

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Abert, Benjamin Franklin Senator _____

Represented Monroe County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 8 May 1844 Ohio

2. Marriage (s) date place _____

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business _____

B. Civic responsibilities Mason

C. Profession Banker; real estate business; farmer;
livestock business; grain business; lawyer

4. Church membership _____

5. Sessions served 13th General Assembly 1870

6. Public Offices

A. Local _____

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 23 Aug 1905 near Des Moines, Iowa; buried Woodland Cemetery, Des Moines, Polk County, Iowa

8. Children Walt H.; Mrs. Leonard Everett; Samuel B.; Benjamin Franklin Jr.; J. J. Cemetery, Block # 23

9. Names of parents _____

10. Education _____

11. Degrees Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois

12. Other applicable information _____

- He came to Van Buren County, Iowa when quite a young man.
- Military service - Civil War -
- When the Civil War began he was attending Northwestern University.
 He left college to enter the Union Army
- At the end of the war he returned to Iowa and settled near Albia,
 Iowa. He later moved into Albia where he engaged in the
 banking and real estate business for 20 years. He also had a
 large livestock business
- About 1886 the family moved to Des Moines
- He died by drowning as the result of a runaway team of
 horses plunging into a pool of water.

Blagg Bond has returned from Marshalltown relatives.

Mont Peppers has returned visit with relatives in Allerton.

Ona Williams has returned visit with White City relatives.

Luttrell of Georgetown vicinity county seat visitor Monday.

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Porter of Hamilton. is the Miss Della Gray of Albia this

Missick is up and around again two weeks illness with appen-

Brien was down from Wellier looking after business

Charles Loore and daughter of went Sunday with friends in

S. Smith is the guest of her Mr. Charles C. Smith of

Enda Graham and daughter Albia, Sundayed with friends

W. Pennington is the guest Hattie Coffman of Moravia,

Missionary ladies enjoyed the n yesterday at the H. M. one.

Greenland, of Moulton, was ng N. C Piper Tuesday on a te deal.

Mrs. Grant Heiserman and y Edwards are in Chicago this week.

Coward, C. Wagner and Geo Chariton were Albia businessaturday.

Monday night storm filled eek again and made a four n of it.

Presbyterian people enjoyed a the Laidlaw grove, west of ednesday.

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ose, who has been clerking w's store. is spending her va-

BEN ELBERT KILLED.

Former Albia Man Met Death In a Runaway Near Des Moines.

Ben. F. Elbert, who formerly lived in Albia and a brother of Mrs. J. S. Townsend, was killed Wednesday in a runaway accident about 8 miles south of Des Moines, his home.

He was driving a livery team and it is supposed they ran away and plunged into a pool of water, upturning the vehicle and pinioning him beneath where he drowned. A farmer saw the team standing in the water and on investigation found the body beneath the buggy.

Mr. Elbert was one of Iowa's pioneers. As a business man he had an extremely successful career. He amassed considerable wealth, and his identification with a business project, his friends say, meant a business accomplishment. His wealth is estimated to be between three quarters of a million and a million dollars. His life insurance, in the aggregate, was the largest carried by any man in Iowa, said by insurance men to be between \$250,000 and \$300,000.

Mr. Elbert was born May 8, 1844. He came to Van Buren county, Iowa, when a young man. Leaving college at Evanston, he entered the Union army, locating near Albia at the close of the war. Here he was engaged in the grain and stock business. Nineteen years ago the family to Des Moines, where they have since lived. In Des Moines, he has been extensively engaged in the grain and stock business, and has owned, among other holdings, several valuable farms.

He is survived by a wife and five grown children, who are: Mrs. Leonard Everett, Council Bluffs; Sam B. Elbert, Jamestown, Col.; Ben F. Elbert, Jr., Kansas City; Hoyt. H. Elbert, Des Moines, and J. J. Elbert, now a student in the Boston School of Technology.

Henry J Love is at home for a few days. He has purchased his partner's interest in the Sigourney store and is managing the business himself at present.

John R. Clark and daughter, Miss Lura, went to Belknap last Sunday to visit a few hours with his uncle, J. R. Rankin, who is getting quite aged and feeble.

The regular meeting of the Young Woman's Christian Association was held in their room in the Sheppard block Thursday evening at eight o'clock.

Mrs. Vandev of Blaksburg, and children are the guests of Mrs. Anna

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SPECIAL 3 DAYS!

