days.

SCHOOLING-He received his early schooling in the little red school house at Roxbury and also in Hobart Academy. It is of interest to know that some of his school mates were John Burrows, the famous nasuralist; Jay Gould, the great finaneler, and Maggie Walker, who became Mrs. Westinghouse of airbrake fame.

AS A PIONEER IN IOWA-On April 14, 1869, at the age of 26, he came to Jasper county, Iowa, and went into the cattle business, herding cattle on the prairie. He later owned herds in several counties. His cattle roamed the prairie where Eagle Grove now stands, which was marsh at that time with noither! houses or railroads. He rode on i horseback into Minnesota in the winto Iowa to herd here the following summer., For three years he was engaged in herding cattle and taking part in the great round-ups in the Black Hills, S. D. In 1879 he purchased his first farm of 520 acres on Eagle Creek, closing the deal for \$5.00 per acre. On October 26. 1882 he started to build the house and barn on the farm just mentioned which has always been known since as the Smith farm. He remained in this virgin country for eight years before ever returning to visit the old home in Roxbury.

FAMILY LIFE-On the 24th of December, 1890, he was united in marriage to Miss Dora Fisher. Three boys were born to bless this union? William Lyle, John Leslie and Russell. William Lyle died October 17. 1908, at the age of 16 years, 4 months and 23 days, and John Les-He died May 22, 1895, at the age of 1 year, 6 months, and 8 days. PURENC CAREER-In Novem-

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SERVICES were held in the Methodist church on Sunday afternoon at 2:30. The sermon was preached by the pastor, Rev. W. G. Muhleman, who used as his text the words found in Isa. 26:19.

INTERMENT was made in the family lot in Rose Hill cemetery.



Storm Lake Pilot-Tribune Sold

Humboldt, Republican. Jarnegan Bros, who have been publishing the Sterm Lake Register for some time. have purchased the Storm Lake Pilot-Tribune, and are now in posgession. It is stated that the papers will continue to be published separately, and that Roy Jarnegan, who has been publishing the Register, will be transferred to the Pilot-Tribune. It is not stated who will Specialist in the treatd manage the Register. Its principal stock, we understand, is owned by a newspaper man named White of Spencer: One of the Jarnegan brothers is managing editor of the Des MUMPS . C. CONSCIENCE WIS RESULT 115 osition there.

Soda Grill Finishing Attractive "Brown Room"

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Humboldt Republican:  $\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{O}$ . Snader, proprietor of the Soda Grill, felt that there was a constant demand here for an attractive private dining room and so has remodeled the back half of his place into a very bautiful room for all sorts of parties, lunches, dinner dances and gatherings of all kinds. This addition, finished in light brown and mahogany, he has christened the "Brown Room." Mr. Snader Informs us that it will be available for use by Saturday. It is indeed a great improvement and one that we teel will be well patronized.

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in question. Mr. Rowen served four years as state Senator from the Wright, Hamilton and Hardin county district, during which time in one session of the Legislature he succeeded in getting nine bills enacted into laws, being surpassed in number by only one senator. He has also served fourteen years as United States consul—ten years at the Falkland Islands and nearly four years at Punta Arenas, Chile. As consul, Mr. Rowen attained eminent success, giving perfect satisfaction to the people among whom he labored, as well as to the government which he served.

When Mr. Rowen finally gave up his position at Punta Arenas on account of old age, and that he might spend his declining years in quiet and retirement, he received a letter from the state department expressing the fullest satisfaction with his entire work and greatly regretting that he felt compelled to give up the position. Everyone who was acquainted with John E. Rowen knew of his great liberality, his unbounded hospitality and his readiness to help the needy and distressed. His home was always open to anyone in want and many are those who have been fed and cheered on their way in his hospitable home. He bore in mind the saying of Jesus, "Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye did it unto Me."

