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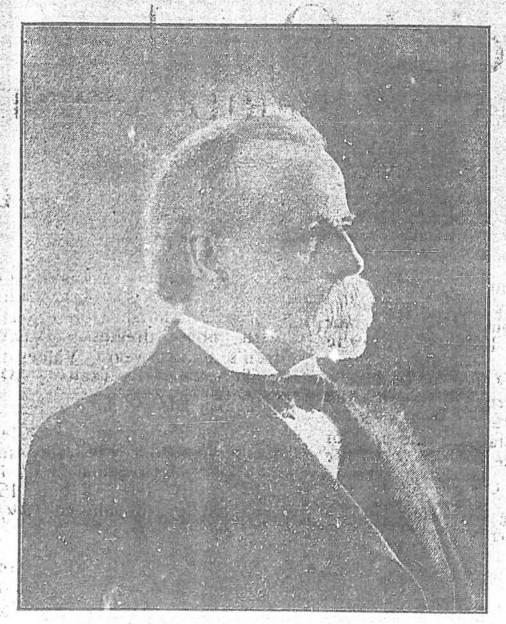
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Suddenly Summoned by Death Monday Afternoon



MAJOR JOHN F. LACEY

In the enjoyment of robust health and without warning, Oskaloosa's Most Distinguished Citizen was suddenly called to his reward at 12:37 o'clock Monday afternoon. His death fell like a pall over the community and left nearly every citizen in tears.

MAJOR J. F. LAGEY DIES SUDDEN

STRICKEN DOWN AT HIS HOME SHORTLY AFTER NOON.

SURROUNDED BY HIS FAMILY

End Came Almost Without Warning, Shortly After He Reached Home From His Office-Had Been in Robust Health.

John Fletcher Lacey, one of Oskaleosa's most distinguished citizens, a pioneer resident, old soldier, lawyer of national reputation, and former representative of the Sixth Iowa district in Congress, died almost instantly at his home at 12:37 o'clock Monday afternoon, of apoplexy.

Major Lacey left his office a little after twelve o'clock and walked to his home, corner North Market street and B avenue. He stopped on the way to, say a word and to converse with friends and acquaintances. He seemed in his usual good health and spirits and not a word came from his lips of any indisposition! He walked down the street in his act and customed sprightly manner but did not stop at the Sherburger house for his luncheon as was his usual custom. He continued down the street a half block distant to his residence. As he went in the entrance he was met by a member of the family, and then said, "I am not feeling well." Labelieve I will lie down here for al and glass of water."

The water was at his hand almost on the instant. He seemed in pain as he reached for the water. He held the glass for a moment then his hold relaxed, the glass fell to the door and the Major dropped back on the couch, dead.

As his distress was noted, those about him became alarmed and one of the family called for the Sherburger home where Dr .E. D. McClean was at lunch. He responded instantly, but before he could reach the The cause of house life had fled. death is given as apoplexy.

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Mrs. Lacey was in the room with him, as also were his daughters, Mrs. James B. Brewster of San Francisco, and Mrs. C. E. Sawyer of Oskaloosa, and his grand-daughter, Miss Doris Brewster, of San Francisco. His brother and law partner, W. R. La-

v, was summoned and was imnietely at the home.

Mr. Lacey seemed suffering with distress of some character as he entered the house, and put his hand to his breast, but said little, if anything. The happening was all so sudden that no one had a moment's warning nor could they do anything to relieve him. 1-13 14

Mr. Lacey suffered from a slight indisposition in his office during the forenoon and complained to his stenographer, Miss Lena Rowe, of pain in the region of the stomach. He was twice seized with sickness of the stomach and was relieved by

vomiting.

John F. Lacey was a son of John M. and Eleanor Patten Lacey, born at New Martinsville, Virginia, May 30, 1841, and was 72 years, 3 months and 29 days of age at the date of death. The Lacey family came to Mahaska county and Oskaloosa from Wheeling, West Virginia, where John had been a school boy. He continued his study in "select school" in the new home, Oskaloosa, gaining an academic course, and then entered upon the study of law in the office of Gen. Samuel A. Rice, under whom he later served as a major in the Civil war. When a call for troops was sent out, John Lacey was the fifth man in Oskaloosa to get down his name in response, enlisting as a private in Company H of the Third Iowa. As a corporal he was with an carnestness that commanded taken prisoner at the battle of Blue Mills and later paroled. He re-enlisted as a private in Comptny D, 33rd Iowa, Colonel Rice commanding, later became major in the service, and at date of death was honorary colonel of the reunion organization of the survivors of the regiment.

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He was early called upon to take a prominent part in politics and being a natural leader of men he was selected to represent his county in the Thirteenth general assembly. He was chosen to the city council and to the office of city solicitor by his townspeople. He was prominent in state politics from the first and was chairman of the state republican convention in 1898. He brought the Sixth Congressional district into the republican ranks and held it there through the Fifty-first, Fifty-third, Fifty-fourth; Fifty-fifth, Fifty-sixth; Fifty-seventh, Fifty-eighth and Fiftyninth congresses;

He was considered for a senate prsition and came near election to the office, being defeated by Senator A. B. Cummins. He has been frequently called upon to be a candidate for the office of governor of Iowa and has refused many positions of high honor and political prefer-

ence.

