

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Smeltzer, Charles Clark Senator _____
Represents Dickinson, Clay, Buena Vista and Pocahontas Counties, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 29 Jan 1837 London County, Virginia

2. Marriage (s) date place

Abbie Beecher 16 Feb 1869

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business He was an incorporator of the First National Bank of Fort Dodge
and became its vice president

B. Civic responsibilities _____

C. Profession Lawyer; county judge; real estate; banking

4. Church membership Episcopal

5. Sessions served 9th General Assembly 1862

6. Public Offices

A. Local Clay county judge; Holster County Board of Supervisors member

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 13 July 1878 Fort Dodge, Iowa; buried Oaklark Cemetery, Fort Dodge, Iowa

8. Children Charles Beecher

9. Names of parents Henry Papp and Sarah A. (Everhart) Smeltzer

Smeltzer, Charles Clark

10. Education He attended school in Frederick County, Maryland

11. Degrees He attended Dickinson College at Carlisle, Pennsylvania and later graduated from Union at Schenectady, New York and he also took a course in law from the same institution

12. Other applicable information Democrat

- When he was quite young he moved with his family to Frederick County, Maryland from Loudon County, Virginia. There he worked on a farm and attended school until his father sold the farm.

- They then moved to Middletown, Maryland.

- After college he spent some time in the office of Governor Lowe of Frederick City, Maryland.

- He made his career first to Helena, Illinois and from there to Dickinson County, Iowa.

- He was involved in organizing mounted men known as "Frontier Guards" for protection of the settlers in northwestern Iowa from the Indians.

- About 1858 he moved to Clay County, Iowa where he was elected county judge, but soon resigned.

- He then soon after, moved to Fort Dodge, Iowa where he practiced law, engaged in real estate business and made abstracts of titles.

- He was one of the largest landowners in northwestern Iowa.

- In 1860 he built a number of business houses in Fort Dodge.

- He was known as an energetic, public-spirited person who made substantial improvements in Fort Dodge.

- But 4 or 5 years before his death, he became obsessed with alcohol and died from it.

Smeltzer, Charles Clark

Sources Log For Legislation Entries

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- | Source | Non Applicable | Applicable | Information obtained |
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HAT "GROSS SCRUTINY" DISCLOSES.

(From the Dubuque Herald.)

In the matter of the faithful administration of the public funds, the republican party challenges the coarsest scrutiny and invites comparison with any and all other agencies public or private affairs. Notwithstanding the vast sums—amounting to thousands of millions of dollars—collected and disbursed by republican administrations, the percentage of loss is less than can be shown by any other political party that has ever been intrusted with the control of public affairs, by individuals in their own private business, thus showing that the charge of corruption made against the republican party is as groundlessly impudent as was the effort of the southern democracy to destroy the union wantonly wicked and atrociously cruel.—*Republican Platform.*

We have accepted this invitation, and devoted some "scrutiny" to the falsifications and misappropriation of public funds by republican officials. If the list is too long to be printed, we confine ourselves to a few of the larger cases, where the amount stolen was large:

POSTMASTERS.

H. Jones, New York.....	\$101,712
John J. McArthur, Chicago..	50,000
B. Hall, Galveston.....	10,181
C. Gist, Memphis.....	7,611
G. Rose, Indianapolis....	8,068
H. Morrow, Tipton.....	2,068
M. Day, Casey.....	200
H. Fletcher, Topeka.....	2,144
F. Small, Carson City....	2,888
W. Howland, Sante Fe....	2,707
E. McLelland, Cheyenne..	4,481
H. McIntyre, Yankton....	502
J. H. Denny, Cheleville....	1,343
W. McDonough, Galveston	6,858
John Porter, Helena.....	8,643
C. Tomlinson, Stuart....	507
L. Crossman, Newton....	378
W. Andrews Indianola....	104
K. Bayless, Wheatland....	157
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McElroy, Beartown, Dakota	146

MARSHALS.

