

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Wilson, John J. Senator _____

Represented Emmet, Palo Alto, Cass and Humboldt Counties, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 5 May 1828 Oranoga County, New York

2. Marriage (s) date place

Clara M. Bovee 16 Jan 1856 Halworth County, Wisconsin

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business _____

B. Civic responsibilities _____

C. Profession Farmer; lumber, coal, mill and elevator
businessman; grain and stock business

4. Church membership _____

5. Sessions served 17th 19th General Assemblies 1878, 1882

6. Public Offices

A. Local Mayor of Algona for 3 terms; city administrator

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 27 Nov. 1895 Algona, Iowa; buried Riverside Cemetery, Algona, Iowa

8. Children Lenetta E. (Mrs. Butler); Harry J.; an additional
child preceded the father in death

9. Names of parents Andrew and Sophie (Lee) Wilson

Wilson, John J.

10. Education _____

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information _____

Democrat

- In 1831 he moved with his parents to Erie County, Pennsylvania where they lived until 1837. They then moved to La Porte, Indiana.
- In 1843 he moved to Halworth County, Missouri where he farmed until 1859 when he then engaged in the grain and stock business.
- In 1865 he went west where he engaged in freighting through the territories until 1869.
- Spring of 1870 was when he came to Algona, Iowa where he went into the lumber business. He gradually increased his business to include coal, milling, and elevators as well as the lumber business.

Sources Log For Legislation Entries

Applicability

Source	Non Applicable	Applicable	Information obtained
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			p. 358
- <u>Obituary - The Algona Republican, Algona, Iowa</u>			
			Tue. Nov 27, 1895, p. 5, col. 3 and 4 Dec 1895, p. 4 col 5
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			Wed 4 Dec. 1895, p. 4, col. 4, 5, back p. 7, col. 1
- <u>Obituary - The Algona Courier, Algona, Iowa</u>			
			Fri. Nov 29, 1895, p. 4 col. 4 and Fri. Dec 6, 1895, p. 4, col. 3
- <u>ancestry.com (accessed 28 July 2009)</u>			
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- <u>Obituary - The Emerald County Republican, Estherville, Iowa</u>			
			Thurs. Dec. 5, 1895, p. 1, col. 2
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- <u>Obituary - The Waterloo Courier, Waterloo, Iowa</u>			
			Wed. Dec. 24, 1895, p. 5, col. 7
- <u>Obituary - The Estherville Democrat, Estherville, Iowa</u>			
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AND CLOTHING STORE.

in the meantime the doctor was sent for in haste, and soon the child was all right.

Geo. C. Call has just received the counters, railing, desk, etc., which are to be placed in his office, and they will be put up on his return from the east. The wood is sycamore, and the office will be one of the handsomest furnished in town.

Rev. G. L. Hanscom, of New Hampton, preached in the Congregational church Sunday last, morning and evening, to large congregations. This gentleman is a very able preacher, and his wife, who was with him, is a fine singer. She sang at the Christian Endeavor meeting and again at the evening church service.

What does this mean? The Garner Signal says: "The voters of Kossuth county voted 'No' to the proposition for a jail tax by a majority of 385 against the tax. Ed Bailey can continue his visits to Algona and sell pot metal knives to the prisoners for their use in cutting their way out of the present jail cages."

Phil Armour, of Chicago, is putting up an 80-foot corn crib at the Milwaukee depot. He is not doing the work himself, but some men are doing it for him. Phil is a very fine fellow in many respects, and is quite well off. We have not learned that he will locate in Algona, but if he should conclude to come here and buy grain he will be warmly welcomed to our midst.

According to a Waterloo paper a young man was arrested in Port Dodge charged with kissing a young woman

SUICIDE OF J. J. WILSON.

J. J. Wilson Killed Himself this Morning at His Office by Shooting Himself Through the Head.

Declining Health the Undoubted Cause.—Mr. Wilson was for Many Years a Leading Politician and Business Man of this County.

About half past eight this morning Hon. J. J. Wilson committed suicide by shooting himself through the head with a revolver. He was alone in the office at the time, and the discovery was made by his daughter, Mrs. Nettie Butler, who came up as usual to help him in the office. Mr. Wilson had been up town only a short time. He had just sent his man, Mr. Muckey, out to the stores to get some barrels for some use about the office. He had just opened his safe, but had not built his fire.

The instrument of death was a Derringer. It was pressed close against his temple. He was still alive when he was found by his daughter, but he probably was not conscious for a moment after committing the deed. A great pool of blood was to be seen on the floor. At nine o'clock the inanimate form was placed in a sleigh and removed to the residence.

Mr. Wilson had been in declining health for some years. He spent last winter in California, but of course without getting any permanent benefit. The waning of his physical powers was apparent to all. He kept steadily at work, however, and worked without intermission to the sad end, giving the closest attention to the details of his milling business.

John J. Wilson was born in Onondago county, N. Y., in 1828, and so was 67 years old. He went to Walworth county, Wisconsin, in 1843, where he was a farmer at first, but latterly a grain buyer. He came to Algona in 1870. He has been in the lumber, grain and milling business ever since. He was a very active and capable business man. He was the leading democratic politician for many years in this county, and was twice elected to the legislature, serving in the sessions of 1878-9 and 1882-3. His marriage to Miss Clara M. Bovee was in 1856. He leaves, besides his wife, two children, Mrs. Nettie Butler and Harry Wilson, of Emmetsburg.

WHITESIDE IN ALGONA.

ous Young Tragedian at the Call

Mrs. Walters' father, who died Monday evening of last week. Their son George, of Clear Lake, attended the funeral.

Miss Lulu Clarke is expected home from the Minnesota State University, today, to spend Thanksgiving.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. C. Call and Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Spear left for the east Monday night. They were destined for Washington as their first point. From there all but Mr. Call were to proceed to Maine, where they were to spend Thanksgiving. Mr. Call is expected home in a week or ten days, but Mr. and Mrs. Spear and Mrs. Call will spend a couple of months in the east.

Mrs. O. H. Goodrich and daughter Edna, from Creston, Iowa, were here last week, visiting the husband and father, who runs one of the most useful and busiest institutions in Algona, the repair shop opposite the REPUBLICAN office. They are visiting relatives in Burt this week. Mrs. Goodrich is the daughter of Mrs. Mary McDonald, and Hugh and Perry McDonald are her brothers.

FULL BLOOD JERSEY

Bull for sale. A very fine animal, two years and three months old. Inquire of C. J. Box 240, Algona, Ia.—t11

WAS NO ALGONA PRINTER.

Wesley Reporter: One evening last week a young man of not prepossessing appearance wandered up into our sanctum shivering with cold, owing to the thinness of his wearing apparel. He had just counted the ties from Algona, was tired and hungry, and without a cent to pay for supper or bed. The bloated face and bleary eyes revealed the fact that the young man must have had a great time sowing the wild oats that produced such a crop. His education was good, but in his start in life he got on the wrong road, with wrong associates, and the result has been a wrecked life. But underneath the grim and dirt the poor fellow had a heart that could be touched by a kind word. He didn't ask for alms but work, and after a good supper he took hold with a will, and by the way he set type—for he is a printer, a poor "tramp printer,"—he showed himself a very efficient workman, capable of making good wages but for one thing—a fondness for that which intoxicates.

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A Dress-Cutting System for Every Woman is the Scientific.

The patterns are draughted by the rules in the Instruction Book (illustrated) with the use of the common square, tape line and pencil. This system is particularly desirable for the reasons that it is self taught, easily understood and adjustable to the style and figure. The fit is guaranteed when measures are rightly taken. We will gladly assist any purchaser of the Scientific in draughting free of charge. These books are for sale at the store of Geo. L. Galbraith. Instruction book \$1; Measure book 50c. Address, N. Hamilton, Algona, Iowa.

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J. J. WILSON IS DEAD

Ends His Life with a Pistol Shot This Morning at 8:30, in His Own Office.

Discovered by His Daughter with a Pistol in His Hand, Weltering in His Own Blood.

Several Years of Ill Health the Undoubted Cause which Led Up to His Self Destruction.

One of Algona's Foremost Business Men - Twice Elected to the Iowa Legislature.

J. J. Wilson shot himself this morning at 8:30 o'clock. He had come to his office as usual, and while standing before his safe took a pistol out and put it to his right temple. When discovered he lay in a pool of blood, but was still breathing. A crowd gathered and he was taken to his home after death, which ensued quickly. Mr. Wilson has been in poor health for some years, and has been complaining especially during the past few days. He was planning to go to California, but had not yet arranged to get off. He was undoubtedly unsettled by his poor health, and acted while temporarily insane. The wonder among all his friends has for some time been how he kept up and about in his feeble condition.

