

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Montgomery, John H. Senator _____

Represented Jayville County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 20 Dec 1840 Mercersburg, Pennsylvania

2. Marriage (s) date place

Mary Mellon 23 Nov 1864 Pennsylvania

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business _____

B. Civic responsibilities _____

C. Profession Farmer

4. Church membership

Presbyterian

5. Sessions served

21st General Assembly 1886

6. Public Offices

A. Local

School Director

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death

18 Dec 1935 Cedar Rapids, Iowa, buried Strat Union Cemetery, Strat Union, Iowa

8. Children

Isabelle (Mrs. Charles H. Howard); William A.

9. Names of parents

Archibald and Eleanor (Kilgore) Montgomery

10. Education He was educated in neighborhood public schools
in Delaware County; he also attended a private school
for two years when he was aged 20

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information Democrat

- While still a baby he moved with his parents to Colchester,
near in Delaware County in 1842; the father being invited in 1841.
- He lived there until 1876 when he moved to Fayette County, where
he farmed until 1905 when he moved to West Union.
- He taught school one term before his marriage.
- His father went to the California gold fields in 1849

Sources Log For Legislation Entries

Applicability

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14th District Director Gives Program at Club

Wednesday Art club, met day afternoon with Mrs. E. E. Simpson and Mrs. George Simpson and E. C. Johnston sponsoring a program of poetry given by Mrs. Roy Cerney of Mason City. A 1 o'clock luncheon was served members and the following: Mrs. R. D. Lynch, Mrs. J. Robert, Mrs. T. M. Neilson, Mrs. T. M. H. R. Whitney Mrs. Bert Estey. Mrs. Cerney digressed from her "Poetry of the Everyday" and gave excellent advice to women and appealed for attention outside a clique, claiming that the quiet, less attractive dual has something for her talented sister, that women of all kinds of friends, all kinds of people for self development. She

JOHN W. CROWE CALLED BY DEATH

End Comes After Return From Dwyer Funeral in Oelwein

John W. Crowe, 49 years of age, died suddenly just after mid-day Feb. 15, on his return from attending the funeral of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Mary Dwyer, in Oelwein. Mr. Crowe was until recently a resident of Clermont, although West Union was his home for a number of years. He was engaged in business at the Rexall drug store. He returned to West Union to live last December, when he was made

J. K. MONTGOMERY IS CALLED TO REST

End Came Monday After Three Weeks Illness; Buried Yesterday

Word came to West Union Monday of the death of the Hon. J. K. Montgomery at the home of his son, the Rev. W. A. Montgomery, of Cedar Rapids that afternoon. The Burnham funeral car was taken to Cedar Rapids at once and the body returned here to await the last services which were held yesterday afternoon at the Presbyterian church at two o'clock, conducted by the pastor, the Rev. Geo. DeF. Fisher, burial following by the side of his late wife who passed away nearly 12 years ago.

Mr. Montgomery was born in Pennsylvania on Dec. 20, 1840, and came while still a babe with his parents to Colesburg, Delaware county, Iowa, four years previous to Iowa's admittance to statehood. He lived in Delaware county until 1876, when he came to Fayette county and continued farming until his removal to West Union in 1905. With his late wife he established a home on Maple avenue and after her death he continued there alone as long as health permitted, and of late years has lived alternately with his children, Rev. Montgomery of Cedar Rapids, and his daughter, Mrs. Belle Montgomery Howard, in West Union.

Mr. Montgomery saw the development of this county and the state from primitive pioneer days up to the high type of modernity existing today. He farmed the virgin prairies of the state with oxen instead of with horses or tractor. His was a life rich in toil, social experience and progress, and his reminiscences were most interesting.

He was married to Miss Mary Mellon in Pennsylvania in 1864. (Continued on Page Four)

Mrs. Leo L. Dorland Buried Here Sunday

Mrs. Lottie Dorland was born in Wood county, Wisconsin, June 15, 1882. She spent the first four years of her life at the place of her birth. Her family then moved to Troy Mills, Iowa, where they resided for a few years then moving to Maynard, where she spent her childhood until she was united in marriage to Leo L. Dorland, Aug. 7, 1897. They spent the first few years of their

Special Masonic Doings In Local Lodge March 11

C. H. Rullifson, Master of the West Union Lodge, has just received from Burton H. Saxton, Grand Master of Masons in Iowa, an official call for the observance of "Every Mason in Lodge at the Same Hour" night on March 11. The meeting will be devoted to the consideration of the Three Great Lights of Masonry. Appropriate ceremonies have been suggested in a program for the evening outlined by the service committee of the Grand Lodge of Iowa.

