

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of **Representative** Thompson, John W. **Senator** Thompson,  
John W. - Represented Scott County Iowa

1. Birthday and place 14 Oct 1823 Huntington County, Pennsylvania

2. Marriage (s) date place

Margaret A. Wallace 12 May 1874 Scott County

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Admitted to the bar at age 23 in Apr. 1847; member of the  
Scott County Bar for 28 years

B. Civic responsibilities

C. Profession Lawyer

4. Church membership

Presbyterian

5. Sessions served

7th General Assembly 1858 - House of Representatives  
8th General Assembly 1860 - Senate

6. Public Offices

A. Local Mayor of Danversport 1879-1880; city attorney

B. State

C. National

7. Death 11 Aug 1883 Danversport, Iowa; buried Oakdale Cemetery, Danversport, Iowa

8. Children

No children

9. Names of parents

Joseph and Ann (Johnston) Thompson

10. Education Attended school until age 19

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

12. Other applicable information Whig, later Republican

- He taught school until age 21 when he began to study law in Huntington, PA in the office of Thomas P. Campbell.

- He began the practice of law in PA until he came to Davenport Iowa in Apr 1853 where he formed a partnership with Herbert B. Berner until 1861,

- He then practiced alone until 1866 when he formed a partnership with J. A. Campbell until 1870.

- He again practiced alone until the firm of Thompson and French was formed

- His wife, Margaret, born 1847, died 12 Mar 1875



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THE CITY'S LOSS.

Death of Hon. John W. Thompson,  
Mayor of Davenport.

A Sketch of His Life—An Eminent  
Lawyer—A Good Citizen—His Sick-  
ness and Last Hours—Arrangements  
for the Funeral—The Post Mortem  
Examination.

THE LAST HOURS.

Hon. John W. Thompson, Mayor of  
Davenport, breathed his last at 7:10  
o'clock Saturday morning. He passed  
away quietly and without pain. On Sat-  
urday, June 2, he was compelled to yield  
to the illness which had been growing  
upon him for weeks, and from that day  
he never left his house. He grew weaker  
and weaker until the final hour came.

SKETCH OF HIS LIFE.

The deceased was born in Huntington  
county, Pa., Oct. 14, 1823. He had there-  
fore reached the age of 59 years 9 months  
and 27 days. He was the son of Joseph  
and Ann (Johnston) Thompson both na-  
tives of Pennsylvania. They were the  
parents of six children of whom four are  
still living. The subject of this sketch  
attended school until he was 19 years of  
age, and then taught school until he was  
21 when he began the study of law in  
Huntington in the office of Thomas P.  
Campbell. He was admitted to the bar  
in his 23d year, in April, 1847, and began  
the practice of law in Williamsburg and  
Hollidaysburg remaining there until the  
spring of 1854. He then traveled  
through the south until April 1855 when  
he came to Davenport. He began busi-  
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Horatio B. Barner which continued until  
1861. Mr. Thompson continued the  
practice of his profession alone until  
1866 when he formed a partnership with

held. It was conducted by Dr. Thomp-  
son, assisted by Drs. Peck, Baker, Cant-  
well and Bowman, and students Kane,  
Hosford, and Parker. The examination,  
from a medical stand point was wonder-  
fully interesting one. It demonstrated  
that the disease was purely a brain trou-  
ble, and one of long duration. It did  
not affect the intellect because the loca-  
tion of disease was not in the part of the  
brain to produce that effect. The mem-  
brane, or more correctly the dura mater,  
extending between the lobes of the  
brain had ossified, completely so. The  
base of one of the lobes of the brain had  
begun to soften. The stomach trouble of  
which the deceased often complained re-  
sulted from the disease in the brain from  
the intimate sympathy between the two  
parts. The brain in its convolutions and  
other parts was strongly and singularly  
well developed. The heart was of a nor-  
mal condition throughout; the liver was  
healthy and the other organs not affected.  
The post mortem bore evidence to the fact  
that medical science could do nothing  
more than was done.

THE CITY COUNCIL.

Acting Mayor Grant called a special  
meeting of the city council to take action  
upon the death of the mayor. It was  
held at 8 o'clock last evening, the follow-  
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Hipwell, Kuehl, Laur, Ald. Hancock  
being absent from the city. City Clerk  
McSteen announced the death of Mayor  
Thompson. Ald. Martin proposed the  
name of Ald. Grant to act as mayor until  
the office is regularly filled, and the mo-  
tion was carried.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED.

