

from Council Bluffs

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative _____ **Senator** Pusey

William Henry Miller - Represented Pottawattamie, Cass, Shelby,
Harrison, Audubon, Guthrie, Woodbury, Monroe, Crawford, Calhoun, Sal, Ida,
Cherokee, Boone, Iowa

*Pocahontas, Clay,
Emmet, Decatur,
Palo Alto, O'Brien,
Dickinson, Plymouth,
Iowa counties*

1. Birthday and place 29 Jul 1826 Washington County, Pennsylvania

2. Marriage (s) date place
Sarah E. Officer 21 June 1849 Washington County, Pennsylvania

3. Significant events for example:
A. Business Admitted to the bar, but did not practice.

B. Civic responsibilities _____

C. Profession Banker

4. Church membership _____

5. Sessions served 7th and 8th General Assembly 1858, 1860

6. Public Offices

A. Local City councilman of Council Bluffs 1871-1872

B. State _____

C. National United States 48th Congressman 1883-1885; delegate to the
Democratic National Convention in 1860

7. Death 15 Nov 1900 Charinda, Iowa; buried Walnut Hill Cemetery, Council Bluffs, Iowa

8. Children Frank S.; Ella O. (Mrs. Dr. C. H. Pinney); Kate (Mrs. J. E. J. McGee)

9. Names of parents Nathan and Martha (Miller) Pusey

10. Education

11. Degrees

Graduate of Washington Jefferson College, 1847;
studied law in Pittsburg and Springfield, Missouri

12. Other applicable information

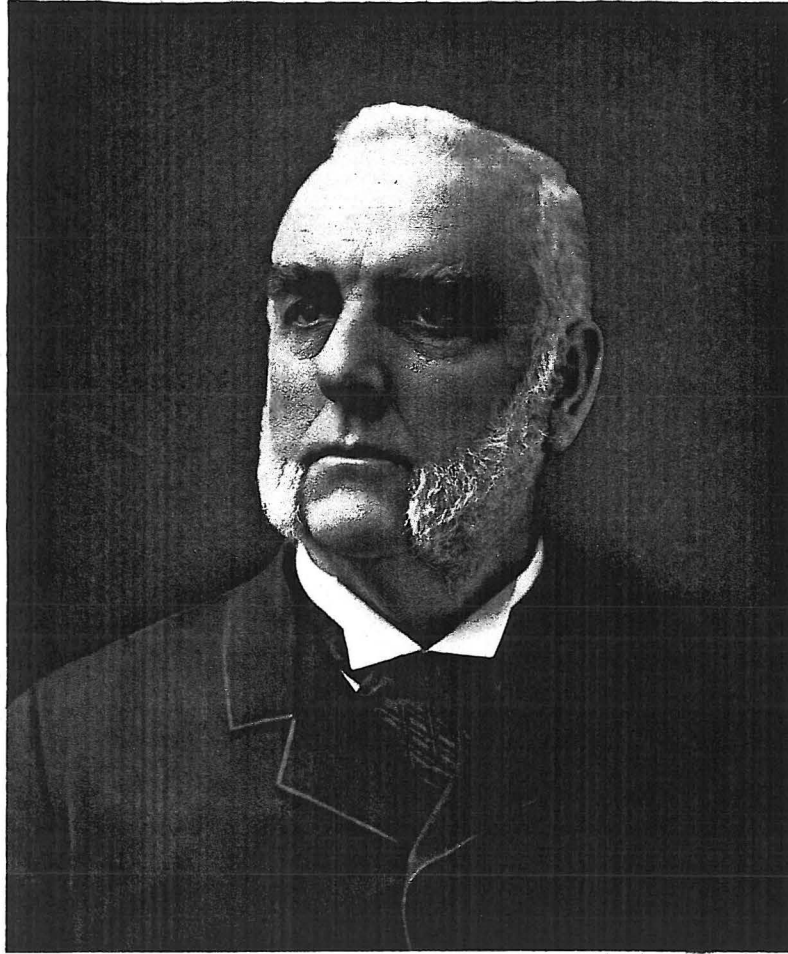
Democrat

- Came with Thomas Officer from PA. to Council Bluffs in 1856 to establish a bank that bore their names.
- When he studied law in Springfield, Missouri he was acquainted with Abraham Lincoln. In later years he visited Mr. Lincoln often in connection with sundry business transactions and later visited in Council Bluffs as his guest.
- When he came to Council Bluffs he and his brother-in-law, Thomas Officer made extensive purchases of property, erected a number of buildings and commenced their banking business.
- After his banking partner, Thomas Officer, died in September 1909, it was discovered that their bank was insolvent. This led to Mrs. Pusey insanity and death in the Hospital for the Insane, Clarinda, Iowa.

Sources Log For Legislation Entries

Applicability

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Amos W. Russell

BRIEFS AND DIGESTS.

What appears to have been attempt to pass a forged instrument was reported last night by a man named Rottenstein, proprietor of a feed store at the corner of Ninth avenue and Main street. He claimed that two men tried to pass a certificate or a check on him which had been made out by Ed. Cooks. The amount was \$7.50, but he was suspicious and refused to cash it. Rottenstein say that it was a certificate of deposit on the First National bank and that Cooks' name was signed to it. The police saw the two men who are thought to be concerned in the affair about twenty minutes before the case was reported to them and regarded the men with suspicion. Afterwards they were unable to locate the pair.

County Auditor Innes is in receipt of a copy of the instructions to be given all assessors. The instructions were sent out by State Auditor Merriam. The next assessment begins January 1 and will be a real estate as well as personal assessment. The state board of review calls the attention of assessors to the necessity of learning and taking note of the number and value of all cattle in feeding. The board also asks that all subjects included in the abstract of assessment for the years 1899 and 1900, with the single exception of new buildings, be included in the abstract of assessment for 1901. New buildings will, of course, be included in the real estate assessment for that year and will not be a separate subject.

The Suburban company is pushing its track on around Sixteenth avenue, the track laying having been completed on South Main street. Manager Dimmock said yesterday that the work there would be taken up as soon as some things relative to the place of the tracks and the grades are determined. He was looking these up yesterday. This will complete the connection of the Main street line with the Lake Manawa line, and will do away with the use the company has for the Ninth avenue connecting link. The company will also be ready to take up the track on Sixth street from Ninth to Sixteenth avenue, a work which it is restrained from doing by an injunction granted on the petition of H. I. Forsythe.