Mr. Wilson has been an active and notable citizen of Algona. He came here in 1870, started the pioneer lumber yard, built an elevator and a mill, was three times town mayor, and in 1878 was elected to the legislature and again in 1882. He was a pusher in business and in his prime no one in Iowa did more than he did. He was in his 68th year, born in Onandaga county, New York, May 5, 1828. His father was a salt manufacturer. Mr. Wilson was a farmer in Wisconsin, and then in the stock business until 1865. At that time he took to freighting across the plains to California. He was married in 1856 to Clara M. Bovee, who with two children, Mrs. E. B. Butler of Algona and H. J. Wilson of Emmetsburg, now mourn his death.

IRVINGTON'S GAS WELL.

A Real Natural Gas Supply Tapped on Jas. G. Green's Farm, at a Depth of 203 Feet.

In spite of the lowering temperature the reporter made his way south Monday afternoon to see the gas well struck by the well diggers at Jas. G. Green's place to the end of the iron pipe, and a blaze at once appeared and continued

the final scene, and when it came a consistent, logical, clear cut portrayal of the most contradictory and disputed over character in all drama, had been given. Whiteside may justly claim rank with the great Hamlets. He will undoubtedly be the great Hamlet of his generation. It is difficult to compare the play as seen here with limited stage and indifferent support, to such portrayals as Booth and Barrett gave in the cities in their later years. There was a dignified melancholy which sat on Booth's countenance that Whiteside does not have. There was also a moderation in passion, an air of reserve, which Booth possessed above all actors. But Whiteside's youth and ardor and romantic interpretation Booth did not have as an old man. With such support and such stage settings as Booth had, Whiteside might easily be entitled to comparison with the greatest Hamlet of any stage.

The support was passably good but not noticeably so. The music by the orchestra was one of the best features of the evening, and served admirably to fill in the long wait before the curtain went up. Miss Kate Smith, Mrs. Maud Jones, Glen Brunson, Chas. and D. K. Walker and Andy Powell gave as good music as would be heard in any theatre.

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TURKEYS, ducks and chickens, very nice lot—sell them cheap, at Moe Bros. market, Thorington street.

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OYSTERS—standard and select—in bulk, at the City Bakery.—34

A WATCH for \$3.50—11 jewels—not a Waterbury. See Bowyer, 3912

COUNTY LAND DEALS.

Doxsee & Foster Report 31 Tracts for the Week—Some Valuable Tracts Disposed of.
John Dows to E. E. Wise, lot 1 blk 4, Germania, \$35
Est. Asa C. Gull to Nels Johnson, lot 7 blk 48, Algona, 50
R. M. Richmond to M. G. Hays, lot 10 blk 22, Richmond 4th and Swan city, 100
R. M. Richmond to S. H. Grams, blk 10, blk 3, Swan city, 200
Nancy L. McDonald to C. C. Chubb, and

to lot 11, blk 1, Hart 50
Jos. Huber to Frank P. Huber, sec of lot 1, blk 2, 5th and Wesley, 400

enreuther, Burt; Geo. Rightmour, with; Jas. A. Howard, D. E. Saup; J. A. Erickson, Swan City; Frank L. Lotts Creek; E. C. Clark, Livern; E. W. Dreyer, W. C. Pettit, Fen; Jno. Fox, Frank Jenkins, Birt Mac; Chas. Hofus, Naren Platt, Alg; Jerry Buckley, Ledyard; J. E. Ben; J. J. Banwart, J. A. Simpson, Wh; more; D. B. Meyer, German Va; Thos. Wink, Buffalo Park; Jno. F; man, St. Joe; A. L. Carpenter, N; boch, Seneca. W. W. Alcorn, Banc

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PERSONAL MOVEMENTS.

Mrs. Amy Seeley is out from Ch for a visit.

Miss C. T. Dodd goes to St. Paul day for a visit.

Howard Robinson is planning a with the Minneapolis students soc

A. D. Clarke and family are contemplating a southern trip this w

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Jones expect start south this week, if they deef go.

S. S. Peck is back from La where he has been for a few v. visit.

Auditor Calkins was out Mond the first time. He has had a s-run of quincy.

Miss Stella Cleary, now a profess-ure in Chicago, is at home for a of a few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams start em-orrow, after a few weeks' visit at A. D. Clarke home.

Mrs. Jessie Huntington and Ada Smith will soon come to A for a family reunion.

Mr. and Mrs. Espeet came fro therville yesterday for Whitesid for a visit at Harvey Ingham's.

Thos. Sherman was down yest for the first time since his four w illness. He looks a little pale.

Geo. Horton had his picture in Chicago papers last week with the nesota state university football te

Rev. Stevens goes to Minnesota visit over Sunday and a Des M college student will preach for here.

Rev. Davidson is preaching near ego and may locate. It is not ce that he will return to Algona to pu at all.

Rev. Bowen, our former Episcop rector, was here Monday. He preach next Sunday in the Episcop church.

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ladies, leaving 66 men, a more favorable showing for the sterner sex. Taking the 65 year limit the total for the county is 892, divided as follows: Lincoln township, 5; Cresco, 16; German, 1; German, 14; Burt, 21; Bancroft, 19; 2; Ledyard, 6; Grant, 2; Union, 14; Hebron, 2; Fenton, 10; Seneca, 5; German, 9; LaVerno, 16; Wesley, 10; Prairie, 15; Riverdale, 22; Greenwood, 7; Harrison, 7; Irvington, 30; Springfield, 3; Ramsay, 7; Buffalo, 5; Algona, 115; Garfield, 7; Whittemore, 21; Swan, 13; Plum Creek, 12; Lotts Creek, 7.

One of the pleasantest features of the showing of the old people is the number of families in the county still unbroken although advanced in years. Above the 75 year limit, excepting those mentioned before, are Mr. and Mrs. Bush of Cresco, John and Louisa Bahling of Burt, Wm. and Annie Bailey of Union, Stephen and Esther Goodrich of Hebron, J. H. and Mary Jensen of Seneca, Wm. and Adolphe Bolwerk of Prairie, Peter and Maria Monson of Harrison, Nehemiah and Emily C. Young of Algona, Hans and Brita Peterson of Garfield.

Among those both of whom are past 70 years are: Mason and Hanna Leach of Whittemore, John and Alberdina Slepser of German, John and Jane Murray of Burt, E. and Carolina Benko of Fenton, D. and Mary Lynch of Fenton, Cash and Ronda Carter of Seneca, Isaac and Rebecca Deems of LaVerno, G. and Anna Nicholson of Wesley, Amannus and Francis Studer of Prairie, Elhanon and Susan C. Clark of Riverdale, Peter and Maria Monson of Harrison, C. W. and Mandana Bates of Irvington, E. and Catherine Kappen of Algona, Thos. and Mary Robison of Algona, S. and Ellen Reed of Algona, Geo. and Jane R. Smith of Algona, Henry and Elizabeth Groh of Burt, Erick G. and Erika Person of Swan, Fred and Lesina D. and Ann of Sherman.

Among those both of whom are past 65 years are: Wm. and Elizabeth Warburton and Christ and Dora Venn of Lincoln; David and Froelove Miller, John B. and Elizabeth Cook, J. E. and Mary M. Blackford of Cresco; R. and Christina Johnson, John and Martha Bergman, Gerd and Gerlie Albers of German; A. and Cyntia Brooks, D. and Eva Banke, N. and Elizabeth Brass of Irvington; D. and Hannah McElwain of Burt; Geo. D. and Sarah E. Fuller, S. and Christena Stinson of Bancroft; Alance and Emaline D. Jones, Cillian and Ellen Lewis of Ledyard; H. M. and Julia N. Taft, M. and Amelia Riebhoff of Union; John and Johanna Langholz of Germania; D. and Susan A. Park of LaVerno; A. and Hulda Tryon of Wesley; M. and Barbara Faber, Frank and Anna Andorfer of Prairie; Valentino and Jennie Dieter, Abel and Harriet Wooster of Riverdale; D. and Aries Heath, Jas. G. and Sarah H. Green, James and Jane Arehild, Edward and Sarah M. Sammers, Seher and Anna Erickson of Irvington; D. H. and Helen M. Hutchins, Dr. and Esther P. Hudson, F. C. and Julia A. Willson, G. C. and Frances A. Walker, Ignatz and Carolina Wernert, Alonzo and Minerva Franklin, Elijah and Anna Roberts, Geo. J. and Ellen M. Adams, John and Julia McDermott, S. H. and Corintha Pettibone, Thayer and Eliza Lumber, D. H. and M. A. Setchell, S. and Amy Benjamin, J. and Susan A. Grove, A. M. and Betsy E. Johnson of Algona; John and Charity Riley of LaVerno; Geo. N. and Mary J. Davis of Swan; J. D. and Hanna Foster, Wm. and Sessigambry Campbell of Whittemore.