Saturday

Monday

Tuesday

Going over our stock since our Big Sale, we find a good many broken lines in suits, some are medium weight, some are heavy weight, and make good all-year round wear. The styles of these suits are correct, single or double breasted coats. The quality is equal to what they ask you up to \$16.50 other places for. You will be able to find your size in

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received from France direct to import order of White "Ransom" and china dinnerware; can save more than 10 per cent on these this fall. Come in and see the wapes. Mitchem & Symes.

Science service with Miss H. ... at the residence of Mrs. Nelson, on East Washinton every Sunday morning at 11 and Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. Sunday subject: "Sub-

J. C. Johnson entertained a ... of ladies at a sewing circle Tuesday afternoon. The event was delightful and the large number of attendances were warm in their praise of their hostess as an enter-

notice of the semi-annual mill-opening at Johnson's Sept. 9. Periodical occasions have come one of the much appreciated ones in the lives of Albia ladies every opening seems to get bigger and better.

and everything is perfectly good and at no time during the season has been otherwise, the rains having come so regularly and plentifully as to prevent all signs of drouth. Corn is coming rapidly and will be as good as all.

Receipts at Chicago on Monday this week were estimated at \$1,000,000 of which 8,000 were westerners, and the market was steady for good to choice native beef steers all other grades, including stock, were 10c lower.

and Mrs. John P. Reese are expected to return home Sunday from a weeks vacation in the East. They will be with relatives in Ohio and Pennsylvania during their absence and look in the sights of Buffalo and New York cities.

ter Myers has sold all his personal effects, including several head of ... and moved his family to Huron, ... to make their future home. Myers is a successful contractor and builder and will probably devote his attention to that line of work. He will not sell his farm north of town.

Shaw and Gov. Cummins are ... a newspaper scrap over the question. Cummins twists Shaw saying certain things and Shaw ... it. Lafe Young's Capital so ... it and the blame is now all ... onto Lafe with him several ... miles away in the Philip-

and Mrs. M. F. Rizer returned Saturday from their western trip. They had a good time the News ... all know from reading the ... letters as they have appeared week to week. In fact those

daughters to mourn his unexpected demise, and they have the sympathy of a large number of warm friends.

They are Mrs. Cora Watkins, Mrs. Hattie Butler, Mrs. Annie Walker and Joe Howard, of Albia, and John and Allen Howard, of Aitaman.

Death of B. F. Elbert.

No death could have come more unexpectedly to Des Moines than that of B. F. Elbert. In the prime of life, of vigorous mold, an expert horseman, here and engaged he would have been the last man in the city who would have been selected as likely to be the victim of such an accident as befell him.

An incident suggests the recognized standing Mr. Elbert held in the community. A few months ago a wealthy young Englishman largely interested in farming operations in Argentina, who was making a study of agricultural methods in the United States, came to Des Moines. He was at once directed to Mr. Elbert.

Mr. Elbert was a lover of nature. It was from choice that he spent his time with his lands. A banker all his life and engaged in large transactions, he found his leisure and his employment in the country. The possessor of an ample fortune, a spanking team and a level road were his real delights. His grounds, selected when he came to Des Moines, long the chief attraction of one of the handsomest streets of the city, and his garden hidden away behind them, have testified to his taste and care.

Mr. Elbert was typical of a generation of hardheaded, practical, self-made business men. He knew the difference between one acre of ground and another the moment he cast his eye on it. He knew how to get the most out of the soil. His barns he planned himself after years of experiment. He knew the strong points of every breed of cattle. In theoretical agriculture he had superiors. But it may well be doubted if there was in Iowa a man who knew more of Iowa land and what it could be made to produce.

Mr. Elbert possessed the genius for adjusting means to ends. In whatever he undertook he accomplished results. He had no theories that would not work. He sized up every situation for exactly what it was. He was successful in business along many lines, an exemplary citizen, a genial companion, a modest and unassuming man of affairs.—Des Moines Register and Leader.

M. E. Church Notes.

Sunday morning, Rev. Cooper preached from the text 1 Peter 4:9. Use hospitality one to another, without

Sunday evening, the friends of Rev. Marvin Cox had the pleasure of hear-

tions with great patience and meekness. She passed away Thursday, Aug. 3, 1905, at 8:30 p. m., after an illness of about ten days. Her surviving relatives are Emma McFadden, Eola Maude Rosser and Mrs. Edith Bogard.

