

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative LA FORCE, (Dr.) Daniel Alexan^{JE} Senator

Service from Wapello County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 17 May 1837, Jefferson Co., Indiana

2. Marriage (s) date place

Mahala Jane Dudley (Ohio, 1845 -), 15 Oct. 1866, Mt. Pleasant, Ia (bio says 18 Oct.)

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Physician, druggist, hotel

B. Civic responsibilities

C. Profession

4. Church membership Methodist Episcopal

5. Sessions served 21 GA 1886; HD 6, Wapello Co

6. Public Offices

A. Local Mayor Ottumwa 1893-1897; School board, Agency, 10 yrs; Councilman, Agency, 8 yrs

B. State

C. National Surgeon, 56 US Colored Troops; CO US Gen Hosp, Helena, Ark; Med Dir Eastern Dist Ark, on Staff of Gen E. A. Carr

7. Death 10 May 1912, from hemorrhage of brain Aug 1910, Ottumwa, Ia. Bur. Ottumwa Cem.

8. Children (1) William Brooke (1867-1936), Dr. Prof of Surgery in Keokuk & in China; d at sea; (2) Burdette D. (Aug 1867-), Dr., Altadena, CA; (3) Charles R. (Jan 1872-before 1876); (4) Edward F. (Nov. 1873 -), Dr. Burlington, Ia in 1936

9. Names of parents Daniel G. La Force (1810-1863), farmer, merchant; b. Ky, liv Indiana and Van Buren & Wapello Co, Ia; Margaret Monroe (1810 - after 1870)

10. Education common schools, Wapello Co.; Iowa Wesleyan College;
College of Physicians and Surgeons, Keokuk

11. Degrees M.D. 1862, Col P & S

12. Other applicable information Began studying medicine with doctor in Mt Pleasant 1858. Then to school at Keokuk. On graduation 1862 commenced as surgeon, 56th U S Colored Troops; then served in Ark. Mustered Out 15 Sept. 1866.

Practiced medicine in Mt Pleasant 1866-1869; then in Burlington 2 yrs; (and listed as druggist there on 19870 census), then in Agency 14 yrs, then in Ottumwa.

Wapello Co., Ia State and American Medical Assns.

On moving to Ottumwa in 1884 he bought Castor House, which he renamed La Force House--a four-story hotel with 100 rooms.

His wife's father was Baptist minister, and early pioneer in Agency and in Henry Co., Ia Mason, IOOF, Knights of Pythias, Odd Fellows, GAR,

Sunday School supt several years; member of official board several decades

WEEKLY 64TH YEAR

OTTUMWA, IOWA, MONDAY, MARCH 11, 1912

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DRAMA AFTER SUNDAY AFTER LONG ILLNESS

Former Mayor of City is Victim of Paralysis With Which He Had Suffered for Over a Year.

WAS DISTINGUISHED IN HIS PROFESSION

Well Known Professional Man Had Served City and County in Offices; Prominent Army Surgeon.

Dr. D. A. LaForte, former mayor of Ottumwa, ex-representative from Wapona county, and a physician and surgeon prominent in the city during the afternoon at 5:30 o'clock, at the family residence, 427 West Fourth street, Dr. LaForte has been in Ottumwa since 1910, when he had a slight hemorrhage of the brain, which limited his physical activity. Since that time he has not been able to follow his profession, in which he took great delight. Dr. LaForte was a native of Indiana, but had spent most of his life in Iowa. He was a member of the state legislature in 1887 and was mayor of Ottumwa from 1893 to 1897. In his professional career he was a member of the board of trustees of the state and he was the medical physician in many hospitals. He was actively engaged in the practice of medicine for over 30 years. The funeral services will be held at the family residence at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. Rev. T. W. Jeffrey and the Knights Templar will be in charge. Interment will be made in the Ottumwa cemetery.

Boston Broker is Wounded by Client

Spencer Hill Shot by Man Whose Mind Was Deranged by Market Losses.

Hoston, Mass., March 11.—Spencer Hill, a well known stock broker, was seriously wounded in his office here today by a customer. Mr. Hill is a member of the brokerage firm of Hill, Hill & Co., and is vice president of the Keweenaw Central Railroad Co. and the Keweenaw Copper Co.