Many long years of healthy and vigorous life still await the pioneers in the west. May the youngest reach the limit set by the oldest. May the rising generations of Kosuth inhabitants equal their ancestors in vigor and improve the theory that with increasing wealth and comfort the race tends to degenerate. And lastly may the rising generations emulate the thrift, sobriety and general good character of the pioneers.

Cordling Co. are now moving their plant from Estherville and rebuilding at Swan City.

Ledyard Leader: J. J. Ryan has been doing some building on his farm three miles south west of this town this fall. He has refitted the old dwelling, which is 12x32, and converted it into practically a new building and annexed thereto a two story structure 14x24; which makes it one of the most substantial farm dwellings in this neighborhood.

Emmetsburg Reporter: One of the pleasing features of the Hamlet entertainment at Algona Tuesday evening was the excellent music furnished by the orchestra, which was composed of Algona talent. The orchestra could hardly fail of discoursing sweet music when such musicians as Miss Kate Smith, Mrs. Maud Jones and the Walker brothers are members of it.

Bailey notes the marriage of Miss Kuchenrouter of Burt to Mr. Bartlett and says: When the minister made out the marriage certificate he wrote Mrs. Bartlett's maiden name lengthwise of the C. & N. W. right of way. We are glad she got married and changed her name. It is tough to be obliged to go into a bowling alley or on a race course to have room to tell who you are.

NOTES OF THE PLAY.

Bancroft Register: A delegation of 24 from Bancroft witnessed Whiteside's production of Hamlet Tuesday evening at Algona and were highly pleased with the great tragedian's conception and acting of Shakespeare's greatest, though puzzling, character.

Burt Monitor: Walker Whiteside as Hamlet is certainly a success. The opera house was packed as never before, every seat being taken, and the largest delegation from any outside town went from Burt. To the student of Shakespeare and his portrayal of the actor Whiteside did not disappoint. He has the ability, energy and force of a leading actor and no actor ever held such close attention of an Algona audience.

Britt Tribune: We retired to our virtuous couch at 3 a. m., peace and harmony prevailing, and dreamed of Whiteside and Hamlet. It was an entertainment well worth seeing. The opera house is especially worthy of mention on account of its acoustic properties and manner of being seated so that everyone can see and hear, especially in the dome. But we quit once and began to dream, so we say "Fiddle," after suggesting that a tragedy always did make us feel solemn.

Wesley Reporter: A large delegation from Wesley went to Algona Tuesday evening to hear Whiteside in Hamlet, and all report a good time. Whiteside well deserves the praise he has won as a great actor. The character of Hamlet is a very difficult one to interpret as it constitutes nearly the whole play and the part is not aided much by the scenery or the support. Whiteside seems to have been especially endowed by nature for the part, his fine physique and classical features and splendid voice rendering him able to portray the different shades of passion and feeling in a manner true to nature. The music rendered by the orchestra was excellent. Few towns can show such an array of home talent, though Wesley must claim credit for contributing one member, Mrs. C. E. Jones, who presided so ably at the piano, while her sister, Miss Smith, played first violin.

Emmetsburg Reporter: Call's opera in Algona was the scene of an theatrical entertainment Tuesday evening when Walker Whiteside appeared in Hamlet. Mr. Whiteside is certainly a great actor and came up to the expectations of the magnificent audience that had gathered to greet him. He is strong in every part, but especially so in the soliloquy and in the manner with which his facial expressions...

CAREER OF A BUSY MAN.

Such Was the Life of Hon. J. J. Wilson, Whose Untimely Death Occurred Last Week.

His Early Days Were a Struggle With Poverty and Hardship—A Man of Iron Will.

The funeral of J. J. Wilson was held at his late home, Friday, at 3:30 o'clock. On account of the inclemency of the weather and of the limited room only those more intimate friends of the family, who could be accommodated indoors, were invited to the funeral exercises, but the house was thrown open from 2 to 3 o'clock for all who cared to come and take a farewell view of the remains. A vocal solo by Miss Zon Wartman was followed by a tribute to Mr. Wilson's memory from his long-time friend, C. D. Pettibone, who gave a sketch of his career. Mrs. Dr. Colby of Clear Lake followed with a few appreciative remarks, and a vocal duet by Miss Ranks and Dr. Rist concluded the exercises. After viewing the remains the friends repaired to their carriages, and the bearers, Lewis H. Smith, J. W. Robinson, Col. Spencer, J. R. Jones, F. M. Taylor and Frank Dingley, bore the coffin to the hearse. At the cemetery a song by Miss Ranks, Dr. Rist, and C. M. Duxsee, and a very brief but impressive sentence or two by Rev. H. B. Butler was all. The service throughout was plain and simple, such as Mr. Wilson would undoubtedly have wished.

In the week that has passed since the death was first announced nothing new has been discovered to throw light upon the cause of his sudden taking off. It was undoubtedly wholly unpremeditated, the act of a rash moment when physical weakness was great. He had come to his office in the morning, made out his morning's shipping bills, sent W. H. Muckey out to make some arrangements that were needed, and had made entries on his books. He had then gone to the safe for his cash book, and opened the doors. An old pistol lay in one pigeon hole, so rusty that no one believed it could be fired. His hand had to pass it. As his eye fell upon it some sudden impulse was suggested. Without rising from the sitting down position he usually assumed when before the safe he placed it to his temple, and when he was found his head had merely fallen forward into the safe, and it was not until he failed to respond to a call that his attitude attracted suspicion. There is no evidence that he had for five minutes contemplated taking his own life. It was a sudden, impulsive act induced by some temporary physical relapse incident to his long standing ill health.

The story of Mr. Wilson's career is that of so many of his generation of pioneers, a story of early struggle, of limited opportunities, of indomitable energy and perseverance. He was born in Syracuse, N. Y., where his father was a well-to-do salt manufacturer. In his boyhood his father by signing with friends lost his property and moved to Indiana with a family of two girls and three boys. The place they went to was so sickly that, as Mr. Wilson was wont to say, there were not enough well to care for the sick, and his mother and one sister died within three weeks of each other. The remainder of the family then came to Heart Prairie, ten miles from Whitewater, Wis., Mr. Wilson then 16 years old. A married sister was living in a pioneer cabin and here the family rendezvoused until they could open up a farm of their own. They were in extreme poverty, and the children were all sickly. The little stock of money represented a gift come chiefly. They went in debt for a few more...

nothing to do but to run for it, and they headed for a camp a mile behind their own, but no sooner by. The Indian arrows fell thick, but they escaped all but a few of the more fleetly mounted pursuers. Mr. Wilson was one of those and the horse under another, and they reached the camp. Here they tried to organize a company to go forward with them to their own camp, but could enlist no assistance. At length the two set out. They found one of their men by the way, scalped and dead. The camp was in dire confusion, the cattle bellowing for water, and various ones missing. A guard was organized to take the cattle to a spring to drink, which was done in safety. The night was sleepless. At early morning a great dust was seen on the plains and they planned to defend themselves as best they might, but the approaching band was a company of United States cavalry, who afterwards piloted them to their destination. One girl of 16 was taken by the Indians and was ransomed a year later, but her little brother as well as her parents were among the slain.