Ald. Martin offered the following res-  
olutions, which were unanimously adopted:  
Resolved, That a committee of four be appoint-  
ed, of whom the city attorney shall be chairman,  
to draft resolutions of respect commemorative  
of the memory of our lamented mayor, Hon. J.

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Horatio B. Barner which continued until 1861. Mr. Thompson continued the practice of his profession alone until 1866 when he formed a partnership with J. D. Campbell, this continuing until 1870. Mr. Thompson was again without a partner until 1877 when the firm of Thompson & French was formed, the junior member being the present judge of the circuit court.

#### HIS MARRIAGE.

May 12, 1874, Mr. Thompson was united in marriage with Miss Margaret A. Wallace, a native of Westmoreland county, Pa. Their married life was a brief one, being broken by the death of Mrs. Thompson March 12, 1875. She was a member of the United Presbyterian church, of which church Mr. Thompson's mother was also a member.

#### AS AN ATTORNEY.

Mr. Thompson was for 28 years a well-known member of the Scott county bar. Meeting a collection of attorneys who were discussing arrangements for the funeral, one of them said, and he spoke the sentiments of all: John W. Thompson was eminently an honorable, and also an honest lawyer. He was not, perhaps, what may be called a brilliant lawyer, but he was trustworthy always. He was able and in many ways he was a skilled diplomatist, not in the sense of doing any unfair thing, but he possessed resources of many kinds which never failed him. He was a man of rare good judgment and great deliberation. As a counsellor, he was among the best, and his business in that regard was large. As an advocate, too, he was earnest and influential. Mr. Thompson was the friend of young members of the bar, and of young men, generally. He was always ready to assist them by his counsel, and he has done favors in this way which will never be forgotten, though they are known only to those for whom they were done. Careful attention to details and a thorough understanding of the subject in

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Resolved, That a committee of four be appointed, of whom the city attorney shall be chairman, to draft resolutions of respect commemorative of the memory of our lamented mayor, Hon. J. W. Thompson, to report at the next regular meeting of the council.

Resolved, That all our business houses be requested to close their places of business during the hours of the funeral of our late mayor on Monday afternoon from 2 to 4 o'clock, P. M.

Resolved, That all the city offices be ordered closed for the day on Monday next, and that the council chamber, city offices and engine houses be draped in mourning for 30 days.

Resolved, That the council and city officers attend the funeral in a body.

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to procure carriages for the council and city officers to attend the funeral.

#### COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

Mayor Grant appointed as the committee on resolutions, City Attorney Waterman, Ald. Martin, Lerch and Kuehl, and on carriages, Ald. Peters, Hipwell and Kohrs. It was understood that the council and city officials meet at the city hall to-morrow afternoon at 1:30 o'clock.

#### BOARD OF HEALTH.

The board of health met yesterday afternoon. A committee, composed of Dr. Cantwell and City Attorney Waterman, were appointed to take suitable action in regard to the death of the president of the board, and report at the next meeting.

#### BAR MEETING.

There will be a meeting of the Scott county bar at the office of Cook & Dodge to-morrow at 10 A. M., sharp, to take action in respect to the death of Hon. John W. Thompson.

#### THE FUNERAL.

The funeral will be held from the First Presbyterian church, Monday, August 13, at 2 P. M.

Glaspell & Halligan yesterday received a carload of the juiciest, sweetest and best water melons that ever came to Davenport.

#### BEES-KEEPERS' PICNIC.

On Wednesday, Aug. 15, the eastern Iowa and western Illinois bee-keepers' association proposed holding their first annual picnic. The association was formed in October last, and now numbers nearly 100 members, the membership having been more than doubled since the meeting in this city last February. In addition to the membership some 200 bee-

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favors in this way which will never be forgotten, though they are known only to those for whom they were done. Carefulness, attention to details and a thorough understanding of the subject in hand were characteristics of the deceased. He was, in a word, eminently safe—a man of the highest integrity and honor. He combined tact in his dealings with men and in the conduct of business affairs. No member of the bar was more generally esteemed than he, and the word of no one was accepted with a more implicit confidence.

