

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative \_\_\_\_\_

Senator Shelley

James Madison - Represented Lee County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place

26 Jan 1813 Guilford County, North Carolina  
near Greensboro

2. Marriage (s) date place

Louisa Jane Stubblefield 13 Oct 1842

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business

President of the Iowa Life Insurance Company in Keokuk,  
Iowa in 1876

B. Civic responsibilities

C. Profession

Dry goods merchant; tobacco salesman; insurance

4. Church membership

Quaker

5. Sessions served

17<sup>th</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> General Assemblies 1878, 1880

6. Public Offices

A. Local

Justice of the Peace of Callaway County, Kentucky; jurist in Kentucky

B. State

C. National

7. Death

26 Oct 1891 Keokuk, Iowa; buried

8. Children

William J.; George M.; three other children preceded their  
father in death

9. Names of parents

Francis and Nancy (Brown) Shelley

Shelley, James M.

10. Education He received a common school education and  
later in the school of Andrew Caldwell of Greensboro,  
North Carolina, who was a well known teacher

11. Degrees \_\_\_\_\_

12. Other applicable information Whig, later Republican, later Democrat

- He started a dry goods mercantile business in Lecksville,  
North Carolina 1836-1838
- Then he began a partnership with P. B. Hornlin and Company as a  
tobacco salesman throughout the southern states
- In 1839 he moved to Kentucky and engaged in the mercantile business
- He was a Justice of the Peace in Calloway, Kentucky
- He moved to Keokuk, Iowa in Lee County, Iowa in spring 1850  
and again he engaged in the mercantile business. He formed a  
partnership with James and James S. Cox until 1865
- At his death, he had lived in Keokuk, Iowa for 42 years.



WASHINGTON, Oct. 26.—Secretary Blaine died in this city Saturday afternoon at 10. He traveled in a private car and was accompanied by his wife and servants. None of the members of the cabinet was there to meet him. Nor was the president, as he was engaged in important business with Secretary Tracy and the time of arrival of the train was very uncertain. It may be expected that the controversy over the secretary's health will break out anew now; in fact it has broken out already; and the views expressed as to the matter are as various as the temperaments and capabilities of the people to utter them. Mr. and Mrs. Blaine walked down the platform together to their carriage and were driven home at 11.

**A Controversy at the Start.**

And right here a controversy begins. One man says Mrs. Blaine leaned on the arm of her husband; another that the secretary was visibly supported by his wife; that he walked slowly and feebly; that two men assisted him down the steps of the private car; and that notwithstanding he had traveled with all the luxury and comfort made possible by modern invention, taken two rests on the way and occupied three days on a journey that might easily be done in sixteen hours, he was evidently fatigued.

**Many Men of Many Minds.**

As he got off the train and walked to his carriage he was seen by a score of correspondents in a good light, and they all knew him and scanned him closely for the very purpose of being able to tell their readers what his condition was. And then they rushed to work and wrote specials, giving as widely divergent views as it is possible to imagine. They cannot agree to the significance of what they saw. Some think the secretary is looking better than he has looked for years, while others were shocked at the evidences of weakness and decay, and look upon Mr. Blaine as a dying man. The truth appears to be that Mr. Blaine's case is as justifying as ever, and that probably the members of his family are at a loss what to make of it.

**Will Resume His Duties Shortly.**

The first caller on the secretary was Mr. Adee, third assistant secretary of the State. After he had taken his leave Mr. Blaine went to the White House, where President Harrison was awaiting him. The president had not seen the secretary since early in April, as Mr. Blaine's illness began after President Harrison had started on the trip to the Pacific coast. After returning from his call on the president the secretary saw a few family friends. He was feeling no great fatigue from the trip and talked of resuming his duties at the State Department early this

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**SPORTING MATTERS.**

**Independence Races.**

INDEPENDENCE, IOWA, Oct. 26.—The only thing that started against the time was the wind. The first mile of all races were gone in a nominally fast time, but the best stretch was a fight against the elements.