Mr. Rullifson announced that steps will be taken at once to carry out the Grand Master's instructions. He will immediately appoint a committee to make the necessary arrangements. Word will be sent to every member so that West Union Lodge may as nearly as possible carry out the idea of having every member in lodge on that evening.

Club Women Promoting Lecture on February 27

The federated clubs of West Union are joining in the project of bringing a speaker, Dr. Keith Clark, here for the evening of Feb. 27, in the high school auditorium. Dr. Clark's topic is announced as "The Outside of the World," and she will be presented that evening by E. A. Ralston, city superintendent of schools.

Dr. Clark is professor of political science and history at Carleton college, Northfield, Minn., and will be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Nicoll during her brief stay here. A social hour will follow and light refreshments will be served by members of the committees appointed. The entertainment takes the place of the annual social day party of the federated clubs.

Deputy Federal Collector At Court House March 1-2

Chas. D. Huston, collector of internal revenue for the state, announces that one of his deputy collectors will be at the court house in West Union March 1 and 2—Friday and Saturday, for the purpose of assisting those desiring assistance in making out their income tax report. A representative will also be at the city hall in Oelwein March 6 for the benefit of those in that section of the county.

INTERESTING FILED WITH

Injunction Grant Oelwein by O Eichendo

Work for the April district court, which slated for the hearing Long murder trial, interesting this week ending of a petition in A. Boss and Ethel M. Herschel Hardy, J. Hardy Continental I. Inc., J. Herschel Hardy and Gertrude Armfist.

The plaintiffs, Mr. A. Boss are the owner of the Mealey hotel at Oelwein. The case involves a contract for the use of the hotel at Oelwein. The plaintiffs are seeking an injunction to prevent the defendants from putting the hotel up for sale or transfer purported to be held by the defendants, until the court has decided on other issues of the case. An injunction was granted by Judge W. J. Feb. 7.

Plaintiffs aver in that Hardy purchased at Oelwein prior to under contract for at the same time he Hotel Hildreth at that was leased on the plaintiffs for an \$8,100, lease to become April 20, 1935 and the contract was purchased for \$15,000, for an interest in Hotel given as security. Hardy contracted with Mealey to plaintiffs the petition further caused himself to be under the name of Mental Hotel System, is the principal stock small portions being wife and Gertrude plaintiffs further state the Hildreth property City was destroyed by loss to owner and in pany and that they credit on the Mealey the amount paid on City hotel lease, while defendant Hardy has

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LOCAL NEWS

—Sun a shiner, water a runner, sprig hab cumb.

—There's a hat for every type in Warner and Hoover's millinery section—\$1.95 and \$2.95. 19-1

—A group of gay sweater blouses has just arrived at Warner and Hoovers—\$1.29 and \$1.95. 19-1

—Mrs. Albert Cook of Wadena came Tuesday and is visiting in the parental H. S. Swale home.

—Archie Swain was up from Davenport and spent Sunday at the parental Elms Swain home.

—Charley Hantsberger was able to leave the hospital and return to his farm home north of town, following an attack of heart trouble.

—Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Phillips drove to Des. Moines Saturday where they spent the week end with Mrs. Helena Wagner and the Robert Wagner family.

—Richard Crowe of Wallace, Idaho, came last week called by the death of his brother, John W. Crowe, at Odwein. He will visit the family in Cleamont before returning west.

—Henry Drowes who had been for some time with his daughter, Mrs. George Stamp at Lake Mills, has returned to West Union and is staying for the present in the S. C. Grimes home.

—It's almost certain that you'll catch "sewing fever" when you see the new cotton fabrics for spring. Warner and Hoover are featuring the new piques, serranthers, ginghams and prints. 19-11

—Miss Lois Grimes, country school teacher, would have been the winner of \$25 at the Princess theatre last evening had she been present when her name was called in the Bank Nite contest.

