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Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Oeding, Alexander Senator _____
Represented Clayton County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place Mar 1843 near Nordhausen, Prussia or
Bockelnhagen, Saxony

2. Marriage (s) date place _____

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business _____

B. Civic responsibilities G.A.R. _____

C. Profession Merchant _____

4. Church membership _____

5. Sessions served 17th General Assembly 1878

6. Public Offices
A. Local _____

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 25 Jan 1879 Gutterberg, Iowa; buried Gutterberg Cemetery, Gutterberg, Iowa

8. Children _____

9. Names of parents _____

10. Education *Graduate of the Magdeberg gymnasium when just a boy*

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information *Republican*

- *He came to America in 1860 settling in Clayton County, Iowa*
- *Military service - Civil War - Co. D, 2nd Iowa Volunteer Infantry attaining rank of First Lieutenant*
- *His parents died young so he was an orphan at age 4.*
- *He started for America at age 17 intending to locate in Olympia, Washington where an uncle lived, but on reaching Astoria, Oregon he met a friend of his father, Mr. William Hoffbauer. He decided to stay*

Applicability

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"GIVE me neither poverty nor riches" was Agur's prayer. Mrs. A. T. Stewart, of New York, has left her beautiful marble palace and taken up her residence in another part of the city through fear of her life.

THIS week we anticipate the enjoyment of reading a powerful editorial from the pen of "Nasby" Talmadge, giving reliable information as to whether we are to have six weeks more winter or not. He will probably refer to a clear case of "groundhog."

THE Lansing papers have been sparring, in a joking way, as we supposed, about wood stealing, but it seems there is really a serious case, in that line, somewhere between Medary and Metoalf. "Detained in jail" will be an unpleasant excuse for not being at Decorah!

SITTING BULL yields and sends a message to the authorities: "My men are cold and hungry," he says, "my women are sick, my children are freezing. I will do as the great father says. I will give my guns and ponies into his hands; my arrows are broken; my war paint thrown to the winds."

Our report of the obsequies of the Hon. Mr. Bliedung, is from the pen of Mr. James Crosby, jr. The addresses, except that of Rev. Mr. Starcke, being as reported in the Dubuque Daily Herald. Mr. Shannon, of the JOURNAL, was present, but in too slim health to undertake the labor of a report. The occasion will be memorable in the annals of the county.

HON. ALEX. BLIEDUNG.

Biographical—The Funeral—Glowing Tribute to a Worthy Man.

Special Correspondence of the JOURNAL.

The Hon. Alex. Bliedung is no more. His death, which occurred on Saturday, the twenty-fifth ult., falls like a gloomy cloud upon the whole State.

He was born in March, 1843, at Bockelnhagen, Saxony, at the foot of Hartz mountain. His father was a prominent land owner and died when Alexander was a young child; his mother died early also, and he was left an orphan before he was four years old.

He early showed marks of rare ability and graduated at the gymnasium at Magdeberg when but a mere boy.

He was early impressed with a desire to live in a free country, and started for America at the age of 17 years to see an uncle residing in Olympia, Washington Territory, but on reaching Guttenberg, Iowa, met the friend and companion of his father, Dr. Wm. Hoffbauer, who persuaded him to remain in that town, which he did, working as a clerk for Fleck & Bro. until the breaking out of the war, when he enlisted as a private in Co. D., 27th Iowa Infantry, and was on the renowned Red River expedition. His comrades in arms all know how honorably and bravely he endured the fatigues and hardships of army life, and before he was twenty years of age he was promoted to a Lieutenant. After his discharge he went to Glen Haven, Wis., and took charge of Fleck & Bro's. branch store until his services were required in the main business at Guttenberg, three years since, at which time the firm was changed, taking the name of Fleck, Bliedung & Co. Some twelve years ago he married the daughter of Dr. William Hoffbauer.

At the election of 1877 he was elected Representative from this county, and was highly spoken of by all who knew him as a young man of excellent ability as a statesman and legislator. His record at the State capital is as unimpeachable as his reputation as a business man at home.