- 2:55 trot—Beatrice Patchen, Dan, Lady B. Time 2:30 1-4.
- 2:55 pace—Al Turas, Ben Wilkes, Jack Crowning. Time 2:23 3-4.
- 2:30 trot—Three-year-olds unfinished, St. Lewis winning first heat in 2:25 3-5 and the second in 2:24.

**THE WEATHER.**

Keokuk, October 25, 1882. Observations taken at all stations at 9 A. M. Temperature 40 below.

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ated by the Republicans of Mont- Township—A Glorious Meeting.—] TROSE, IA., Oct. 26.—Special. ight was a glorious occasion ublicanism of this loyal little An address was advertised to y Col. Thomas Beaumont, ess prevented his presence. er the appointment was very ably filled. The town hall was ed by an intelligent and very iastic audience, many of whom emocrats who can't swallow idicine prepared for them by ste convention.

rk Armentrout, township com- man, called the meeting to and E. R. Crane was made ain. Addresses were made by . B. Hamill, candidate for treas- Hon. J. M. Bisbee, Capt. J. K. and Hon. J. A. M. Collins, of k. Their remarks were en- tically applauded whenever a point was made. Montrose hip will increase her republican ty this year.

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	Tem-	Change	River
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Bismark.....	32	+16	....
Huron, S.D.....	36	+12	....
Omaha.....	50	0	....
Kansas City.....	58	* 6	....
St. Paul.....	48	0	1.3
La Crosse.....	46	+ 2	1.2
Dubuque.....	46	* 2	2.1
Le Claire.....			1.1
Davenport.....	52	* 6	1.1
Nashville.....			0.7
Keokuk.....	53	* 6	0.6
St. Louis.....	60	*10	5.4

\*Rise. †Fall.  
†River gauge at La Crosse changed to new engineer gauge on stone pier of bridge, read- ing 1.2 foot less than old gauge.

Keokuk observation at 7 p. m.—Barometer 30.23; the barometer 58; wind, N.W; cloudies; rainfall 0.00; Maximum temperature 75; min- imum temperature 52; stage of river at 5 p. m. 0 ft., 6 tenths; change in past 24 hours rise 0 ft., 2 tenths.

Forecast for Keokuk and vicinity— Fair and cooler.

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#### CRIMINAL.

##### A Heavy Shortage.

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 26.—A dispatch from Van Buren, Ark., says Colonel Weaver, who embezzled large sums of money received by him from set- tlers for land bought from the Little Rock and Fort Smith railway, has disappeared and there is no clue to his whereabouts. His shortage is supposed to be very large, but at this time no account of it can be had. Many farmers who bought land hold Weaver's receipt for money paid him. Weaver is superintendent of Methodist Sunday school, a temper- ance lecturer and editor of the Graphic. He left behind a wife and two sons.

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# Gate City.

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EIGHT PAGES

of the very best quartettes heard many a season.

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Is Indefinitely Postponed—He Wasn't Cremated—The Fire Losses.

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Chilian trouble. Nothing has been received from Commodore Schuyler and Secretary Blaine sent word that there was nothing to communicate upon the subject.

Fire in the Pension Building.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 26.—Much excitement was caused at the pension building this morning by a fire in the basement among waste paper. It was extinguished, however, before any damage was done.

## PERSONAL.

M. L. BOYLES has returned from St. Louis.

\* DR. OCHILTREE was called to Kahoka, Mo., Saturday night.

MAYOR CRAIG is attending to some legal business at Cedar Rapids.

GEO. B. STEWART, a Fort Madison attorney, attended court yesterday.

C. D. HORTON, of St. Louis, visited relatives and friends in the city, Sunday.

MISS MINNIE DELAPLAINE has returned from a four weeks' visit to St. Louis.

MISS CLARA DAVIDSON and Mrs. Harry Sarr, of Fort Madison, visited relatives in the city, Sunday.

MRS. JANE FRENCH and daughter of Blairstown, Iowa, are being entertained by Keokuk relatives.