### HON. WILLIAM C. SMITH.

The history of this county would not be complete without a record of the life and work of the Hon. William C. Smith. His ability as an agricultural expert has added to the material wealth of the locality and his generous benefactions have been a power for good. In private citizenship, it is comparatively easy to live upright and honorable, but the real test comes when a man is placed in such a position that by making concession to principle he will gain in power or in financial resources. When Mr. Smith became a state senator he stood this test. Elected by the people, he served the people, remaining true to the same principles that had actuated his conduct as a private citizen. William C. Smith, banker, and retired farmer of Eagle Grove, was born in Roxbury, Delaware county, New York, on December 22, 1842, his parents being Robert and Jeannette (Lyle) Smith, both of Forres, Scotland. Mr. Smith's grandfather was Alexander Smith, whose wife was a Miss Calum, and their entire lives were devoted to farming in their native country, Scotland. Their children were John, James, Robert, Christiana and Jesse. Robert Smith, a Scotch farmer also, was born in

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1796, and after his marriage came to America, in 1836, traveling in a sailing vessel called the "Crookston Castle," it requiring six weeks to complete the then hazardous journey. Attracted by the scenery and rich soil of Roxbury, New York, he and his good wife located there, where he continued farming until his death, in 1867. His wife died in 1884. W. C. Smith is the fifth of a family of eight children, the others being Alexander, David L. (deceased), Mary, John R., Robert S., Thomas and Jenette. W. C. Smith and his brother, John R., are the only members of the family living in this county. Alexander lives in Jasper county, this state, and is eightyfive years old.

W. C. Smith was educated in the Roxbury Academy and the Delphi Academy, where he was a classmate of Jay Gould, the famous railroad magnate, and of John Burroughs, the New England naturalist and author. and also of Margaret Walker, who afterwards became the wife of George Westinghouse, the great inventor and manufacturer. In spite of his academic training, Mr. Smith retained his love for the freedom and independence of country life, and at the close of his school days he returned to the cultivation of the soil near Roxbury. In 1869, surrendering to the adventurous spirit which attracted so many to the West, he rented a farm north of Des Moines, Iowa, and lived there for a short time, when he tried making his home in Jasper county. This he soon gave up to become a cattle herder in Wright county, Iowa, his work taking him from one end of the county to the other as well as to the larger portion of northwestern Iowa. For twenty years he bought and sold cattle and herded cattle on the land which Eagle Grove now occupies. In this connection it is interesting to note that the man who is the owner of five thousand six hundred and forty acres of land, received during the first session of his work in Iowa the munificent salary of twenty dollars a month. Having to begin with little more of this world's goods than brawn and brain, he was content to convert this into wealth by his own hard work.

As soon as Mr. Smith was able he began to acquire land, which, while inexpensive then, later become valuable. In 1880 he bought three hundred and twenty acres of farm land in this county at six dollars and twenty-five cents per acre, which now is worth two hundred dollars, and immediately converted wild prairie into fields yielding rich harvest. It was not long before, by reason of his extensive improvements and his success in agriculture and stock raising, Mr. Smith's farm was considered one of the finest in the county. He later added two hundred acres to his holdings and began

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to acquire property in other states. He now has three hundred and twenty acres in the state of Minnesota, sixteen hundred acres in North Dakota, and three thousand two hundred acres in Canada. So successful had Mr. Smith become that by 1892 he was able to retire, and he then moved to Eagle Grove, where he soon became prominent in its financial enterprises. For fourteen years he was president of the State Bank of Eagle Grove. In 1902 he sold this interest in the bank and gave his entire time to land speculation.

It was while he was state senator that Mr. Smith endeared himself to his constituents, and justified by his conduct in office their faith in him. It was here that he showed those traits of character which proved him to be truly loyal to the best interests of the common people. He sought always to encourage by his vote, and otherwise, those measures which stood for the good of the people, as distinguished from the good of what is now known as "the interests." In no way can a man better show his patriotism than in this.