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to-day make deep impression, and while the perfume of our friend's many worthy deeds is with us, may we be inspired to emulate the nobler traits for which he was distinguished. Citizens of Guttenberg, you have indeed sustained a great loss, and who, may I ask, can take his place? The answer comes as if years had passed with their truth before you—"no one."

At the conclusion of Mr. O'Donnell's address Rev. B. Starcke, of Garnavillo, spoke in the German. Advancing to the table at the head of the coffin upon which was a cross of flowers, Mr. Starcke said: "This beautiful cross leads us to think of him, who so many years ago was crucified, and the words which he spoke, 'I and my Father are one,' John 10, 30 is the text from which we shall make our few simple, plain remarks.

REMARKS OF REV. B. STARCKE.

The will of the Father is the will of the son, and when the son does the Father's will then is there harmony. It was for God to make his will known to Christ and the duty of Christ to do his Father's will.

By what evidence do we determine that Jesus was the Christ? Do we take the word of the prophets or the traditions of those days, that a saviour had been born to man? True, we have all these, but had we nothing save the life actions and teachings of Jesus, we would then be certain beyond the shadow of a doubt that He was the Messiah. His life, pure, virtuous and holy, is always before us like a bright shining light telling us that this indeed was the Christ, the Savior of mankind. His teachings are the emanations of a perfect man, with a soul full of loving kindness for all humanity.

We judge of Jesus by this work, by this life and by this death. "Now we believe not because of thy saying, for we have heard Him ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Savior of the world."

Alexander Bliedung was a christian. No narrow minded sectarian, but a christian in thought, word and deed, and in the fullest and broadest sense. He had that love for his fellows which looked beyond self, and in that feeling of duty to his people and his country he doubtless shortened his life. His life was christian-like, and his death the death of a christian. To the bereaved family I will say, bear your cross with patience, and devotion to God. He will aid you in your dark hour and give you that aid and strength and consolation which He alone can give. You have lost a devoted and loving husband, a fond and indulgent father, but his memory will be with you always. Cherish it in your hearts and seek to meet him in that upper and better kingdom.

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Death of Hon. A. Bliedung.

Our community was shocked this morning to hear of the death of Hon. A. Bliedung, of Guttenberg, on last Saturday night at 7 o'clock.

Mr. Bliedung was a member of the Grand Jury, and in the performance of his duties caught a severe cold, causing inflammation of the lungs, resulting in death.

Mr. Bliedung was born near Nordhausen, Prussia, in 1843, being at his death only 36 years old. Nineteen years ago he came to this country, and during all that time he has been identified with the leading interests of the county. During the war he took an active part, and won an honorable record. He was First Lieut. of Co. D., 27th Iowa Vol's., Infantry.

Two years ago he was elected Representative from this county to the State Legislature, and served with distinction on several of the most important committees of that House. Last fall he was prominently mentioned for member of Congress from this District. He was a young man of fine promise, and his sudden death will be an irreparable loss to this county. The funeral will take place from his late residence, in Guttenberg, to-morrow—Tuesday—at two o'clock p. m.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.—Captain Bliedung was buried yesterday afternoon. In consequence of the early hour at which we go to press this morning, we are unable to give additional particulars in this issue. A general feeling of profound sorrow prevades the whole county on account of his death.

JOHN G. PARKHURST, the famous music teacher who traveled all over this part of Iowa a few years ago, is now teaching music at Albany, New York.

The salary of the postmaster at Arrow, Grundy county, amounted to just sixty cents in three months. And still he does not talk of resigning.

J. W. Shannon, of the Elkader Journal, came in on Monday night considerably improved in health, we are glad to know. He left for Decorah on Tuesday morning to make arrangements for the meeting of the publishers of the third district at that place next month.

Mrs. P. O. Young and adopted daughter, of Elkader, are in the city, guests at Mrs. Knapp's.