—The Shakespeare club will meet Saturday afternoon with Mrs. E. A. McFrees at 2:30 o'clock. Rev. G. D. Pfister will lead the study of Cori- aplanus and anyone interested will be welcomed. This meeting is postponed from last Saturday.

—Mrs. Lou Wagner and Mrs. Ray Fels, daughters of Mrs. John Schutz, celebrated the latter's birthday anniversary Saturday with a dinner at which members of the family were guests. The dinner was served at the home of Mrs. Schutz.

—The West Union Art club met Tuesday at The Cozy for a one o'clock luncheon. Mrs. Wesley Moore being the hostess. Mrs. J. C. Meyer presented a paper on "Eminent Painters" and Mrs. L. G. Meyer a paper on "The Children's

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his being a cousin of Andrew Mellon, recent secretary of the national treasury. They came to Fayette county. Mrs. Montgomery being a aunt of the duck red penny which furnished Clavers in later

years for her grave and which were lovingly carried there each spring by her bereaved husband. Two children were born to them and their home was not invaded by death until the passing of wife and mother. In addition to the son and daughter, there is left to recall his memory, five grandchildren and four great grandchildren, and one sister, Mrs. Isabelle Reader, of this city, whose 11th birthday anniversary occurred on the day of Mr. Montgomery's death.

Mr. Montgomery served one term in the state legislature, being elected in 1925 on the Democratic ticket. He has twice represented the Guthrie presidency in its general assemblies and had held membership in this denomination for more than 65 years.

He was a great lover of the beautiful and enjoyed his garden which he tended so carefully as long as he was able. He enjoyed visiting with his fellow men and his last years were pleasant ones, as he traveled down the hillside of life with quiet dignity. Independent as long as physical strength was given him to do for himself, he enjoyed life to an degree not attained by all. There are many old friends of many years standing who will recall his memory for helpful deeds rendered during Mr. Montgomery's active

years in the community and mourn with his children the passing of this patriarch of Fayette county.

Those attending the commitment service here yesterday included his three granddaughters, Mrs. J. C. Strohbehn of Reinbeck, and Mrs. R. S. Pratt of Rochester, Minn., and their husbands, and Miss Eleanor Montgomery of Cedar Rapids; a nephew, John Arbuckle, of Waterloo, accompanied by Mrs. Arbuckle, Mr. and Mrs. James Dunlop and daughter-in-law, Mrs. A. M. Dunlop, Mrs. Sherman Huston and Mrs. E. V. Leisher of Cedar Rapids.

Full bearers were Edward Heiserman, E. E. Dube, Clarence Holmes, Jesse Phillips, E. E. Brown and Elmer Grimes. There was no music but the pipe organ played by Miss Irene Schutz.

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Read the Union West Ads.

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MEMORY STIRRED BY RECENT DEATH

Old Letters Reveal Parts of Interesting Family History

The passing of Mr. J. K. Montgomery, brother of Mrs. Thos. D. Reeder, of this city, recalled to memory much of the family history which not been recalled to mind for many years. It is always so when death visits a family; those left behind cherish the association with that loved one, and many things recur to memory which had long been forgotten. Mrs. Reeder has treasured a great deal of correspondence and the number of old letters kept by her reveal outstanding incidents happening in the family. One of these letters we were privileged to read was written by her brother, William Montgomery, in November, 1855, and also a teacher's certificate issued to her sister, Sarah Montgomery, and signed by J. J. E. Norman, county superintendent at Dubuque on May 25, 1864. The document attests that Sarah was "competent to teach orthography, reading, writing, arithmetic, geography and English grammar" in the common schools. The certificate bears two 3-cent stamps on its face, the war tax in 1865.

Mrs. Reeder's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Archibald Montgomery, and Eleanor Montgomery came from Pennsylvania and settled on a farm close to Colesburg, Delaware county, Iowa, in about 1841. William Montgomery, the grandfather of the late J. K. Montgomery and Mrs. Reeder, accompanied them to Iowa and made his home with them.