It was after his fourth trip to the coast that Mr. Wilson came to Algona, in the spring of 1870. He was in the prime of life, 42 years of age, a vigorous, fine looking man. He made a proposition to buy the two lots where his present office stands of W. H. Ingham. He also looked for a location for his home where John Reed now lives. There was some difference about prices and Mr. Wilson went east, but at Charles City wrote that if he could have the two lots for \$400 he would put a lumber yard in Algona. His offer was accepted and his first yard went in on those lots, his office standing back on the alley south of the Winkel meat market. Chas. P. Birge officed with him. His family followed in May and lived for a while at the old Cliff hotel kept by Dammun & Griffin, then moved to the present home of J. W. Wadsworth, where Mr. Wilson and Harry had a run of typhoid fever, then to their own home, which Mr. Wilson built the first fall, getting settled in January, 1871. In those days their home was surrounded by ponds. The west end of their own lots was covered with water the year round, where Lewis H. Smith lives was a deep lake, where A. D. Clarke lives was a thick hazel brush patch, and where Frank Dingley and E. J. Gilmore have homes was a heavy grove of native timber and underbrush. Mr. Wilson's partners were McArthur and Trusk, the former an uncle of James McLaren, who came the first year to represent their interests and who for 18 years was Mr. Wilson's able assistant. The lumber yard was soon moved to the corner now occupied by the State bank. This site likewise in those days was a pond, and often the old lumber office was nearly cut off from communication by the water. Here a big business was done. Teams came from Spirit Lake, Spencer, Estherville, Emmetsburg, and other points as far away to haul grain to his elevator and haul back material for homes from his yards. It was during these years that he gained that great personal popularity which aided him so much in his later political career. The county was filled with poor but industrious homesteaders, and during the grasshopper years in the early 70s they were often in extreme need of assistance. To them Mr. Wilson showed a willingness which they have never forgotten. He sold lumber and coal with a free hand, trusting that time would enable his purchasers to repay him. Many of them did and many did not. If all the money that was owing him and that never can be collected could be bunched it would make a substantial fortune.

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was always a friend of the paper, and his cheery "hello, boys," as he came across from his office, in late years often seemingly unable to walk, was always the greeting of a man who faced life courageously, and who never whimpored or indulged in idle complaints. It will be missed as will be the familiar figure. May the "boys" of the generation which succeeds the pioneers, with their larger opportunities and broader field for self development, have as good a showing to make for the talent they have had in keeping as this sturdy product of the stern, hard, and uncongenial life of the frontier.

A DICKENS NIGHT.

The Famous Actress, Jane Coombs, Will Play "Bleak House" in Algona, Dec. 21.

Manager Blossom has secured Jane Coombs, one of the best-known of the older actresses of the American stage, who will play Dickens' "Bleak House" on Saturday evening, Dec. 21. The Cincinnati Commercial-Gazette thus reports her appearance in that city: Flashes of lightning, peals of thunder, and the sullen rainfall upon the roof of the opera house was a fit accompaniment to the grand play, founded upon the fiction of one of the masters—a fiction that is true to life. Its characters will never be forgotten, and there they were last night, real presence in flesh and blood—the quaint, the curious, the comic, and the tragic—all intermingled. The rain fell without ceasing on the tiles, but the miserable weather had not limited the audience nor did it limit the power of the players. Miss Jane Coombs in the dual role of Lady Dedlock and Hortense achieved the greatest triumph of her life. She was a living representation, and the auditor soon loses consciousness of the fact that he is witnessing a play, and feels that the living scenes are being enacted before his eyes. Tulkington, Sweet Esther Summerson, and "Little Jo," who must "move on" in every city from pillar to post, until he can move no more! The characters Dickens portrayed, the people on the boards last night presented. Those who have not read Bleak House should do so at once. It is a work necessary to a good education. It is fascinating from its simplicity to finish, and impresses itself beyond the reach of the chisel of effacing time. Krook, his rag and bottle den, the ghost walk, the flight, the death, and the falling snow, the misery of after-life gazing back at the skeleton, the dignity, the grandeur, the squalor, and the burning years of youth flung back, with disgrace stalking and the commonplace mingled with the infinite. Bleak House has it all. It is a wonderful play, perfectly acted.

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Wesley Reporter: A large delegation from Wesley went to Algona Tuesday evening to hear Whiteside in Hamlet, and all report a good time. Whiteside well deserves the praise he has won as a great actor. The character of Hamlet is a very difficult one to interpret as it constitutes nearly the whole play and the part is not aided much by the scenery or the support. Whiteside has to have been especially endowed for the part, his fine physique, classical features and splendid voice rendering him able to portray the different shades of passion and feeling in a manner true to nature. The music rendered by the orchestra was excellent. Few towns can show such an array of home talent, though Wesley must claim credit for contributing one member, Mrs. C. E. Jones, who presided so ably at the piano, while her sister, Miss Smith, played first violin.

Emmetsburg Reporter: Call's opera house in Algona was the scene of an ideal theatrical entertainment Tuesday evening when Walker Whiteside appeared in Hamlet. Mr. Whiteside is certainly a great actor and came up to the expectations of the magnificent audience that had gathered to greet him. He is strong in every part, but especially so in the soliloquy and in the manner with which his facial expression responds to his feelings. He had splendid support throughout, the entire company being away above the average of theatrical performers. Miss Lelia Walston played the part of Ophelia in an admirable manner. In the scene where she took the part of a person crazed by grief, her acting was certainly exceedingly good, and she richly deserved the generous encore which she received. On the whole the entertainment was a decided success and the management of the Call opera house is to be congratulated on giving the people of Algona and vicinity an entertainment of such high character.

SOME MORE OLD PEOPLE.

Wesley and Portland Add Some Names to Kossuth's Three Score Ten List. Owing to the recent changes in the auditor's vault, the Wesley and Portland census returns had become separated from those of the other precincts and the loss was not noticed in making up the list of old people in the county published last week. Portland adds one to the very top of the column, Mrs. Alvira Davison, now past 90 years of age. She ranks next to John Heckart and is third in the list. She is the mother of the Davison boys and of Mrs. Chipman, with whom she is staying. Her health is not very good, but she is able to be up and about. Portland adds another also to the four score list, Patrick O'Hara, who is now past 87. Portland has 18 who are 65 or over. Of these Mr. and Mrs. Henry Isenberger are both past 70; Mr. and Mrs. Alvin H. Dwinell, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Doring, Mr. and Mrs. Francis H. Holden are past 65.

Wesley has no one in the four score list, but has 12 who have past 65 years. Mrs. Annie E. Ward and Mrs. Rhoda E. Emmons are each 76, and Hannah E. Hollenbach is 75. Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Ash are both past 70, and Obed and Mrs. Robinson are each past 65.

These additions give the county 41 people past 80 years of age, which is certainly a remarkable showing for a new section.

State Teachers' Meeting.

The State Teachers' association will hold its forty-first annual session at Des Moines, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 31, 1895, Jan. 1-2, 1896.

Bois the Insurance Trust.

There is no insurance being written on Main street in Britt and none will be in old line companies at the present rates. They are all going into mutuals.

town position no country assumed when before the safe he placed it in his temple, and when he was found his head had merely fallen forward into the safe, and it was not until he failed to respond to a call that his attitude attracted suspicion. There is no evidence that he had for five minutes contemplated taking his own life. It was a sudden, impulsive act induced by some temporary physical release incident to his long standing ill health.

The story of Mr. Wilson's career is that of so many of his generation of pioneers, a story of early struggle, of limited opportunities, of indomitable energy and perseverance. He was born in Syracuse, N. Y., where his father was a well-to-do salt manufacturer. In his boyhood his father by signing with friends lost his property and moved to Indiana with a family of two girls and three boys. The place they went to was so sickly that, as Mr. Wilson was wont to say, there were not enough well to care for the sick, and his mother and one sister died within three weeks of each other. The remainder of the family then came to Heart Prairie, ten miles from Whitewater, Wis., Mr. Wilson then 16 years old. A married sister was living in a pioneer cabin and here the family rendezvoused until they could open up a farm of their own. They were in extreme poverty, having altogether but \$7.30 in money, a worn-out team, and a few pigs. The little stock of money represented gift coins chiefly. They went in debt for a farm and began the struggle so many pioneers know of. They had hardly got started when a boy brought small pox to Heart Prairie, and Mr. Wilson was one of the earliest victims. He barely passed death's door and then began nursing the other sufferers, as was characteristic of him to his latest years. In one instance he cared for a girl without assistance of any kind, and, on account of the terror which had seized the settlement, was left entirely alone with her until death came, and then without aid he laid her in her coffin, which had been brought near the house and left, and in the night drove her alone five miles to the cemetery and buried her. Mr. Wilson's ability at nursing was recognized, and at one time while caring for a brother whose leg had been broken he studied medicine and seriously considered becoming a physician. But the attractions of rugged out-door life as well as the necessity of struggle to get the means of living drew him back to farming. At 26 years of age he sold his interest in the home farm for \$700 and began life for himself. His schooling had been very limited. At one time he had worked for his board and attended a select school for a few terms. But generally speaking the school house had been remote from his boyhood. He bought a farm adjoining the old place, paying down \$500 and going in debt \$2,000, and here he and Mrs. Wilson in 1856 began a hard struggle. People said he would never keep his head above water. But he had lived at home in a log cabin with a mud chimney, and had worked from sunrise to sundown in the harvest field for 50 cents a day, and he had developed a constitution of iron, and had encouraged a naturally strong will until defeat was not in his category. In four years, the years preceding the war when wheat went booming, he had made his way so that in 1859 he moved to Whitewater to engage in buying stock and produce. For the following ten years the family lived in Whitewater. But during the last five Mr. Wilson was away conducting freight trains across the plains. He went across four times with slow going oxen, in 1865, 1866, 1868, and 1869. It was on the first trip that he narrowly escaped the Indians. The train had camped in the foot hills and many had scattered to hunt antelope. Mr. Wilson and a friend named Sartwell were off by themselves and so interested in the chase that they did not notice a band of 30 Indians, who were bearing down upon them, until they were at short range. Sartwell said there was