A. Britton, Arkansas....	\$ 46,991
N. Sarber do.....	63,456
A. Shaffenberg, Colorado	23,740
A. Newcomb, Missouri....	23,168
H. Blackburn, Tennessee..	10,000
Ochiltree, Texas.....	9,249
Wolcott, Wyoming.....	20,829
T. Carrow, North Carolina	46,914

DISBURSING AGENTS.

Henry D. Cooke.....	\$177,500
A. McCartney.....	35,000
H. Armstrong.....	3,000
D. Hittack.....	26,753

PENSION AGENTS.

C. Burnett, San Francisco	\$ 23,750
T. Collins, Washington..	51,413
H. Adams, Lexington, Ky..	10,944
Samuel McKee, Louisville..	10,262
H. Lawrence, N. Y.....	65,884
T. Forbes, Philadelphia..	38,323

INTERNAL REVENUE COLLECTORS.

Widner, Alabama.....	\$ 46,676
C. Rawlins, California....	30,881
H. Gould, Georgia.....	40,506
Weeks, Illinois.....	39,873
John T. Harper, Illinois....	721,522
Maguire, Missouri.....	151,587
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"scrutiny" is altogether too long to be entire. But if any of the

The Wreck of a Brilliant Life, and the Lesson It Teaches.

The Fort Dodge Gazette, says: "Sunday morning, July 14th, 1878, between four and six o'clock, at his residence in this city, of dolomite tremors, Charles C. Smeltzer, in his 44th year.

"Life was hardly extinct before mortification took place, and all that remained on earth of C. C. Smeltzer was deposited in a grave in Oakland Cemetery at 7 o'clock p. m. Sunday, Rev. Mills officiating.

"Mr. Smeltzer was born at or near Frederick, Maryland, and came west and settled at Newton, Iowa, before he was 21 years old. From Newton he removed to Clay county, about the time George Spencer settled at Spirit Lake. Mr. Smeltzer was a leading Democratic politician, and at one time represented the Northwestern District in the lower house of the State legislature, and was once, if not twice, the Democratic candidate for Congress in this District. He removed to Fort Dodge during the war, and soon became one of our most energetic, public spirited business men, and more than one of the permanent substantial improvements of the city and vicinity were made by C. C. Smeltzer, and ten or twelve years ago he was worth more money than any man in the county. But four or five years ago he quit all kinds of business and devoted his whole time and energy to drinking beer and whiskey, which terminated his life as above stated. Frank, open-hearted and generous, he has spent his entire fortune, and so far as we can learn his estate is bankrupt. He leaves a brave little boy seven years old to battle with the world, without much if any means. May God bless and protect him. It is an unpleasant duty for us to be compelled to write thus about one whose life and future so few short years ago were so prosperous and bright, but we perform the painful task, hoping to be of some benefit to the rising generation, and we take this occasion to say to the boys and young men of Fort Dodge: Remember that every person that tastes of spirituous or malt liquors is in danger, while all that make a habit of using them daily, must sooner or later wind up their earthly career as has C. C. Smeltzer. Charley was a large, well-built man, with an iron constitution, and there are but few men that can stand one-half what he did, yet he has been for years robbed of his usefulness, and at last cut down in the prime of life by strong drink.

"Now should you ever be tempted to lift to your lips the intoxicating draught, stop and reflect, and look back seven years to that stately mansion on the hill, and behold a family consisting of a kind and affectionate husband and father, an amiable and loving wife and mother, and a bright, handsome, innocent babe, all surrounded by every luxury and comfort that money could procure, and as happy as you could wish for a family to be. Look along down and see that father going night after night reeling drunk. Go again