**HIS POLITICAL RELATIONS.**

Mr. Thompson was always regarded, and justly so, as a leader of the republican party. Indeed, so well was this understood that he of all the influential men of that political faith, was termed in successive campaigns with affectionate familiarity the "wheel-horse" of the party. He was looked to as a guide who anticipated and prevented what often might have become party strife or discord. And yet with all the ardor and zeal of the contests, with all the untoward bitterness which ever and anon characterizes elections, there was no man who could raise his voice and charge John W. Thompson with any unfairness, and discourtesy or word or deed toward a political opponent. He had caught something of the spirit of zeal from the friend of his early years, the Hon. Thaddeus Stevens. Mr. T. was known as a "free-soil" whig and cast his first vote for Henry Clay. In 1857 he was elected to the general assembly as representative from his district. In 1859 he was chosen state senator. He was a member of the republican national convention of 1860 that nominated Lincoln. And in 1890 he was one of the Iowa delegates to the national convention which nominated Gen. Garfield. He was several times chairman of the Scott county republican central committee.

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On Thursday next, Aug. 16, will occur the long looked for event in the opening of the new photograph gallery of J. M. Lenz on Brady street second door above Fourth on the west side. Mr. Lenz moves into a new building and supplies himself with new material, but he will still do business at the old stand also.

**MALARIAL FEVER AT WILTON.**

Exaggerated rumors of the spread of disease at Wilton being still circulated the following dispatch was sent Dr. W. H. Baxter, the leading physician at that place yesterday:

Have you any epidemic diseases in your town? If so what is the character of them? Have any died? If so how many? In answer to the telegram Dr. Baxter says that about fifty persons in all have been sick with malarial fever. The first symptoms in all these cases were vomiting and purging. In young children it was pronounced cholera infantum only. The

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In the spring of 1878 he was elected mayor of Davenport and served one year. In 1881, that of Mayor Henry's administration, Mr. Thompson served as city attorney. At the election held on the first Saturday in April last he was chosen mayor, occupying the chair at the meeting of April 11. His address to the council was brief and characteristic. He said he had no speech to make, but that he would endeavor to discharge the mayor's duties with fairness and impartiality, and that he did so none can deny. He was present at every regular and special meeting until that of June 6.

### THE FAMILY.

The surviving members of the family are: Mrs. Louisa Caroline Henry, the eldest sister residing at Huntington, Pa., but who was with her brother during the last few days of his life; Miss Mary Elizabeth, Miss Harriet R., and Miss Clarinda A., sisters, who made their home with Mr. Thompson, also J. W. Henry, a nephew, of this county.

### THE POST MORTEM.

A postmortem examination has been

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Another correspondent gives the names of those who have died, as follows: Mrs. C. T. R. Russell and child, three years old; a child of Mrs. Cummings, and S. Stevens, August Weise, George Hunt, Z. Bachlep, all children. There were no deaths for sixty hours up to last evening, and no new cases were reported.

Imported sardines at Moore & Chambers, 482 Brady street.

Dress goods at ten cents per yard—reduced from 25 cents—at Stewart's, 221 Brady St.

Job lots in clothing and furnishing goods at half price to close out. Call at the U. S. Clothing House, 123 west Second street.

You can get Out Rates over and railroad at Blake's ticket office.

THE CITY'S SORROW.

DAY OF MOURNING IN DAVENPORT.

Funeral of Mayor Thompson.

Business Suspended—A Great Concurrence of People at and about the Church and in Procession.

THE DISCOURSE OF THE PASTOR.

This is a solemn day in Davenport. Everywhere in the city one sees the emblems of sorrow—flags at half-mast, crape on buildings, city hall, court house and engine houses draped—sorrow for the death of the mayor of Davenport. In the forenoon was held

THE BAR MEETING.

The members of the Scott County Bar met at 10 o'clock this morning at the offices of Messrs. Cook & Dodge to make arrangements for attending the funeral, and to express their sentiments upon the loss of their brother. Every law office in the city was represented at the meeting.

Hon. John N. Rogers was called to preside, and A. J. Hirschl acted as secretary. A committee, consisting of Messrs. Bills, Nash and Mitchell, was appointed to draft appropriate resolutions.