There were eight children in the Archibald Montgomery family: Jane, who died in infancy; William, Sarah, John, Martha, Elizabeth, Mary Jane and Isabella. Sarah married William Horn and spent most of her life near Maynard, Ia. John, we know as the late J. K. Montgomery; Martha married Archibald Arbuckle of Greeley, Ia.; Elizabeth married William Alcorn of West Union, and the present postmaster in this city is her grandson; Mary Jane married James Montgomery, also of West Union, and Isabella married Thomas D. Reeder, a civil war veteran of West Union, who was sent west to fight Indians under Captain L. L. Ainsworth in Company C, 6th Iowa cav-

alry. Mr. Reeder took part in the battles of White Stone Hill and the Little Big Horn River. Mr. H. E. Foster, residing in West Union, is the only surviving veteran of this cavalry regiment.

William Montgomery, the eldest son, and his father joined the "gold rush" to California in 1849 and were gone on their quest for three years. The father, Archibald Montgomery, returned with a fortune for each of his children and was satisfied to spend the remainder of his days on his farm at Colesburg where he built a large brick house which stands in good repair today. William made a second trip to California in 1855 in search of gold, and spent three more years in this pursuit. His letters from there are most interesting and we quote from the one written by him in November, 1855:

"Dear sisters and brother:

I was glad to hear that you are all well. I am in the wildwoods of California where the tall pines wave to the passing breeze and the earth yields its hidden treasure to the pick and whirling pan. The place where a man can make a fortune or go in. So here goes for making a fortune if luck favors. We have been working here some five weeks and have averaged about \$3.50 per day clear. We have plenty of ground to last two years if it all proves good. The place is the east branch or rather south fork of Feather river. There are hill diggings sixteen miles from here that are tolerably good. There are a great many claims that are opened which will sell from \$1,000 to \$15 apiece. . . . (Direct your letters to Strawberry Valley postoffice, Yuba, Calif.) Grub is not as dear as it was long about '49 and '50. Flour is \$9.00 per hundred; ham, 30 cents per pound; potatoes 6 cents; onions 8 cents; pork 28 cents; beef 20 cents, and cabbage 6 cents.

William later served three years in the civil war and was killed on his way home while on furlough. That his parents had tried to dissuade him from returning to California is known by his letters written them after his arrival there, and that they had offered him a certain farm on the morning of his departure, if he would remain at home.

From the above the reader may conclude that human relationships are much the same from generation to generation; the younger folk yearning for adventure, the older ones holding them back; an unconscious selfishness perhaps but human heart strings tugged in 1855 as well as eighty years later.

Mrs. Reeder's father was a relative of Mortimer Montgomery, a general in the Revolutionary war.

The Montgomerys are undoubtedly one of the pioneering families of Iowa. Mrs. Reeder is the last of her line and in her day has seen the development of her adopted state. She has seen the use of farm machinery replace the ox team; the farm tractor and the automobile follow the horse driven plow and carriage; the telephone, the radio, the flying machine and the general use of electricity supersede the old tallow candle with which she was familiar as a girl and young woman; also the advent of the sewing machine and the discarding of the spinning wheel. Mrs. Reeder celebrated her 88th birthday anniversary on the death of her brother, J. K. Montgomery, Feb. 18, and while not in robust health, she is able to be about her home and takes keen interest in the management of the house and in news which she reads in the papers. A visit with Mrs. Reeder is well worth while and her friends attest to her ability to entertain them with much that seems strange relating as her stories do, to times altogether out of the modern ken, but of great interest as a chronicle of the years when Iowa was in her infancy.

Environment counts much more than heredity.

Mrs. John Jamison Dies; Born in Auburn Township

Florence Amella Hoagland, eldest daughter of Hull and Amelia Hoagland, was born in Merc County, Penn., June 17, 1853. When a small child she, with her parents came to Auburn, Fayette County where she spent her girlhood days.

On September 8, 1875 she was united in marriage to John Jamison, and they came to Oelwe where their home was established and where she spent her life and made her friends. With the exception of two years spent at West Union, when Mr. Jamison held the office of County Treasurer.

She departed this life February 25, 1935 at the age of 81 years, months and 8 days. She leaves to mourn her loss, her devoted husband; two sons, Ray B. of Iowa and Fred H. of Long Beach, Calif.; one sister, Mrs. Viola Schubolt of Emmetsburg; three grandchildren, Harry B. Jamison of this city, Mrs. H. P. Rosch of Court Bluffs, and William Jamison of Long Beach, Calif.