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And so on. The results of our scrutiny" is altogether too long to be entire. But if any of the ends of the stalwart platform wish more figures, we have them at hand and can give them as many as they wish. Do they wish for any more?	
In addition to these we have some falsifications, corruptions and stealings of Iowa men, which may assess more immediate interest to those who invite a "close scrutiny" and charge that the publication of such facts as these against the republican are "groundlessly impudent."	
W. Belknap, bribes.....	\$ 21,000
M. Hedrick, introductions	1,000
M. Bankin.....	28,000
Lucas Brandt.....	40,000
James Harlan, Durant's-check.	10,000
F. Wilson, credit mobilizer...	3,000
H. Craig.....	200,000
J. Hutchinson, Fort Dodge	48,000
Frank Kyte, Howard Co....	20,000
B. Morse, Eldora.....	3,500
Twenty-six other county assessors.....	175,000

The English girls have improved on the language of the fan and the neckerchief by devising a very pious vocabulary of the gloves, which for the benefit of American men we beg to "pirate" from an English contemporary. It runs thus: Drop a glove—Yes. Trample the gloves in the right hand—No. Half unglve the left hand—Indifference. Cap the left shoulder with the gloves—No. Cap the chin with the gloves—I love you no longer.

so far as we can learn his estate is bankrupt. He leaves a brave little boy seven years old to battle with the world, without much if any means. May God bless and protect him. It is an unpleasant duty for us to be compelled to write thus about one whose life and future so few short years ago were so prosperous and bright, but we perform the painful task, hoping to be of some benefit to the rising generation, and we take this occasion to say to the boys and young men of Fort Dodge: Remember that every person that tastes of spirituous or malt liquors is in danger, while all that make a habit of using them daily, must sooner or later wind up their earthly career as has C. C. Smeltzer. Charley was a large, well-built man, with an iron constitution, and there are but few men that can stand one-half what he did, yet he has been for years robbed of his usefulness, and at last cut down in the prime of life by strong drink.

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"Young ladies, shun the young man who drinks a drop of spirituous liquors, as you would the boiling and seething cauldron. It is much better for you and the rising generation that you make your living over a washtub and live in a shanty than to be married to a drunkard and occupy a palace, and so far as we know no woman has ever yet reformed a drunkard by marrying him.

"To his—Smeltzer's—boon companion, who, no longer ago than Friday and Saturday last, was seen going from saloon to saloon, and to those who for months past sold or gave him drink, we should think his death would be a terrible warning, and you can take the lines written by the sacred poet Dr. Watts, and by changing the phraseology a little, make them applicable to your cases:

Mark! from this tomb a doleful sound
My ears attend the cry,
Let us all go view the grand
Where we must shortly lie.
Great God! this is our certain doom,
And unless we quit the grog,
We shall be drinking at the tomb,
And yet we drink the more.

COMMUNICATION.

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—The late newspapers chronicle the death last Sunday morning of *delerium tremens*; of C. C. Smeltzer, of Ft. Dodge. Mr. Smeltzer was one of the organizers of Clay County, and at one time ran for Congress, on the Democratic ticket. The *Sioux City Journal* closes up a biographical sketch of the deceased with the following:

Mr. Smeltzer was a man of extraordinary mind, of genial, social qualities and a warm affectionate disposition. His appetite for liquor was the bane of his life, and his worst enemy. He has gone down as others have gone before him, and as others will go hereafter, a victim to the awful curse of alcohol.

The history of one drunkard is the history of all. A few years of revelry and gratification of passion—then death and a dishonored tomb. Here is a bright mind, a noble man, an immortal soul, lost in the black tide of intemperance that goes sweeping over the land.

TREE BILL

Text of the Timber Culture Act.

As we have had a number of inquiries for the following Act we print it:

An Act to amend an act entitled "An Act to encourage the growth of timber on the Western Prairies."

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress Assembled, that the Act Entitled "An Act to amend the Act entitled 'An Act to

Sioux County Herald,

REPUBLICAN STATE TICKET.

For Secretary of State—

J. A. T. HULL, of Davis County.

For Auditor of State—

BUREN R. SHERMAN, of Benton County.

For Treasurer of State—

GEO. W. DEMIS, of Buchanan County.

For Register of the State Land Office—

J. K. POWERS, of Cass County.

For Attorney-General—

JNO. F. WJUNKIN, of Washington County.