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Of Mr. Wilson's later career it is not necessary to speak in detail. He soon bought out his partners in business and controlled it himself. He was three times elected mayor, twice to the legislature, and once was a candidate for congress, making the memorable contest against the legality of the old October election law to unseat Gov. Carpenter, who had been chosen. He was a staunch democrat of the old Jacksonian type—a born democrat—and was a party man in all his relations. But in his capacity as an official he served his constituents with the same ability and energy which he displayed in his own affairs. His final illness came upon him suddenly about eight years ago. In a few months he shrank from a portly frame to "the thin and slipped pantaloons," from a weight of 240 pounds to one of less than 130. His stomach failed him entirely and he never rallied. But with a determination not to give up he struggled through the eight years, enduring what would have worn out ten ordinary men, never to the last admitting to himself or to his family that his capacity for business was impaired, or that there was any occasion for him to plan for an easier mode of life. Shuffling to town many and many a time when it was a physical impossibility for him to lift foot from the sidewalk, he would spend the day in directing the management of his mills, or in planning for changes to be made in the future, resenting expressions of sympathy and not heeding the advice of friends, who urged him to take life easier. "When I am done with business, what am I going to do?" was his standing query, and to die in the harness was his aim, an aim so unfortunately accomplished. Mr. Wilson's prevailing traits, the strength as well as limitations of his character are sufficiently indicated in this sketch of his career. He had absolutely tireless energy, a determined will that brooked no interference, an independence of thought and speech which was as regardless of public opinion as it was of the direction of the wind. These all made him a friend to his friends and a foe to his foes. Directing these strong qualities was a kind heart under a gruff exterior. No one in distress ever went to him in vain. Out of his hard life as a boy on Heart Prairie he had learned the virtues of the struggling and the unfortunate, and he never in his years of prosperity forgot them. Sincere mourners over his untimely death are hundreds of the poorer people, who in the past 30 years have known the value of his kind words, disinterested advice, and material assistance. Mr. Wilson's limitations were in the main limitations resulting from lack of opportunities in youth. Now that he is gone they are a lost sight of while death brings into stronger relief those traits which have made him so important a factor in the growth of Algona, of the county, and of this section of the state. Although differing from THE UPPER DES MOINES in politics, Mr. Wilson

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D. S. Resor to L. D. Smith, lot 16, blk 3, Ledyard, 200	200
L. D. Smith to Frank Weimer, lot 16, blk 3, Ledyard, 200	200
G. F. Holloway to Frank Stewart, se blk 7, Hancock, 200	200
S. E. Platt to Joseph Notestine, lot 11 blk 5, LuVerne, 750	750
Rosa Schreyver to Ella V. Marble, lot 1 and 2, blk 1, Murtagh ad Burt, 225	225
Joseph Elvidge to Thos. Hanna, lot 2, blk 4, Murtagh ad Burt, 115	115
Thos. Hanna to E. J. Murtagh, w 25 ft. of e 1/2 lot 2, blk 4, Murtagh add to Burt, 28	28
C. E. Wartman et al to E. O. Fitz et al, lot 4, blk 8, Germania, 500	500
E. O. Fitz to F. H. Bunker, lot 4 blk 8, Germania, 1,000	1,000
John Kromback to Fred Schar, lot 15 blk 13, Germania, 25	25
State of Iowa to Peter E. Skow, se 28 1/2, 27, 26, 27, nw 11-98 27	4,800
Same to Henry Kruse, ne 10, nw 11-98 27	4,800
Same to J. G. Goodken, n 1/2 29-98, 29 Henry Kruse to T. H. Kruse et al, ne 10, nw 11-98, 27	4,800
U. S. to Barclay J. Woodward, sw 35-95, 29	4,800
U. S. to Wm. S. Pierson, s 1/2 se, nw se 4-94, 29	4,800
Richard Hodges to J. R. Mondsley, n 1/2 sw 3-96, 28	800
Jas. Callanan to E. J. Murtagh, n 1/2 nw 13-97, 30	1
Jas. Callanan to B. Meyer, s 1/2 nw 32-98, 27	1
Thos. H. Pettit to State blk Ledyard, n 1/2 nw 13, s 1/2 ne sw 12-99, 29	4,600
Alex White to M. P. Hazard et al, se 33-99, 28	2,455
D. S. Miller to Edwin R. Cook, lot 1 and 2 of lot 2 of lot 4, 11-95, 29	2,725
R. B. Spensley to Wm. Schrade, nw 27, ne 28-100, 28	9,600
Myra Watkins to O. W. Mead et al, ne 2-96, 28	6,000
Clara R. Damber et al to G. A. Brunson et al, nw 3-98, 29	3,620
Wm Schrade to Thos. A. Way, se 27-97, 27	3,200
D. G. Shryock to Frank Weimer, w 1/2 sw 22-99, 27	1,000
Eliz Wink to W. F. Swayze, se 31-97, 27 John G. Edwards to Geo. E. Hartwell, ne nw 4-94, 29	1

WESLEY NEWS NOTES.

Personal News of Wesley Citizens and Their Friends. WESLEY, Dec. 2.—H. D. Hodges has traded his farm over in Hancock county for Z. S. Barrett's stock of hardware here. This will not be new business for Mr. Hodges, as he has been in the trade before, and the public will find him a very genial man to do business with. We welcome him to our midst. Dr. Cole and wife of Britt and Chas. Hill of Minneapolis spent Thanksgiving here with the family of Dr. Hill. J. K. Waito is going to move his family to Ames. He expects to return here himself in the spring to remain a good share of the summer. Corn husking has been somewhat retarded by the recent bad weather. The farmers in this vicinity are not over one-third through with the crop. F. M. Butts arrived here from Chicago last week and expects to stay a week or so visiting his many friends, who are always glad to see him.

THE WEEK'S MEETINGS.

Cafeteria, reading room, Friday, Dec. 6. Supper 5:30 to 8, European plan. Benefit A. L. A. A WATCH for \$3.50—11 jewels—not a Waterbury. See Bowyer.—3012 OYSTERS—standard and select—in bulk, at the City Bakery.—31

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 ry accommodating and stopped a
 lf hour at Hobart to allow every one
 opportunity to view the architectur-
 e beauty of that city by moonlight.
 other stop was made at Whittemore
 r refreshments and at 3 o'clock the
 in arrived in Emmetsburg to the in-
 nse satisfaction of the whole delega-
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The Emmetsburg Democrat gives
 e following list of people of that who
 me to Algona to see and hear Wal-
 r Whiteside: C. A. Smith and wife,
 E. Cohoon and wife, H. W. Beebe
 d wife, A. T. Horton and wife, T.
 Connor and wife, T. F. McCue and
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 Scott, Misses McVenus, G. Retsloff,
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 onder if Algona could do as well?

ORCHESTRA COMPLIMENTED
 Emmetsburg Reporter: One of the
 easing features of the Hamlet enter-
 inment at Algona Tuesday evening
 is the excellent music furnished by
 e orchestra, which was composed of
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 rdly fail of discoursing sweet music
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Oysters, standard and select in bulk,
 City Bakery.

A full line of colored cotton flannels
 ry cheap at the Grange store.

MONEY.

I am loaning money on farm lands
 six per cent interest. Only a small
 arge will be made for procuring this
 ea money. The borrower can have
 e privilege of paying off all or any
 rt of his mortgage at the time of pay-
 g interest.

J. J. RYAN,

Office over the postoffice, Algona, Ia.

Don't Tobacco Spit or Smoke Your
 Life Away.

the harmful, starting, burning, cough
 out No-To-Bac, the harmless, guaran-
 ted safe, healthful and most pleasant

IMPULSE OF THE MOMENT.

Such Was Mr. Wilson's Act of
 Self-Destruction--It Was
 Not Premeditated.