Mrs. Mills.

The death of Mrs. Mariah Mills occurred at the home of her daughter, Mrs. U. G. Wright, on West Madison street, at three o'clock Tuesday morning, aged 78 years.

The funeral services were held at the residence Thursday afternoon, Rev. Larana Terrell officiating, a large number of sorrowing and sympathizing friends being in attendance.

The early settlers who will participate in the picnic at John R. Duncan's on Thursday, Sept. 14th, will probably recall an incident of a most sensational character that occurred in the 50's, and which has not a parallel in the history of any county in Southern Iowa. A minister of that time on a Sunday morning just after he had read a Bible lesson and offered a fervent prayer, and was proceeding to read his text, was confronted by the county Sheriff walking up the aisle of the little school house and placing him under arrest. A baby had been born the day before and the minister was charged with being its author. The minister was a magnetic talker, had splendid physique, was popular with very many people and his arrest caused the greatest sensation that had ever occurred in the little hamlet. He dismissed the congregation with prayer, and said to the congregation that he had to go up town to attend to a little business. Geo. Hickenlooper wrote up the trial and added to the interest. The minister turned over his farm to lawyers for securing his acquittal and moved to Missouri.



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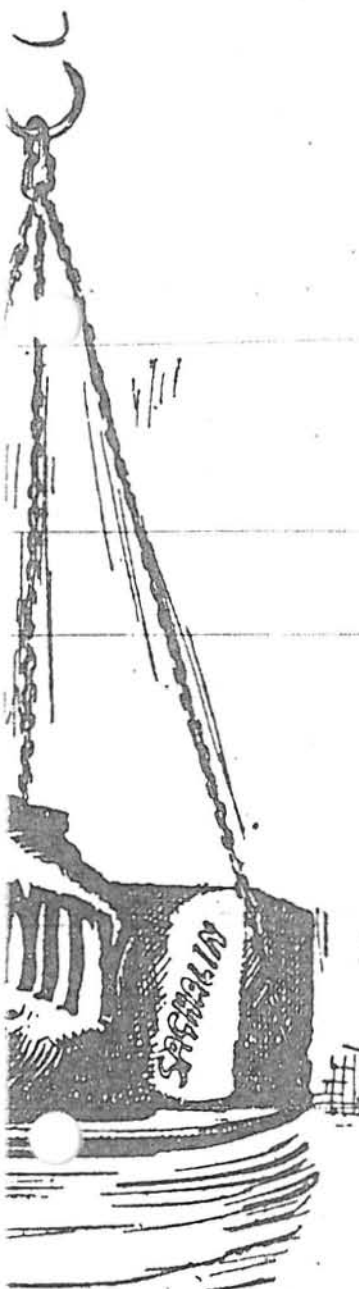
Prominent Des Moines Man Is Drowned in Pool of Water.

Is Carried Over High Bank
of Slough by Frightened
Team He Was Driving.

Entangled in Reins and Shattered Car-
riage, He Was Held Beneath the
Surface—Was Business Man
of Recognized Ability.

Ben F. Elbert, pioneer, banker and successful business man, met a tragic death by drowning in a pool of water near Middle branch, eight miles south of the city near the Norwalk road, yesterday afternoon. The news of the tragedy, which reached the city about 5 o'clock, caused the deepest regret throughout the entire city, where he was so widely and favorably known.

Richard Jackson, driving along the road discovered an overturned buggy, a man's hat and a team of horses across on the bank. This led to the finding of Mr. Elbert's body, tangled in the broken carriage reins. Evidently the horses, after running away, had plunged over a steep grade into the slough on the side of the water, with the buggy upturned on top of him he was drowned. The horses



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A deep bruise was found on his back and it is not improbable that this partially stunned him and being entangled in the lines he was not able to care for himself after being thrown into the water.

Jackson immediately summoned help. Troop 1 of the Eleventh cavalry was coming in from the range and Jackson halted them. Together the officers and men pulled the unfortunate man's body out of the debris.

Scene of Accident.

Where the accident occurred is a short distance south of the bridge over the Middle branch. It was graded high and the swollen stream had backed water into the sides of the graded road. It was into one of these pools the frightened horses plunged. Assistance was soon secured from Fort Des Moines and a trooper dispatched to Indianola for the coroner. He arrived in time to hold an inquest before the remains were brought over into Polk county. The inquest took place on the scene of the accident. The verdict was that Mr. Elbert met his death by drowning. The body was then brought to Des Moines and taken to the family residence, 1030 Twenty-first street at 10 o'clock, just six hours and forty minutes after the accident occurred.