Thomas Askin will give a reading at the Dohany Friday evening from Shakespeare's "Merchant of Venice." Mr. Askin is quite well known here, being the son of Rev. D. Askin, former pastor of the Congregational church. The reading promises to be an excellent entertainment owing to the impersonations.

A team hitched to a lumber wagon, the property of Ed Oten, was stolen from in front of the place of business of Peter Phroll, corner of Seventh avenue and Main street, last night.

Little was doing in the district court yesterday. The Peterson divorce case was on trial during the entire day. It is barely possible that the case will be concluded this afternoon.

Delinquent tax list published in The Weekly Nonparell of November 8. Copies for sale at Nonparell office.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Beno died yesterday morning, and was buried yesterday afternoon in Walnut Hill cemetery.

W. H. M. PUSEY DEAD

WAS ONE OF THE EARLY LEADERS IN WESTERN IOWA.

STOOD BY LINCOLN WHEN CIVIL WAR BROKE OUT.

VOTED IN THE STATE SENATE WITH REPUBLICANS.

Though a Democrat, He Had Represented This Republican District in Congress.

Death came to William H. M. Pusey yesterday morning. Since the death of his brother-in-law and for nearly half a century his associate in business, Thomas Officer, last September, Mr. Pusey's health has failed steadily. The funeral will be held Saturday, but will be strictly private, as will also the burial. The family requests that no flowers be sent.

All of the family are in the city with the exception of the son, Frank S. Pusey of New York City, from whom a telegram has been received which indicates that he is on the way hither. In addition to Mrs. Pusey, who has been very ill for about a week, there reside here two daughters, Mrs. Ella O. Pinney and Mrs. J. E. F. McGee. Mrs. Officer, wife of the late Thomas Officer, is a sister of Mr. Pusey, and a brother, Nathan M. Pusey, is also a resident of this city. One other brother, Joshua Pusey, lives in Ottawa, Ill., but is in a very feeble condition.

Mr. Pusey, with Mr. Officer, came here in 1856, establishing the banking business which bore their name. That was in the early days of Council Bluffs, and in all of the early movements for the upbuilding of the city and this part of the state, he was a foremost leader.

Stood By Lincoln.

In 1858 Mr. Pusey was sent to the state senate from the Pottawattamie senatorial district, which comprised twenty-seven counties along the western part of the state. That year in the senate carried him through the beginning of the war of the rebellion and brought out the strength of power of his convictions. Mr. Pusey had studied law in Springfield, Ill., before removing to this city and while there he had formed an acquaintance with Abraham Lincoln. When the war came on, Mr. Pusey, a staunch democrat, voted always with the republicans on measures looking to the support of the government and of President Lincoln, and the voting of money to place the troops

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL.

-T. B. Pritchards of Atlantic was in the city yesterday on a short business trip.

-R. H. Hewett of Maryville is in the city.

-W. B. Buckley of Shelby is in the city.

-Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Frohardt, a girl.

-T. J. Monroe of Norfolk is in the city.

-O. W. Pierce of Oakland is at the Neumayer.

-A. L. Bishop of Anita was in the city yesterday.

-H. Wilkins of Treynor spent yesterday in the city.

-J. C. Downing of Keokuk was in the city yesterday.

-Mrs. E. B. Gardner is visiting friends at Woodbine.

-H. P. Shields of Underwood spent yesterday in the city.

-Miss Anna Anderson of Culyer & Woodbury's is reported ill.

-S. G. Hunter of Atlantic was a visitor in the city last evening.

-W. F. Price of Carson was visiting friends in the city yesterday.

-George F. Wright is home from a short business trip to Missouri.

-J. F. Voelka of Sioux City was a visitor to the Bluffs yesterday.

-R. S. Kiehl, a prominent farmer of Anita, was in the city yesterday.

-J. W. McKivery of McPaul is in the city on a short business trip.

-A. P. Simpson of Mount Etna, Ia., is in the city, the guest of friends.

-Henry Schoening of Mills was in the city yesterday calling on friends.

-W. F. Price of Carson was a business visitor in the city last evening.

-S. J. Mason of Lincoln is in the city, the guest of friends for a few days.

-The advanced French class will meet this afternoon at the club rooms.

-Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Ford of Earl- ington were shopping in the city yesterday.

-B. J. Ramsey of Fairbury, Neb., was a visitor on implement row yesterday.

-Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Annals of Taylor were calling on friends in the city yesterday.

-Mrs. J. Burney of Hancock is in the city, the guest of Mrs. Thomas Billing.

-Mrs. A. Brader of Hancock was in the city yesterday, the guest of local friends.

-Emil C. Algerta of Boone is spending a few days in the city visiting friends.

-Mrs. Theodore Bray has secured a position as head of the art department at Beno's.

-Mrs. J. M. Babbet and son of Emerson were visiting friends in the city yesterday.

-Miss Marion Benton will spend Thanksgiving with Miss Bessie Beno at Lake Forest, Ill.

-Mrs. C. R. Scholtz of Vine street is visiting friends at Corning for a couple of weeks.

-E. J. Peters of Red Oak was in the city yesterday on business and registered at the Kiel.

-Miss Marie Barclay will leave next week to spend Thanksgiving with friends at Erie, Pa.

-Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Wilson of Macedonia, were in the city yesterday.

-Person Examiner E. F. Denn is home from a business trip to the eastern part of the state.

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The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Beno died yesterday morning, and was buried yesterday afternoon in Walnut Hill cemetery.

The board of supervisors is expected to finish its work this afternoon or early tomorrow. There is no important business to transact.

Beno & Co. are now fully installed in their new building, where they hope to greet all old customers and the public in general.

A case of scarlet fever was reported yesterday from 315 North Eighth street, the patient being Mrs. Whittaker.

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The Dohany homestead, 322 Park avenue, is for rent. Inquire of W. A. Maurer.

The Weekly Nonparell containing the delinquent tax list for sale at Nonparell office.

Invest with the Savings, Loan and Building association, 133 Pearl street.

Attend M. W. A. dance, Hughes' hall, Wednesday, November 21.

Hazelwood—Hazelwood pasteurized butter at McAtee's.

Chambers' dancing class for adults and assembly will meet Tuesday, 8 p. m., November 20.

MUST STAY OUTSIDE.

Chief Albro Calls Up Old Rule Governing Patrolmen.