For Judge of the Supreme Court—

JAS. H. BOTHROCK, of Cedar County.

For Reporter of the Supreme Court—

J. S. RUNNELS, of Polk County.

For Clerk of the Supreme Court—

E. J. HOLMES, of Jackson County.

REPUBLICAN JUDICIAL TICKET.

(Fourth District.)

For District Judge—

C. H. LEWIS, of Cherokee County.

For District Attorney—

S. M. MARSII, of Woodbury County.

Hon. C. C. Smeltzer, of Fort Dodge, died of delirium tremens at his residence last Sunday.

The Cherokee Times says, "Bro. Hunter, of the Webster City Freeman, enquires if Cherokee can take care of such a menagerie as the congressional convention? We have four able bodied saloons besides several tony drug stores, and seeing it is a Republican show, not a Democratic one, we believe we can accommodate the critter, if it is not entirely too frolicsome."

AND ANSWERS.

A. Lindberg, Esq., of ship, to Hon. Geo. G. d... Senator--A h... ard Answer

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TO SENATOR WRIGHT.

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ABOUT TAXES.

The List for 1875--The New Law, Chapter 70, 16th Assembly--Facts and Columns of Figures--Personal Tax.

On our second, third and first pages will be found the Tax List for 1875, and also the List of property advertised under the provisions of chapter 70, acts of 16th Assembly, the main provisions of which will be found below:

"SECTION 1. That it shall be the duty of the several County Treasurers of this State, on the first Monday of October in each year, or at any adjourned sale thereafter, to offer and sell at public sale, to the highest bidder therefor, all lands and town lots which then remain liable to sale for delinquent taxes, and which have heretofore been advertised and offered at public sale and passed for want of bidders, for two or more years, by giving general notice of such sale for six weeks previous thereto in the official papers of each of their respective counties, which said notice shall refer to and embrace the general provisions of this act; and in case of redemption of any real estate sold under the provisions of this act, the purchaser shall receive only the amount paid and a pro rata proportion of the penalty, interest and cost."

This will give a great many persons a chance to redeem their property from taxes, at whatever cost they may see fit to put on it, unless some one bucks against them and puts up the bidding. An examination of the list of Fort Dodge property coming under this list will show that some of it has been continually productive of good rentals, and yet the taxes have not been paid. These owners can now come in and for a mere trifle clear the property. This is a sort of dead-beatism that ought to be checked, and will be checked, for there are many thousands of dollars awaiting an investment in just such chances. There are others, however, who have not been able to pay their taxes from many causes and misfortunes that could not be guarded against. These have a right to the relief afforded by this chapter. In some counties, where corporations, like the American Emigrant Company, have fought taxes, the law comes in and allows them to get rid of as much of the tax as they can. In Kossuth county some \$45,000 tax are delinquent on such lands, and which must be sold. The law was originated in the interest of these great beggars, and put through the Legislature under the pretense of "clearing up the tax books."

PERSONAL PROPERTY. OFFICE OF COUNTY TREASURER, WEBSTER COUNTY, IOWA, FORT DODGE, Aug. 22, 1876.

The attention of all persons owing delinquent Personal Property Tax is hereby called to Sections 857 and 859, Code of Iowa. Please call and settle at once. If not paid before the 1st day of October, 1876, Section 859, referred to above, will have to be complied with, which will cause an increase of 5 per cent, on the amount of tax and accrued penalty, and also mileage added. J. HUTCHISON, County Treasurer.

Section 859 is as follows: Sec. 859. Immediately after the taxes become delinquent, each county treasurer shall proceed to collect the same by distress and sale of the personal property of the delinquent tax payers, in the manner prescribed in the preceding section, and for this purpose he shall, within six days after the expiration of the time for payment, appoint one or more deputies to aid and assist him in collecting the delinquent taxes of his county. Each deputy so appointed shall receive as a com-

Sweetly at Rest.