PERCY TALBOT, J. H. Sturgis, L. Nodler, F. J. Mumm, Cal. Hagney and Frank Johnson came over from Joseph to spend Sunday.

MISS LITHA PAGE, who was guest of Mrs. M. A. Wooldridge, returned to her home in Kahoka, yesterday.

GEN. HENDERSON and Col. Henderson, while in the city, were entertained at the home of I. A. Sawyer, on Grand avenue.

R. Quailes reported the republic meeting, Saturday evening, for the State Capital, at Springfield. Quailes is a colored man.

Orin Love, of Des Moines

J. M. Shelley. His brother, Hon. George M. Shelley, will arrive from New York at 10 o'clock Thursday morning.

W. McCLINTOCK WHITE, of Butte, Mont., is in the city. Years ago Mr. White was chief clerk under Gen. Supt. Law, of the K. line, but went from here to accept the superintendency of a division on the Northern Pacific. Some years ago he ceased railroading and is now making money fast in real estate.

### WE'LL BE THERE!

Keokuk Will Help Fort Madison "Demonstrate" on Monday Evening.

Fort Madison republicans are going to give vent to a little of their enthusiasm Monday night. They propose

### SKIN DARK AS COAL.

Eczema Afflicts a Well-Known Gentleman—Pitiable Subject to Look Upon—Suffered Terribly—Whole Body Covered,

Given Up by San Francisco Doctors—Might Have Saved \$600, as He Was Cured for \$6 by Cuticura Remedies.

I have many times studied over what Cuticura has done for me: it has restored me to good health and happiness, for before I tried Cuticura Remedies I was given up by all the doctors in San Francisco; but if I had only taken a certain gentleman's advice and tried Cuticura Remedies sooner, I should certainly have saved from \$500 to \$600. I was a most pitiable subject to look upon with eczema, and suffered terribly. I was almost as dark as coal from my instep up to my knees on both legs, and after that it broke out all over my body; but after using half a dozen sets of Cuticura Remedies I was perfectly restored to good health, and have enjoyed the same ever since (which is for over two years). A great number of people visit my establishment, and I have told hundreds of people what Cuticura has done for me, but have thought that I ought to write and let you know, so that you can refer any one in this county to me.

LOUIS JOHNSON,

Proprietor Marine Boat House,  
Sausalito, Marin Co., California.

### Cuticura Resolvent

The new Blood Purifier, internally (to cleanse the blood of all impurities and poisonous elements and thus remove the cause), and Cuticura, the great Skin Cure, and Cuticura Soap, an exquisite Skin Beautifier, externally (to clear the skin and scalp, and restore the hair), cure every disease and humor of the skin and blood, from pimples to scrofula.

Sold everywhere. Price, Cuticura, 50c; Soap, 25c; Resolvent, \$1. Prepared by the Potter Drug and Chemical Corporation, Boston.  
Send for "How to Cure Skin Diseases"

BABY'S Skin and Scalp purified and beautified by CUTICURA SOAP. Absolutely pure.

### MUSCULAR STRAINS

and pains, back ache, weak kidneys, rheumatism, and chest pains.

is dependent upon the alkaline constituents. We know the bile to be a saponaceous, that is an alkaline, combination, and that the physiological use of the bile is to free the system from its superfluous fats. Now, what nature accomplishes in its normal state, we produce artificially by the use of Carlsbad Sprudel Salts."

This remedy is sovereign. It has been used in its original shape by emperors, kings, statesmen, poets, etc., for 500 years. Every drug store has them. The genuine has the signature of "Eisner & Mendelson Co., Sole Agents, New York," on the bottle. Begin to use them to-day. Pleasant to take.

### DIED.

SHELLEY—At his home in this city at 9:15 a. m. October 26, 1891, James Madison Shelley, aged 78 years and 9 months.

Funeral from the residence, corner Fourth and Franklin streets at 2:30 p. m. Thursday. Friends of the family invited to attend.