The patrolmen of the city police force must keep out of the saloons, gambling houses and rooms where disorderly women are to be found, according to an order in the police rules to which attention was called by the chief last night. It is not a new order, but one which is said to date back to the Carey regime.

When the night force went to work last night they found on the bulletin board a notice signed by the chief, S. Albro, calling their attention to this rule in the set promulgated by Former Chief Bixby which are supposed to be still in force. He stated that the rule must be observed hereafter. An effort was made last night to find out if there was any special reason calling this rule to the front again, but at headquarters nothing could be learned in that direction.

The original regulation included all members of the police force, but it has been amended so as to refer only to patrolmen. The men in this service are forbidden to enter any saloon, gambling house, house of prostitution, rooms of sporting women, or theaters except to make an arrest or on orders from the one in charge of the force. Under the rules of the department the only members of the force who can enter these places while on duty are the chief, the captain, the sergeants, the detectives and the patrol drivers.

Made Young Again.

"One of Dr. King's New Life Pills each night for two weeks has put me in my 'teens again,'" writes D. H. Turner of Dempseytown, Pa. They're the best in the world for Liver, Stomach and Bowels. Purely vegetable. Never gripes. Only 25c at J. C. DeHaven's, Geo. S. Davis' drug stores.

his convictions. Mr. Pusey had studied law in Springfield, Ill., before removing to this city and while there he had formed an acquaintance with Abraham Lincoln. When the war came on, Mr. Pusey, a staunch democrat, voted always with the republicans on measures looking to the support of the government and of President Lincoln, and the voting of money to place the troops in the field. He was a Douglas democrat and was a member of the convention which nominated Douglas for the presidency. He had sent the alternate to the convention that year which met in the south, but when the later convention was called at Baltimore, Mr. Pusey attended, for Baltimore was the place of the Pusey family home.

At another time, Mr. Pusey, accompanied by his brother, N. M. Pusey, called upon President Lincoln and was received in preference to a large company of officials who were waiting. The visit was purely an informal one, the topics under discussion being of a social character. The president was seated in his large chair. He threw his legs over the arm of the chair and for the time being forgot the affairs of the great nation.

Was Sent to Congress.

Mr. Pusey was honored by the people of this city by being elected to the city council for the years of 1871 and 1872. His financial ability was shown there and he did much toward ridding the city of its indebtedness. He was sent to congress in 1882 from the Ninth district, being one of only two democrats who ever had the honor of representing the district in the national congress.

When the party espoused the cause of the white metal, Mr. Pusey broke from the democracy to which he had given his allegiance throughout his political life. One other republican, in addition to President Lincoln, had called forth loyal support from him and that was James G. Blaine. They had been classmates in college, and during that period, Mr. Blaine would run down to the Pusey homestead for Saturdays. The friendship continued through the subsequent years, the statesman from Maine having visited Mr. Pusey at his home in this city.

Came from Pennsylvania.

Mr. Pusey was a descendant of a sturdy Pennsylvanian. One of his forefathers was one of the commissioners for William Penn, and the state for years contained the family home. In Washington county, Pa., Mr. Pusey was born July 23, 1826, being the son of Nathan and Martha Pusey. He graduated from the Washington-Jefferson college in 1847. Then he studied law in Pittsburg and later in Springfield, Ill., and was admitted to the bar in the latter city, but never practiced law.

The marriage of Mr. Pusey to Miss S. E. Officer was solemnized June 21, 1849, her home being in Washington county, Pa. She has been his constant helpmeet and companion through the more than a half century of their life together. Their home in this city has been bright and it was the favorite place for Mr. Pusey.

Six Frightful Failures.

Six terrible failures of six different doctors nearly sent Wm. H. Mullen of Lockland, O., to an early grave. All said he had a fatal lung trouble and that he must soon die. But he was urged to try Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption. After taking five bottles he was entirely cured. It is positively guaranteed to cure all diseases of Throat, Chest and Lungs, including Coughs, Colds, La Grippe, Pneumonia, Bronchitis, Asthma, Hay Fever, Croup, Whooping Cough, 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottles free at J. C. DeHaven's, Dell G. Morgan's, O. H. Brown's and George S. Davis' drug stores.

Gas Corrections

Do not be put in after the ground freezes.

... yesterday on business and registered at the Kiel.

Miss Marie Barclay will leave next week to spend Thanksgiving with friends at Erie, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Wilson of Macedonia, were in the city on a shopping expedition yesterday.

Pension Examiner F. F. Dean is home from a business trip to the eastern part of the state.

R. Campbell, a prominent resident of Keg Creek, was in the city yesterday calling on friends.

Morris Skinner of Gordon, Neb., was among the visitors to the implement district yesterday.

Miss Eleanor Montgomery returned home yesterday from an extended visit with friends in the east.

Burton N. Waller of the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance company is laid up with a sprained ankle.

Miss Claudia Scott is home from a three months' visit with relatives and friends at Chicago and Ottumwa.

Dr. Charles Baumelster of Panama is in the city, the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Max Baumelster.

W. M. Sutton, a well known resident of Shelby, spent yesterday in the city looking after business interests.

H. L. Robinson, a well known attorney of Neola, was calling on his numerous friends in the city yesterday.

D. W. McGee, a well known business man of Carson, was in the city last evening and registered at the Kiel.

Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Loyde of Red Oak who have been in the city visiting friends, left last evening for their home.

Mr. and Mrs. George Rudio of First street will remove their residence from this city to Omaha about the first of December.

Charles Green, one of Lewis' prominent farmers, was in the city yesterday transacting business and calling on friends.

J. W. French of Harlan, who has been in the city on a business trip for the past few days, left yesterday for his home.

Mrs. Jones of Wayne, Neb., who has been in the city, the guest of Mrs. D. W. Bushnell, left Wednesday for her home.

W. H. Killpack, county attorney, was summoned to Logan yesterday as a witness in a case now on trial at that place.

Mrs. Darby and Mrs. Smith of St. Joseph are in the city, the guests of their sister, Mrs. Horace Everett of Second avenue.

Mrs. Thomas Metcalf will entertain the Bloomer school teachers at a reception this evening at her home on Bluff street.

R. W. Johnson, traveling passenger and freight agent of the Northwestern with headquarters at Carroll, spent yesterday in the city.

H. Bently, a well known business man of Valley Junction, spent yesterday in the city renewing acquaintances and calling on friends.

Miss Emma Greenwood of Thurman, who has been visiting friends in the city for the past few days, left yesterday for her home.