He was elected president of the State Bar Association in June, this year, at the Sloux City meeting.

John Lacey was a hard worker, a man of tireless spirit and boundless energy, and death alone ended his Kelbarer, with of Dr. T. F. Kelleber, activities. He was widely traveled s dend at the result of an operation both at home and abroad and posfor gall atones. Death time unex gossed a wonderful knowledge of our packedly. She is the wife of Dr. T. Country, its resources and its needs. and of the citate most He call be missed by the mate in

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who endorse this matter to unite with us. Select a clean candidate and we are with you."

TRIBUTES TO MAJOR LACEY.

Major S. H. M. Byers: "I am deeply shocked at Major Lacey's sudden and untimely death. I had known him in-timately since boyhood. We were boys together in the public schoolsstudied law at the same time, and together entered the union army. He was a true patriot, a good soldier, and quickly won promotion. He was adjutant general on the staff of General Steele. After the war he became one of lowa's, most noted lawyers. His in congress is Personally 1 important career known to everybody. regarded him the ablest inember of the lower house. He scarcely had a superior as a debater anywhere. He had the power of repartee and no man in congress was better acquainted with men, and books, and history, than he. He had a powerful memory, and possessed books to read, and not for parlor ornament only. As dyouth at school he was proficient and Ambition never forsook ambitious. him. He had a right to it, for he was able and prepared for any post. is said that President McKinley looked on him as one of the most potent men engaged in public affairs. As a lawyer he had few equals and he possessed a kindly wit that served him before furies as it did on the floor of congress. His life was important in every way, and the state has lost one of its truly great citizens. I was in his home only last week. He seemed in perfect health and only now comes this sudden and shocking news that he nas, in a single moment crossed the border of another would

Hervey, ligham, editor Register and Leader: , "If from the thinning ranks of the men who saw full service in the civil war selection was to ely say have been made of those most likely ndorse him to survive to the last, the choice of alted the te all who knew him would have fallen last national upon Major Lacey, whose sudden I caused the death came yesterday as a shock to the state. That a man of his aboundcal principle ing vitality and tireless energy and e for about careful habits of life should pass 'n vote has away at the early age of seventy-two these years only illustrates again the essential transitoriness of our temporal so-Mujor Lacey will be remembered by many as an intense partisan t two weeks in the political controversies that y elected have divided the republican party. He objections took his stand with decision, and lie They were maintained it with earnestness. ed his name belonged with the old guard, and nev-He was er faltered. He never minced his But those who knew him men best will remember him as a man of alon varied interests and minor lined activnince, Prost lites. In the legislature every measurable on type, who is member of very measurable on type, who is member of very see to ton have po was his bride to cover a section field of this the three northwest of little to the little t

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"The Register and Leader, although differing from Major Lacey very widely in matters of political belief, always held him in high personal esteem, and enjoyed the most cordial relations with him. It now joins with his neighbors and friends in paying tribute to his worth, his service and his well won fame in state and nation."

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Congressman is, F. VProuty: "Major Locey was one of the brainlest men I ever knew. For twenty years we were thrown constantly together in our law practice, he at Oskaloosa and I at Pella. We differed on politics, but were warm personal-Major Lacey was one of the most influential men in congress. He was able and an indefatigable worker. He was an authority on forest reserves and was active in the conservation fight: "As chairman of the committee bit forestry he framed most of the laws dealing with forest and wild animal preservation. He was a man of splendid ability."

-:- -:- -:-Rev. E. H. Waring: "The passing away of our valued fellow citizen and friend, Major John F. Lacey, has appealed strongly to my sympathy and brought upon me a distinct sense of loss. I have known him for nearly sixty years. I first met him when he was a lay student in the office of the late General Rice, I think in the fall of 1860. He was a bright, attractive young fellow and his intellectual equipments, his pleasant manners, his kindly spirit and his intelligent conversation marked him as full of promise, and as the years have passed by he has well redeemed the promise. He was a man of keen observation, his survey correction of knowledge was extensive With his mind stored with the regards of the past, helkent track of the events of the present, and there were few subjects on which he was not informed. When I was ucting, for nearly twenty years, as an official reporter of the courts, I had ample opportunity of acquainting myself with his varied gifts. His moral principles were of the highest order. There was nothing little, mean or unworthy about him. He had the ability to discover the strong, salient points of any subject calling for his notice. And he did not waste his time with matters of lesser importance; his argument, always clear, logical and convincing, dealt with the stronger and better reasons, and upon these he depended to carry his case. It is true that he often indulited, at the expense of his

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Fire of Unknown Origin Destroys Ice House of Rock Island Ry. at Valley Junction—Three Other Ice Houses Badly Scorched.