If the Angel of Death could come as unobtrusively and quietly to us all as it came to Mrs. Smeltzer, last Thursday, much of its dread horror and cruel sting would be taken away. She was ill for several days, but only for the last two did her friends begin to lose hope of her recovery, and she, herself, to seem to realize the approaching crisis. She expressed herself ready to go, and proceeded carefully to the performance of the necessary steps, just as she would have begun the preparations for a journey. The morning of her death she entered into the most minute details regarding her burial, selecting the lot in the cemetery--one from which is a view of her home--and giving directions concerning the disposition of her jewelry and clothing. She named about one hundred gifts to friends and relatives, expressed a wish that the home be not broken up, and talked with her husband and brother and friends, saying good-bye to each and manifesting the most calm and tranquil spirit to the last. Her mind was remarkably clear, and seemed almost unnaturally so. A few hours before death she summoned Hon. John F. Duncombe and made her will, expressing every wish with clearness and decision, and signing her name in a bold and firm hand. She seemed to possess remarkable physical as well as mental strength, being able to rise in her bed unassisted only a short time before the end. She spoke of the hereafter to her friends, saying shortly before death that she expected soon to see her mother and father, and asking those beside her if they did not think she would. Her death was a beautiful ending of a lovely life, and she sought her rest with the questioning but trusting faith in the future, into which no human eye can peer and no human intellect reach.

Mrs. Smeltzer was born in Bethlehem, Conn., and was the youngest daughter of Hon. Abraham Beecher. She came here as a bride nearly eight years ago, being married on the 16th of February, 1869, and was universally admired and loved for the sweet graces of her character and the purity and goodness of her heart. She was a member of the Episcopal Church, was always an active member of the Ladies' Aid Society, and was keenly alive to tales of suffering and sorrow, to which she listened with sympathetic heart and open hand. She was a woman who had the nerve to live a daily heroism unflinching, and in whose nature the elements of gentleness, strength, and devotion to duty were wonderfully blended. The funeral ceremonies occurred at her residence last Friday afternoon, in the presence of a large number of friends, Rev. Mr. Mills reading the service. Mrs. Smeltzer was a sister of H. Beecher, Esq., of this city, and left to survive her more closely her husband and little son, for whom the warm sympathy of many friends is felt. May the radiance of her pure life be felt as a warm and constant presence of good about theirs, and prove the cup of strength in swaying their lives through the many temptations along the path.

Closed Up. --Yesterday the lower bridge over the Des Moines was closed to travel by Supervisor Knudson, on account of its dangerous condition, of which we have heretofore spoken. The

--Dolph. Meservey has removed his headquarters, and now offices with Theo. Hawley, Esq.

--Mr. Wright, of the law firm of Hudson & Wright, will deliver a lecture before the teachers' institute next week Friday evening, Sept. 1st.

--The ladies of the M. E. Church will give a Sociable in the lecture room of the Methodist church, Friday evening, Aug. 25th. Fruits and ice-cream. All are cordially invited.

--The county officers gave a free public concert Tuesday, on the Court House veranda. Auditor Scott, assisted by Clerk Bliss, were masters of the occasion, and helped the blind hand organist out on that familiar ballad, "Mollie Darling."

--The evidences of prosperity are not alone confined to lawyers "and sich," for our neighbor of the Times dons a new dress of nonpareil, and otherwise brushes up. Now if he would only get a decent dress for his outrageous politics, he would be doing the decent thing all around.

--We have the man in Fort Dodge who built the first pontoon as applied to bridge purposes, such as those over the Mississippi. Israel Jenkins is the man and he built a pontoon bridge across Lake Champlain at Russell's Point in 1851, the boat being 302 feet long. That was the first pontoon operated in America.

--The Bastle glass is creating a great surprise in the world. Go to Lincoln's, and that infant Charley will drop a chimney on the floor, heat it red hot and throw cold water on it, stand on it with all his three hundred pounds--and yet the chimney refuses to break. It is a big thing on chimneys, and "all for the small sum of a quarter of a dollar," as Jim Rush sings it. The chimney will last until the big horn tooting.