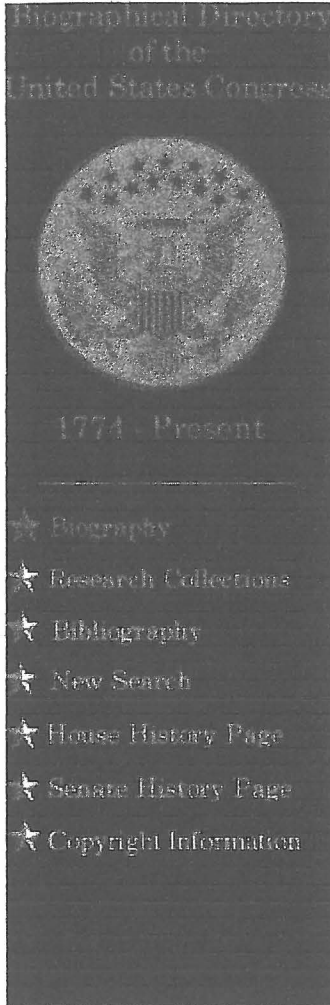
Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Smith of Washington avenue will entertain the members of the "You and I" club at their home this evening.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Stevenson of Lincoln, who have been visiting relatives in the city for the past few days, left last evening for their home.

Lawrence Brown of Boone is expected to arrive in the city today and will be the guest of the family of H. A. Messmore of Fourth street.

J. C. Bradley and N. E. Brennen, prominent farmers and cattle feeders at Macedonia, are stopping in this city while watching the South Omaha market for feeders.

Fred C. Scrym, who has been teaching at the Kiel, is in the city, the guest of Mrs. J. W. Pinnell, for a few days.



PUSEY, William Henry Mills, 1826-1900

PUSEY, William Henry Mills, a Representative from Iowa; born in Washington County, Pa., on July 29, 1826; attended the Washington and Jefferson College, Pennsylvania, and was graduated in 1847; studied law and was admitted to the bar but did not engage in extensive practice; moved to Iowa and engaged in banking; member of the State senate 1858-1862; elected as a Democrat to the Forty-eighth Congress (March 4, 1883-March 3, 1885); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1884 to the Forty-ninth Congress; resumed banking activities; died in Council Bluffs, Pottawattamie County, Iowa, November 15, 1900; interment in Walnut Hill Cemetery.

BIOGRAPHICAL HISTORY

—OF—

Pottawattamie County,

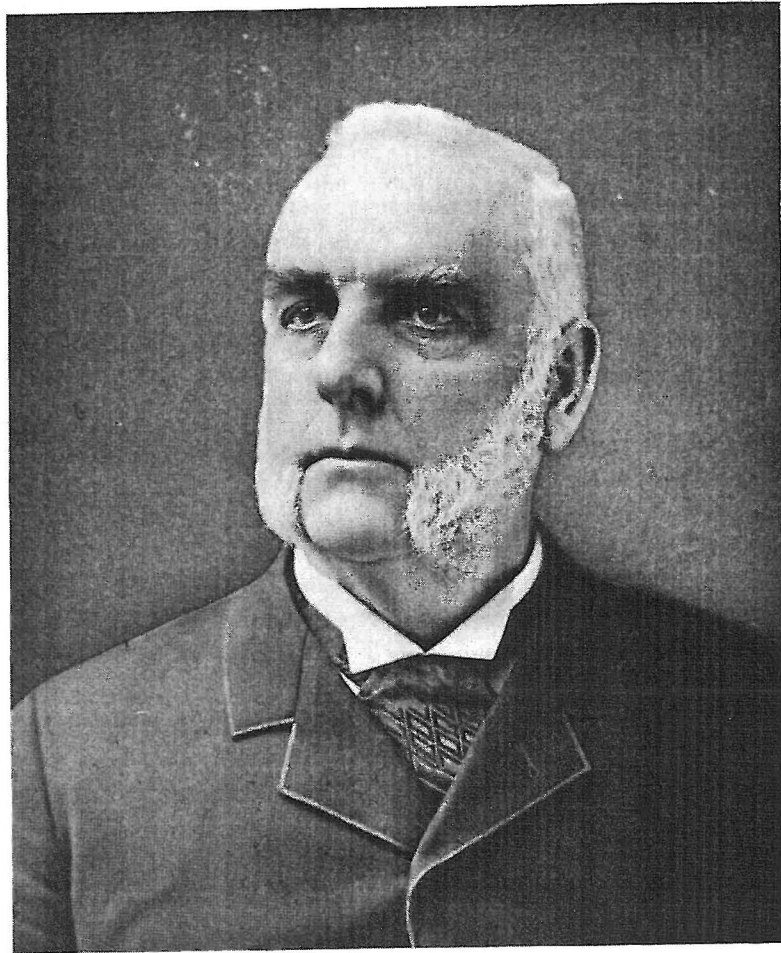
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chronic and private diseases with the best treatment.

They are both natives of New York State, and of German descent, their parents being J. H. and Molly (Smith) Bellinger. They were reared on a farm in their native State until they entered the medical college. F. P. is a graduate of the Albany (New York) Medical College, and M. J. also attended that institution one term, and then took one term in Omaha, Nebraska, and in 1886 graduated at the Des Moines Medical College. When these gentlemen started out for themselves they had to commence at the very bottom, and have since risen to a position of wealth and affluence. The senior member, F. P., is a married man. He was a member of the City Council of Council Bluffs two years. They both affiliate with the Democratic party, and F. P. is a member of the A. F. & A. M.

WILLIAM H. M. PUSEY, of the well-known firm of Officer & Pusey, bankers of Council Bluffs, was born in Washington County, Pennsylvania, July 29, 1826, the son of Nathan and Martha (Mills) Pusey. The former, a merchant and farmer by occupation, was a native of Culpeper Court-House, Virginia. He was of English and Quaker ancestry, his forefathers having come over with William Penn, settling in Philadelphia. Caleb Pusey, one of the number, was one of Penn's commissioners, and built the first mill in the colony at Philadelphia. Nathan Pusey, a man of excellent judgment, was very successful, and retired to Baltimore, Maryland, where he died in 1865. He had a family of five sons and two daughters.

