

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative \_\_\_\_\_ Senator Cassidy,  
Jefferson P. - Represented Cass, Mills, Pottawattomie and Montgomery  
Counties, Iowa  
1. Birthday and place 1 Sept 1822 Connersville, Indiana

2. Marriage (s) date place  
Hannah Jones June 1856

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Admitted to the Iowa bar in 1852; later he became President of the  
Council Bluffs and St. Joseph Railroad

B. Civic responsibilities I.O.O.F.

C. Profession Lawyer; farmer; real estate

4. Church membership Presbyterian

5. Sessions served 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> General Assemblies, 1868, 1870

6. Public Offices

A. Local Pottawattomie County judge 1858; in 1861 elected director of the Council Bluffs and  
St. Joseph Railroad

B. State \_\_\_\_\_

C. National \_\_\_\_\_

7. Death 27 Apr 1892 Council Bluffs, Iowa; buried

8. Children \_\_\_\_\_

9. Names of parents Simons

10. Education Educated in common schools and attended  
an academy

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

12. Other applicable information Democrat

- The first 18 years of his life was spent upon the family farm
- He then studied law with Samuel H. Parker in Arkansas
- He moved to Des Moines, Iowa in 1852 where he was admitted to the bar
- In 1853 he moved to Council Bluffs, Iowa where he formed a law partnership with Hon. Nathaniel Johnson. Mr. Johnson moved to Omaha and as the partnership changed with the joining of Col. James D. Teat to make the firm of Casady and Teat <sup>in 1856</sup> it was as most widely known law firm.
- Mr. Teat later retired and a younger brother, James N. Casady, joined the firm now known as J. P. and J. N. Casady firm.
- Through his efforts while he was a Senator the Iowa State Institute for the Deaf was located in Council Bluffs.
- His wife, Hannah, died May 1882.



Among the noted racers now at the park are Jessie Gains, record 15½; Bethel, record 16; Ignis Fatuus, record 2:21. The champion yearling filly of Nat Brown's is also at ground. Mr. Gale says that the association reserved the rights to hold a meeting of the spring or fall races there, but it is possible that there will be more amusements at the park this year than there has been for a long time past.

#### The New Rock Island Train.

Next Sunday the new Rock Island through train between Chicago and Denver will make its first trip. It will shorten the time several hours between the two cities. The train from the east will arrive in Council Bluffs at 12:25 a. m., and the one from the west at 2 o'clock a. m. The trains will pass at or near Albright, in Omaha.

#### Commendable.

All claims not consistent with the high character of Syrup of Figs are purposely voided by the California Fig Syrup Company. It acts gently on the kidneys, liver and bowels, cleansing the system effectually, but it is not a cure-all and makes no pretensions that every bottle will not substantiate.

The Olivette club gave the last of its series of dancing parties last evening at Hughes' hall and the event was highly successful throughout.

#### Only \$60 to Portland and Return.

The Union Pacific will sell tickets from Council Bluffs to Portland and return at one fare for the round trip. Tickets on sale May 9 to 14, inclusive, limited to 90 days from date of sale.

For any additional information apply to J. C. Mitchell, Ticket Agent Union Pacific system, Council Bluffs.

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Mr. E. D. Shaw is in the city as advance representative of Effie Ellsler, the popular actress, who comes next week to play her original part, the title role of Hazel Kirke. The veteran C. W. Coulter is in her support and will play his

allevy. Our city authorities should attend to this matter without delay. The city is badly in need of a street sweeper. There may be quite an expense attached to this work but it will pay the city to do it. It will be the means of preventing disease and pestilence and give us a neat, tidy appearance.

#### Death of Judge Casady.

THE NONPAREIL makes the painful announcement of the death of the Hon. J. P. Casady, at half past ten o'clock last night, at the family residence on Washington avenue, after an illness of nearly five years. Notice of the funeral will be made later. In the passing of this good man Council Bluffs loses one of her best and noblest citizens. His life was a benediction and a blessing.

To his family we tender our sincerest sympathies, around his bier none will mourn more deeply than the editor of this paper who has known and loved him for more than a quarter of a century. In all that time Judge Casady wore the grand old name of gentleman. In all his life he bore himself a christian, a man of usefulness and distinguished honor. He has gone to his reward,—a noble man, a christian gentleman, a useful citizen, on whose brow there are none more worthy to wear the heavenly chaplet of immortality.

#### Reduced the Interest.

Money is a nice thing to have, but those who have large bulks of it in this city will put in a large, vigorous kick when they finish reading this item.