KEITH—At the home of J. L. Brown, No. 1200 Timea street, at 11:45 p. m., October 27, 1891, Mrs. Elizabeth Keith, aged 72 years.

Notice of funeral hereafter.

### NOTICE.

Advertisements of For Rent, For Sale, Help Wanted, Rooms for Rent, Rooms Wanted, Boarding, Lost or Found, Agents, Canvassers, Business Chances, etc., will be inserted under this head at 10 cents per line each time, cash. Situations Wanted, inserted free.

FOR SALE—Twenty acres excellent land adjoining the western limits of Keokuk, in orchard, corn and grass; beautifully situated, with finest view in the state, for \$1,500 if sold soon. Apply to G. O. Hilton or S. P. Bond.  
25-21

FOR SALE—My residence, 1028 High street. Apply to P. T. Lomax, government building.  
25-11

FOR RENT—Brick house, 7 rooms, on Bank street between Sixth and Seventh; At Wm. Blon's.  
23-31

WANTED—Cook, Restaurant, Third Street.  
28-11

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same county, married in 1842, died in 1852, leaving four children, two of them since following her into the spirit world. His present wife was Miss Catherine Winegardner, of West Salem, Ohio, married in 1853. She is a model step-mother, obliging, kind and affectionate. The eldest child of the second wife, John R. Boyd, has a wife, and is a physician and surgeon at Lost Nation, Clinton county. Rachel Ann is the wife of Henry Miller, shoemaker, of Vinton.

Dr. Boyd is a member of the Iowa Union Medical Society, and has an excellent standing in the profession. His character is such as to command the high respect of the community inside and outside the medical fraternity.

He has a fine brick residence located in the central part of the city, with umbrageous and delightful surroundings, one of the most pleasant homes in Vinton.

## JAMES M. SHELLEY,

KEOKUK.

JAMES M. SHELLEY, the pioneer dry-goods merchant of southern Iowa, was born in Guilford county, North Carolina, on the 26th of January, 1813, and is the son of Francis Shelley and Nancy Shelley *nee* Brown. Both his grandparents served during the war of the revolution. He was an apt scholar, and having the best advantages offered by the schools of his time, acquired a good English education, and, besides, a thorough knowledge of Latin. His early ambition was to become a lawyer, in which profession he would doubtless have excelled. His pecuniary circumstances, however, were not such as would allow him to gratify his desire, and accordingly, when he was twenty-two years of age, he engaged in mercantile pursuits, a line of business which has engaged his constant attention during a period of forty-one years. His first effort in mercantile life was with Governor Morehead, at Leaksville, North Carolina, and continued during the years 1836, 1837 and 1838. Aside from their regular mercantile trade he formed a partnership with P. S. Hamlin and Co., and carried on the manufacture of tobacco, then the staple product of their section of the south. Mr. Shelley, stationed at New Orleans, personally superintended the sales in Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and Mexico—a great undertaking before the advent of railroads,—and by his extensive travels gained a most valuable experience and knowledge of men and things.

In 1838, returning to his native state, he remained one year, and at the expiration of that time removed to Kentucky, where for ten years he was engaged in a successful mercantile trade; and during the same time he served as justice of the peace of Calloway county, having been appointed by Governor Clark.

The judicial district, comprising twenty or more counties, was very thinly populated. The district judge not being able to hold his court in some of the counties oftener than once in twelve months, the legislature passed an act authorizing him to select one magistrate of each county, and to endow him with the power of issuing writs, determining habeas corpus, granting injunctions, etc. This honor was conferred upon Mr. Shelley by one of Kentucky's most noted jurists, the Hon. Willey P. Fowler.

Closing his affairs in Kentucky in the spring of 1850, he removed to Keokuk, Iowa, whose commercial future he was able to forecast. Forming a partnership with James and James F. Cox, he at once engaged in the wholesale dry-goods jobbing trade; two years later James Cox retired from the firm, and James F. Cox, by reason of ill health, withdrew in 1865.