Mason City, Oct. 3.-After telling the police that a mysterious man with a flour sack on his head had poisoned her and her baby because she refused to place polson in the food of Lewis Chirikis, a boarder, Mrs. Alda Holcomb Birgess confessed to the police that she killed her child and took the polson herself because of threats from Chirikis, who was the father of the child, Mrs. Burgess admitted improper relations with Chirikis before her marriage to Allen E. Burgess, March 31st child was born July 1st. Mrs. Burgess is in the hospital recovering from a small amount of poison taken when she killed the child late yesterday. Her parents live at Amboy, Minnesota.

ice House Destroyed b re. Des Moines. Oct. 3 .- Fire of unknown origin burned to the ground an ice house in the Valley Junction yards of the Rock Island lines about 3 a. m. today. The fire destroyed wires between the shops and Des Moines which stopped communication for several hours. The Rock Island had three other ice houses which were scorched. The building was about 75 by 30 and the loss was over \$5,000.

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Convicted of Lewdness.

LeMars, Oct. 3.—After a four days trial James DeViney was convicted in district court of lewd acts. The ase is one of those started last spring when a clean up crusade was inaugurated. Ed Sincord pleaded guilty to arson and was sentenced to five years. He set fire to the hay stacks of a neighbor against whom Source Rolwa Tegritorial and State Legislators Collection

Fine Bulldings Burned.

JOHN F. LACEY.

Born with the humble, with the humble bred,

Save what himself had gathered on the road;

An earnest life, and strenuous, he led, And reaped at last the harvest that he sowed.

Not all perhaps; there was another height

He yearned to reach, for he had wings to fly:

But, all at once, the daylight turned to night.

And voices told him it was time to die.

One day a youth before a city stood, And asked for labor just to earn his bread;

"Come in," they said, but never dreamed they would

Some day bewail him as their noblest dead.

Twas not by accident, nor fate, nor chance

He found the goal so many failed to find:

Work, work, was written on his shield and lance.

The eternal sharpener of the hu-

Not labor only, he had time to know The fields, the forests, and the birds at dawn;

Each plumed creature in a requiem

Will say farewell to him who now is gone,

He won the dearest that there is in

The high esteem of men who knew him best;

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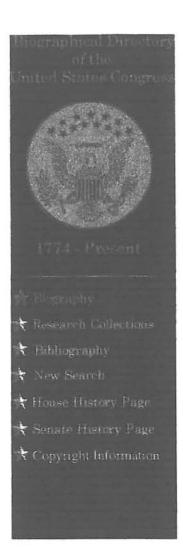
New Sharon, Oct. 3 .- The si the postoffice here was blown and robbed early this morning. certificates and other valuable pers worth \$3,000 belonging it postmaster, Dr. Wallace, and \$ cash and \$100 worth of stamps taken. Payment on the certiand drafts can be stopped, but cash and stamps will be a total unless the thieves are appreh-The stamp drawer in the gener livery department containing was not molested, and the Star ing office, immediately back c postoffice, was not entered.

No one heard the explosion, the possible exception of Lan Hill who operates the hotel the street. He heard a noise inight but thought it was in his yard. He got up and looked but seeing nothing unusual he back to bed. The clock in the office stopped at 2 a. m., and supposed that this was the hothe explosion.

The thieves secured a large wand a pick-axe by breaking interestion men's tool house near M. & St. L. tracks. The contion on the safe was broken off the wrench, and the door topen with dynamite. Entrance the building was gained through front door. There is no clue ever to the thieves. The rowas not discovered until employ the office went to work this more

Eighty Cases All Alike.

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LACEY, John Fletcher, 1841-1913

LACEY, John Fletcher, a Representative from Iowa; born in New Martinsville, Va. (now West Virginia), May 30, 1841; moved to Iowa in 1855 with his parents, who settled in Oskaloosa; attended the common schools and pursued classical studies; engaged in agricultural pursuits; learned the trades of bricklaying and plastering; enlisted in Company H, Third Regiment, Iowa Volunteer Infantry, in May 1861 and afterward served in Company D, Thirty-third Regiment, Iowa Volunteer Infantry, as sergeant major, and as lieutenant in Company C of that regiment; promoted to assistant adjutant general; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1865 and commenced practice in Oskaloosa, Iowa; member of the Iowa house of representatives in 1870; elected city councilman in 1880; served one term as city solicitor; temporary chairman of the Republican State convention in 1898; served on the city council 1880-1883; elected as a Republican to the Fifty-first Congress (March 4, 1889-March 3, 1891); unsuccessful candidate for reelection; elected to the Fifty-third and to the six succeeding Congresses (March 4, 1893-March 3, 1907); chairman, Committee on Public Lands (Fifty-fourth through Fifty-ninth Congresses); was an unsuccessful candidate for reelection; resumed the practice of law; died in Oskaloosa, Iowa, September 29, 1913; interment in Forest Cemetery.

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