The banks of this city have come to an agreement among themselves that hereafter they will reduce the amount of interest paid on time deposits as follows: One year from 6 to 5 per cent; 6 months from 5 to 4 per cent. This will make quite a difference to some people, but as the banks claim they are not justified in paying the old rates the depositors will have to submit or place their money in

The Pottawattamie Democratic associ-

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be held at Cleveland, Ohio, will be a great affair.

The arrangements are being made. The convention will be held in a beautiful church building which stands on the site where the building was in which the organization was organized, three years ago.

W. Brewer, the able pastor of the venue M. E. church appeared as a delegate and in a neat little speech invited them to be present which was tendered last night, at Masonic temple.

**The Reception**  
Following at the reception Masonic temple beautifully decorated and there was a number of our representative present.

The orchestra opened the evening with a fine musical selection, followed by a quartette from the church choir.

Words of welcome to the visiting delegation was made by Mr. C. G. Saunders assured the distinguished guests of Council Bluffs were the honor to extend the hand of friendship to them.

Addresses were made by Dr. J. L. corresponding secretary of the convention, Dr. D. Haven, whose eloquent speeches were heartily received by the audience.

Miss Sims followed the address which was well rendered.

The remainder of the evening was taken up with a literary program. The exercises of the evening were highly enjoyed by those present and the visiting delegation were highly pleased with the entertainment extended them.

There will be a mass meeting at the temple. Addresses will be made by Bishop Fitzgerald, Dr. Daugherty, secretary; Dr. Berry, editor of Epworth Herald, Chicago, and other prominent speakers. Everybody is expected to turn out and give our honored guests to understand that Council Bluffs' people gladly welcomes

## JEFFERSON P. CASADY.

### A Pure and Gentle Spirit Passes Beyond to His Heavenly Home.

**This Noble Man, Useful Citizen and Faithful Christian on Earth No More.**

On Sunday afternoon at half past two o'clock all that is mortal of Jefferson P. Casady will be borne to the tomb and laid to rest. In the passing of the years, the flight of time, the revolutions of our world through boundless space, and the majestic march of the heavens around the Eternal throne, no sound will come to disturb the peaceful slumbers of the dead. Sun and moon shall wax and wane, winter and spring shall come and go, and the flowers, "the beautiful children of nature teaching the love of God to men" will bloom upon his grave, but the earthly form of one so respected, so honored, and so beloved for his virtues will sleep the sleep that knows no waking until amid the rending rocks and trembling earth, it rises in a glorious and beautiful immortality to meet the Son of God and his holy angels in the skies from whence they will come to save the blessed of the dead who die in the faith of the Father and the Christ. Counting the days of the years of his earthly pilgrimage as he lived, and moved, and had his being among us, none can gainsay that in every respect Judge Casady exemplified the virtues of the good man, the honored citizen, and the true christian worthy to receive the divine commendation of the Master. His life was gentle, his days were useful, and his example worthy of all that is pure and noble. The world was better because he lived, and heaven is brighter by the advent of his spirit into

## AROUND THE

Judson and Cook, Civil Surveyors; L. P. Judson, Surveyor; Ernest E. Cook,

Articles of incorporation of a national Cure association for record. The capital and the officers are:

Davenport; vice president, Templeton; secretary, treasurer, George M. ( ), director, J. E. Harkness. one of the incorporators

Order those copper cards at The Nonpareil

—M. Wollman, jeweler

Superintendent of the Coulter and wife of O. tendance at the Bradley last night.

Get your scale books REIL office.

Miss A. Merlatte, Bluff street.

Yesterday a case of reported at the residence of 923 East Pierce street.

E. A. Willach, civil draughtsman, Shugart I

Miss Florence Parks Mr. Charles W. Calhoun dence of the bride's party Thirty-fourth street and Wednesday evening at C. W. Brewer of the First church officiated.

Doctors? Pshaw! Pills.

The case of Tom Colgan was continued in court today.

—Gas fixtures at Bixby

—Craft's chattel loan

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Bluffs' people gladly welcomes  
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#### Chicago Real Estate.

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ufacturing center of the busiest  
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s for their booklet, "Chicago's  
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#### Bradley-Vogeler.

evening James G. Bradley and  
tha A. Vogeler were married at  
ence of the bride's parents 343  
r. Rev. G. W. Crofts officiated.  
near friends and relatives were  
Some elegant presents were be-  
pon the happy couple as tokens  
and friendship, among which  
e side board from the members  
e department. After serving a  
l sinner to the guests the happy  
paired to their future home on  
street, which had been hand  
urnished by the groom for the  
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#### Struck With an Engine.

