

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Bliss, Lewis O. Senator _____

Represented Hardin County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 29 Jul 1826 Union Springs, Cayuga County, New York

2. Marriage (s) date place

Ruth A. Symons summer 1853 Plymouth, Ohio

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business _____

B. Civic responsibilities Mayor

C. Profession Teacher; dry goods merchant

4. Church membership _____

5. Sessions served 14th General Assembly 1872

6. Public Offices

A. Local _____

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 22 Apr 1910 Iowa Falls, Iowa; buried

8. Children Bryon B.; Frank E.; Mary H.

9. Names of parents _____

10. Education Educated at Kingsville Academy

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information _____

- He spent his young days at Union Springs, Cayuga County, New York. He moved to Sheffield, Ohio in 1834
- He taught school for 3 years in Ohio and Kentucky. He learned the mercantile business in Ashtabula, Ohio in the 1850's
- After marriage, he and his wife moved to Grant County, Wisconsin where he was in business for a time. They then moved to Elliot, Minnesota until 1864.
- The family moved to Iowa Falls, Iowa in 1864 where they lived until his death. He again went into the mercantile business, forming a partnership with William Wilde under the title of Wilde and Bliss. When Mr. Wilde died he continued the business alone until 1900 when he retired and sold the business.

DIG EXPLOSION

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man would be that he had been in the heart by this excess,stitutions, doctors say, as from the effects of tobacco one of them. Yeb&t is true, illness began the doctors ha Mark Twain's daily allowance cigars and countless pipes to a day.

No deprivation was a great annoyance on the steamer, death bed, when he had passed of speech and it was no less that his ideas were lucid, he the motion of waving a cigarette empty air from under the me stained with smoke.

When Mark Twain chose declining years was the first Methodism in New England among the hills of Redding t Israel Putnam of revolution mustered his sparse ranks. F now encloses the memory of l

Famous Old Sherwood

Mark Twain first heard of it when given him on his seventh when a fellow guest who lived tioned its beauties.

"I think you may buy the for me," Mark Twain said.

Sherwood Place was the name of that old house an

stood Mark Twain reared the of the Italian villa he first n cents at Home, but the first of what a New England winter be in its whitest fury quickly to christen it "New Stormfie"

The house has been thus d Albert Bigelow Payne: "Set hillside with such a green s such a view across the valle

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Mothers Wheat Hearts; ask :

THE WEATHER

Iowa—Generally fair tonight urday. Colder tonight with h warmer in northwest portion Des Moines and vicinity—F and Saturday. Colder tonight frost. Minimum tonight will l

The following table gives th temperature for the past tw maximum temperature and t of precipitation for the past hours, and the wind velocity central time:

	Min.	Max.	W
Charles City	42	68	
Cheyenne	34	52	
Concordia	44	78	
Davenport	52	68	
Des Moines	45	74	
Devil's Lake	20	56	
Dubuque	48	66	
Galveston	63	74	
Grand Junction	40	62	
Havre	34	66	
Jacksonville	52	74	
Los Angeles	54	86	
New York	48	60	
St. Paul	42	72	
Seattle	46	60	
Sioux City	40	70	
Spokane	42	68	
Washington	44	52	

Latest Catastrophe Takes Place in One of the Mines of the Youghiogheny Company at Amsterdam, O.

STEUBENVILLE, O., April 22.—Eighteen of a night force of twenty-five machine men employed in the mine of the Youghiogheny and Ohio Coal company, near Amsterdam, are thought to be dead as a result of an explosion in the mine late last night.

So far six bodies have been recovered. Seven were taken from the shaft in an unconscious condition. Twelve men are missing.

It is thought that the explosion was caused by coal gas being ignited by the lights on the helmets of the miners.

Children may feed elephant at Orpheum.

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CITY OBJECTS TO ALVORD'S ESTIMATE

Atotrney Refers to "Intangible Assets" as Figured in the Worth of Plant as Given.