William H. M. Pusey was educated at Washington, Pennsylvania, in the Washing-

ton-Jefferson College, and graduated at that college in 1847, in the same class with Hon. James G. Blaine. He removed to Iowa in 1856, settling in Council Bluffs, where he has made his home ever since. The same year he engaged in the banking business with his present partner, his brother-in-law, Thomas Officer, and has since devoted his whole life to that business. In 1858, however, he was elected State Senator from the Pottawattamie Senatorial District, then embracing twenty-seven counties bordering on the Missouri River and extending eastward. In 1882 he was elected a member of Congress from the Ninth Iowa District, and with these exceptions his entire life has been devoted to his present business. He has always taken a deep interest in the progress of his adopted city, and in the development of the State.

Mr. Pusey was united in marriage to Miss S. E. Officer, of Washington County, Pennsylvania, June 21, 1849, a sister of his partner. They have three children living, viz.: Ella, wife of Dr. C. H. Pinney, of this city; Frank S., a resident of Denver, Colorado, engaged in the construction of railroads and electric motor lines; and Kate, who resides with her father and mother.

DR. F. C. CLARK, a dentist of Council Bluffs, has been identified with the interest of Pottawattamie County since 1865. He is a native of the State of Maine, born in Waldo County, January 31, 1829, the son of Amasa and Martha Combs Clark, natives of Maine, and of English and French descent. The paternal ancestors came to this country on the Mayflower. Dr. Clark was reared on a farm, receiving a common-school education. He resided in Maine until 1849,

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HISTORY OF IOWA

FROM THE EARLIEST TIMES
TO THE BEGINNING OF THE TWENTIETH CENTURY

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WITH PORTRAITS AND BIOGRAPHIES OF NOTABLE MEN AND WOMEN OF IOWA

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House. He was an earnest advocate of the most energetic war measures and of legislation to strengthen the credit of the Government. Mr. Price was one of the founders of the Soldiers' Orphans' Home. In 1876 he was again elected to Congress and served until 1880. In 1881 Mr. Price was appointed by the President Commissioner of Indian Affairs, in which position he served with distinguished ability for four years. He made many reforms where abuses had grown up in dealing with the Indians. He was one of the pioneers in railroad building in Iowa. In 1853, when the first railroad was being built from Chicago toward Iowa, Mr. Price was chosen to traverse the counties on the projected line through the State to the Missouri River to create an interest among the people and towns. In 1869 when a railroad was projected from Davenport in a north-westerly direction Hiram Price was elected president of the company which constructed the road. One of his last public acts before removing to Washington was to endow a free reading room in the public library of Davenport, his old home. He was a life-long and prominent member of the Methodist Church. He died in Washington, D. C., May 30, 1901.

SOLOMON F. PROUTY was born in Delaware, Ohio, January 17, 1854, and came with his parents to Iowa in 1855. They located at Knoxville, in Marion County, where he grew to manhood. He was educated at the Central University at Pella and at Simpson College at Indianola. He taught school for several years and when twenty-three years of age became Professor of Latin in the Central University, serving in that position four years. In 1879 Mr. Prouty was elected a member of the House of Representatives of the Eighteenth General Assembly. Removing to Des Moines he engaged in the practice of law and in 1898 was elected judge of the District Court. In 1902 Judge Prouty was a prominent candidate for Congress in the Seventh District.

WILLIAM H. M. PUSEY was born in Washington County, Pennsylvania, July 29, 1826. He graduated from Washington and Jefferson College in 1847 and came to Springfield, Illinois, where he studied law and became personally acquainted with Abraham Lincoln, who was then practicing law in that city but had at that time attained no prominence outside of the region in which he lived. In 1856 Mr. Pusey became a resident at Council Bluffs, Iowa, where he entered into the banking business with his brother-in-law, Thomas Officer. Theirs was one of the pioneer banks of western Iowa and was continued until the death of Mr. Officer in 1900. In 1857 Mr. Pusey was elected to the State Senate for the Twelfth District which embraced twenty-two counties of western Iowa. He served in the Senate four years. In 1882 he was the Democratic candidate for Representative in Congress from the Ninth District and was elected over Colonel Anderson the Republican candidate, serving two years. Mr. Pusey

was a prominent member of the Pioneer Lawmakers' Association and was a life-long Democrat. He died on the 15th of November, 1900.

JOHN W. RANKIN was born on the 11th of June, 1823, and was a native of the State of Pennsylvania. He was a graduate of Washington College and after teaching a few years, studied law, was admitted to the bar and began practice in Wooster in partnership with Judge Sloan. He came to Iowa in 1848, locating at Keokuk, where he practiced his profession. In April, 1857, he was appointed judge of the First Judicial District to fill a vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Judge Ralph P. Lowe. In October of the same year he was elected to the State Senate on the Republican ticket for a term of four years. At the beginning of the War of the Rebellion he was appointed Quartermaster of United States Volunteers. In the winter of 1861-2 he was authorized to raise a regiment of volunteers and in a little more than a month had enlisted a regiment, which was mustered into the service as the Seventeenth Iowa Infantry. Rankin was commissioned by Governor Kirkwood colonel of the regiment and it at once entered the service. Colonel Rankin was wounded at the Battle of Iuka and resigned in September, 1862.

LEVI B. RAYMOND, soldier, journalist and politician, was born in Allegany County, New York, on the 3d of July, 1836. His parents removed to Wisconsin where he spent his boyhood years acquiring an education at Beloit College. He learned the printer's trade and came to Iowa in 1864, locating at Hampton. Mr. Raymond became editor and publisher of the *Hampton Recorder* in 1837 and, with the exception of four years, from 1872 to 1876, has continued to publish that paper up to the close of the Nineteenth Century. During this period of four years Mr. Raymond was instrumental in establishing weekly papers in the northwest portion of the State. The new towns desiring newspapers, Mr. Raymond, pioneer-like, undertook to supply the demand. The papers established by Mr. Raymond from 1872 to 1875 were the *Sheldon Mail*, *Cherokee Leader*, *Sioux County Herald*, *O'Brien Pioneer*, *Newell Mirror* and *Doon Republican*. Colonel Raymond has been superintendent of schools, a trustee of the Clarinda Insane Asylum, also of the Soldiers' Home at Marshalltown, where he was instrumental in establishing the cottage system whereby the wives and widows might receive the benefits of that institution as well as the disabled and infirm Union soldiers. He has been an active Republican during his entire residence in Iowa, having served as a delegate in thirty-three State Conventions and was chairman of the Republican committee of Franklin County for thirteen years. From 1883 to 1896 he was Special Examiner of the United States Pension Department and postmaster of Hampton from 1889 to 1894. He served two years on the Republican State Central Committee. Before coming to Iowa and when a young man, Mr.