5,000 PARADE AT LAWRENCE

BIG DEMONSTRATION MARKS BEGINNING OF NEW WEEK OF STRIFE; WOMAN ARRESTED.

MAGPIE STOLE RANCHMAN'S MONEY

MISSOURI MARSHAL KILLS A BURGLAR

WOMAN JUDGE TO TRY BOOTLEGGERS

TODAY'S DECISIONS IN SUPREME COURT

PEOPLE FEELS PLEASANT BY COAL STRIKE

TODAY IN CONGRESS

IMMIGRATION COMMITTEE CONSIDERED PROPOSAL OF AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR AGAINST REVISION OF IMMIGRATION LAWS.

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WORLD COAL STRIKE FEARED

RESULT OF NEGOTIATIONS IN THIS COUNTRY EXPECTED TO EXERT AN INFLUENCE

NEW YORK, MARCH 11.—A world-wide strike of coal miners is regarded by the coal trade as more than a likelihood if the present negotiations now in progress between the anthracite and bituminous workers and their employers in this country do not result in a settlement of working conditions.

THE ANTHRACITE COAL OPERATORS ARE DRAFTING THEIR POLICY FOR THE COAL MINERS WEDNESDAY, WHILE NEXT WEEK AT CLEVELAND THE BITUMINOUS OPERATORS AND THEIR EMPLOYEES WILL CONFER FOR THE PURPOSE OF TRYING TO BRING ABOUT AN ADJUSTMENT OF CONDITIONS IN THE SOFT COAL FIELD.

MEANWHILE COAL IS BEING LOADED ON THE ATLANTIC SHORES FOR SOUTH AMERICAN AND EUROPEAN PORTS USUALLY SUPPLIED BY BRITISH FIRMS.

BOSTON BROKER IS WOUNDED BY CLIENT

SPENCER HILL SHOT BY MAN WHOSE MIND WAS DERANGED BY MARKET LOSSES.

HOSTON, MASS., MARCH 11.—SPENCER HILL, A WELL KNOWN STOCK BROKER, WAS SERIOUSLY WOUNDED IN HIS OFFICE HERE TODAY BY A CUSTOMER.

THE CUSTOMER H. LEWINSKI WAS OVERPOWERED BY CLERKS IN THE OFFICE AND HAD HIS HEAD ACCIDENTALLY STRUCK BY A BULLET WHICH WAS FIRED FROM A REVOLVER.

THE BULLET STRUCK MR. HILL IN THE RIGHT CHEST AND RAN UPWARDS TO THE SHOULDER.

MR. HILL WAS ABLE TO WALK TO THE AMBULANCE WHICH CAME FROM THE RELIEF HOSPITAL.

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LAWRENCE, MASS., MARCH 11.—A DEMONSTRATION EARLY TODAY IN FRONT OF THE POLICE STATION BY SEVERAL HUNDRED PERSONS, THAT BEFORE THE STRIKE, MANY WOMEN THREATENED FOR A TIME TO DEVELOP INTO A SERIOUS DISTURBANCE.

THE POLICE CLAIM THAT THE WOMAN DISPLAYING A REVOLVER WOULD ENGAGE IN A FIGHT WITH THE POLICE.

THE ARRESTERS TODAY MADE THE BIGGEST DEMONSTRATION OF PICKETING SINCE THE STRIKE BEGAN. IT WAS ESTIMATED THAT MORE THAN 5,000 PERSONS PARADED.

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Some Developments of Day in National Political Arena

MOVIE TO RECALL OAKLAND'S MAYOR

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Affable always, with a happy word to all, Chet Clark will be greatly missed by scores of friends. To his acquaintances, Chet was always a companionable fellow and one whose company was often sought. Sympathetic and thoughtful, he found favor with all, and particularly was this true from those of less fortunate means. Children who came to the drug store ways found in Chet a cheerful greeting, and his benefactions to numerous needy little ones never found expression to anyone but the objects of his gifts. Memory of Chet Clark will live long with many whom he befriended.