Wednesday night Ed. Baker

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the radiant throngs, who excel in  
strength, and dwell forever in the pres-  
ence of the Lord.

A native of Connersville, Ind., Judge  
Casady was in his 64th year when he  
died. Born September 1, 1828, the first  
eighteen years of his life was spent upon  
the farm and acquiring an education to  
fit him for the struggle in life which he  
so worthily maintained and so honorably  
fulfilled in after years. Studying law  
under the Hon. Samuel W. Parker, one  
of the great lawyers of that state, he re-  
moved to Des Moines in 1852, where he  
was admitted to the bar. In 1853, in his  
25th year, he removed to what was then  
but little more than the little hamlet of  
Council Bluffs, and in that time he has  
seen it become one of the most beautiful  
cities in the west. Forming a partner-  
ship that year with the Hon. Hadley D.  
Johnson, who is still in the enjoy-  
ment of life whose years are flowing  
in a peaceful journey to the "other land,"  
rich in the experience of honored age, he  
opened a law and land office in this city.  
Mr. Johnson removing to Omaha gave  
way to the late Col. James D. Test in  
1856, and the firm of Casady & Test be-  
came one of the most widely known in  
the country. In 1858 Judge Casady was  
elected to the office of county judge, in  
which he acquitted himself with marked  
ability, and by his probity he gained the  
respect of everyone. To see him was to  
trust him as with the instinct of a child.  
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left the same evening for

Miss Anita Brackett  
a visit of several weeks  
the country.

—New patterns in g  
will please you at Bix

—Stephan Bros., plu-  
sters. Estimates furni-  
way. Telephone 195

Pianos—Organs—11  
man street. mar Bou

Messrs. C. A. Riley  
raden, the Main stre-  
have purchased the ar-  
Chapman. The store  
to the lower rooms in  
where the gallery is loc-  
of June.

John Gilbert, 526 Se-  
steam and gas fitting,  
and repairs pumps.

Buy Isabelle, today,  
best song. Ask your m

The case of Yee Sin  
tinued in police court  
next Tuesday.

Yesterday Officer I  
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debt which he owes  
officers are determin-  
either by paying a fin  
in jail.

Stove and cord wood  
Thatcher's, 16 Main St

Upon the happy couple as tokens of love and friendship, among which were a fine side board from the members of the fire department. After serving a plentiful supper to the guests the happy couple retired to their future home on a corner street, which had been handsomely furnished by the groom for the occasion of his bride.

#### Struck With an Engine.

On Wednesday night Ed Bakar, a member of the Broadway druggist was struck near the Rock Island track a few blocks east of the city in a dazed condition. He was covered with mud and his head was badly bruised about the temple and his face was cut in several places. He said that while walking on the track he was struck by an engine which came up behind him and which he could not see or hear.

Bakar was brought into the city by Mr. J. Wilcox, the gardener, and taken to the home of Drs. Allison and Houghton who attended him.

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#### Take Notice.

Following the death of the mother of John Beno the store will be closed until after the funeral.

#### Rescued From a Drunkard's Grave.

For the past twenty-five years I have known a hard drinking man. There were on two occasions when I did not know him. One when I could not get money to buy whiskey, and the other when I was sick to drink it. I have tried hundreds of times to quit, and always failed. I began treatment at the Blanchette Institute fifteen days ago, and now my desire for liquor is entirely destroyed, I now feel that I am a new man.

ability, and by his probity he gained the respect of everyone. To see him was to trust him as with the instinct of a child. When Col. Test retired from the firm, Mr. James N. Casady, a younger brother, entered it, as J. P. & J. N. Casady, a name it still retains, as the synonym of the honorable, upright methods for which Judge Casady was ever noted. In 1861 he was elected a director of the Council Bluffs & St. Joseph railroad and afterwards became the president of that company. In 1868 he was elected state senator from this district and through his efforts the Iowa State Institute for the Deaf was located at this city. In politics he was a democrat, but in all things he was a public spirited citizen, working quietly and modestly for the good of the city he loved so well, and which was so richly honored by his life among us. For many years he was prominent in Odd Fellowship, organizing a number of lodges in Iowa and Nebraska, and under the auspices of this beautiful order his body is to be laid to rest. His home life was an ideal. In the month of June 1856, he was married to Hannah Joiner, and their union was serenely beautiful. In May 1882, Mrs. Casady died, and three of their five children survive them. In all their married life Judge and Mrs. Casady were consistent members of the Presbyterian church. But they have passed away. First the loving helpmeet of this good man, and now after a long illness of nearly five years he has gone to become reunited to the loved ones who went through the valley of the shadow of death into the peaceful portals beyond. Farewell! To this pure and gentle spirit. He did his duty well and he has gone to his heavenly home bearing as the priceless heritage of his children a name above reproach, and without a stain to mar its peaceful beauty.