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years. Mr. Upham grew up in *The Jamestown Journal* office of Adolphus Fletcher, where Horace Greeley and Frank W. Palmer wrought as apprentices or as journeymen in the olden time. Palmer and Upham became proprietors of *The Journal* and published it several years. Coming west, however, in 1859, they first purchased and for a time published *The Dubuque Daily Times*. Mr. Palmer was elected State printer just before the outbreak of the war, and coming to Des Moines purchased *The Register*, then a weekly paper. He started the daily issue in April, 1861, from which time the business grew rapidly. Later on Mr. Palmer and Mr. Upham were connected with *The Inter Ocean* and *Industrial World* of Chicago. Altogether they were associated in business for more than thirty years. Mr. Upham was a popular and successful business manager, and as such became widely known in the middle west. He was a genial, excellent gentleman, enjoying a high measure of esteem and confidence.

WILLIAM CHARLES HARRIS was born at Bristol, England, November 2, 1830; he died at Nevada, Iowa, October 5, 1900. His early life was quite an adventurous one. He ran away and went to sea at the age of fourteen, where he remained two years. He afterwards enlisted in the English army, where he served ten years. During this service he went to South Africa and also into India, and was for a while in garrison in Canada. When a detail from each regiment was sent to London to attend the funeral of the Duke of Wellington, he was one of this Guard of Honor. He was also in the Crimean War and was one of the Light Brigade which made the celebrated charge at Balaklava. He was undoubtedly one of the last survivors of that disastrous affair. He returned to England soon after this last service, and migrated to America. He crossed the plains with a wagon train, passing through the city of Des Moines. After various travels, he returned to Iowa and settled near Nevada, Story county, in 1874. His career from that time forward was uneventful. The Nevada papers characterized him as a quiet and peaceful Iowa farmer, whose life was in all respects highly praiseworthy.

WILLIAM H. M. PUSEY was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, July 29, 1826; he died at Clarinda, Iowa, November 15, 1900. He was a graduate of Washington and Jefferson College, Washington, Pennsylvania, in 1847. He removed to Iowa and settled in Council Bluffs in 1856. He had studied law in Springfield, Illinois, where he made the acquaintance of Abraham Lincoln. In after years he became Mr. Lincoln's agent in sundry business transactions in this State. Soon after coming to Council Bluffs he entered into a co-partnership with his brother-in-law, Mr. Thomas Officer, as private bankers. From that time until the death of Mr. Officer a few months since, their house was one of the most prominent in western Iowa. Mr. Pusey was elected State Senator in 1857 from a pioneer district embracing twenty-two counties. He served in the sessions of 1858-60. He was chosen to Congress in 1882, serving one term. Few Iowa men have ever enjoyed a higher degree of confidence than that reposed in Mr. Pusey for over forty years.

MISS FLOBA WRIGHT, whose death occurred on November 8, 1900, was the youngest and only surviving child of the late General Ed Wright. She was born in Cedar county, Iowa, in 1857, and came to Des Moines with her parents when her father assumed the office of Secretary of State in 1867. On the death of her mother in 1877 Miss Wright took charge of her father's household, and during his long service for the State of Iowa and for the city of Des Moines she was his most efficient helper. In the later years of her life she had the care of her deceased sister's children, to whom she stood both as a guardian and as a mother. The immediate cause of Miss

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Recollections and Sketches of Notable Lawyers and Public Men of Early Iowa

Belonging to the First and Second
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Incidents Illustrative of the Times

By

EDWARD H. STILES

For many years a member of the Iowa Bar; member of its House of Representatives, 1863-1864; member of its Senate, 1865-1866; Reporter of its Supreme Court, 1867-1875; author of Complete Digest of its Decisions from the earliest Territorial period to the 56th Iowa Reports.

"In old age alone we are masters of a treasure of which we cannot be deprived, the only treasure we can call our own. The pleasures of memory and the retrospect of the varied images which in an active life have floated before the mind, compensate, and more than compensate, for the alternate pleasures and cares of active life."—SIR ARCHIBALD ALLISON.

"Personal anecdotes, when characteristic, greatly enliven the pages of a biography."—SAMUEL SMILES.

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In 1870 Mr. Babbitt disposed of his interest in the Bugle, of which he had been the editor for fourteen years. This, I believe, ended his newspaper career. He had been closely identified with the interests of Iowa and an influential leader of the Democratic Party for nearly fifty years. In 1881 he removed to Arkansas, where he died in 1885.

William H. M. Pusey and *Thomas Officer* were leading and important factors in the early affairs of Council Bluffs. They were brothers-in-law and came to Council Bluffs in 1856; they made extensive purchases of property, erected a number of buildings, and commenced the business of banking in one of them in the spring of 1857, in which they were highly successful. "This was due to the confidence with which they were always regarded by the public, and to their careful and conservative methods in the transaction of business. Their house went safely through the Panic of 1857, and its reputation for more than forty-three years remained of the highest character."

Mr. Pusey was born in Washington County, Pa., in 1826. He was an educated and cultured gentleman and a graduate of Washington and Jefferson College, Pa. He studied law and entered the practice in Springfield, Illinois, becoming a close friend of Abraham Lincoln, whose agent he afterward became in some business transactions in Iowa. Mr. Pusey and Mr. Officer died within a few months of each other, in 1900. In politics he was a Democrat, and an influential leader in his party. In 1857 Mr. Pusey was elected State Senator, and served with efficiency in the Seventh and Eighth General Assemblies. In 1882 he was elected to Congress over Albert R. Anderson, the Republican candidate. His election was to many a surprise, as the district was normally Republican, and Major Anderson was a strong man of extraordinary parts. The result showed both the popularity of Mr. Pusey and the confidence the people reposed in him. I had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Pusey a number of times; he possessed magnetic force and drew to him many personal friends and admirers. He was large, somewhat corpulent, highly genial, witty, and overflowing with good fellowship, and, as the following incident will show, of outspoken independence. While absolute prohibition was at its height in Republican politics, I heard Mr. Pusey make a speech in a Democrat Convention assembled at Des Moines. Some portions of it were highly humorous in character, derisive of the radical prohibition element in the Republican Party. He said that among the great people where he was born and reared, every independent household had a mint bed, and indulged in the occasional and temperate enjoyment of a mint julep, and that he would prefer the same condition of things in Iowa to the desolation, which the Radicals were seeking to enforce in Iowa. It brought down the House with a roar, and perhaps was one of the factors in increasing the popularity which elected him to Congress. He served one term in that body, but even during that short time established a repu-

tation for strong, common sense and practical wisdom in legislation. He was, in fact, a very good personification of these elements.