MRS. SWAIN TO LECTURE.--Mrs. Swain has accepted the invitation of the Teachers' Institute now in session here to deliver her lecture on "Truth," at the old Methodist Church, Friday evening, Aug. 25th. She gave it at Webster City last season, and was very warmly complimented by the press and people. It is a very suggestive and thoughtful consideration of an abstract question, and will be worthy of the attention of our people. We hope there will be a full house. Admission free. Lecture to begin at eight o'clock.

--Hon. C. F. Clarkson says in copying an extract from the Summer history of E. B. Price, in the State Register: "We have read with deep interest all the histories of the counties in this State which have come to our hand. But in none have we found a more graphic account of rural simplicity, and genuine frontier life, than in the following paragraph from the history of Sumner township, Webster county, Iowa, by E. B. Price."

A Card from Mr. Dawley. Editors Messenger.--In your issue of today, after printing a letter from Mr. [Name]... in fact runs the "Settlers' Department." Who ever says so, tells what is false, and ought to know it, if trying to adorn

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 le were glad of their escape, and
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OBITUARY.

DIED on Thursday afternoon, August 17th, of
 Diphtheria, after a few days' illness, **ABBIE**,
 wife of C. C. Smeltzer, Esq., aged 32 years
 lacking 6 days.

Mrs. Smeltzer was the youngest daughter of
 the late Hon. Abraham Beecher, of Bethlehem,
 Conn., and sister of H. Beecher, Esq., of this
 city.

Her husband and a beautiful boy of five years
 and eight months, have by this bereavement
 been deprived of their best earthly friend, and
 the news will carry sorrow, not only to the
 brother and sister in Connecticut, but to the
 many friends in her childhood home.

In the death of Mrs. S. Fort Dodge has lost
 one of its brightest ornaments, and the poor a
 sympathizing friend, whose ear and purse were
 ever open to hear the call of the needy, and as
 far as possible supply their wants.

Although a resident of our city but eight
 years, she has displayed a purity and strength
 of character which has won the love and esteem
 of all who came within the sphere of her in-
 fluence.

During the last few hours of her life, being
 convinced that recovery was impossible, she
 gave the minutest directions in regard to her
 affairs, even to the arrangements for her funeral
 and presents to her friends.

When this was done, she called her relatives
 and friends present, to her bedside, and though
 struggling for breath, bade each one good-bye,
 with as much composure as if about to start on
 a pleasant journey, and with a smile on her lips
 sunk quietly to sleep.

Truly can we say, "Earth has one angel less,
 Heaven one more."

The world is better for such a life.
 The funeral exercises were held at her beau-
 tiful home on Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock,
 conducted by Rev. M. Mills, Rector of the
 Episcopal church, of which Mrs. S. has been a
 consistent member.

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from Rose Grove township, and in the organization of the board in 1869 was again elected chairman.

Judge Rose was a colorful figure of his day. He was a man of commanding appearance, genial manners and political sagacity. He was well informed, a ready reasoner, and both ready and forceful speaker. He was an able lawyer, but not an especially profound one. He made a good judge and had a good legal mind. When the lawyers had finished with their "law and precedents," the judge generally had arrived at a correct legal conclusion. As a farmer he was an enthusiast and always expected to receive large financial returns, while benefiting the community at the same time by introducing new crops or new methods. Everybody who resided in the county at that time remembers his attempt to revolutionize farming and hog raising by the introduction of his Jerusalem artichoke.

The Rose Grove farm, a magnificent property for that time, originally consisting of two sections of land, was sold at sheriff's sale, and the splendid fortune with which the parents of Mrs. Rose had endowed her, dwindled rapidly. Judge Rose returned to the east after the death of his wife and daughter, broken in health and ruined in property and credit. With all his faults and misfortunes, he was still loved even by those he had injured. He was a man of both natural and acquired ability and respected for these. About the winter of 1868, he edited the *Hamilton County Freeman* published at Webster City.