Miss Jo. Chase, the accomplished daughter of Dr. Chase, of Elkader, came in Friday evening, remaining until Sunday, the guest of Miss Bena Pearsal. Mrs. D. R. Mills, Elkader, visited with Mrs. Buel Knapp for a few days the past week.

Saturday evening a little blaze occurred at M. O'Brien's saloon, the fire originating on the floor and burning down through. It was soon put out, causing no great amount of damage.

From the Postville Review.

Elkader, and some other points are becoming very much interested and are somewhat excited over the creamery business. The grand success attained by this industry at Manchester and all over Delaware and some of the adjoining counties, is stimulating the outlying country to go and do likewise. The butter product of Delaware county is almost marvelous, and it is said as a result that hard times are unknown there. The best creamery butter has brought 23 cents per pound all through this cheap season, while our butter has been worth six or eight cents. With this state of affairs it is not strange that the farmers there are flourishing. They can sell all their milk for cash each day, at a good price; this is a continual source of revenue that counts up largely during the season.

We are informed that the expense of establishing a creamery is not heavy. And the business is not so intricate but a person may learn its details in a short time. If this is true what is to hinder the experiment being tried in or near Postville the coming spring? Few localities have more natural advantages than we for this industry. The country is well settled up, well watered, pasturage good and hay and corn, the two requisites essential to the business, may be grown in unlimited abundance.

The time is fast coming when we must depend on something besides wheat raising for our main stay and support, and the butter and cheese business presents the most promising, safe and remunerative solution of the difficulty. Of course it will take several years to perfect the business sufficiently to extract as

The District Court, Noble, presiding Judge, on Monday, January 12 docketed 78 old causes, 22 original.

OLD CAUSES.

First three continued; 4 mon Atwood vs. O. stricken from calendar; inclusive, continued; stricken from calendar; inclusive, continued; 21, vs. Luke Crowley, defendant for plaintiff, \$226.30 attorney fees, \$20. 22 inclusive, continued; 26 stricken from calendar; 27, 28 and 29, 30, Berdard Hurley vs. I judgment by consent, \$20 attorney fees, \$20. 31, 32 to 38, inclusive, continued; settled; 40, Louis Koss Dooley, foreclosure for 41 continued; 42 stricken from calendar; 43, 44, 45 and 46, continued; 49 stricken from calendar; 52, 53 continued; 54 stricken from calendar; 55 withdrawn; Laxson vs. A. C. Tiede, 56 Taft vs. A. C. Tiede, to this week; 58 withdrawn; Price vs. John Childers for plaintiff—foreclosure inclusive, continued; 66, order of the assignment of for benefit of creditors, deferred; assignee discharged; 72, inclusive, continued; 73, macher vs. Elizabeth Mament of foreclosure; 74, Vens vs. W. A. Whitney, 75 withdrawn; 76 continued; 77 missed; 78 continued.

NEW CAUSES.

79, Voss vs. Hinrichs, judgment, for plaintiff, \$ attorney fees. 80, Barrett vs. Bens judgment, for plaintiff, \$4 81, continued. 82, settled. 83, Reidel vs. Mahey judgment, for plaintiff, \$1 fees, \$10.55. 84, Sarah M. Mitchell vs. Mitchell, default; judgment for defendant. 85, Steglich vs. Walker, plaintiff. 86, Walleser vs. Wacker judgment, for plaintiff, \$22 87, Kuenzel & Bro. vs. W fault; judgment, for plaintiff. 88, Benjegerdes vs. W fault; judgment, for plaintiff. 89, settled. 90, Humphrey vs. Gall fault; judgment, for plaintiff. 91, settled. 92, Williamson vs. Wood, for plaintiff, \$279.00; attorney fees.