Coroner Held Inquest.
Coroner A. W. Slaughter presided at the inquest held this morning over the body of Mr. Clark in the Sullivan undertaking establishment. The jury was composed of C. C. Ayres, J. W. Crosby and F. W. Van Der Veer, and their verdict follows:

"The said Chester C. Clark came to his death from heart failure caused by an acute attack of influenza at his room in the Y. M. C. A. building at Ottumwa, Iowa, between 11:45 p. m., March 9, and 8:15 a. m., March 10."

A Native of Centerville.
Chet Clark, as he was called by his countless friends, was born in Centerville July 12, 1862. He attended the public schools and graduated from the high school there. During his school life he worked in a Centerville drug store, securing the foundation of his pharmaceutical knowledge in this way. In 1880 Mr. Clark came to this city and entered the employe of the wholesale drug house of Bruce, Blake & Co., as bill clerk. He continued in this capacity until the firm moved to Omaha, when he was advanced to the post of manager of the sundry department of the concern. In 1905 Mr. Clark severed his connection with the firm and moved to the Pacific coast where he represented a New York leather goods house as traveling man a year. Returning east, Mr. Clark took charge of the paint department of the Myers, Dillon Drug Co. in Omaha and remained there two years, when he went to Chicago and was engaged as city salesman for John W. Masury & Sons, paint and varnish house, until he was called to Ottumwa by his brother Frank when the latter was made United States marshal. Mr. Clark was a registered pharmacist by examination, having passed the state board while a bill clerk in the House, Blake & Co. house.

Relatives left to mourn the loss of Chet Clark are his son, Arnold Clark, of Omaha, his mother, Mrs. William Clark of Centerville, two sisters, Miss Josie Clark of Centerville, and Mrs. J. H. Tappert of Davenport, and two brothers, Frank B. Clark of Ottumwa, and Gail Clark of Port Arthur, Tex.

WILLIAMSBURG.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Harrington and son are away for a few days' visit with relatives at Leroy, Ia.

Max McLeod who has been making an extended visit here with various relatives, has returned to his home at Belle Plaine, Ia.

George Dane and wife of York township were recent visitors at the home of the latter's parents Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Smith of this city.

Wallace Bean and wife of Pilot Grove, were in town this week visiting at the home of the former's brother Will and with other relatives and friends.

Henry Koeger of Conroy transacted business here at the bank Wednesday and visited with his many German friends and former neighbors.

Died at his home here Wednesday night March 6, Robert Powell, age 76 years. The funeral services were held at the home March 8, at 2 o'clock, con-

duced by Rev. John Roberts. Interment in Oak Hill cemetery.

Dennis Jacobs, one of the early settlers of Iowa county, was in the city recently calling on his many friends.

R. F. Richmond of Webster, Ia., was in town Wednesday visiting with his old army comrades of Reese Lloyd post G. A. R.

James Culhnan left Monday for Annaheim, California to look after his business interests in that state and to visit his children who reside there.

Henry Imhoff who had his hand seriously injured by having it drawn into the gearing of a corn sheller was in town the first of the week and reports the wounds healing rapidly.

Peter Enas of South Ellmore transacted business here early in the week and visited with various friends.

Wm. T. Jones who has been here for a visit with his sons Ralph and David and his daughter Mrs. D. M. Jones has returned to his home at Cedar Rapids.

Chas. Romberg who lives out on the old home farm in West Troy visited here for a few days at the home of his father and brother Henry.

Jerry Mulhern of Conroy transacted business here Wednesday and visited at the home of his parents Mr. and Mrs. John Mulhern.

Ernest Evans, student of Highland Park at Des Moines, is here visiting at the homes of his father and aunt Mrs. Mary Jones.

H. B. M. Daniels of Evansville visited first Monday at the home of his friend and former neighbor Henry Rusbult who recently moved his family to his new home here.

John Griffin, conductor on the Illinois Central, from Freeport, Ill., to Chicago, is here this week visiting at the home of his parents and former schoolmates.

Attorney W. E. Wallace left Wednesday on a business trip to Marengo and Iowa City.

Mrs. Annie Murphy, formerly a resident here, now of York township was in the city Wednesday calling on various friends.

BIDWELL.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Chisam visited Thursday at the Elmer Rose home at Pleasant Home.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Chisman of South Ottumwa are visiting relatives here.

Mrs. Grant Moffett is visiting relatives in Ottumwa.