During the deliberation of the committee, Geo. E. Hubbell, Esq., being called upon, made an interesting address. He said: Perhaps it is eminently proper that I should make a few remarks. My acquaintance with Mr. Thompson dates since 1855, and I can very confidently assert that no member ever had shown to him to any greater extent than was shown to Mr. Thompson the continued and un-

tion was silent as the grave, when the cortege arrived and the mourners and friends entered, preceded by the clergy. The pall bearers were J. C. Duncan and J. H. McCosh of the United Presbyterian church, Dr. J. S. Stevenson and R. D. Leonard representing the citizens, D. B. Nash and J. W. Green representing the bar, and acting Mayor W. M. Grant and Ald. A. J. Lerch representing the city council. The officiating clergymen were the Rev. S. B. Reed, pastor of the U. P. church, the Rev. J. D. Mason, the Rev. J. R. Reynolds of Rock Island, the Rev. B. F. Hills of Knoxville Ill., the Rev. G. W. Snyder and the Rev. D. R. Dungan, each of whom participated in the devotional exercises and addresses. The large choir of the United Presbyterian church sang the psalms, with Miss Lizzie Russell presiding at the organ.

The floral emblems were beautiful indeed—a pillow from his Sunday school class bearing the words "our teacher," a sickle and sheaf from the Bar, an hour glass, showing year of birth and death, from the U. P. church, and a large cross and other emblems of immortality from neighbors and friends.

After singing, reading of the scriptural lessons and prayer,

THE SERMON,

was preached by the Rev. S. B. Reed, pastor of the deceased.

The text was Revelations 6, viii—"I looked, and beheld a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death."

Here we read of four horses: white, red, black, pale; pointing out the pure gospel, bloody war, ghastly famine and death. The pale horse is the one that fills our sad scene to-day.

I. Death is under a seal. When the fourth seal was broken he appeared. The Lamb opened the seal, so all our times are in the Saviour's hand. While he keeps his hand shut and holds our soul in it, nothing can take it away. When he opens his hand and lets our life fly

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interrupted respect of the entire bar for so long a period. He was thoroughly courteous and honest, never violated, or forgot his promises, and was a model of fairness, patience, and fidelity in all that pertained to the interests of his clients. As a citizen, though, he was always prominent, active and energetic, yet he was never hasty or uncharitable, but ever conducted himself with such wisdom and consideration that no censure followed his acts.

His career was not a brilliant one. There was nothing pyrotechnical about him, yet his presentations of facts and of law in the courts and his addresses in public were always eminently sound and clear; he was practical in whatever he said, and he exerted great influence wherever heard.

Whilst he was a most intense partisan, his political adherence being one of the strongest passions of his life—so much so that I recollect his assertion that he had “never scratched his ticket”—whilst he was a skilled political manager, yet his partisanship was always so upright, fair, and honest, so thoroughly without guile, so evidently influenced by what his sense of patriotism dictated to him as best for his country, that with all his efforts and with all his zeal he never brought upon himself either censure or reflection.

His pre-eminently well balanced judgment, correct methods, successful consummation of all his undertakings, purity in character and conduct have left for him a record worthy of emulation. Such a life has not been lived in vain.

The following resolutions were then reported and adopted:

WHEREAS, Death has removed from our midst our brother, John W. Thompson, an honored and esteemed member of the Scott county bar, therefore be it

Resolved, That we, the members of the Bar of Scott county, desire, on the occasion of the decease of our honored brother, to give expression to the esteem in which we held him while living, and the respect with which we now cherish his memory.

Resolved, That we, in the professional

keeps his hand and lets our life fly, nothing can hold it back. Weepers, hear him, saying, “What I do thou knowest not now, but thou shalt know it hereafter.”

At Bethany there was a family of Lazarus, Mary and Martha. Jesus loved them all, and made them precious visits. He even raised the brother from the dead, and turned tears to songs. And at Davenport there was a family of one brother and his sisters. I trust Jesus loved them all, and that His visits will be more gracious than ever. Watch and wait, and He will make the brother live again.

II. *Death demands attention.*—The fourth beast says in reference to it: “Come and see.” See that it is nearly six thousand years old, and that its empire is the world; see that its coming is certain and the time uncertain; see that it is a solemn event for the saint and too solemn for the sinner; see that it is relentless, and that its work will last. Let us not study it looking down, but up. So study it that will live for eternity.

The floral pillow at Mayor Thompson's head has the words

“OUR FATHER.”

He long taught our Bible class, contributed liberally to the funds of the congregation, and was earnest in all our church work. He will be missed by the Sabbath school, by our little flock, and by the whole United Presbyterian church. Who will take his place and work among us? Perhaps we leaned on him too much; let us look more to “the hills.” Let us say, “God lives, blessed be my Rock.”