Mr. Shelley is preëminently a business man, and succeeds in whatever he undertakes; as a counselor, his advice is freely sought, and many of his wealthy customers admit that they owe their prosperity to him. A rule of his business life has been never to harass or oppress his customers by useless lawsuits. When he traveled through the country doing his own collecting, by his agreeable manners he won his way to his debtors' confidence, and it was a trite saying among commercial travelers, during the financial crisis of 1857, that "it was of no use to go after a customer when Colonel Shelley had been before them, for if a man who owed him had any money, or could borrow it, he was paid first." He has never brought suit unless compelled to do so, and then has always given it his personal attention; and by his remarkable memory of minor

details, and shrewd judgment in determining the strong points, he has been enabled so to direct his attorneys as seldom to lose a case. He is probably the most widely known of any man in his line of business in the state, his name being as familiar as household words among all country merchants. Beginning life without means, he has carved his own history and made his own fortune. Though now sixty-three years of age, he is as active and energetic as when fired by youthful ambition; noble-hearted, public-spirited and generous, his character has ever been unsullied and above reproach.

Politically, Mr. Shelley was formerly a Henry Clay whig, and later identified himself with the republican party. He was a warm supporter of the Union cause during the war, but believing that the tendency of the republican party was toward centralization, he abandoned it in 1870, and two years later was the liberal and democratic candidate of his district for congress. Although he carried his own county, he was defeated by his talented opponent, Hon. George W. McCrary. He was democratic candidate for state senator in 1873, but was defeated by a majority of fifteen. He has never sought political honors, and allowed his name to be used only at the urgent solicitations of friends. He made a gallant canvass for congress, and as a public speaker, though not trained to the rostrum, was logical, illustrative and eloquent; a man of commanding presence, finely-formed head, a clear ringing voice of great capacity, he easily won the attention and admiration of his auditors. He is now in full sympathy with the democratic party,

and believes in the old political tests of character, honesty, capacity and fidelity to the constitution. As a writer, he is clear and happy in expression, while as a conversationalist, he is fluent and magnetic, being thoroughly posted in history, poetry and current literature.

At the present time (1876) Mr. Shelley is president of the Iowa Life Insurance Company, located at Keokuk, which is fast winning its way to public confidence.

His religious training was under the influence of the Quakers, and though not a member of any church, he makes the rule of his action that expressed in the words, "whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them," giving justice to all and oppressing none.

Personally, he is generous and courteous, and by his habitual suavity, impresses even the casual observer as a man among men capable of great things.

Mr. Shelley was married on the 13th of October, 1842, to Miss Louise J., daughter of the late Beverly B. Stubblefield, a prominent name in Kentucky. Mrs. Shelley is an estimable lady of fine native endowments, well educated, a devoted wife and fond mother.

Of their two sons, both of whom were educated at Princeton College, New Jersey, William F. is a partner of his father at Keokuk, and George M. a partner at Kansas City in the wholesale dry-goods jobbing trade; both were trained to mercantile pursuits, and inherit the business talent and personal popularity that have so signally marked the career of their father.

## HON. SHERMAN G. SMITH,

NEWTON.

SHERMAN GRISWOLD SMITH, son of Stephen F. Smith and Amanda M. *née* Cole, is a native of Green county, New York, dating his birth on the 22d of May, 1831. His branch of the Smith family is of German pedigree, his grandfather coming to this country subsequently to the revolution, and settling in Green county. The Coles are an old New England family. Sherman G. spent the first twenty years of his life on farms in Green and Madison counties in his native state, then came as far west as Oberlin, Ohio, where he entered the preparatory department of the college, pursuing his

studies through the first term of the junior year, when he left and began to teach school and study law. He read at Urbana, Ohio, with James and Duell, and was admitted to the bar at a term of the supreme court of Ohio held at Columbus in March, 1857.

On the 11th of November of that year Mr. Smith opened an office in Newton, Jasper county, Iowa, and here has since been his home and the field of his operations, except a little more than two years, which he spent in the military service. He went into the army in September, 1862, as major of the