HON. SCHUYLER COLFAX has contributed to the last issue of the *North-western Christian Advocate* an article in which he urges that the President shall at once proceed to secure the full execution of the laws against polygamy in Utah. This is based upon the fact that the existing law has been declared valid by the Supreme Court, and upon the other fact that it is the constitutional duty of the Executive department of the nation to see that the laws are duly enforced. In the course of his vigorous article, Mr. Colfax pays deserved tribute to the fidelity and persistence with which, for sixteen years past, the *Salt Lake Tribune* has denounced polygamy and demanded its suppression under the laws of the United States. This same award of merited praise could have been extended, too, to the late Chief Justice McKean, whose unjust removal by President Grant, just at the time when he was vigorously combatting the Mormon iniquity from his seat on the bench, was the other day cited in these columns. Yet more similar plaudits could well be bestowed, and ought to be on Schuyler Colfax himself, who of all the "visiting statesman" who graced Salt Lake by their presence, whether on tours of business or pleasure, Mr. Colfax was the first, if not indeed, the only one, to publicly address to the Brigham Young hierarchy words of rebuke and warning concerning their polygamous practices. Directly under the shadow of the Mormon Temple, Mr. Colfax told the Mormon elders and assembled multitude with them, that the American people could not, would not, and ought not, allow any toleration to the practice of polygamy. Right there, he advised and urged them, if they would become good citizens of the Republic, be respected as such, any see their territory grow into a flourishing state, to at once and forever repudiate further practice of this great moral wrong and crime. If Mr. Colfax been made President in 1868, it is certain that the law against the Mormon bestiality would have been enforced rigorously, as they ought to have been, and now must be. —*Des. Gazette.*

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Among those present from abroad were Messrs. Otto Junkermann, Adam Koch, Frank Duess, Wm. Hoffbauer, August Cæsar, Chas. Cæsar, Hon. M. M. Ham, B. Hullshof, Hon. Fred O'Donnell and W. J. Gannon, of Dubuque; Mr. Meuth, of Beuna Vista; J. Kunster, of Grant county, Wisconsin; and many others from the other side that we were unacquainted with. From Garnaville we noticed Henry Oelkers, Fred. Cook, L. C. Meyer, Fred. Thoma, B. F. Fox, James Crosby, Helmuth Brandt, D. B. Clare, Jno. Harberg, E. T. Barnes, Wm. Heine, Dr. Boals, Rey. Mr. Starcke, Geo. Kennedy, Wm. Brumm and Adam Brumm. From Clayton A. Schumacher, Wm. Dawe, M. Seligle, H. Wgaard, W. M. Stearns, Wm. Dookman, Henry Beckman, John

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The following from the St. Louis Globe-Democrat is very important. It is true—but it ought to have told on on what information it assumes to be true: "New York, Pennsylvania, Illinois and Wisconsin are now solid for Grant in 1880. These states, with the Southern vote, which is certain, would nominate Grant without any difficulty. But all the other states will wheel into line in good time and nominate him by acclamation." The public would like to see the papers for this.

The Washington Post, a Democratic organ, printed, on Monday last, a large part of Senator Blaine's speech on "Our Merchant Marine," and commends it in strong terms. It urges the Democratic party to abandon all other issues, and plant itself squarely in favor of establishing the supremacy of the United States on the seas. Mr. Blaine has struck the popular pulse again—more markets for the American products that are a drag at home, and more ships to reach out for markets. A good name for the Senator from Maine would be, the man who looks ahead. The greater problem in America just now, the one lying closest to the American heart and closest to the American interest, is the one, where shall markets for our superabundant produce be found? And there is an impression that is all-pervading, and as much to be found in the house of the farmer or the cabin of the frontiersman as in commercial circles, that the man who will help to solve the problem will be the American statesman of the century. Mr. Blaine seems to be heading that way. The people will watch with interest the development of his ideas.—State Register.

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REMARKS OF HON. FRED. O'DONNELL.

MY FRIENDS:—Melancholy, and yet sacred, are the associations that cluster about every thought, as I attempt to give it expression in honoring the memory of him whose face has faded from among us like the mellow ray of a departing sun.

The loss of millions may be recovered; the loss of power may be regained, but the loss of a noble friend is an irreparable, eternal one indeed. It is a loss we all are certain to sustain, even beyond the power of mortal to avert, and yet it needs a scene like this to teach, what a moment's thought would convince, that in the very glory of physical and intellectual manhood our

"Hearts like muffled drums are beating
Funeral marches to the grave."