Refused to Believe Sad News.

Mrs. Elbert was unwilling to believe during the entire evening and until her sons came and confirmed the sad news that the accident had befallen her husband. The first news which came was indefinite, to the effect that a man's body, believed to be that of Ben F. Elbert, had been found near the North river bridge. This report reached the city about 5 o'clock. All through the long evening hours the wife insisted it could not be he. To those who knew Mr. Elbert best it did seem improbable, for he was a strong and active man and accustomed to handling horses and meeting emergencies. His son Hoyt was immediately notified and drove as rapidly as possible to the scene of the accident, reaching the place before some of the officers arrived.

Mr. Elbert was driving a divery team from the Patrick barn at the time of the accident and was over south of the city to attend to some business affairs. Although he owned some fine horses himself it seems that for some reason he drove a strange team yesterday. In the morning when he mentioned going out in the country at home his wife urged him not to go for the weather was uncomfortably warm, but the business, he said, required his attention promptly. The horses were brought back last evening in a crippled condition from having plunged at least one, and perhaps both of them, will have to be shot.

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INDEPENDENT JURISTS IN ATTENDANCE

THE BAR ASSOCIATION
AT ITS CONVENTION.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

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Best Known Lawyers in En-
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Berkeley Makes Address.

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200 and 300 leading members
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KNOWN ALL OVER IOWA.

Mr. Elbert Was Prominent in Business
Circles of the State.

Mr. Elbert was one of the best known
business men in Iowa. He has had a
most successful career and his wealth is
variously estimated from a third to a
half million. He carried life insurance to
a large amount. It is said that he carried
nearly \$300,000 insurance, being the heav-
iest insured man in Iowa. Not long since
he made a will in which all of his heirs
were provided for. His own estate was
enhanced some nine years ago when his
brother died in Denver. His brother was
formerly governor of Colorado, and died
leaving considerable property in Denver
and some mining interests in Cripple
Creek, all of which reverted to his broth-
er in this city.

He was born in Ohio, on May 8, 1844,
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the west. His career at Albia was most

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rested in Saratoga today. One of the most conspicuous figures in the investigation of the cotton leakage in the department of agriculture.

Mr. Peckham's name has been associated very closely with Moses Haas of New York and both of them declined to testify before the grand jury here. Secretary Wilson reported that L. C. Van Riper of New York said that Haas acted as a go between in conveying information from Holmes, the dismissed associate statistician, to other New York brokers. Correspondence between Holmes and brokers found by the secret service agents contained the initial "P" which is said to have been the way in which Holmes referred to Peckham. According

to the report of Secretary Wilson on the investigation made, Holmes admitted that he and Peckham had close relations, were at one time associated in a business venture in which Holmes "was to have an interest equal to the sum of \$6,000 which he was to receive as a gift from the other members of the firm."

Secretary Wilson said that Mr. Holmes admitted that when he had occasion to visit New York he frequently found that his hotel bills were paid by Peckham or Van Riper.

IMPROVEMENT IS STEADY IN NEW ORLEANS

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States government agreeing to send only immunes into Cairo and these will be allowed to enter by Secretary Egan.

Over 300 Are Exposed.

BROWNSVILLE, Ill., Aug. 23.—With over 300 laborers here exposed to the contagion by a negro from Shreveport, who admits he came from an infected yellow fever point in the south and who now lies critically ill with the fever at a camp near here, the people of Brownsville are today in fear of the epidemic becoming general at this point. Many of the citizens of this town have been exposed to the germs of the disease. Strict quarantine regulations have been instituted.

SNATCHES POCKETBOOK FROM WOMAN'S HAND

Mrs. Jennie Palmer of 1002 Third Street is Robbed By Boy While Walking Up Fourth Street—Darted Out of Alley.

An unknown boy darted from a dark alley on Fourth between Center and Chestnut streets at about 10 o'clock last night and snatched the pocketbook carried in the hand of Mrs. Jennie Palmer, 1002 Third street, jumped back under cover and escaped with the booty before an alarm could be given. No clue to the identity of the thief could be discovered and as Mrs. Palmer could give no description of her assailant the police are at a loss as to what steps to take in order to apprehend him.