That the city regards the estimate of the valuation of the property of the Des Moines Water company, made by John W. Alvord, expert hydraulic engineer, entirely too high, developed on the cross-examination in the hearing before George F. Henry, master in chancery, today. Counsel for the city endeavored to show that the water company had spent too much for engineers, architects, administration and experts, which expense the city attorneys term as an intangible asset. "It is just as necessary to have expert engineers and expert administration of affairs in running a water works company as it is in any business," Mr. Alvord answered. "You had just as well omit the expenses of the architect in building a house as to omit the expenses of administration and engineers in building a water works system."

The city contends the company has been extravagant in employing experts and that for this reason does not show a greater profit on the capital invested. W. Kiersted, an expert engineer of Kansas City, took the witness stand just before noon.

TEAM GALLOPS ENTIRE LENGTH OF CITY

Abraham Anderson of Lee County Locked Up in Keokuk Jail for the Murder of Moses Jordan.

Special to The Capital.

KEOKUK, IA., April 22.—Abraham Anderson, a negro, is locked up in jail here, being accused of the murder of Moses Jordan, a prominent farmer, who lived near New Boston, Lee county. Jordan, who was assaulted Wednesday evening, died at 5 o'clock Thursday afternoon, without speaking a word or regaining consciousness. He was assaulted following a quarrel with Anderson, presumably over the wife of Frank Anderson, his brother. What was the relation between them will likely be brought out at the inquest this afternoon. Jordan's skull was crushed with an iron instrument weighing five pounds. The men had been intimate neighbors for years. Anderson, being threatened with violence at New Boston, was hurried to the Keokuk jail.

Don't Miss Orpheum's Laugh Show.

L. O. BLISS OF IOWA FALLS DEAD

Special to The Capital.

IOWA FALLS, IA., April 22.—L. O. Bliss, pioneer merchant of this city and representative from this county in the Fourteenth general assembly, died here this morning. He came to Iowa Falls in 1864. He was born in Cayuga county, N. Y., and was 84 years old. Mrs. Bliss died several years ago. Three children survive him.

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L. O. BLISS DEAD.

Pioneer Business Man and Citizen Passed Away Thursday.

L. O. Bliss, one of the pioneer business men and citizens of Iowa Falls, died of old age at his home in this city Thursday night about ten o'clock. On account of his advanced years, he had been gradually failing for several weeks but suffered no pain and was rational to the last. The funeral was held at his late home Sunday afternoon at 2:30 and the services were conducted by Rev. Louis Richmond, an old friend of the Bliss family, of Terre Haute, Indiana. Interment was made in Union cemetery beside the wife who died four years ago.

L. O. Bliss was born at Union Springs, Cayuga county, New York, July 29, 1826, where he spent his younger days. He moved to Sheffield, Ohio, in 1834. He was educated in Kingsville Academy and taught school for three years in Ohio and Kentucky. He learned the mercantile trade with a business firm in Ashtabula, Ohio, in the early fifties.

Mr. Bliss was married to Ruth A Seymour in Plymouth, Ohio, in the summer of 1853. To this union were born three children, all living and reside as follows: Bryon and Frank Bliss business men at Jennings, Louisiana, and Miss Mary Bliss at home. These children were all present at the funeral, Frank being summoned home several days before the father died.

The next year after their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Bliss located in Grant county, Wisconsin, where he engaged in business for a time, and then moved to Elliota, Minnesota, and resided there until 1864, when the family moved to Iowa Falls and Mr. Bliss resided here ever since. Soon after coming to this city, he re-engaged in business and later formed a partnership with William Wilde under the firm title of Wilde & Bliss for a number of years. After the death of Mr. Wilde, Mr. Bliss con-

CHAUTAUQUA TALENT.

Iowa Falls Will Have Ten Days' Program in July.