Judge LEWIS M. OLCOTT was born in Rockingham, Windham county, Vermont, in the year 1812. In 1856, he moved to Fort Dodge and engaged in the real estate business. October 8, 1861, he was elected county judge of Webster county, which position he held until 1864. He afterward filled many honorable positions in the city and county, and was one of the prominent pioneers. He was the father-in-law of Charles B. Richards. Mr. Olcott died in Fort Dodge April 25, 1878.

CHARLES CLARKE SMELTZER was born in London county, Virginia, January 29, 1837. When he was quite young the

family moved to Fredericks county, Maryland. He worked on a farm and at intervals attended school until his father sold the place and moved to Middletown, Maryland. Here Mr. Smeltzer pursued a more regular course of study and entered Dickinson college at Carlisle, Pennsylvania, as a sophomore, later was graduated from Union at Schenectady, New York. He then took a course in the law department of the same institution.

After spending some time in the office of Governor Lowe of Frederick City, Maryland, he came west. He settled for a short time in Galena, Illinois, and from thence came to Dickinson county, Iowa, about the time of the Spirit Lake massacre. Later he assisted in the organization of a company of mounted men, known as the "Frontier Guards," for the protection of the settlers in northwestern Iowa. About 1858, Mr. Smeltzer moved to Clay county and in the fall of that year he was elected county judge, but soon after resigned. In 1861 he was elected to the legislature from Clay county.

Shortly afterward Mr. Smeltzer removed to Fort Dodge, where he made his home the remainder of his life. He practiced law, engaged in the real estate business, and made abstracts of title. He was one of the largest landowners in northwestern Iowa. In 1865, he built a number of business houses in Fort Dodge. He was one of the incorporators of the First National Bank of Fort Dodge, of which for a long time he was its vice-president. November 3, 1868, he was elected a member of the board of supervisors of Webster county for Wahkonsa township. He was a candidate for circuit judge, and subsequently for congress in 1870, but was defeated by Jackson Orr. Mr. Smeltzer died at Fort Dodge, July 14, 1878.

Judge ISAAC J. MITCHELL was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, May 31, 1827 (or 1829). When yet a youth his parents moved to a farm in Clermont county, Ohio, where they remained for a number of years, after which they removed to Brazil, Indiana. While preparing to teach school he worked on a farm for \$2.00 a week. When he grew to manhood, young Mitchell taught school at Laurel, Ohio, and




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Name:	Charles C Smeltzer	
Age in 1860:	27	
Birth Year:	abt 1833	
Birthplace:	Maryland	
Home in 1860:	Clay, Clay, Iowa	
Gender:	Male	
Post Office:	Spencer	
Value of real estate:	View image	
Household Members:	Name	Age
	Charles C Smeltzer	27
	Henry E W Smeltzer	23

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1870 United States Federal Census

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Age in 1870:	33	
Birthplace:	Maryland	
Home in 1870:	Fort Dodge Ward 2, Webster, Iowa	
Race:	White	
Gender:	Male	
Value of real estate:	View image	
Post Office:	Fort Dodge	
Household Members:	Name	Age
	Chas Smeltzer	33
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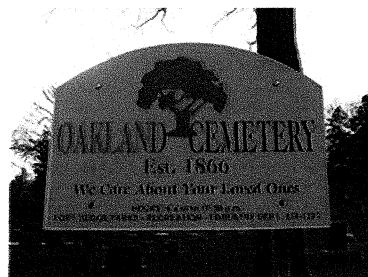
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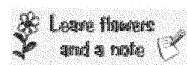
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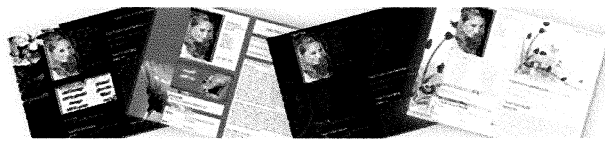
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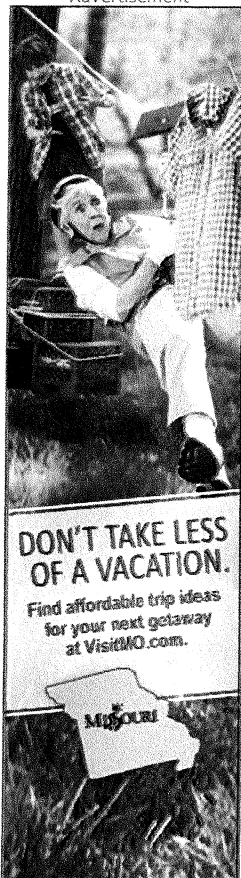
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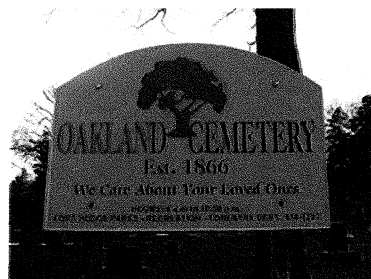
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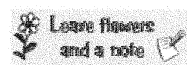