In her younger days, Mrs. Jamison was always active in club and church work. She was a member of the Presbyterian church nearly fifty years, having beco-

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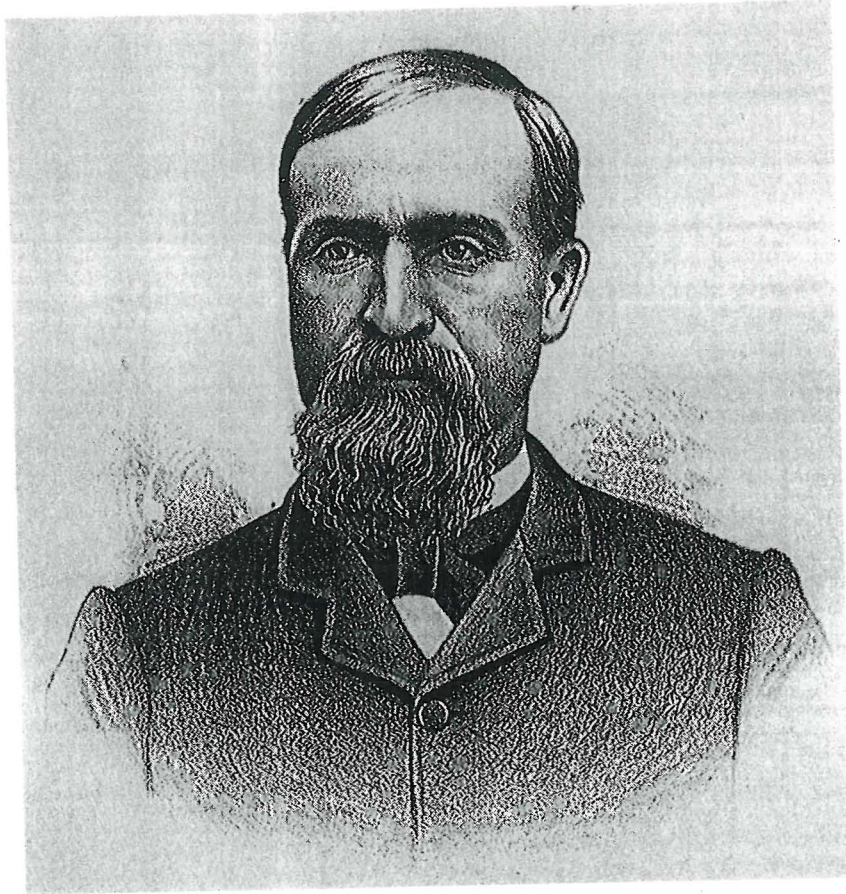
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yours truly
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New York, September 25, 1889, and thence went to Dubuque, Iowa, where he spent three months in St. Joseph's College. In January, 1890, he was assigned by Bishop Hennessey to his present charge.

St. Rose's Church is situated three miles northwest of Waucoma, and is beautifully located on the prairie surrounded by groves of natural timber. The parsonage where Father O'Reilly resides is a handsome structure of French architectural design and would be an ornament to any community. The membership in his parish includes about eighty families, the territory comprising portions of Fayette, Chickasaw and Winneshek Counties. The church was established at this point at a very early day in the settlement of the country and the parish formerly included much territory contiguous to the present boundaries which the progress and enterprise of these zealous people has separated into several parishes where fine churches are erected for the greater convenience of the worshiping community. The number of graves in the cemetery "are silent reminders of the fact that we are passing away," and also of the further fact that this cemetery has been long established and has received the dead from a very large scope of country which is now tributary to other points more accessible.

Father O'Reilly is a scholarly gentleman who receives his friends with that free cordiality so characteristic of the Irish people. Under his guidance we feel that the good people of St. Rose's Parish will have wise counsel and prudent and careful management in the affairs of their church, together with eloquent and wholesome instruction in their religious services.



HON. J. K. MONTGOMERY, a farmer residing on section 5, Union Township, has spent almost his entire life in Iowa, having been brought by his parents to this State in 1842, while Iowa was yet under Territorial Government. He was born in Mercer County, Pa., December 20, 1840, and belongs to a family of Scotch-Irish descent. His paternal grandfather,

William Montgomery, was born in Pennsylvania in 1783 and in early life learned the trade of milling, which he followed in connection with farming. In Pennsylvania he was married and reared a family of children. In 1837 he emigrated to Dubuque County, Iowa, where he spent the remainder of his days, dying in 1856, a number of years subsequent to the death of his wife. He was the first Justice of the Peace in Colony Township, Delaware County, Iowa, was an influential citizen and a member of the United Presbyterian Church.