The Iowa Falls Chautauqua this year will be larger and better than ever. No effort has been spared on the part of the management to provide a program that is amusing and instructive. Men and ladies have been engaged, some of national reputation, who will give us a ten days' Chautauqua commencing on Saturday July 2.

The chautauqua in Iowa Falls this summer will be in charge of Prof. Benson of Clarion. Mr. Benson has conducted a number of chautauquas in this city and is well and favorably known to many people in this part of the state. He states the course in Iowa Falls this season is one of the strongest offered anywhere this year. Iowa Falls is quite a chautauqua center and the splendid course to be given here this summer will attract many people from this part of Iowa who will come and spend a brief vacation and enjoy ten days with wits, humorists, artists in music and drama, and noted lecturers.

The talent is as yet not all complete but the following sixteen attractions have already been secured to assist in entertaining the big crowds at the Iowa Falls Chautauqua this summer: Governor Robert Glenn of North Carolina, lecturer; Bohumir Kryl and his famous band; Dr. George Stuart, lecturer; Mrs. Lenora M. Lake, impersonator and lecturer; Eureka Glee club—male quartette and Bell ringers; Dr. Joseph K. Griffin, lecturer and traveler; Lilla G. English, soloist and lecture-recital; Prof. J. Ernest Woodland, popular science demonstrations; L. J. Beauchamp, the funny man; Dr. Thos. E. Green, the silver-tongued orator and traveler; Norton Orchestra and Band; Dr. George H. Betts, illustrated lecturer; Dr. James Hedley, distinguished lecturer; Dr. L. G. Herbert, lecturer, and Senator Cummins July 8. A number of these people will give several programs while

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Mr. Bliss was a member of the Fourteenth General Assembly of Iowa and was a power in county and state politics for many years. He possessed a strong personality and forceful character and was positive in his views on all public issues but at all times held principle above party fealty. He was a kind man and a friend to all in need. He was a shrewd and capable business man and liberal for public good and never refused to assist in any worthy cause. He was an esteemed member of the Masonic lodge for over forty years.

He leaves to mourn his loss besides the three children mentioned above, a brother in Omaha, a sister in Canada, and three sisters in Ohio. The brother was the only one of these five children who was able to be present at the funeral. The two sons of Bryon Bliss, Lewis of Jennings, and Charles who is attending a college in Pennsylvania,

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MRS. JOHN HAYES and daughter, Mrs. Bessie Tomlinson, have moved here from Montgomery, Alabama, and will occupy the premises at the corner of Talbot and Estes streets, recently vacated by Roy Gardner.

WHAT WAS IT?

Ackley Journal: A political fizzle occurred in Ackley Tuesday evening. It appears that it was of illegitimate parentage—no one seemed to have any knowledge of its origin or purpose, and less about its accomplishments.

From best information a very few would-be party bosses with vague plans of operation, extended invitations to various parties thruout the county to come hete to attend a progressive gathering. Special invitations were given the several candidates for county offices with a hint that some mysterious and unrevealed persons in possession of party authority desired their presence for inspection as to their brand of party faith, and if they did not measure up to the standard they would be doomed to political oblivion.

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ed to the ground. Chief Ashley Dunham was struck over the heart with an axe, rendering him unconscious. Clarence Damon was caught under a falling chimney, sustaining injuries to his arms and legs. Fred Byford was burned on the hands and arms while carrying furniture. Morrison's family of four were rescued with difficulty. The cause is believed to be incendiary.

Hampton Chronicle: Several more autos have been sold by local dealers during the past week. Chas. S. Hayes, of Geneva, has purchased an Overland; Frank Smith, of Iowa Falls, a Mason; M. R. Pyle, of Hansell, an Auburn, and R. Crooks, of Dumont, a Ford. The last three machines were purchased at the C. F. Roemer garage and the Overland was purchased from the Hobbie Automobile Company. August Brandt also got into the auto game last week and purchased an Imperial from Rhus-tasel & Hicks, of Chapin.