Born, Tuesday March 5 to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Oswald, a son.

Mrs. Catherine Johnston who has been very ill is improving.

DR. LA FORCE DIED AFTER LONG ILLNESS

(Continued From Page 1.)

he medical director of the eastern department of Arkansas. Before he was mustered out he was surgeon in charge of the quarantine station at St. Louis during an epidemic of cholera. Here he had charge of the treatment of over 700 cases of cholera, an experience of great interest and scientific value which is rarely given to a physician in this country.

He was mustered out September 15, 1866. Since the war he has been an active member of the G. A. R. surgeon and post commander member of the Loyal Legion and many years pension examiner for Wapello county.

In October, 1866, he married Miss Mehala Jane Dudley, daughter of Rev. Edward and Eliza Dudley at Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, where he practiced medicine three years and where his two oldest children William B. and Burdette D. were born. Thence he moved to Burlington for a few years and then to Agency for thirteen years. At the latter place he was a member of the school board for ten years, and of the city council for eight years.

Representative and Mayor.

Shortly after his removal to Ottumwa in 1884, he was elected to the state legislature as representative, reaching a position of influence and prominence as chairman and member of important committees. He was mayor of Ottumwa from 1893 to 1897. Besides the patriotic orders above mentioned Dr. LaForce was a member of the Masonic fraternity, the Knights Templar, the Mystic Shrine, the Knights of Pythias, Odd Fellows and other fraternal orders.

He has been a sincere, active churchman since early manhood, joining the Methodist church and was for several decades a member of the official board of the church, and for several years was Sunday school superintendent.

In his professional life he showed marked ability. Besides the enviable reputation he gained as a surgeon in the army he had been eminently successful in gaining the esteem and admiration of his fellow practitioners and the love and confidence of his patrons.

He was a member and president of several medical societies.

As a citizen Dr. LaForce had a great deal of patriotism and public spirit. In politics he was an ardent republican and popular so that in elections he generally headed the ticket in the number of votes received. As a churchman and sincere Christian, he has been a help and inspiration to many.

In all of the varied circles of activity in which he was thus engaged, he will greatly be missed, and it would be hard to say in which his loss will be felt the keenest. It is certain that very few have filled so well as he the duties and responsibilities of the beloved family physician.

Those of the immediate family who survive him are his wife and four sons, William B., Burdette D., Frank E., and Charles R., and one brother Dr. James W. LaForce.

KEOSAUQUA.

Mrs. Frank Shipley and family Saturday morning for Emerson, where they have rented a farm for coming year.

The following teachers from Keosauqua attended the teachers meeting Eldon Saturday: Misses Clara H. son, Mary B. Snook, Ione Snyder, County Superintendent Lizzie M. dith.

Mr. and Mrs. Benj. Vance return Friday from North Dakota where they have been the past six months visit their daughter Mrs. Geo. Fellows family.

Mrs. J. W. Rinabarger left Friday to visit relatives for a couple weeks.

Miss Jessie Wilson departed Monday for St. Louis where she will be employed in a wholesale millinery house.

Mrs. Arthur Umphey, and daughter of Bonaparte was an over Sun visitor with relatives.

Mrs. Emma Carruthers left Monday for Mt. Pleasant where she was called by the sickness of her granddaughter.

The annual meeting of the Congregational which was postponed will be held Tuesday evening March 19.

Hobe Beer came up from Farming Saturday to see his mother who been ill for some time.

Miss Winnie Elder of Ft. Dodge visited here Monday evening to make extended visit with her parents and Mrs. A. Elder south of town.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Walter of Mt. Pleasant have been visiting friends and relatives in Keosauqua the past few days. They departed for Watertown, S. D., where they will locate, and where Mr. W. has a position with the railroad.

Mrs. C. C. Rambo and daughter Mary went to Ottumwa Wednesday to spend the day.

Nobody is Too Old

to learn that the sure way to cure cough, cold or sore lungs is with King's New Discovery. 50c. and Frank B. Clark.

CHARITON.

Mr. and Mrs. M. K. Jester of Quib Hill, are visiting in this city with sister Mrs. E. H. Perry of the De hotel.

Messrs. Bert Vaughn, Oscar and J. Millev and Prof. C. L. Johnson went Des Moines yesterday to attend automobile show.