The Last Rites Performed on Friday Af-
 ternoon--He Was One of the Leaders
 in Town and County.

The REPUBLICAN was just going to
 press, last week, when the death of
 Mr. Wilson occurred, and was so un-
 able to ascertain any particulars. It
 is now settled beyond any question
 that the act of self-destruction was
 not premeditated. Mr. Wilson had
 planned to go to Emmetsburg on the 9
 o'clock morning passenger, and had
 already made plans for the day's busi-
 ness. He had been troubled, however,
 with a whirling sensation in his head,
 as well as a weakness of his legs, prob-
 ably a symptom of his failing condi-
 tion, and it is not unlikely that as he
 went to his safe that morning he may
 have been overcome by weakness and
 sank down possibly with no power to
 rise. The sight of the pistol, lying in
 his safe where it had lain for twenty
 years, may have offered the suggestion
 to end a life which had become a bur-
 den, and action followed on the in-
 stant. He was very cheerful in the
 morning at the table, and his mind
 was active with plans for a busy fu-
 ture. The funeral was private and was
 from the residence Friday afternoon.
 Remarks were made by C. D. Pettibone
 and by Mrs. Colby of Clear Lake,
 and several pieces of music concluded
 the simple service. Rev. H. B. Butler
 made the address at the grave. The
 private funeral was suggested by the
 limited room at disposal and by the
 desire that those who had known the
 deceased the longest and most intim-
 itely should be present. Mr. Wilson
 will be remembered as one of the most
 successful business men and politician
 in the early history of town and coun-
 ty. There was no one who could, in
 the period of his prime, muster more or
 truer friends than he. The fact that
 he was twice elected to the legislature
 and three times placed in the mayor's
 chair in a district and city so strongly
 republican, is some indication of the
 personal following he had. He has been
 a great factor always, and many there
 are who mourn his loss and especially
 regret the sad manner of his going.

For Sale!

One fruit case;
 One of an case;

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Doxsee enter-
 tained a family party on Thanksgiving.
 There were present from abroad Mr.
 Doxsee's father, A. H., and Miss Gwen-
 dolen Doxsee, of Rolfe, and J. W.
 Doxsee, editor of the Monticello Ex-
 press, and wife.

Geo. C. Call arrived from Washing-
 tén the first of the week. S. C. Spear
 will be home in a few days, and Mrs.
 Spear and Mrs. Call will conclude their
 visit in Maine and return home before
 the holidays.

Gardner Cowles leaves for Washing-
 ton this evening, probably, on a busi-
 ness trip, to be absent several weeks.
 He expects to visit the Atlanta Ex-
 position before returning.

Mrs. Geo. R. Cloud and sister, Miss
 White, went to Missouri Valley last
 week to visit friends, and Mr. Cloud
 has been at Nevada, attending to legal
 business this week.

J. C. Stevens, of Des Moines, spent
 Thanksgiving with his relatives, Mr.
 and Mrs. Fred Dormoy. Mr. Stevens
 is in the employ of the Star Engraving
 Company, of Des Moines.

Mrs. Colby, of Clear Lake, came to
 Algona last Wednesday on learning of
 the death of J. J. Wilson, and remain-
 ed with the family until after the fun-
 eral. She returned home Friday night.

Miss Dodd spent Thanksgiving with
 a cousin in St. Paul, Mrs. Mahler
 whose husband is of the great dry
 goods house of Field & Mahler.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Ferguson, of Ma-
 lone, N. Y., are spending a few weeks
 with their son, W. K. Ferguson, of the
 First National Bank.

Miss May Johnson, of Algona, is
 visiting this week with her friends, the
 Misses Barker in this city.—Esther
 ville Vindicator.

Mrs. H. Putsch and daughter Myrtle
 arrived home from an extended visi-
 t with friends in Minnesota Saturday
 morning.

Mrs. Thomas, of Humboldt, who has
 been a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Tellier
 has returned to her home in Humboldt.

A. A. Call is home from his Louis-
 iana plantation. He reports an im-
 mense crop of rice.

D. A. Haggard went to Butler county
 Monday to close up a real estate deal.

Health and sweet breath secured by Shi-
 loh's Catarrh Remedy. Price 50 cents
 Nasal injector free.

FARM LOANS AT SIX PER CENT.

And the expenses of making the loan
 can be paid by the borrower. Interest payable annually
 unless otherwise preferred. This loan

NATURAL GAS DISCOVERIES.

Gas Well Has Been Struck on the Green Farm in Irvington.

Evidences have cropped out in various places for some years past that natural gas in some quantity, great or small, underlies this whole section of country...

Another evidence of gas of some sort is discovered in this town a few days ago. Mr. J. J. Wilkinson owns a house and lot a little north of the Free Methodist church...

Some time afterward the editor of the Courier and Mr. J. C. Frank, a resident of this town, contracted with Nic Hulbard to put down an auger hole near the well (as the auger hole remains in the old hole) as deep as the well has been.

We heard of a well in the direction of Wesley a few years ago that was reported to be burning, but as whose name we did not learn, nor was the report, as we heard it, a very tangible one.

But now we have a gas well that runs, and may be witnessed by all who wish to see it. A report came to us a few days ago that Mr. Green of Irvington township had struck a vein of gas and that it was burning.

When the wind blows he says it burns higher and stronger blaze. The iron pipe at the surface of the ground is a shoulder judge, about three inches in diameter.

case was looked after by Gen. E. Clarke of Algona, and R. E. Kelley of Emmetsburg. The railway company set up the argument that the case at hand did not come under section 1307 of the code...

The Merrilee Arrest.

The Courten stated last week that Wm. Merrilee who was indicted by the grand jury in March, was arrested Saturday evening, a week ago, although he had been in this vicinity all summer.

Imaginary Factories.

"The next to the largest glucose factory in the world" which was to have been located at Sioux City, has gone the way of the shoe factory that was to have been located at Algona.

The Iowa Homestead.

Every farmer reader of this paper who is not already a subscriber to the Iowa Homestead, can have that reliable, practical farm journal sent to his address on trial, free, until January 1st next (1896) by simply sending on a postal card his name and post-office address to the Iowa Homestead, Des Moines, Iowa.

Homeless Children.

A company of boys and girls from the Children's Aid Society of New York City will arrive in Mason City Thursday, Dec. 5, for the purpose of finding homes and employment with farmers and others.

J. J. WILSON DEAD

He is Found in His Office With a Bullet Hole in His Head.

It Was a Case of Self Destruction Caused by Years of Very Poor Health.

Thus Ends a Remarkably Active Career of a Prominent and Respected Man.

The family of J. J. Wilson and the whole public of Algona received a shock early Wednesday morning by the report that Mr. Wilson had committed suicide. He was around as usual in the morning, had visited the postoffice and gave orders to his teamster to do some special work...

There is no doubt that the cause of Mr. Wilson's final act was ill health. He had been a great sufferer for the past six or seven years with stomach troubles, and had reduced in flesh from over 250 pounds to not more than 130 pounds.

Mr. Wilson was born in Onandara county, New York, in 1828. When a young man he moved to Wisconsin and engaged in farming. He soon, however, engaged in the stock and grain business, and in 1865 he went into the freighting business across the plains.

THE FUNERAL.

The Wilson residence will be open today between 2 and 3 o'clock to afford all who wish to see Mr. Wilson's face again an opportunity to do so. The funeral services will be at 3 o'clock, and will be private.

farm, and each time the owners realized a profit of \$5 per acre on the transaction. Mr. Sudmeier is the owner of the Howe 40 just west of town, for which he paid \$32 per acre less than a year ago and for which he has just refused an offer of \$2,000—\$50 per acre.

Whiteside's Hamlet.

The opera house was crowded to its fullest capacity Tuesday evening to accommodate the audience that turned out to see the rendition of Hamlet. Large delegations came from all the surrounding towns, especially from Burt and Hancock.

Horse of the Same Color.

J. L. Sutton traded with a stranger the other day for a splendid span of black horses. In fact the team answers the description, almost to a T, of the ones stolen from Peter Habeger, of near West Bend.

Midland Monthly.

The December number of the Midland Monthly is an excellent one. Two Christmas stories and several illustrated Christmas poems supply the sentiment of the number.

A Peculiar Case.

Wesley Reporter. The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. White is in a very critical condition. It was taken last week with a very severe cold which settled in his eyes and continued to grow worse until Wednesday morning when the right eye broke open.

Emmetsburg Squibs.