The automobile owners of Cedar Rapids and vicinity propose an experiment in oiling roads. The boulevard between that city and Marion is a popular driveway for the autoists, but in summer it is so dusty as to be a most disagreeable drive at times. The auto club in Cedar Rapids has decided to enlist the support of city and county officials, if possible, and secure enough crude oil to put the roadway in good condition. It is figured that the roadway can be oiled for a reasonable figure, and that one good oiling will put it in condition for use all summer. It is believed the oil can be secured at a price of less than 3 cents per gallon.

A citizens meeting is called in Clarion for the purpose of considering the advisability of selling the municipal electric lighting plant. The mayor, P. H. Goslin, issued the call for the meeting. The city has received an offer for the plant from Messrs. Turner and Curtis of Des Moines and Omaha respectively. Turner is a boiler inspector and has been in Clarion occasionally on business connected with the Hartford Casualty company. His friend Curtis of Omaha is ready to help finance the undertaking. These gentlemen have made an offer to take over the lighting plant for the sum of \$7,000 provided they can be given a twenty-five year franchise.

TRIBUTE TO MY NEIGHBOR.

Impelled by a longtime friendship and close association, I desire to offer a tribute to the memory and character of our late esteemed citizen, L. O. Bliss.

It is said that in all history, "that the necessity of a leader has found a man to lead." I firmly believe that such is true. In the pioneer development of our country and its resources, every community soon found a leader born to such destiny.

Mr. Bliss was of such a type. Fearless, resourceful, untiring, determined. No difficulty drove him from his purpose to succeed in any undertaking, while his strength held out, his courage never failed. Such leaders were essential in the upbuilding of our communities, and in the magic progress of our civilization. He had the highest conception of honor. If he fought his enemies without giving or asking quarter, he never turned his back on a friend. His patriotism was unquestioned.

It was such impulse which led him in the trying days of the civil war, and during the Indian outbreak in Minnesota, to leave his young family and join with other citizens volunteers without hope of reward, in the defense of the sparse settlements of that state, against the murderous Redskins. Thus aiding in the saving of settlements besieged, until regiments could be brought from the war front in the south for such purpose. Dispising shams. He lived close to the people. He stood for human rights, hated slavery, cherished the union, loved his country and was a loyal friend to the union soldier.

His public spirit never failed the demands of his town or his business associates. His charity was demonstrated in a material way without ostentation. His character was moulded and strengthened by the trials, the storms and the stress of the time in which he lived. In all the the crucial tests of life he acquitted himself with honor, with courage, with fidelity.

No further seek his merits to disclose,
Or draw his frailties from their dread
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pose,
The bosom of his Father and his God.

Sincerely, J. L. FARRINGTON.

ion of the Congregational church meets there.

The following were elected at the recent meeting of the club: President, Mrs. R. P. vice president, Miss Nellie Tur-retary and treasurer, Mrs. Fre more.

GRANT CENTER.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Lewis of Ackley, Saturday evening, a

Mr. and Mrs. John Amma: Sunday visitors at the home Ryan.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Sawy calling at Clark Miller's on evening.

Mrs. P. J. Ryan, of Iowa Fa out Thursday for a few days v friends in Grant.

Ed and Harry Ryan and Richtsmeier attended the Ball neva Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Meye tained a social party of their and neighbors Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Martha Richtsmeier a Frank and Christ, spent Tuesd ing at the John Richtsmeier ho

Mrs. Tom Kiley and two chil Iowa Falls, drove out Tues spent the day with her sister, W. Miller.

Mrs. Kate Carroll, who s last two weeks at the home son, Ed Carroll, returned to h at Ackley Sunday.

At a meeting held Friday to tax of \$1000 to build a new sch in District No. 7, Grant towns proposition was defeated. T standing 17 for and 34 against.

SALEM.