His son, Archibald Montgomery, father of our subject, was born October 2, 1805, in Pennsylvania, where he received a common-school education and at the age of seventeen years was apprenticed to learn the tanner's trade. He married Miss Eleanor Kilgore, also a native of Pennsylvania, where he carried on farming for some years before coming West. He visited the Territory of Iowa in 1841 and the following year accompanied by his family located in Colesburg, Delaware County, where he procured forty acres of land, purchasing part and obtaining the remainder from the Government. The county was wild and sparsely settled and he knew every one within a radius of twenty miles. In Delaware County he made his home until his death with the exception of three years spent in California. Attracted by the discovery of gold he made an overland trip to the Pacific Coast in 1849. He took a very active part in the settlement and improvement of Delaware County, and probably helped raise more log houses for the pioneers than any other man in the county. He was very successful in his business transactions and had increased his landed possessions to sixteen hundred acres before his death, which occurred July 30, 1875. His wife died in 1848 just before his trip to California.

Mr. Montgomery was a faithful member of the United Presbyterian Church and an active supporter of the Democratic party, though he never sought public office. Mr. and Mrs. Montgomery were the parents of seven children: William who served in the Twenty-seventh Iowa Infantry and was killed while returning home on a furlough; Sarah, wife of William Horn, of Smithfield Township; Martha, wife of James Arbuckle, of Delaware County, Iowa;

John K., of this sketch; Elizabeth, wife of William Alcorn a prominent farmer of Union Township; Mary J., wife of James C. Montgomery, of Union Township; Belle, wife of T. D. Reeder, also of Union Township.

Our subject grew to manhood upon his father's farm in Delaware County and was early inured to hard labor while breaking prairie with six yoke of oxen. He received his literary training in the public schools and also attended a private school two years after he was twenty years of age. He then taught one winter term before his marriage, which occurred November 23, 1894, the lady of his choice being Mary Mellon, daughter of Alexander Mellon who was born in Crawford County, Pa., April 3, 1840, and was of Irish birth. With his parents he left the Emerald Isle and came to America during childhood. The family settled in Crawford County, Pa., where Alex grew up on a farm and received a limited education. During his entire life he followed the occupation of milling. He married Miss Isabel Porter, a native of Pennsylvania of Irish descent, and spent his entire life on the old homestead in that State where they began housekeeping, where their children were born and which is still in the possession of the family.

Mr. Mellon was a Whig in politics, a good business man, and died November 25, 1861. His wife survived until May 1, 1889. Their children are: William J. who resides on the old homestead and operates the mill which his father owned; John, a farmer of Crawford County, Pa.; Francis, a resident of Adair County, Mo.; Rachel who resides with her brother William; Mary, wife of our subject; Alexander, of Pennsylvania, and Sarah, deceased.

Mr. and Mrs. Montgomery began their domestic life on a farm in Delaware County where they remained until 1876, when selling out he purchased one hundred and sixty acres on section 5, Union Township, Fayette County, his present home. He now operates three hundred and forty acres of good land, has all the necessary buildings, a comfortable residence, and is accounted one of the progressive citizens of the community. In the family are two children: Belle M., born in Delaware County, October 6, 1865, is now the wife of Charles

H. Howard a resident farmer of Center Township; she was a member of the first class that was graduated at the West Union High School, Class of '86. William A. was born in Delaware County, July 16, 1872, and is a student in Cornell College, Mt. Vernon, Iowa. He was graduated from the West Union High School and is now taking an engineering course. The parents are members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Montgomery has held a number of minor political offices and in 1885 was honored with an election to the Twenty-first General Assembly. The county being usually Republican and he a Democratic nominee it indicates something of the regard entertained for him by his fellow-citizens. The best known measure of the session of 1886 was the famous Clark law which Mr. Montgomery opposed from a temperance standpoint. He was on the Committees of Agriculture and Senatorial Districts. He received the unanimous nomination of his party in the following campaign and was defeated but his opponent received a majority only half as large as the Republican candidate for Governor. He is intelligent and well posted on political questions, an upright business man, an influential member of his party, serving as chairman of the County Central Committee in the last Presidential campaign and a worthy pioneer of Iowa.