As I have before stated, he was a personal friend of Abraham Lincoln, and when, near the close of the campaign which elected him President, Mr. Lincoln visited Council Bluffs, he became the guest of Mr. Pusey by whom he was met and taken in an open carriage on a sightseeing tour over the City and its adjacents, and the next evening a public reception was given to him at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Pusey, which was largely attended.

Thomas Officer, to whom reference has been made, was also a native of Washington County, Pa., where he was born in 1822. Like Mr. Pusey, he was a graduate of Washington and Jefferson College, and was educated for the ministry at the Princeton Theological Seminary, but his failing eyesight compelled him to relinquish all hope of following the ministry, and he removed to Iowa, becoming associated with Mr. Pusey in the banking business, as before stated. His highly practical talents and fine character made him early recognized as one of the leading business men of western Iowa. He took a great interest in the cause of education, "organized the first school in Council Bluffs, and was an important factor in establishing the State institution for the deaf and dumb in that City. From the pioneer days until his lamented death, no citizen of Council Bluffs has been more influential in whatever pertained to the growth and progress of that enterprising City." What I have said of him in the preceding sketch of Mr. Pusey, obviates the necessity of my saying more here. It is doubtful whether the Western slope has ever had two citizens who contributed more to its prosperity.

John W. Chapman.

As I think of the past,

When I remember all
The friends so linked together,
I've seen around me fall
Like leaves in wintry weather,

but few come more pleasantly before my mind than John W. Chapman. To me he was always exquisitely agreeable, so full was he of life and light, of sprightliness, of good fellowship and good cheer. In short, he was one of the most delightful of men. His bonhomie was unfailing and perpetual. His very presence always threw a cheerful light upon any social circle into which he entered. If he ever felt depressed no one knew it, for his way was always light and airy. During the eight years that he was United States Marshal of Iowa I used to meet him frequently while attending the Federal Court at Des Moines. We always stopped at the same hotel—The Savery House—belonged to the same junto of good fellows, and as such, we carried on conversational seances, visited places of amusement, played cards and indulged in other congenial recreations. I think he was beloved by every man who knew him and his taking off was widely and most sincerely mourned.

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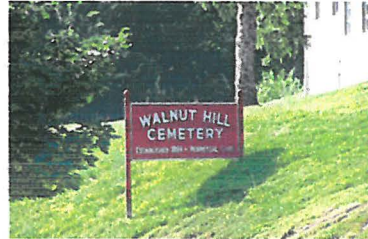
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US Congressman. Elected to represent Iowa's 9th District in the United States House of Representatives, he served from 1883 to 1885. He also served as a Delegate to the Democratic National Convention from Iowa in 1860, and as a Member of the Iowa State Legislature.

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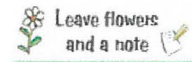
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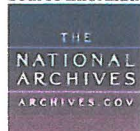
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 Estimated birth year: **abt 1827**
 Birthplace: **Pennsylvania**
 Relation to head-of-household: **Self (Head)**
 Spouse's name: **Sarah B. Pusey**
 Father's birthplace: **Virginia**
 Mother's birthplace: **Pennsylvania**
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 Occupation: **Banker**
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Members:	William H. M. Pusey	53
	Sarah B. Pusey	45
	Kate Pusey	19
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DIED IN THE ASYLUM.

H. M. Pusey, Once in Public Life,
Expires at Clarinda:

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SWINDLED W. B. MARTIN.

But the Pinkertons Nabbed Wm.
Bergan and He Goes Up.

CRESTON, Nov. 16.—Wm. Bergan, the clever land swindler, whom the Pinkertons have been chasing over several states for as many years, will serve a term of seventeen years in the penitentiary. He was sentenced by Judge Applegate of the Adair county court at Greenfield, where he came near swindling W. B. Martin, secretary of state-elect, out of a large sum. It was Bergan's scheme to get loans on forged deeds, and this he successfully worked in Iowa, Missouri, Illinois, and possibly other states. The Adair county grand jury returned indictments against Bergan on two counts, one for uttering a forged deed as true and the second for obtaining the signature of W. B. Martin to a bank check. Bergan had the fraud nearly completed when the Pinkertons arrested him. It is said that Bergan's real name is Edwards and his home at Memphis, Mo. An indictment of the same kind is hanging over Bergan at Fairfield, Iowa. One of the Pinkertons interested in the case says Bergan has several partners and they have been swindling right and left for several years.

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W. M. PUSEY DEAD.

Pioneer Settler and Capitalist of Council Bluffs.

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FOUND SON IN JAIL.

Illinois Woman Who Was Aided by Chicago Clairvoyant.

Washington, Nov. 16.—Mrs. William Rowell, of De Kalb, Ill., and her 13-year-old son, Clement, were reunited yesterday in the district court here. Clement Rowell left his home about seven weeks ago, wandering from city to city, and finally arrived here a month ago with a gang of tramps. Being destitute, he entered two houses near the city, stole several articles and was placed in jail. The mother had kept up the search for a month. Finally she went to a clairvoyant in Chicago who

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W. H. M. Pusey died at the hospital for the insane at Clarinda last week. Back in 1858, then and every since a resident of Council Bluffs, Mr. Pusey represented this county in the state senate. Then and always he was a democrat. One term when southwest Iowa went wrong politically he was in congress. His principal career, however, was business rather than political. The banking firm of Officer & Pusey was for many years prominent in financial circles. They were reputed to be very wealthy. The death of Mr. Officer some months ago divulged the fact that the firm was insolvent. This fact so preyed upon the mind of Mr. Pusey that it was necessary to confine him as one insane, and death gives him early relief from his humiliation and his malady.

That any state officer should dally with the Titus amendment situation with a view to holding his office beyond the time for which he was chosen by the people is a matter of astonishment. If at the time of transfer any doubt should exist as to the validity of the overwhelming election of his successor he may easily remove the same by filing his resignation while he is yet in unqualified possession of the office and the Governor will promptly perform the act necessary to protect the popular verdict. It will be very uncomfortable for any state or county officer who takes advantage of a possible technicality to defeat the will of the people. Though the act be well intended by men of over-conservative natures they will find it a great mistake before they hold an office which the people intended another man to fill for even a single month.