The marriage of W. S. Smith and Dora Fisher was solemnized on December 24, 1890. Mrs. Smith is the daughter of Albert and Catherine (Crowne) Fisher, formerly of Eagle Grove. Mr. Fisher is living now in Montana, his wife having passed away. Mrs. Smith is a sister of Lon Fisher, a prominent citizen of Eagle Grove, whose biography is presented elsewhere in this volume. Mr Fisher is manager of the Farmers Elevator Company, and is also manager of three other elevators in this county. He is well and favorably known in local business circles. The home life of Mr. and Mrs. Smith has been ideal, and the latter has been a wife well fitted for the public career of her husband. They have been the parents of three children, William, Leslie and Russell. The eldest son, William, died when sixteen years old; Leslie died in infancy; Russell is the only one living, and is attending Ames College.

Notwithstanding his very active career, Mr. Smith has never neglected his religious life, and for many years, both he and his estimable wife have been helpful in their church membership. The former is a trustee and the latter is a steward of the Methodist Episcopal church, and to its work they have made frequent and large contributions. Mr. Smith has always been affiliated with the Republican party, to which he has given both financial and moral support.

Mr. Smith is one of the citizens of Eagle Grove who can always be depended upon to give time, energy and means for the betterment of the

financial and moral conditions of the county, and thus is he loyal in the truest sense of that term. As a man he has the courage of his convictions, and broad-minded and tolerant in his views. His wholesome private life, as well as his honest administration of his public duties, is a fine example of what can be done by the American boy possessing common sense, ambition, intellectual capacity, and a heart beating with humanitarian impulses.

Mr. Smith is related to the late Donald Day Smith (Lord Strathcona), who was one of the most prominent men of Canada, was high commissioner and one of the wealthiest men of Canada.

### EDWIN BALLOU.

It is well to hold in grateful remembrance those sturdy ones of other years who sowed and planted and builded for future generations, for upon their work and sacrifice has modern civilization grown. One of this goodly company who helped convert the waste places of this country into beauty and usefulness is Edwin Ballou, a man of great force of character and farsighted patriotism. Edwin Ballou was born on February 10, 1832, in Portage county, Ohio. He is the son of Barnabas and Rachel (Bowen) Ballou.

The parents of Mr. Ballou were natives of New Hampshire, having moved from there to Ohio. The Ballous, who are of French descent, belong to a very old and famous family in the United States. President Garfield's mother was a Ballou, and a direct descendant of Edwin Ballou's ancestry. Barnabas Ballou, who was a farmer, was the father of eight children, namely: Nathan, Silas, Mrs. Lavina Clark, William, Nathaniel, Mrs. Sarah Tibbits; Edwin, the subject of this sketch; and Andrew, who died while in the army.

At the time of his childhood Edwin Ballou was able to acquire only a meager education in the common schools. From his seventh until his twenty-first year he lived with his family in McComb county, Michigan, but his father died when the lad was only thirteen years of age. From that time until he reached his majority he worked in the lumber woods in Michigan. In 1853 he migrated to Cedar county, Iowa, traveling as far as Chicago by rail, and from there he drove to Iowa with his brother, Silas. He had made a previous trip to Chicago before any railroad was there. After spending two years in Cedar county he settled in Wright county, to which

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Relation to Head of House:	Head			
Father's Birth Place:	Scotland			
Mother's Birth Place:	Scotland			
Spouse's name:	Dora			
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Name:	William C Smith [Willian C Smith]					
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Home in 1920:	Eagle Grove Ward 2, Wright, Iowa					
Age:	76					
Estimated birth year:						
Birthplace:	New York					
Relation to Head of House:	. ,					
Spouse's name:	Dora					
Father's Birth Place:	Scotland					
Mother's Birth Place:	Scotland					
Marital Status:	Married					
Race:	White					
Sex:	Male					
Home owned:	<b>Own</b>					
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Members:	William C Smith	76				
	Dora Smith	56				

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