FRANK P. KNIPPLING is engaged in general merchandising in St. Lucas, Iowa, carrying a full line of ready-made clothing, boots and shoes, gloves, mittens and hosiery, notions, crockery, willow ware, groceries and provisions. He engaged in business in this place in 1878, and has built up a good trade which he is constantly increasing.

The father of our subject was born in the Rhine province of Germany, March 14, 1849, and is a son of John Knippling, who was born in 1812, and on attaining to man's estate wedded Margaretta Kearen, who was born in 1816. They became the parents of three children—Frank, Margaret and Lizzie, and in

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ciated with the Upper Des Moines republican newspaper. The following year he came to Emmetsburg and entered a partnership with J. C. Bennett in the publishing of the Palo Alto Reporter. In 1898 he became sole owner, and continued to publish this newspaper until 1925 when he sold it to the present owner.

In 1898 he enlisted for service in the Spanish-American War, and served at historical Chickamauga until the war ended. He was a member of the Masonic Order and Knights of Pythias. He joined the Methodist church at Emmetsburg and for twenty-five years has served as lay minister at various charges.

July 24, 1907, Mr. Mayne married Florence Davis of Sioux City, who survives. He is also survived by three children, two sisters, and one brother.

Mr. Mayne served his community as postmaster from 1902 to 1911 and later from 1922 to 1933. He was a member of the Thirty-eighth and Thirty-ninth General Assemblies of Iowa. He served his community, his state, and his nation, and he served them well, and Iowa has lost a most valuable citizen.

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Forty-sixth General Assembly, That in the passing of the Honorable L. H. Mayne the state has lost an honored and valuable citizen, a man of high ideals in brotherly living and useful citizenship.

Be It Further Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the Journal of the House, and that the Chief Clerk be directed to forward an enrolled copy to the family of the deceased.

A. H. HENNINGSEN,
ARCH W. MCFARLANE,
A. H. AVERY,

Committee.

Unanimously adopted, April 18, 1935.

HONORABLE J. K. MONTGOMERY

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee appointed to prepare suitable resolutions commemorating the life, character and public services of the Honorable J. K. Montgomery, a former member of the General Assembly of Iowa, beg leave to submit the following:

John K. Montgomery died at the home of his son, the Rev. W. A. Montgomery of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, February 18, 1935, at the age of 94 years, 1 month and 29 days. Mr. Montgomery was born in Pennsylvania on December 20, 1840, and came with his parents to Colesburg, Delaware county, Iowa, four years before Iowa became a state. He lived in Delaware county until 1876, when he went to Fayette county and continued farming until his removal to West Union in 1905. With his late wife he established a home there and after her death he continued there alone as long as his health permitted. Of late years he has lived alternately with his children, Rev. Montgomery of Cedar Rapids, and his daughter, Mrs. Belle Montgomery Howard, in West Union.

Mr. Montgomery saw the development of this county and the state from primitive pioneer days up to the high type of modernity existing today. He farmed the virgin prairies of the state with oxen instead of with horses or tractor. His was a rich life in toil, social experience and progress, and his reminiscences were most interesting.

He was married to Miss Mary Mellon in Pennsylvania in 1864, his bride being a cousin of Andrew Mellon, recent secretary of the national treasury. After coming to Fayette county two children were born to them and their home was not invaded by death until the passing of Mrs. Montgomery.

Mr. Montgomery served one term in the state legislature, being elected in 1885. He has twice represented the Dubuque presbytery in its general assemblies and has held membership in this denomination for more than 66 years.

He was a great lover of the beautiful and enjoyed his garden which he tended carefully as long as he was able. He enjoyed visiting with his fellow men and his last years were pleasant ones as he traveled down the hillside of life with quiet dignity. Independent as long as physical strength was given him to do for himself, he enjoyed life to a degree not attained by all. There are many old friends of many years standing who will recall his memory for helpful deeds rendered during Mr. Montgomery's active years in the community and mourn with his children the passing of this patriarch of Fayette county.