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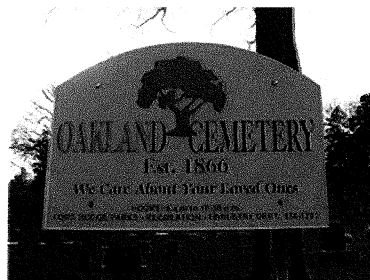
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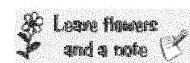
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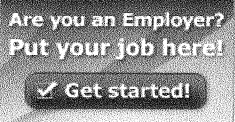
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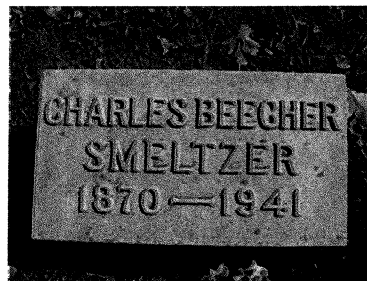
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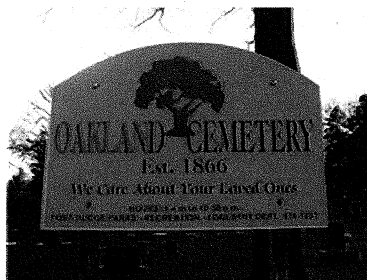
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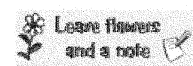
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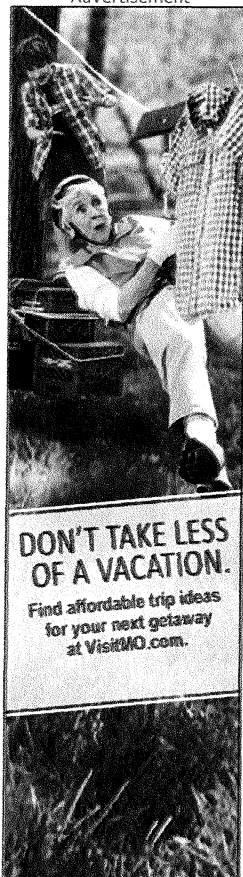
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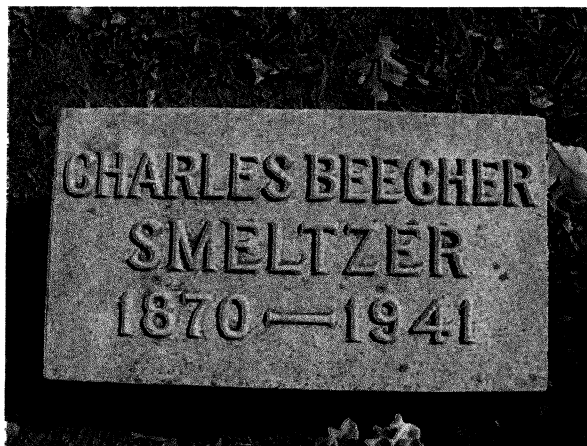
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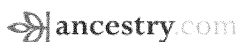
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