Mrs. Palmer stated last night that she was walking slowly along the street swinging her pocketbook to and fro on her finger. She was warned by a boy who didn't look to be over 10 years old, emerged from the dark, and

Mize was shot, but says that he went away and was not in the neighborhood when the crime was committed.

There have been no developments in the case to show that it was anything else than the act of a holdup man who feared that the cries of the woman would lead to his arrest and who shot her to facilitate his escape.

B. F. ELBERT IS VICTIM OF ACCIDENT

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successful and he became owner of considerable land near there, which he owned at the time of his death.

The family removed to Des Moines nineteen years ago, and he at that time built the beautiful residence on Twenty-first street, which has since been their home.

He engaged in the grain business quite extensively in Des Moines, devoting considerable time to his farms. He owned a large farm not far from Valley Junction, which is considered one of the best in the county. He also owned residence and business property in Des Moines. During the past few years he has been shaping his business matters so that he might retire and just a few evenings ago remarked to a neighbor that he was getting his affairs in shape now so that he would not have to work so hard and could enjoy a little more leisure. He was a member of the Masonic order, having passed the thirty-second degree.

Several years ago he was interested with some eastern men dealing in Iowa land and went with surveying parties all through this section of the state and as far west as Atlantic, Iowa, buying and selling thousands of acres.

A Man of Integrity.

He is spoken of with the greatest respect by all who knew him, for he was known to be a man of great business ability and integrity, unselfish, and loyal to his friends and business associates. His business success did not tend to make him exclusive or arrogant, and he was regarded as one of the most approachable and affable men in the entire city.

His family of five children are all grown. The children are: Mrs. Leonard Everett, Council Bluffs; Sam B. Elbert, Jamestown, Colo.; Ben F. Elbert, Jr., Kansas City; Hoyt H. Elbert, Des Moines, and J. J. Elbert, now a student at the Boston School of Technology.

Telegrams were sent to the children late last night, and the funeral arrangements will be deferred until they arrive.

COUNCIL BLUFFS MAN CONFESSES TO SHORTAGE

David T. Stubbs, Cashier of Citizens' Gas and Electric Company, is Arrested and Placed in Jail in Default of Bonds.

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Ia., Aug. 23.—Special: The discovery that David T. Stubbs, cashier of the Citizens' Gas and Electric company, was short in his accounts to the extent of \$1,877, resulted

opportunity to consult its government the last time.

Outlook is Black.

The outlook is black. Many business men were never so black as tonight. Japanese are not talking. Indeed, they appear to be more tactically more resolute than ever. The possible line of further Japanese action is considered to lie in the direction of the amount of the purchase demanded for the north half of Siberia. The decision rests, therefore, at present from the first, with Russia. The emperor agrees to yield between Saturday, the end is likely to be that day. And the indication of Peterhof, instead of raising the question of a change of heart on the part of the emperor, seem to indicate even determination to yield neither nor indemnity, sugar coated the latter may be.

The long instruction received last week while not a reply to the commission of President Roosevelt given to the navy yard yesterday was of a character to almost destroy hope that it will be possible for M. Witte to satisfy the Japanese. M. Witte himself has been quoting that he would not, if ordered by the emperor, sign a treaty for the payment of a copeck. But it is borne in mind that M. Witte's intentions is not a free agent. I sends his emperor. If he were free this conference would not would make peace. He sympathizes with the solution offered by the president. His hands are tied, and unless he has an imperial command he can do nothing.

Black as the prospect appears, however, the failure of the negotiations is not certain. The Russian pessimistic to a man, but they expect the quick and startling changes that sometimes take place at the conference. And there are factors in the situation which might affect one of those and inexplicable changes in the emperor's attitude which have frequented Russia.

REAL HOPE IN PRESIDENT

Latest Move is to Send Arrived Meyer Direct to Czars

Private advices from St. Petersburg that sentiment there, in Moscow large centers favors acceptance of compromise. This may mean the real hope still rests with Roosevelt. He is resourceful, made another move. He has sent Ambassador Meyer direct to the emperor they were together, according to received here, for three hours. Mr. Roosevelt himself, know more about how the emperor than M. Witte, and be able to convey the information conveyed to the ambassador. The report is in circulation here that Emperor Nicholas is responsible for the attitude of the meeting of the two on board the Hohenzollern in the gulf. In support of this it is stated that after the interview, instructions were made stronger more underlying. The following tentative statement of the Russian