

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Burgess, James R. Senator _____
Represented Appleton County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 5 Apr 1857 Bullitt County, Kentucky

2. Marriage (s) date place

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business _____

B. Civic responsibilities Knights of Pythias; Elks Lodge; Modern
Woodmen of America

C. Profession Implement dealer

4. Church membership Episcopal

5. Sessions served 21st, 22nd General Assemblies 1886, 1888

6. Public Offices

A. Local Attermea City Councilman

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 26 Jul 1902 Attermea, Iowa; buried Attermea Cemetery, Attermea, Iowa

8. Children _____

9. Names of parents John and Mary (Carlisle) Burgess

10. Education He was educated in the city schools of Keokuk
County

11. Degrees He took a course at the Ottumwa Business College
graduating in 1875

12. Other applicable information Democrat

- He moved with his parents to Iowa in spring 1860, settling in
Keokuk County, Iowa.
- His father, John Burgess, enlisted in the Civil War in Company K, 33rd
Iowa Volunteer Infantry
- After the war he returned to his family in Keokuk County where they lived
until 1873.
- His father then moved the family to Ottumwa Iowa
- After college he went on the road as a traveling salesman for a
firm that dealt in manufacturing and sale of pumps. Two years
later purchased the interest of the proprietor, H. M. Fair, and
then continued the business himself for 3 years
- Then in 3 years he associated himself with M. H. Gittner and they
operated under the name Gittner and Burgess. They added
farm machinery, wagons and luggings to their stock.

PLAN TO INCREASE FOREST AREAS

Work Being Carried on in Twenty States to Devise Plans for the Extension of Forests on the Treeless Plains of the West.

Washington, D. C., July 25.—On July 1 the Bureau of Forestry began its field season of 1902, and its work is now being carried on in twenty states. The bureau has appointed ninety new student assistants for this season, the entire field force numbering 165 men. The work includes, among other things, the gathering of the necessary data for several working plans, a study of a number of well known commercial trees, the examination of farm wood lots, and a study of the treeless areas with a view of devising plans for forest extension.

The Bureau of Forestry begins the new fiscal year of 1902-3 with an appropriation of \$291,860. The amount for the year just ended was \$185,440. This increased appropriation shows how this work commends itself to congress, and it makes possible a much wider range of work. The present season's work is by far the most varied and interesting yet undertaken by the Bureau of Forestry, and is being carried on in Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey, Maryland, Tennessee, Kentucky, West Virginia, North Carolina, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Montana, Arizona and California. Later in the season it will be extended to still other states and territories.

Working Plans.

The field work necessary for a working plan for the tract of the Great Northern Paper Co. which was begun last field season is being continued now and will be finished this year. It is being carried on by two fully equipped parties, each consisting of fifteen men. A working plan is being made for the tract of hardwoods of the Linville Improvement Co., lying around Grandfather Mountain in western North Carolina. The bureau is also making a careful study of the forest resources of Otsego county, New York, with the purpose of drawing up a simple and direct manual of instructions for the management of the private forest lands in that county. The expense of the field work is being borne wholly by Mrs. Alfred Corning Clark, who is greatly interested in forestry, and desires that the forests of the country shall be treated in a practical manner.

Through the co-operation of Mr. Ring, forest commissioner of Maine, a study has been undertaken of the forest conditions of that state. This is to include an investigation of the behavior of the spruce after lumbering, in order to draw up simple and practical rules for hastening the production of the second crop upon lumbered land. It entails also a careful study of the fire problem and of the best means of fighting fire in this region. This investigation further includes a consideration of the effect of fire on the growth of the forest.

Source: Iowa Terrestrial and State Legislators Collection, compiled by volunteers and staff at the State Historical Society of Iowa Library, Des Moines, Iowa.

Much attention will be given during the present season to the examination

sand dunes along the Atlantic coast. A great deal of work has been done for this purpose on Cape Cod in Massachusetts, and some in New Jersey. A thorough study is also being made of the drifting sand along the Columbia river in the vicinity of The Dalles, Oregon, to devise means for controlling it by planting.

Forest Investigations.

The work along this line by the Bureau of Forestry includes an investigation of the distribution of forests, their character, extent, and the available supplies of timber.

The study of the forest resources of the best timbered counties of Maryland is being continued. This work was begun in 1900 and has been going on through each field season since. Examinations of the forest condition and resources of Vermont, and also of portions of the northern peninsula of Michigan are being made.

Investigations have begun in the collection of published and unpublished data, showing the past and present yields of wood of various kinds, including imports and exports and consumption for all purposes. This investigation also includes a consideration of American woods in foreign markets. Attention is being given to the collection of data showing the production and value of by products of American forests. This will include commercial gums resins, turpentine, and tan extracts.