#### Death of Mrs. W. H. Robertson.

Last evening at 8:45 o'clock Mrs. W. H. Robertson, the aged and beloved mother of Mrs. John Beno, died at the

He gave the officer "chin music" and a ride to the station by Buick jail. No charge was made but it is suspected that a debt which he owed officers are determined either by paying a fine or in jail.

Stove and cord wood for sale at Thatcher's, 16 Main Street. —Carbon Coal Co.

James Jacoby, expert in repairing of pianos, household furniture and trunks etc.

☐—When you buy your medicine you should get Hood's Sarsaparilla which purifies the blood.

Order those colored cards at The Nonpareil

—Frank Trimble, upholsterer, block. Telephone 100.

Upholstering at Morgan's, 508 Harrison Street. a card.

If you wish to inspect the jewelry line you should visit our stock at the lowest prices. Min & Co., 27 S. 1st.

## LOCAL

BADOLLET sells at L. E. Roe, dentist.

—Drs. Woodbury & Bates.

—Dr. Bates, oculist.

—For the best gasoline stove before you see, notice our process. They are the best working stove

—To clean radiator brush at Thos. Tostevin, surveyor, over DeVol.

You will always find a gasoline stove before you see. They are the best working stove before you see. They are the best working stove before you see.

The public know that in Devil's Mine they will see a good company in a first class play, with a great deal of very pretty scenery. "Nothing succeeds like success. The company is this week playing to large audiences in Omaha, from whence they come directly to Dohany's theater next Sunday and Monday, May 1 and 2.

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#### Funeral Notices.

The funeral services of the late J. P. Casady will be conducted at the family residence on Washington avenue at 2:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. Rev. Stephen Phelps and Rev. Mr. McClelland will officiate.

The services of the late Mrs. W. H. Robertson will be conducted at the residence of Mr. John Beno, 120 Frank street, tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock. Rev. Stephen Phelps, of the Presbyterian church, will officiate.

#### THE PRESBYTERIAN GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

At Portland, May, 1892.

For the accommodation of those desiring to visit at points in the vicinity of, or at Portland, during May, the Union Pacific will sell tickets at one fare for the round trip. Tickets on sale May 9 to 14 inclusive, limited to 90 days from date of sale.

For tickets or additional information apply to J. C. Mitchell, ticket agent Union Pacific system, Council Bluffs.

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#### Elevator to Lease.

Propositions to rent for one year or term of years, the Union Elevator of Council Bluffs, Iowa, capacity seven hundred and fifty thousand bushels, will be received by the undersigned. Address H. A. Snyder, Secretary and Treasurer,

Yesterday the board of Epworth league had another meeting. The subject of the general conference was subject under discussion. ago there was a committee prepare a report on this this report is taken by section and discussed where such is thought adopted. The board has fifth section of the report thought that it will take time today in finishing the Bishop Hurst, at the American university of C., was a visitor at the session and the delegates extended welcome.

#### A Commendable

On a late run of the night an Omaha officer, off duty put a drunken man on the conductor, whose name was remonstrated and the officer club on him. The passenger came to the conductor's aid in unmistakable language to skip with his drunken take the consequence and pretty lively. It was an act of the conductor and were high in their praise

#### What a Pity

That the otherwise beautiful have such bad teeth. A she did not use SOZODOL so little to buy it consider does, and its benefits stretch future life. Poor girl!

#### Resolutions of Council

At a meeting of Humboldt 174 I. O. O. F., April 23, following resolutions were passed

Whereas, The Ruler of His all wise providence, death from our midst of Charles Barghausen.

Resolved, That the members boldt lodge No. 174 I. O. their sincere sympathy to relatives of Brother Barghausen their sad bereavement.

Resolved, That there



From my personal knowledge of Judge James, I can readily endorse this statement. For many years he was a member of the firm of Montgomery, Reed & James, composed of B. F. Montgomery, Joseph R. Reed, and W. C. James. Mr. James died at Council Bluffs in 1899.