The retiring executive committee the Women's Relief Corps enjoyed their course dinner yesterday at home of Mrs. Eliza Melville. A n enjoyable time was spent.

Ed Gray and daughter Margaret Boulder, Colo., are here for a visit with his parents Mr. and Mrs. A. D. G. and old friends.

Mrs. Emmaline Smith of Milo visited in this city yesterday with her S. H. Smith and family, while on way to Clarinda.

Miss Maye Howe left yesterday Fremont, Nebr., where she will be in a millinery establishment the coming season.

Miss Myrtle Erbacher of Ottumwa came yesterday for a visit at the home of her aunt T. O. Trumble.

A. W. Sprague and family departed yesterday for Hampton, where they formerly resided and where they again make their home.

John Webb left yesterday for a visit in New Albany, Ind., with his father, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Eikenberry, who departed last evening on their trip Panama, expecting to be absent until April.

Miss Genevieve Argo left last evening for a few days' visit with friends in Indianapolis.

Contractor R. E. Cotton left this evening on a few days' business to St. Louis.

CASTORIA for Infants and Children. The Kind You Have Always Bought

Bears the Signature of *Charles H. Pritchard*

From KF-Physician Laforce W. B.

Former Iowa Man Is Buried at Sea

Fatally Hurt When Thrown
to Deck During Storm.

PASADENA, CAL. (P)—Dr. W. B. Laforce, for 12 years a professor in Tying Hau college in Peking, China, and previously president of ~~Central~~ Medical college ~~at~~ ~~the~~ ~~city~~ ~~of~~ ~~Wash.~~ ~~D.C.~~, died Wednesday aboard the liner President Lincoln en route home from Yokohama. relatives here were informed Wednesday night.

Dr. Laforce died of injuries he received when he was thrown to the deck during a severe storm and was buried at sea midway between Yokohama and Honolulu, in accordance with his wish, his brother, Charles R. Laforce, was advised in a cablegram. Mrs. Laforce suffered a broken arm in the storm.

Dr. Laforce settled in Altadena when he retired from his service in China seven years ago. With his wife, he was returning from a five months tour of the Orient.

Survivors include two brothers, Dr. E. F. Laforce of Burlington, Ia., and Dr. B. D. Laforce of Altadena.

Dec 2nd 1936

LAFORCE, W. B.

Clippings - Obituary - Dr. W. B. Laforce.

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Dr. W. B. LaForce

of
Burlington,
Ottumwa,
Keokuk

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I have been able to gather the following information concerning Dr. W. B. LaForce. Enclosed is a copy of an obituary from the local paper.

Mrs. R. M. Lapsley, a close friend of the LaForces when they lived here, has furnished me with the following additional information.

Dr. LaForce was born either in Ottumwa or Agency. His father was a physician in Ottumwa. Dr. W. B. LaForce was a graduate of Rush Medical College. He married Carolina Bosquet of Pella, Aug. 21, 1904 and spent the subsequent year in Europe, principally in Vienna attending clinics. He then came to Keokuk where he was professor of surgery in the college. For several years previous to this he had been coming to Keokuk from Ottumwa and giving lectures. About 1910 he returned to Ottumwa. He was very active in the Methodist Church and tried to get that church to sponsor him as a medical missionary to China. But he was in bad health and was turned down. He even tried to interest other denominations. He finally got the position of director of the hospital in the Tsing Hua (American Indemnity) College of Peking. Dr. and Mrs. LaForce came back to the United States in 1929 because of the anti-foreign agitation and Dr. LaForce's ill health and settled in Altadena. While there Dr. LaForce became very active in the Oxford Movement; his residence was the local center. In July, 1936 Dr. and Mrs. LaForce returned to China to attend an Oxford Movement House Party at Pai-Tai-Ho, near Peking, with the intention of making their home in China. But the developing Chinese-Japanese war forced them to return. On the way back the accident happened which resulted in his death. Mrs. LaForce died a year ago in Altadena.

Prof. Gynecol.
Reuben M. Coll
Coll. P. & S.