REMAINS LAID AWAY.

Funeral of Late J. R. Burgess Held This Afternoon.

[From Monday's Daily.]

The funeral services over the remains of the late J. R. Burgess were held at 3 o'clock this afternoon at the residence, 1020 North Court street. Rev. J. Hollister Lynch, rector of Trinity Episcopal church, conducted the services. The cortege was accompanied by the city council, which attended in a body, and escorts from the Knights of Pythias, Elks and Modern Woodmen of America, to which orders the deceased was a prominent member. The funeral was attended by a large number of the friends and business associates of the deceased, who joined in paying their last sad respects to their late friend. The interment was made in the Ottumwa cemetery. The following were the pall bearers: T. H. Pickler, N. L. Arrison, A. J. Mader, J. P. Anderson, S. B. Evans and James Gee.

ENLIST IN NAVY.

Four Ottumwans Will Go Into the Service of Uncle Sam.

[From Monday's Daily.]

Four people enlisted today in the United States navy at the recruiting office which was today opened at the government building by Lieutenant D. E. Dismukes, U. S. N. Dick L. Gassaway and Henry L. Aldrich enlisted in the seaman branch and Ernest W. Colner as a hospital apprentice. They will be sent to the training station at Norfolk, Va. Orin D. Sprague, as a naval apprentice, will enter the service at the recruiting office will close Thursday.



D. J. H. SMITH—C. C. C. C.

A LABOR SAVER--A

A good thing for the farmer. A man cannot afford to be without one. A man can use them with big profit. See

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OTTUMWA, IOWA

You Will Find

the new store at 903 Church street, the good produce, for we want that kindest highest market price for good produce have good goods to sell you and price peoples prices on flour if they compare can do for you. Watch for the sign.

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APPROVES VERDICT

President Returns Cases of
Major Glenn and Other
Officers.

NO ADDITIONAL COMMENT

Disapproves of Finding in Case of
Lieutenant Norman G. Cook—Glenn
to Be Suspended for One Month and
to Forfeit \$50 Pay.

Washington, July 26—President

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CHICAGO:
CHAPMAN BROTHERS,
1887.

bel died March 6, 1874, and Sept. 2, 1877. Mr. Rubel again married, choosing as a companion Miss Susan A. Neer, born in Clarke County, Ohio, Sept. 21, 1849, and daughter of Isaiah and Ann (Lafferty) Neer. To this union four children have been born: Ross N., who died in infancy; Maggie D., Chester W. and Walter G. Mr. Rubel has been successful in his stock-raising, and is also engaged in dairying to a limited extent. He is also breeding graded Holstein cattle. He owns 148 acres of land, all of which is in a high state of cultivation. On the farm is a comfortable dwelling, a good barn, and all the accessories of a well-regulated stock and grain farm.

Mr. Rubel is Clerk of the School Board, having been elected in 1876, serving continuously ever since, and is at present serving his second term as Township Clerk. During the late war he enlisted in Co. B, 36th Iowa Vol. Inf., Aug. 4, 1862. After eight months' service he was discharged on account of sickness and returned home. Regaining his health he again enlisted in the same company and regiment, and served till the close of the war. He was in Gen. Steele's expedition from Little Rock, Ark., to the Red River, and was taken prisoner at Mark's Mills, Ark., and held some months at Camp Ford, Tyler, Tex. With three others he at one time succeeded in escaping from the prison, but after traveling forty miles was recaptured with blood-hounds. He was exchanged at the mouth of Red River, Feb. 25, 1865, and mustered out and discharged at Davenport, Iowa, in September, 1865. Mr. and Mrs. Rubel are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and politically our subject is a Republican.



HON. JAMES R. BURGESS, Representative of the Sixth District in the Lower House of the Iowa Legislature, is one of its youngest members and a gentleman of marked ability, both in business transactions and a general knowledge of current events. Mr. Burgess is a native of Bullitt County, Ky., the date of his birth being April 5, 1857. He is the son of John Bur-

gess, a native of Wheeling, W. Va., born Aug. 27, 1829, who removed from his native State to Ohio when a young man, and was there married, Oct. 22, 1852, to Miss Mary Carlisle. She was a native of Brooke County, W. Va., born Aug. 25, 1834, and a daughter of James Carlisle, of Portsmouth, Ohio. From there he removed to Kentucky, and located in Bullitt County, where he engaged in agricultural pursuits; thence removed to Iowa in the spring of 1860, becoming a resident of Keokuk County, and continuing his former vocation. Not long thereafter the trouble between the North and South necessitated a call for troops to defend the Union, and Mr. B. enlisted, becoming a member of Co. K, 33d Iowa Vol. Inf. He marched with his regiment to the scene of conflict, and participated with his comrades in the various engagements and skirmishes which they encountered until the close of the war. He was in the battles at Jenkins' Ferry, Prairie d'Anne, being wounded at the latter place, and was at the siege and capture of Spanish Fort, in Texas. He was subsequently transferred to Company I, in the same regiment, and with his comrades, received an honorable discharge on the 15th of August, 1865.