\* Jefferson P. Cassady, one of the early and notable lawyers and public men of Council Bluffs, was born in Fayette County, Indiana, in 1828. He fitted himself for the bar, came to Iowa in 1851, and settled in Fort Des Moines, now the City of Des Moines. Here he was elected to his first official position, that of Deputy Treasurer and Recorder of the County, the two offices being united. At the end of his term, in 1853, he removed to Council Bluffs and entered upon a successful practice. In 1858 he was elected County Judge, serving with efficiency in that position for four years. Of this service D. C. Bloomer says:

The election of Judge Cassady began a new era in the management of county affairs. A careful economy marked his administration. The expenses of the county were rapidly reduced; waste and extravagance were carefully avoided; the resources of the county were closely husbanded, and every possible effort made to place its finances in a better condition. The charges of corruption and personal favoritism in the county judge's office now wholly ceased, and the people generally were well satisfied that their interests would be safe in the hands of Judge Cassady.

Nothing more forcible than this could be said of Judge Cassady's ability and integrity.

In 1861 he was elected one of the Board of Directors of the Council Bluffs & St. Joseph Railroad. Upon the establishment of a branch of the State Bank of Iowa at Council Bluffs, in 1860, he was elected one of its directors. In 1864, upon the organization of the Fairview Cemetery Association, he was elected one of its first directors. In 1865 he was elected Vice President of the Council Bluffs & St. Joseph Railroad. In 1866 he was one of the commissioners for the erection of the new courthouse. In the fall of 1867 he was elected to the State Senate, and served with marked efficiency in the Twelfth and Thirteenth General Assemblies. He was a Democrat in politics and in 1872 was the candidate of his party for Auditor of State.

From what has been said, it is apparent that much of Mr. Cassady's life was devoted to public affairs, which naturally interfered to a considerable extent with the close pursuit of his profession. He was one of the most useful and conspicuous public men of early Iowa.

Frank Street was a contemporary with the early lawyers that have been named. He was a man of influence and action, both as a lawyer and public man. I am not able to state the precise time when he came to Council Bluffs, but from the best information I can gather, I think in about 1852. He took an active part in politics, was one of the organizers of the Republican Party in 1856, and a delegate to the first Republican State Convention, held in that year. In 1857, at the

*Recollection  
& Sketches  
by Edward  
Hicks*

He has traveled extensively over the country and through the provinces. He has done much for the improvement and development of the agricultural interests of the state.

He was first married, December 18, 1844, to Miss Mary A. Meason, of Uniontown, Pennsylvania, who

died from cholera in 1850. His second marriage was to Mary E. Cameron, February 21, 1854.

Colonel David is a self-made man. Commencing in life in straitened circumstances, he has by his own energy and perseverance gained a competence and the esteem and confidence of his fellow-citizens.

## WILLIAM H. DECKER,

DAVENPORT.

WILLIAM H. DECKER, of Davenport, Iowa, a prominent maltster and grain dealer, is one of those men to whom belong the honor of building their own fortune. Without the aid of too liberal education in his youth, his success may be attributed solely to his own ability and persevering effort. He started from home young, with no means, yet a hopeful heart. To-day he is an esteemed citizen, with a fortune acquired by himself as a monument of his success.

Mr. Decker was born at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, on the 16th of August, 1827, and is the son of Frederick and Elizabeth Decker *née* Boyer. His father was a native of Maryland and his mother of Pennsylvania. To the early training of his parents he owes many habits of economy and industry. His education was limited, and confined to the ordinary branches in the common schools, which he left at fourteen years of age, going to work in a cotton factory, where he remained two years, afterward learning the plasterer's trade, at which he worked for a number of years. He left home on a borrowed capital of fourteen dollars in 1847, and went to Cincinnati, Ohio, where he worked at his trade until

1849, when, the gold excitement breaking out, he went to California. He worked in the mines for about a year, and then went into speculating and contracting. In this he was very successful, and laid the foundation for an ample fortune. He remained there eight years, and in 1857 removed to Dayton, Ohio, going into the grain and malt business. This he prosecuted very successfully for two years; then removing west to Iowa, and locating at Davenport, recommenced the same business. Mr. Decker now carries on the largest trade in his line in the state, if not in the west. He has been very fortunate in all his business relations, and his success may be attributed to his perseverance and energy. He is interested in several local enterprises, and is president of the Davenport Street Car Railway Company. He is not a member of any church, but is liberal in his religious views.

He was married on the 12th of December, 1859, to Miss Sarah A. Monday, of Dayton, Ohio.