Hoffman Bros. are tiling 1 Parks at present.

Fred Gatewood is working Morgan at present.

Silke Bros. have just com fine cement water tank.

Reka Landheer is unable t school on account of rheumatis

Vera Morgan spent several the Maurice Beach home in Al

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vice during his entire term of service in the army, participating in a large number of battles, including the desperate battle of Chickamauga, and many others almost as severe. His regiment belonged to the 14th Army Corps, and participated in the full Atlantic campaign, and also in Sherman's march to the sea. In 1863 his regiment was mounted, and served as cavalry during the rest of the war. Colonel VanBuskirk came here in July, 1865, and established his present business in September following. His wife was Nellie C. McGiven. They have six children—two sons and four daughters.

R. J. O. McGowan, general merchant, established his business in the fall of 1865. He first engaged in business with J. K. Matthews, who lived here but one year, and is now a resident of Ohio. Mr. McGowan was then alone in business till 1872, when he formed a partnership with E. S. Hamlin, which continued one year. He has been alone since. When the latter partnership was formed, the stock of S. G. Gibbs, general merchant, was purchased. Mr. McGowan was born in County Down, in the North of Ireland, in February, 1839, and came to this county with his father, Alexander McGowan, in 1849. The family lived in Ohio one year, and then settled in Waushara county, Wis., where the parents of Mr. McGowan resided till their death. Mr. McGowan enlisted, in May, 1861, in Company G, 5th Wisconsin Infantry. He served in that regiment as a private till December, 1862, when he was discharged for disability. He re-enlisted, in February, 1864, in the 33d Wisconsin Infantry; was assigned to duty in Madison, Wis., for one year, when he was commis-

sioned as Captain of Company B, 47th Wisconsin, and served until the close of the war. He married Edith A. Odell, daughter of Robert F. Odell, of Cedar Falls. They have two children—Robert A. and Lilla.

L. O. Bliss, of the firm of Wilde & Bliss, came to Iowa Falls June 4, 1864. He soon after opened a grocery and crockery store, just west of Woods' hotel. This was the first exclusive grocery and crockery store established in the village. He continued in the grocery trade about two years, during the last of which his brother, M. H. Bliss, was associated with him. Mr. Bliss was born at Cayuga Lake, Cayuga county, N. Y. He removed with his parents to Ashtabula county, Ohio, when he was a child. He was engaged as a clerk for some time in Ohio. He went from Ohio to Wisconsin, and thence to Minnesota. He came here, as stated, in 1864. His wife was Miss Ruth Seymour, born in the State of Ohio. They have three children—Byron B., Frank E. and Mary H. Messrs. Wilde & Bliss are numbered with the prominent and successful business men of Iowa Falls. They are genial and intelligent gentlemen, as well as successful business men.

Mathew Roberts is one of the firm of Roberts & Pollock, dealers in groceries and boots and shoes. The firm was formerly Caldwell & Roberts. Mr. Roberts was born in the State of Vermont. His father was Joseph Roberts. He removed with his family from Vermont to Fairplay, Wis. Mr. Joseph Roberts came here as early as 1856, but did not settle here with his family till 1860. Mathew came here with his father's family. He learned the

Household Record

1880 United States Census

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Household:

Name	Relation	Marital Status	Gender	Race	Age	Birthplace	Occupation	Father's Birthplace	Mother's Birthplace
<u>Lewis O. BLISS</u>	Self	M	Male	W	54	NY	Merchant Dry Goods	NH	—
<u>Ruth A. BLISS</u>	Wife	M	Female	W	46	OH	Keeping House	CT	CT
<u>Byron B. BLISS</u>	Son	S	Male	W	25	OH	Not In Business	NY	OH
<u>Frank E. BLISS</u>	Son	S	Male	W	20	MN	At School	NY	OH
<u>Mary H. BLISS</u>	Dau	S	Female	W	12	IA	At School	NY	OH

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