Born in the land of Humboldt, Schiller and Goethe, in 1843, Alexander Bliedung was, at his death, thirty-five years of age. His father died when the boy was but two years old, and his mother's death left him an orphan a year later. He and two older sisters, one of whom survives him, were raised in the house of his grandfather. At the age of twelve he was sent to a highly respectable minister to receive his first lessons in the classics. From there he went to one of the best high schools in Germany—that in the city of Magdeburg, where he remained until his eighteenth year. Thus while a youth, having drunk from beneath a fountain whose source is free constitutional liberty, his heart yearned to enjoy its blessings, and he determined to face the dangers of the sea that he might claim as his home the land where he could be peer of the sovereign, aye, sovereign himself. Coming to Iowa to meet an uncle, Dr. Eggers, he stopped at Guttenberg. Here meeting our present, and your former, respected fellow-citizen, Dr. Hoffbauer, an old schoolmate and early friend of his father, he determined to remain. He immediately entered as an apprentice to a saddler, but in a few months was offered a clerkship with Fleck & Bro. In the spring of 1862 he patriotically responded to the call of his country and enlisted in company D., 27th Infantry, where for gallant services he was soon raised to a lieutenancy. Ex-Governor Garber, of Nebraska, was then his captain. After three years of active service he returned to Guttenberg with as proud a record for bravery and true soldierly conduct as any one of the thousands of splendid men who make the grand record of Iowa. He engaged again in mercantile business, forming a partnership with the old firm for which he worked, and then moved to Milwaukee, Wis., from whence he was recalled to take a position in the extensive flouring mills in your town.

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It was nearly three o'clock in the afternoon when the procession started for the cemetery, in the following order: The hearse, followed by Dittmar's cornet band, veteran soldiers, Free Masons and business men of the town; then came the carriages containing the bereaved family and relatives, and next came the largest concourse of teams ever seen in the town on a like occasion. There were at least one hundred and twelve teams in the procession. At the grave Mr. Shannon, at the request of the family, spoke as follows:

REMARKS OF J. W. SHANNON.

In the presence of this mighty pageant,—fit tribute for a mighty king—beside this open grave, how deeply we feel that—

"Friend after friend departs!"

Who, in all the broad State, "hath not lost a friend," now that Alex. Bliedung is dead? I knew him most intimately. To me it is the one rift in the dark that hangs over us all that I won and held, in a special degree, his regard and confidence, while I gave him the full measure of my own. He was no ordinary young man. He was brilliant in intellect. An earnest and resolute student. He loved investigation, and had the moral courage and mental industry to cut clear roads to the very root of intricate questions. Young as he was he had studied statesmanship with a thoroughness which brought him to convictions as firm as the everlasting hills that stand in the haze of this winter sky, while his humanity was broad as the mighty river—that sweeps along at our feet. He was a man of heart. An intense lover. It was his habit to speak often and tenderly of his "home," of his "wife," of his "babies." He was proud of his children, as he had a good right to be; he adored his wife, as only a brave man can adore a woman. He loved his friends. He loved his country. Cradled across the sea, he was alive with manly love for the land that bore him. Her hills, her vales, her streams, her skies, her songs made perpetual music in his memory. And yet a truer American citizen never lived. He gloried in the American name. He stood like a rock in the face of the belching fire of the enemy and fought for American unity and freedom. He spoke with wisdom and courage and eloquence for American ideas, and all the more forcibly and effectively because he could send out American thought on the wings of the language of his Fatherland. He is gone! The Grim Messenger has sent his swift arrow to the shining mark. At the very threshold of his manhood, when his people and his State were just waiting to crown him with honors, he is stricken down. This cruel dream is one from which we cannot waken. He cannot be recalled to this "windowless palace of rest," while his dauntless spirit moves out on that morning

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Bliedung, Alexander

Lt D 27th Inf
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