Mr. Decker is known as a man of sterling integrity, decided character and untiring energy, and he has gained the confidence and esteem of his fellow-citizens.

## JEFFERSON P. CASADY,

COUNCIL BLUFFS.

AS an example of western enterprise, he whose name heads this sketch is worthy of a most honorable mention. His life career, though marked by many vicissitudes, shows a gradual growth, and he stands to-day as a fair example of what may be accomplished by upright, persistent and persevering effort. A native of Connersville, Fayette county, Indiana, he was born on the 1st of September, 1828, and is the son of Simon Casady, a farmer by occu-

pation. He is of Scotch-Irish descent, and until he attained his eighteenth year assisted his father in his farm-work. He attended the common schools, and afterward pursued a course of academic studies, and finding the narrow routine of farm-life wholly unsuited to his tastes, early resolved to devote his life to some other occupation. Finding in the law a wide field for the employment and cultivation of his best powers, he decided to fit himself for that

profession, and accordingly began his studies while yet in his native town, and in 1852, after removing to the west, was admitted to the bar at Des Moines, Iowa. Removing to Council Bluffs in April of the following year (1853), he there formed a partnership with Mr. H. D. Johnson, and established himself in the practice of his profession. He also established a land agency, and engaged in the purchase and sale of real estate.

As a lawyer, he soon became widely and favorably known, and in 1858 his fellow-citizens, recognizing his financial and judicial ability, elected him to the office of county judge. It is but due to say that this honor was wholly unsought by Mr. Casady. Each political party had put forth its candidate for the position, but the people being dissatisfied with the nominees repudiated the nominations, and without dissent or regard to political prejudices elected Mr. Casady. Under the law as it existed at that time, the county judge had full management of all the financial affairs of the county, and also of the probate court, so that the office was attended by a vast amount of responsibility and hard work. Notwithstanding this fact, Judge Casady continued the

office for two years, and at the same time conducted his own private business, which, until the year 1868, consisted largely of real-estate operations. During this last named year he was elected to represent the counties of Pottawattamie, Mills, Fremont and Cass in the state senate for a term of four years.

Judge Casady has always shown a worthy public-spiritedness, and has heartily sympathized with all local improvements and enterprises. He has been especially active in railroad operations, and on the 13th of July, 1861, he was elected a director of the Council Bluffs and St. Joseph railroad, and afterward was elected president of the road.

In political sentiment he is a democrat, and has taken an active part in the workings of that party. He has frequently been a delegate to the state conventions. In 1872 he was the candidate of his party for state auditor, and although he ran far ahead of his ticket, the state was so overwhelmingly republican that he was defeated.

In his religious communion, Judge Casady is identified with the Presbyterian church, and is a worthy member. He has three children, two sons and one daughter.

## ELIJAH BUELL,

### LYONS.

THE subject of this sketch, an early navigator of the northern lakes, and one of the first settlers in the State of Iowa, is a son of Jephthah Buell, a ship carpenter of the town of Florence, Herkimer county, New York. He was born in 1803, and attended the common school of the neighborhood. His immediate ancestors resided in Connecticut, but his father was a native of New York. His mother (Rachel *née* Strong), a worthy and estimable lady, was a native of Connecticut. His paternal grandfather was a native of France, and accompanied the Marquis de Lafayette in his famous expedition to this country in behalf of the war for independence. On the arrival of that nobleman he joined the federal army, and remained in the service during the entire period of the revolution. In 1811 his father opened a farm and settled near Sackett's Harbor, New York. The war of 1812 occurred during the residence of the family in this locality, and when nine years old Elijah witnessed the battle of Sackett's Harbor, and still retains a vivid recollection of the same.

In 1813 his father died. Two years later the widowed mother, with a family of eight children—three girls and five boys—removed to where the city of Cleveland, Ohio, now stands, she having a sister residing in that region. Prior to this time Elijah had obtained the rudiments of an English education, and also received a few months of instruction in the Cleveland Academy. He endeavored to qualify himself in the study of practical navigation, specially for the northern lakes, and in this branch soon became eminent. As a pilot or sailing master he had few, if any, equals, and certainly no superiors. Entering upon this employment at the early age of thirteen, he continued in it during the following ten years. He navigated these lakes long before the frontier forts were established. He supplied, subsequently, the military posts of Mackinaw and Green Bay with provisions, the firm of Mervin, Giddins and Co., of Cleveland, Ohio, being the contractors. In 1823 he left the lakes, and during the following twelve years devoted his