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A Terrible Suicide.

Lewis Westhoff, weary and despondent, committed suicide near Stiles by throwing himself in front of a swiftly revolving buzz saw. His body was severed in twain and death was instantaneous. He leaves four young and motherless children. Blood was thrown on the bystanders, who were so horrified that they could make no movement until the halves of the suicide's body rolled from the table.

Death of Lampson Sherman.

Lampson P. Sherman, brother of the late John Sherman, died at his home in Des Moines after an illness of several months, aged 79 years. Mr. Sherman suffered a stroke of paralysis some time ago, but his condition was not alarming until the death of his brother brought on a second attack. Blindness followed this stroke, and the patient gradually sank to his death.

Big Fire in Davenport.

Fire destroyed the Renwick block, one of the finest in Davenport, and burned out the Davenport Furniture & Carpet company, the Harald Petersen Wall Paper company and the Perry shoe house, while the falling walls of the Renwick building partly wrecked the Jarvis White Art company's store. The loss will exceed \$100,000; insurance, probably \$80,000.

Select the Old Site.

The board of supervisors has decided upon the old site as the future location for the courthouse in Des Moines and passed a resolution naming Proudfoot & Bird as architects to at once prepare plans for the hand- erect to do duty in place of the old building, which has stood since 1852.

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Kanesville Revisited

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Kanesville Revisited....
"A Unique Friendship"

When the old Thomas Officer house was torn down in July, 2002, Council Bluffs witnessed another piece of history disappearing before its eyes. How sad to see this structure tumble and fall for it had adorned the south side of Bayliss Park since 1857 when Thomas and his wife, Elizabeth Pusey, had selected the site for their home. It was here their children, Charles, Julia, and William grew to adulthood, and the two families of Officer and Pusey nurtured their lifetime friendship.

Thomas Officer and William Pusey were both born in Washington County, Pennsylvania. Thomas in 1822, and William in 1826. They married each others' sister. Thomas married Elizabeth Pusey in 1848, and a year later, William married Thomas' sister, Sarah E. Officer. Both marriages occurred in the place of their nativity.

Prior to their marriage, Thomas had graduated from Washington College and Elizabeth had been educated at the Washington Seminary. After they were united, they migrated to Jacksonville, Illinois, near where Thomas' parents, Robert and Margaret (Scott) Officer, resided. It was during these early years that Thomas became acquainted with the Lincoln family and formed a bond with Abraham Lincoln.

While still in Pennsylvania, William Pusey attended Washington-Jefferson College and graduated from that institution in 1847.

In 1856, our subjects migrated to Council Bluffs and immediately established the banking firm of Officer and Pusey. Two years later, Mr. Pusey was elected a State Senator from Pottawattamie County and in 1882, was elected a Congressman from the Ninth Iowa District. Over the next years, he and Thomas undauntingly strived to improve the community they had chosen to call their home.

Thomas was appointed one of the Iowa State commissioners to help select the site of the Iowa School for the Deaf and purchase the grounds. He participated in the decision to choose the plans and erect the buildings for the state school. Afterwards, he was a member and then president of its board of directors. Thomas also participated as a member of the committee to let the contract for the original brick and stone court house and served as president of the public school board, and was a member of the library board and the park board. He was a founder of the First Presbyterian Church of Council Bluffs, and served as an Elder until his death.

In 1859, Abraham Lincoln traveled to our fair city to visit his childhood friend and relive some of the happy memories they shared while still in Illinois. After a delightful dinner at the Officer home, the two old friends spent the afternoon reminiscing about their past days as surveyors in their former state. During Mr. Lincoln's visit, he attended services at the First Presbyterian Church and toured the city with the Officer and Pusey families.

Ironically, neither Thomas, nor William, left an abundance of descendants. Although Thomas and Elizabeth had six children, only three attained adulthood and of these, only two married. Charles married twice but had no descendants. William married but his union only produced one son, Frank, who was raised by Charles and his wife, after the untimely deaths of his parents. Frank left Council Bluffs in his late teens and removed to the Southwest where he later married a woman with several children, but had no issue of his own.

Thomas and Elizabeth's daughter, Julia, remained single and devoted her

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life to the development of her musical abilities. She was an accomplished pianist and studied at the Rockford College in Illinois and continued her education of musical studies in Boston, Mass. She was active in various Musical organizations in Chicago, Illinois, and Council Bluffs, Iowa, taking a leading part in the events they scheduled and often holding responsible positions. She was the manager of artists for the musical department of the Trans-Mississippi Exposition held in Omaha, Nebraska, and served as a pianist and choir director of the First Presbyterian Church in Council Bluffs.

Completely consumed with her musical accomplishments, Julia chose not to marry and spent her last years in the familiar surroundings of her youth. In her twilight years she became eccentric and needing special care was admitted to the Institution at Clarinda, Iowa. She died while yet a resident and her remains were brought back to the family plot in Walnut Hill Cemetery for burial.

William Pusey and his wife, Sarah Officer, also had six children, Ellen, Addie, William, Frank, Kate and Belle. Of these, it is known three married, but only two had descendants. Frank married Eleanor Dodge but no children blessed this union. Ellen, the oldest daughter, married Dr. Charles H. Pinney, and had four children whose descendants survived. Kate married Superior John E. F. McGee, and had one son, Pusey, who later married and had two children.

Thomas died on September 12th, 1900, in Council Bluffs. He was buried in Walnut Hill Cemetery. Elizabeth died ten years later on March 7th, and was laid to rest beside her husband. William Pusey survived his brother-in-law by only a few months. He died in November of 1900, and his wife, Sarah Eleanor Officer, died November 25, 1919. They, too, are buried in Walnut Hill Cemetery.

Thus we close the pages of history on these two illustrious families. From Pennsylvania to Iowa, for better than seventy-five years, they were interwoven in the fabric of each other's lives. For nearly forty-years they lived as neighbors, their homes standing next to each other on the south side of Willow Avenue facing the park. The site of William's home now encompasses the Carnegie Library building while the home of Thomas Officer was utilized by the Cutler family for many years as a portion of their business.

With the loss of the Officer home which stood as a monument to history, one has to ask themselves, "is this really progress?"

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