After his discharge from the service of the Union, John Burgess returned to his home in Keokuk County, where he remained until 1873, and then removed with his family to Ottumwa. In politics he was a Jackson Democrat, and after removing to Ohio was elected Deputy Sheriff of Pike County, serving in 1853-54. He was a man of great force of character and decided views, and wherever he located was recognized as a man eminently fitted to be a leader among his fellows.

The parental household of our subject included six children, four of whom are living, as follows: Lida is the wife of B. Goldsberry, of Bedford, Iowa; Nannie graduated in the High School of Ottumwa, and is a teacher in this city; Willie W. is engaged as a clerk in a dry-goods house, and the fourth is our subject. Mrs. Mary Burgess is still living in Ottumwa, and has been a devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal Church for many years.

James R. Burgess was educated in the city schools of Keokuk County, and came to Ottumwa with his parents. He is a self-made man in every

respect, when young being without means or influence, and having nothing to depend upon but his own exertions. He gladly accepted employment at whatever he could secure, using his leisure hours in studying instructive books, and in this way has acquired a fund of knowledge superior to many who have taken a full college course. In addition to this he assisted in educating his sister and brother, and in the course of time, by incessant industry and rigid economy, found himself the possessor of sufficient means to enable him to take a course at the Ottumwa Business College, from which he graduated in 1875, with high recommendations from his instructors.

After leaving college, finding nothing better at hand in which to engage, our subject went on the road as traveling salesman for a firm which dealt in the manufacture and sale of pumps, and two years later purchased the interest of the proprietor, H. M. Fair, and continued the business himself for the following three years. In 1881 he associated himself in partnership with Mr. M. H. Giltner, and they are now operating under the firm name of Giltner & Burgess, and have added to their stock, farm machinery, wagons, buggies, etc.

Notwithstanding the demands of business, Mr. Burgess keeps himself well informed in regard to political and general matters, and has received ready recognition at the hands of his fellow-townsmen as a man well qualified to become a leader in their midst. He became a member of the City Council in the spring of 1885, being elected on the Republican ticket with a majority of between fifty and seventy-five votes, being the first Democratic official elected to this position in sixteen years. In the fall of 1885 he was elected by a union of the Democratic and Greenback parties to the General Assembly of the State, being the youngest member but one in the House. While there he made a vigorous fight on the Cassett Mining Bill, extracts of which were published in the leading papers of this State and Illinois.

In politics Mr. B. has vigorously upheld the principles of the Greenback party, and has uniformly cast his vote in support of its principles. He has always taken a lively interest in the leading questions of the day, and since he became of age has

been an out-and-out anti-monopolist. He has represented his district in all the conventions since 1879, and was a delegate to the Indianapolis convention of 1884, and cast his vote for Ben Butler for President. Socially he belongs to the K. of P., the Modern Woodmen, etc.

CHRISTOPHER MEYERS, a saddler and harness-maker doing business at Ottumwa, where he resides, and in which he is meeting with that success which constant attention to his trade has brought him, was born in Elkhart County, Ind., July 6, 1835. He is a son of Joseph Meyers, one of the early settlers of this county, and whose biography is given elsewhere in this work.

Christopher Meyers was but seven years of age when he accompanied his parents to this State, in 1843, and located with them at Agency, this county. It was in that place, attending the log school-house, which was 16x16 feet in dimensions, and had its puncheon floors and slabs for seats as well as writing-desks, that our subject obtained his education. When fourteen years of age young Meyers was apprenticed to the shoemaker's trade, and after working at the same for three years thoroughly mastered it, but during that time only received his board and clothes as remuneration for his services. At the expiration of his apprenticeship he received a suit of clothes and \$5 in cash, and started out in the world to do for himself. He continued to work at his trade until 1865, when he added thereto that of harness-making. In 1871, while a resident of Agency, he embarked in the grocery business and was thus occupied for some years. Closing out the latter business he engaged in the sale of confectionery, and in 1884 went to Pierre, Dak. There he was engaged in business for a time, but not liking the country, and still less the poor success he was meeting with at that place, he returned and settled at Ottumwa, where he has been engaged in the saddle and harness business until the present time.

Mr. Meyers was married at Agency City, in 1854, to Miss Martha E. Brantner. She was born in Pennsylvania, and has borne our subject four children, three daughters and one son: Florence E.;