Tribune: The packing house proposition hangs fire—no takers as yet—and thereby hangs a \$20,000 tale.... Attorney T. F. McEnroe of Whiteside, one of the handsomest members of the bar in the 14th judicial district was mourning here Monday.... Algona has given up the shoe factory project.

Social Union To-Night.

The Social Union meets this evening at eight o'clock. The following is the program: Music.....Mandolin Club Paper.....Mrs. Horton Recitation.....Lizzie Wallace Paper.....Mr. Ryan Piano Solo.....Ethel Boyce All are invited to be present.

A "Snap" Shot.

The statement may seem strange to you, but it is true. A man was seen gunning in one of the groves in this city and brought home a buck deer, which has been hung on the front of

CAPTURE AND ESCAPE.

A Narrative of Army and Prison Life by Gen. John A. Kellogg.

Under the above heading the Courier will soon commence the publication of a story that will be of interest to its readers. We doubt not that it is the interesting of all the thousands of stories that have been written concerning the American civil war.

IS RYAN REALLY DEAD?

The Armstrong Journal Thinks He Is Playing "Possum."

Says the Armstrong Journal: E. M. Ryan, who will be remembered as Dr. Hedin's partner in the drug business at Swa City a year ago and the one that married Miss Berggren, is reported to be dead. It will also be remembered that he and Dr. Hedin were driven from Swa City by an angry mob that threatened their lives.

There may be abundant proof to show that E. M. Ryan is no longer on earth and that he is in fact dead and buried, but it would be advisable for Mrs. Ryan's attorney to make a thorough investigation so that he is satisfied beyond a reasonable doubt that such is really the case before he drops the divorce proceedings.

Knowing the history of Dr. Hedin and E. M. Ryan in Swa City is sufficient to cast a doubt on anything reported by themselves or their friends.

Schemes more diabolical that were ever heard of before are reported every week and some times every day. There are several good reasons why he should desire that this woman should continue to be his wife, if still alive. Supposing she, believing he were dead should remarry, and then he would turn up alive, what a chance for revenge.

We wish Mr. Ryan, if alive, no harm, and if he is really dead, peace be to his ashes.

The Young Man's Accident.

Lincoln Journal: A young man of Council Bluffs is carrying an accident policy in one of our local companies, which all will agree is a sensible thing to do. A short time since he wrestled his knee clean out of plumb, and directly notified the company of his disability with a request for suitable relief. In answer to a letter requiring particulars as to how he acquired the injury, the following frank statement was made: "The accident happened while calling on a young lady. She had been sitting on my knee, and in getting up I tried to lift her to see how heavy she was. You of course understand that, and in the struggle her weight fell directly on my knee in such a way as to cause the sprain. If this kind of an accident is barred by your policy please let me know at once." The young man will no doubt be contented to remain as he is recognized in medical jurisprudence among the "dangerous sports" and it is optional with the company to pay or not. Where's the harm?

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to be money power. We t the shrine of gold. Great- e United States consists in ing the resources of the ezing millions out of them, by the lords of monopoly, instit... Source: Iowa Territorial and State Legislators Collection compiled by Volunteers and staff at the State Historical Society of Iowa Library, Des Moines, Iowa.

venge, a subtle cunning entirely in keeping with this wonderful creation of Dickens. The supporting company was excellent, superb.

Funeral of Mr. Wilson.

The funeral of the late J. J. Wilson was held at the Wilson residence last Friday at the appointed time. The house was well filled with invited friends, and at the appointed time there was appropriate music, after which Mr. C. D. Pettibone, at the request of the family, spoke briefly but feelingly of the deceased. He reviewed the career of Mr. Wilson and spoke of his good qualities of head and heart. After Mr. Pettibone's remarks Mrs. Colby of Clear Lake, delivered a very appropriate talk on the occasion. When the coffin was lowered into the grave Rev. H. B. Butler spoke a few last words, and the remains were left to their long rest.

Cal. Wilson, Dead.

Cal. Wilson died at his home in Ledyard Monday morning, and was buried at Webster City Wednesday. He had a run of typhoid fever and was getting along all right when he had a relapse. A few days before his death there was a consultation of five doctors. Deceased was a young man, 36 years of age. He leaves a wife and an adopted daughter. The funeral services at Ledyard were conducted in the church, which was not large enough to hold the people. A number were present from Buffalo Center, Bancroft, and Col. Sessions and E. H. Clarke were present from Algona.

Teachers' Convention.

Superintendent Reed has officially called the next convention of teachers to be held at Burt on Saturday, Dec. 14. The meeting will be held in the school house beginning at 10 a. m. No regular program will be prepared in advance; but the teachers are urged to be prepared to advocate or resist any measures presented by any speaker. They are also requested to make known the troubles and perplexities which they encounter in their daily

one more glaring illustration safety than anything else. Mrs. son arose the following morning proceeded to fry the usual bacon eggs over a \$105 fire.

Champion Corn Huskers.

A corn husking contest betw crack corn huskers is one of the citements of Green county. Re of one hundred bushels a day are quently made, but thus far Bruce kins, a young man, holds the having husked 117 bushels in the in eight hours and thirty minute husked his first load of 52 bush about three hours and a quarter a champion corn husker the Cot will back Editor Mayne of Em burg for any amount that Greene county fellows want to m

Duncombe's Injuries.

A Fort Dodge dispatch to the eago Chronicie says, Dr. Owen, surgeon for the Illinois Central road, came to Fort Dodge the 27 November to see John F. Dun and consult with local surgeon was discovered that there was a ture of the thigh bone within th and socket, a spot impossible to It will be at least three months Mr. Duncombe will be able to his bed, and then he will be a e for life. If this is true, it news to tell of the br Iowan.

They Don't Advertise, El

Algona don't take hold of the factory. If it was proposed to lish it there on the same plan is put up here, Algona's head is in giving it the go-by. We cont ed \$150 for a lot to aid the ente here and it isn't worth paying on. And many others can sa same. We are not able to se good results from the shoe fact Webster City Tribune.

A Mighty Mean Cuss.

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is obliged to pay a penalty which is equal to twice the amount of tax. It is the first time it has been enforced here and will create a sensation.

NO CAUSE KNOWN.

Hon. J. L. Wilson of Algona Dies by His Own Hand.

Emmetsburg, Nov. 29—J. J. Wilson, an old and highly respected citizen of Algona, shot himself through the temple Wednesday morning at 8:30. He was found in his office a few minutes later seated in his chair with life almost extinct. Early in the morning he was seen on the street apparently as well and happy as ever. The cause of the deed is unknown. His family relations were thought to be very pleasant. He was quite wealthy, having been engaged in several lines of business there and at Emmetsburg for years. He was a member of the legislature from Kosuth county in 1882. It is thought that failing health may have caused the deed.

Mr. Wilson was found by his daughter. The safe door was open and when he shot himself, his head and shoulders fell forward into the safe and he was so found, with a revolver by his side. He died a few minutes later.

TRICKS ON THE GRIDIRON.

Grundy Center Dissatisfied With Personnel of its Opponents.

Grundy Center, Nov. 29—The football game between the home team and the Iowa Falls yesterday afternoon was a walk-away for the Iowa Falls boys.

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IN TOWNS AROUND US.

Algona starts out a local telephone exchange with 40 subscribers.

Mason City has a boy mind-reader who is said to equal Johnstone or Bishop.

Algona's opera house management came out ahead in its employment of Walker Whiteside, and the the people saw a grand interpretation of Shakespeare's Hamlet.

Spencer and Emmetsburg high school foot-ball teams played an interesting game on Thanksgiving day. The score was 14 to 0 in favor of the Spencerites.

J. J. Wilson, of Algona, suicided, by shooting Wednesday morning. Poor health was the cause of the act. Mr. Wilson was in his 68th year. He was a successful business man and for some years was quite a prominent politician; was representative from his district and prominently mentioned at one time as a candidate for governor on the democratic ticket. He leaves a wife, daughter and son, the latter Harry Wilson, of Emmetsburg, to mourn his death.

A deer was shot inside the Emmetsburg corporation the other day. It is said other game is quite plentiful about the unexplored parts of the town.

The fellow, who stole the overcoats of Kaufman Bros., at Emmetsburg, was given four years in the pen by Judge Quarton.

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Hon. J. J. Wilson, an old resident of Algona, and a member of two Iowa legislatures, killed himself Wednesday morning. The Upper Des Moines has these particulars:

He had come to his office as usual, and while standing before his safe took a pistol out and put it to his right temple. When discovered he lay in a pool of blood, but was still breathing. A crowd gathered and he was taken to his home after death, which ensued quickly. Mr. Wilson has been in poor health for some years, and has been complaining especially during the past few days. He was planning to go to California, but had not yet arranged to get off. He was undoubtedly unsettled by his poor health, and acted while temporarily insane. The wonder among all his friends has for some time been how he kept up and about in his feeble condition.