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Much of the foregoing material Mrs. Lapsley recovered from her memory but the dates she had written down in a kind of diary, therefore she may have recollected some things wrong. Perhaps Dr. Throckmorton could trace Dr. E.F. LaForce through the librarian in Burlington. I hope the information in this letter will be of some value to her. I am glad to be of some use though in this instance I have served mostly as an amanuensis. I have been able to write this only because Mrs. Lapsley furnished the information.

Sincerely yours,
Karl Kiedaisch, Jr.
Ass't. Libr.

An Article from "Daily Gate City"
Friday, December 4, 1936
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"Dr. W. B. LaForce, professor in the old Keokuk Medical College, and local practitioner for a number of years, died on board the liner, President Lincoln, Tuesday, enroute home from Yokohama, relatives have been informed. Dr. LaForce was for twelve years a professor in the Tying^{*}Hua College in Feking, China, and had practiced in Ottumwa from 1893 to 1917.

Dr. LaForce died of injuries he received when he was thrown to the deck during a severe storm and was buried at sea midway between Yokohama and Honolulu in accordance with his wish, his brother, Charles D. LaForce, was advised in a cablegram. Mrs. LaForce suffered a broken arm in the storm. 1936

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^{*}Evidently a missprint for Tsing.

from his old church, removed back to Montrose, leaving the churches on the Des Moines River in charge of other ministers, who had then become quite numerous. Three years later his physical frame gave way, and he removed to the residence of his son at Keosauqua in Van Buren County, where he remained until the final summons came, on the 26th of October, 1876. He was in his seventy-seventh year, having spent forty-four years in the ministry. Since the commencement of his ministerial labors Mr. Beaman had delivered 3,542 sermons, 474 lectures on slavery and temperance, and had organized seven churches, twenty-seven Sabbath-schools, four anti-slavery societies, twenty-eight temperance societies, and obtained 2,700 names to anti-slavery and temperance pledges. He also received into the church 317 persons, baptized 298, married 227 couples, preached 299 funeral sermons, examined and licensed seventy-five school-teachers, distributed 337 Bibles, and 7,000 tracts.

The funeral sermon of this lamented citizen and Christian minister was preached at Keosauqua by his friend, Rev. Dr. W. G. Craig, of Chicago, Ill. In the course of his remarks Dr. Craig, in reviewing the life of the deceased, said that he was indeed one of the soldiers of the Cross, and had stood during his entire ministerial life on the "high places of the field" and in the forefront of the battle.

The good which one such life has accomplished can scarcely be estimated within the limits of a comparatively brief biography. The influence of his Christian character was one that has spread far beyond his own day and time, and its effects will extend far beyond the present generation in the lives of those who, as children of those who came under the sphere of his influence, are made better, happier and more useful, even unto the third generation.



HON. DANIEL A. LaFORCE, M. D., a physician and surgeon of considerable prominence, residing at Ottumwa, was born in Jefferson County, Ind., May 17, 1837. The father of our subject, Daniel G. LaForce, was a native of Woodford County, Ky., where he grew to manhood. He was married to Miss Margaret Mon-

roe in Jefferson County, Ind. He was a farmer by occupation and at different times in life was engaged in mercantile pursuits. He removed from Kentucky to Jefferson County, Ind., where he continued to reside until 1842, and during that year came to this State and first made settlement in Van Buren County. Subsequently he removed to this county, and locating in Washington Township there followed his chosen vocation, farming, until his demise, which took place Aug. 2, 1863. His good wife survives him and is at present residing at Agency.

Daniel LaForce came to Iowa with his parents in 1842, when about five years of age. Here he attended the common schools and supplemented the education received therein by an attendance of several terms at the Mt. Pleasant (Iowa) Western University. It was during the year 1858 that our subject came to the conclusion that he would study medicine, and made a beginning in the office of a local physician. Subsequently he entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Keokuk, and graduated therefrom in 1862. Immediately after receiving his diploma he was commissioned Surgeon of the 56th U. S. Colored Troops, and after nine months' service was placed in charge of a U. S. general hospital at Helena, Ark.; he was also appointed Medical Director for the district of Eastern Arkansas. During this time he also served on the staff of Gen. E. A. Carr about twelve months. Dr. LaForce continued in the service until Sept. 15, 1866, when his regiment was mustered out.