The funeral was held at the Presbyterian church, conducted by the pastor, the Rev. George DeF. Fisher, burial following by the side of his late wife in the West Union cemetery.

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Forty-sixth General Assembly, That the foregoing memorial be adopted as its appreciation of the life and character and public service of the Honorable J. K. Montgomery. Everywhere he was known as a man honored and trusted, a man of sterling quality and irreproachable character.

Be It Further Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the Journal of the House, and that the Chief Clerk be directed to forward an enrolled copy to the children of the deceased.

GEORGE L. SCOTT,
H. H. SORG,
OVE T. ROE,

Committee.

Unanimously adopted, April 18, 1935.

HONORABLE GEORGE W. SPEER

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee which was appointed to prepare suitable resolutions commemorating the life, character, and services of the Honorable George W. Speer, beg leave to submit the following report:

George W. Speer was born in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, November 18, 1855, of American parentage of Scotch Irish descent. Both parents were also born in Pennsylvania. He died February 4, 1935.

He was reared on a farm and received a common school education. In the spring of 1887 he removed to Indianola, Warren county, Iowa, where



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1880 United States Federal Census

Name: **John K. Montgomery**
 Home in 1880: **West Union, Fayette, Iowa**
 Age: **39**
 Estimated Birth Year: **abt 1841**
 Birthplace: **Pennsylvania**
 Relation to Head of Household: **Self (Head)**
 Spouse's Name: **Mary Montgomery**
 Father's birthplace: **Pennsylvania**
 Mother's birthplace: **Pennsylvania**
 Neighbors: [View others on page](#)
 Occupation: **Farmer**
 Marital Status: **Married**
 Race: **White**
 Gender: **Male**
 Cannot read/write:
 Blind: [View image](#)
 Deaf and dumb:
 Otherwise disabled:
 Idiotic or insane:

| Household Members: | Name | Age |
|--------------------|---------------------------------------|-----|
| | John K. Montgomery | 39 |
| | Mary Montgomery | 39 |
| | Isabela Montgomery | 14 |
| | William A. Montgomery | 7 |
| | George M. Miller | 28 |
| | Bertha Saboe | 19 |

Source Citation: Year: 1880; Census Place: West Union, Fayette, Iowa; Roll: 340; Family History Film: 1254340; Page: 214A; Enumeration District: 210; Image: 0028.

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1900 United States Federal Census

Name: **John K Montgomery**
 Home in 1900: **Union, Fayette, Iowa**
 [Union, Fayette, Iowa]
 Age: **59**
 Birth Date: **Dec 1840**
 Birthplace: **Pennsylvania**
 Race: **White**
 Gender: **Male**
 Relationship to head-of-house: **Head**
 Father's Birthplace: **Pennsylvania**
 Mother's Birthplace: **Pennsylvania**
 Spouse's Name: **Mary Montgomery**
 Marriage year: **1864**
 Marital Status: **Married**
 Years married: **36**
 Occupation: [View on Image](#)
 Neighbors: [View others on page](#)

| Household Members: | Name | Age |
|--------------------|------------------------------------|-----|
| | John K Montgomery | 59 |
| | Mary Montgomery | 60 |
| | Augusta Montgomery | 20 |

Source Citation: Year: 1900; Census Place: Union, Fayette, Iowa; Roll: T623_432; Page: 5B; Enumeration District: 84.

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| 1930 United States Federal Census | | | | | | |
|--|--|------|-----|-----------------------------------|-----------|--|
| Name: | John K Montgomery | | | | | |
| Home in 1930: | West Union, Fayette, Iowa | | | | | |
| | View Map | | | | | |
| Age: | 89 | | | | | |
| Estimated Birth Year: | abt 1841 | | | | | |
| Birthplace: | Pennsylvania | | | | | |
| Relation to Head of House: | Head | | | | | |
| Race: | White | | | | | |
| Occupation: | | | | | | |
| Education: | | | | | | |
| Military Service: | View image | | | | | |
| Rent/home value: | | | | | | |
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| John K Montgomery | 89 | | | | | |
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MONTGOMERY, John K.

Born: 1840
Died: 1935
Cemetery: WEST UNION
Location: WEST UNION
County: FAYETTE CO. - IOWA
Record Notes: LOT 3

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