The deceased was father of Harry Wilson, well known in this quarter.

OKOBOJI NOTES.

Revival meetings at the church closed last Sunday evening.

Bessie Evans sprained her wrist while playing at school last Tuesday.

The Methodist minister of Milford held services at the Okoboji school house Sunday afternoon. He left an appointment for next Sunday afternoon, and will probably keep it up during the winter. He talks of organizing a class here.

Lew Roff has been very sick, but under the treatment of Dr. Coldren is recovering.

Fred Elston started for Louisiana

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bride's parents and dancing was indulged in until the hours of dim twilight.

But clouds follow sunshine and while we are in the height of pleasure we sometimes suffer a severe disappointment. The happy couple drove to the home which the groom had just fitted with new furniture, carpets and everything for a comfortable home and in great anticipation of beginning a life of great happiness, but when they drew near to their abode they were surprised and disappointed to find the house and all its beautiful furnishings in complete ruin. While they danced the fire fiend had raged and what was to be their beautiful home was but a smoldering heap of ashes.

**Not Tomorrow or the Next Day**

But now, if you have a Cough, Cold or any irritation whatever of the organs of respiration, use Hale's Honey of Horehound and Tar. It is a vegetable balsam compared with which all other pulmonics are valueless. Sold by all druggists.

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**AMUSEMENTS.**

**"Green Goods Man."**

The new farce comedy, "A Green Goods Man," that will make its first appearance before a Dubuque audience at the Grand opera house next Friday evening, Dec. 6, is now in its second season and has been a success from its inception. Mr. W. E. Gorman, the manager, has cast the play with an exceptionally strong company, among whom may be mentioned Frank R. Jackson, well known as the sheriff in "Old Jed Prouty" for five years; Barry Maxwell, late of Charles H. Hoyt's farces; Edwina, the sensational dancer; Billy Turk, Chartress Sisters, Charles Eastman and others. The play is a satire on the green goods swindler and is interspersed with new music, songs, dances and pleasing and refined specialties.

**Suicide of J. J. Wilson.**

Algona, Iowa, Nov. 29.—J. J. Wilson, one of the oldest business men of this place, committed suicide in his office here Wednesday morning by blowing his brains out with a revolver. Of late years his health had failed him. He was discovered shortly after committing the rash act by his daughter,

Mrs. Edgar Butler. Mr. Wilson was a prominent democrat, being twice elected to the legislature from this district. He served in the Seventeenth and Nineteenth general assemblies. He was for several years a member of the democratic state central committee and was twice elected mayor of Algona. He was 67 years of age. He has been planning to leave for California with his wife to spend the winter. He leaves a large estate, being the owner of several flouring mills and considerable real estate. A widow and one son and daughter, both married, mourn his sad end.

One thing remember, if you forget all else, and that is that Clarke's Pure Rye Whiskey is the one pure stimulant known. Invalids need it. Sold in bottles, by dealers.

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| Large Genuine Garnet Pin, worth \$6.50, at.....            | 3 98    |
| Large Genuine Garnet Pin, worth \$5.00, at.....            | 2.49    |
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| Souvenir Spoon, Goshen Sterling, Gold Bowl                 |         |
| 1 dozen Tea Spoons, Sterling Silver, worth \$5.00, at..... | 2.98    |
| Sterling Silver Thimbles, worth 50c, at.....               | 2.00    |

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The death of Hon. J. J. Wilson, of Algona, caused by his own hand, last Wednesday, was one of the saddest things that probably ever occurred in Northwest Iowa. Early on the morning of his death he was seen on the streets looking as cheerful and happy as ever and about half past eight his daughter entered his office and was horrified to find her father almost dead with a bullet hole in his head and the revolver with which the deed was done lying by his side. He is said to have had no financial embarrassment and his family affairs were pleasant and the solution of the cause that led him to commit the awful act was temporary insanity, caused by ill health. Mr. Wilson located in Algona as early as 1870, and engaged in the milling and lumber business and by close attention to business built up a large trade and succeeded well and at the time of his death had become quite wealthy. Soon after his locating in Algona he established a branch lumber yard at Emmetsburg where most of the settlers in Emmet county purchased their lumber. We have frequently heard the early settlers of this county speak of his kindness and liberal dealings with them. He was also very prominent in politics and represented his district in the state legislature at that time composed of Emmet, Kossuth and Palo Alto counties. Later he was the democratic candidate for congress in this congressional district, and in 1888 was a delegate to the democratic national convention that nominated Mr. Cleveland for a second term. He always observed the same honesty in his political actions and utterances that he did in his business affairs. His sad ending spread a gloom throughout this part of the state where he was so well and favorably known.

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The 17th General Assembly, which met in January, 1878, contained among its august body of senators, Lemuel Dwelle, whose term of office had not expired. In the House, L. H. Smith was the member who represented this, the 76th district.

In the Senate of the 18th General Assembly, which met in January, 1880, E. J. Hartshorn, represented the 49th senatorial district of which Kossuth county is a part. A. D. Bicknell represented this, the 76th assembly district, in the Lower House.

The 19th General Assembly convened at the capitol in January, 1882, and Kossuth county was served in the Senate still by E. J. Hartshorn.

J. J. Wilson, one of Algona's most influential citizens, filled the position of representative in the Lower House, and did it with credit to himself and honor to his constituency.

John J. Wilson was born in Onondago Co., N. Y., May 5, 1828. His father, Andrew Wilson, was a native of Pennsylvania, and for many years was a prominent salt manufacturer in Syracuse, N. Y. His mother, Sophia (Lee) Wilson, was a native of Connecticut. They reared eight children, of whom John was the youngest. In 1831 Mr. Wilson went with his parents to Erie Co., Penn., where they resided until 1837, when they removed to La Porte, Ind. In 1843 Mr. Wilson removed to Walworth Co., Wis., where he was engaged in farming until 1859, when he engaged in the grain and stock business. In 1865 he went west, being engaged in freighting through the territories until the close of 1869. In the spring of 1870 he came to Algona, en-

gaging in the lumber business. Since that time he has gradually increased his business, until now he carries on the largest business, carried on by any one man in Algona. He combines the coal, lumber, milling and elevator business. He has a grain and lumber house in Whittemore and is interested in the lumber business at Emmetsburg, Iowa. Mr. Wilson was married Jan. 16, 1856, to Clara M. Bovee, a native of New York. They have two children—Lenette E and Harry J. Mr. Wilson was mayor of Algona for three terms and was a member of that city's first board of aldermen. He was a member of the Legislature from Kossuth county for the sessions of 1878-9 and 1882-3.

In 1883-4 this district was represented in the Lower House by Hon. C. C. Chubb, one of the most highly respected citizens of this county.

C. C. Chubb, one of the enterprising business men of Kossuth county, was born Oct. 2, 1840, in Waukesha Co., Wis. His parents, Newman and Cynthia (Fars) Chubb, were natives of Vermont. They emigrated to Waukesha county at a very early day, being among its earliest settlers. They took land, opened up, and improved a farm. In 1844 Mrs. Chubb died. Mr. Chubb then married Betsey Russell. In 1867, he died in Waukesha county. C. C. Chubb was reared and educated in Wisconsin. In April, 1861, he enlisted in company E, 3d Wisconsin Infantry, and participated in the battles of Winchester, South Mountain and Antietam, where he was wounded in the little finger of his left hand. He was also with Gen. Hooker at Chancellorsville, Gettysburg and Lookout Mountain.

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1880 census IA, Kossuth Co, Algona, ED 143 page 283D family #69 taken 8 June

WILSON, John J. (m) 52yrs md born NY father b-PA mother b-CT lumber & coal dealer

Clara M. wife (f) 44yrs md born NY father b-NY mother b-NY keeping house

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Harry J. son (m) 15yrs single born WI father b-NY mother b-NY

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▪ Ancestry Hints for **John J WILSON**

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*Father:* [Andrew WILSON](#) b: 28 Dec 1775 in York County, Pennsylvania

*Mother:* [Sophia LEE](#) b: in Connecticut

*Marriage 1* [Clara M. BOVEE](#) b: ABT 1842 in New York

- *Married:* 16 Jan 1856

#### Children

1. [Harry John WILSON](#) b: 29 Dec 1864 in Whitewater, Wisconsin

*2. Lenette E. (Mrs. Butler)*

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