Returning from the field of conflict Dr. LaForce located at Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, and there entered upon the practice of his profession and continued the same with success until 1869. He then removed to Burlington, and after a residence there of two years, engaged in practice, he took up his abode in Agency City, where he enjoyed an extensive practice for fourteen years. He then removed to Ottumwa, which he has continued to make his home, and has devoted himself closely to his profession. He is a member of the Wapello County Medical Society, the Iowa State Medical Society, and the American Medical Association.

Politically Dr. LaForce is Republican, and represented his county in the Twenty-first General As-

sembly of Iowa. In 1884, when first coming to Ottumwa, he purchased the Castor House, and changing the name to the LaForce House, has continued its proprietor until the present time. It is a four-story brick structure and contains 100 rooms.

Dr. LaForce was married, Oct. 18, 1866, at Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, to Miss Mahala J. Dudley, the daughter of Rev. Edward and Eliza (Dudley) Dudley, natives of Athens, Ohio. Rev. Edward Dudley was a man of prominence and a leading divine in the Free-Will Baptist Church. He moved with his family to Agency City, Iowa, and was among the pioneers of the Hawkeye State. His good wife departed this life Sept. 20, 1884; he is yet living and resides in Agency City. Mrs. LaForce was born in Ohio, and by her marriage with our subject has become the mother of four children, namely: William B., Burdett D., Edward F. and Charles R. Socially Dr. LaForce is a member of the Masonic fraternity, the I. O. O. F. and the Knights of Pythias. Religiously he is connected with the Methodist Episcopal Church.



REV. FRANCIS T. WARD. The history of St. Patrick's Church at Ottumwa, and the personal history of Father Ward are so interwoven that we give both a brief mention in this sketch. St. Mary's Parish, of Ottumwa, with a small beginning and few members, increased like the Scriptural mustard seed, under the fostering care and zealous attention of Rev. John Kreckel, who may truly be called its first Pastor, and not only Wapello County and its principal town, but the six or seven adjoining counties, with a thinly scattered Catholic element, were dependent on his spiritual ministrations, and received their share of his watchful care.

In 1880, Rt. Rev. John Hennessey, Bishop of Dubuque, and then the whole State of Iowa, judged it expedient from the growth of the parish to establish a new parish from the settlements south of the Des Moines River. Rev. Francis T. Ward was appointed as its first Pastor. He was born in County Langford, Ireland, and pursued his preparatory and classical studies in St. Bernard's

School, and in the German and French colleges at Black Rock, Dublin. In 1873 he entered St. Patrick's Ecclesiastical College, of Carlow, Ireland, where he spent six years, one year in the rhetoric class, with two years of philosophy and three of theology. June 9, 1879, he was ordained Priest for the diocese of Dubuque, Iowa. After spending a few months with friends, he sailed on the 25th of October following on the Cunard steamer, "Bothnia," from Queensstown, landing in the city of New York on the 4th of November.

In 1881 Father Ward secured lots from W. B. Smith, M. D., of Ann Arbor, Mich., and in the following year a brick church was erected, in South Ottumwa, 40x80 feet in dimensions, with a stone basement and trimmings, slate roof and stained glass windows, at a cost of between \$9,000 and \$10,000. In 1884, the congregation having no parochial house, and encouraged by the people of Ottumwa, who lent not only moral but substantial aid in the erection of their church, came a second time and contributed to the erection of a parochial residence that would do no discredit to any parish in Iowa. It is trimmed with white Milwaukee stone, is built of brick, with a slate roof, and cost \$3,500. The mission proper has, on a rough calculation, 100 families attached to it, and the station thirty or forty more families, in all perhaps 140. A view of both church and residence is given in this connection.



CHECKART, who is a highly esteemed resident of Green Township, was born in Dauphin County, Pa., Nov. 17, 1832, being the son of Jost and Mary (Schneider) Heckart. He left Pennsylvania with his parents when a boy of eight years old, and went to Ralls County, Mo., where he lived until the fall of 1862, and thence went to Hancock County, Ill. This was during the progress of the late war, and he enlisted as a Union soldier in Co. K, 119th Ill. Vol. Inf., and served two years and ten months. He participated in numerous skirmishes and one general engagement in Mississippi. He was subjected, however, to much hardship and exposure, which greatly im-