III. *Death rides upon a pale horse.* He does not brawl like a serpent, or walk like a man, but rides down all before him. He passed three days ago, and the lovely man, christian brother, neighbor, teacher, lawyer, mayor, legislator, and citizen, is gone. “Pale” is a chilly word, and that ruddy face is no more. When the soul is gone the body looks shadowy. “Thou changest his countenance and sendest him away,” “I shall be satisfied when I awake with Thy likeness.

At a log-rolling in North Carolina a strong man threw everybody and was proud of it. Dr. Clark said he saw that he was a great wrestler, but he knew one who could lay him right on his back, and told him he would be along some day. The wrestler wanted to know his name, expressed a desire to try him and an un-

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*Resolved*, That we, in the professional life of our brother, his honorable and upright deportment, his fidelity to duty, and unblemished integrity, recognize his sterling worth and character.

*Resolved*, That we tender to the family and friends of the deceased our heartfelt sympathy in this hour of their great sorrow and bereavement; and that, as a final token of respect, this bar will attend in a body the funeral of our deceased brother.

Messrs. Green, Hubbell, and Ellis were appointed a committee to present these resolutions to the several courts.

#### BOARD OF TRADE.

At a meeting of the board of trade held this forenoon, with President A. F. Williams in the chair and L. F. Parker, secretary, the following resolutions were adopted:

**WHEREAS**, The Hon. John W. Thompson, the mayor of the city of Davenport and an esteemed member of this board, who has been identified with this community for the past twenty-eight years, holding various offices of trust, and proving true and faithful in every position, has passed from among us to his final rest, we would publish and record some tribute to so deserving a memory; therefore,

*Resolved*, That in the death of the Hon. James W. Thompson in the meridian of his usefulness we recognize a great public loss to this community that held him in the highest respect. To a pure life, and a character unsullied, he added that wisdom in council, and urbanity and friendship of demeanor that endeared him to all with whom he came in contact; Hence, it is with no ordinary feeling that his death is regretted and mourned by all who knew him. "Well done, good and faithful," seems most truly to apply to the friend whose kindly familiar face we shall no more see.

*Resolved*, That we would extend our sympathy to relations who mourn an irreparable loss.

This afternoon all business in the city was suspended from 1:30 until 4 o'clock—stores of all lines of trade being closed, manufactories shut down, and the city having the appearance of a quiet Sabbath.

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"Xargos, the great, did die,  
And so must you and I."

IV. Death is followed with hell. Hell sometimes means the grave, and soon we wish to bury our dead out of sight. Sometimes it means the invisible world, and souls at death return to God for disposition. Sometimes it means the place of eternal punishment, and the bad soon find themselves in torment. In case of the good, heaven follows death, and they immediately enter upon eternal blessedness. Let us so live that all can say with Isabella Graham, "I am just as sure of going to Jesus as if I were already in his arms."

Massillon, that prince of court preachers, stood at the coffin of a crowned head and said "God alone is great!" And standing by our prostrate chief to-day, we desire to say earnestly that "God alone is great!" Let us as friends, citizens, lawyers, politicians, physicians, judges, councilmen and ministers, like little children, lay our hearts in the hands of the Spirit, trust our souls in the blood of Christ, and live for the bettering of humanity and the glory of God. Then when we die out of the world, or earth is burned away from us, we shall meet in the bright frontier of glory and enter upon an eternal career—the perfect ever approaching the Infinite!

The Rev. Mason then gave a sketch of the career of Mr. Thompson similar to that already published, and was followed by a tribute to the character of the deceased by Rev. Mr. Reynolds. A prayer, a psalm, and the benediction closed the exercises.

As the cortege moved from the church the great bell of Trinity tolled—and then all the fire bells in the city responded, being sounded from the central station.

The procession to Oakdale was of immense length, and in the presence of a great concourse, the lamented executive and citizen was placed to rest beside his companion who had gone before.

Mr. A. J. Roche, WEST BRANCH, IOWA

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son, the mayor of the city of Davenport and an esteemed member of this board, who has been identified with this community for the past twenty-eight years, holding various offices of trust, and proving true and faithful in every position, has passed from among us to his final rest, we would publish and record some tribute to so deserving a memory; therefore,

*Resolved*, That in the death of the Hon. James W. Thompson in the meridian of his usefulness we recognize a great public loss to this community that held him in the highest respect. To a pure life, and a character unswayed, he added that wisdom in council, and urbanity and friendship of demeanor that endeared him to all with whom he came in contact; Hence, it is with no ordinary feeling that his death is regretted and mourned by all who knew him. "Well done, good and faithful," seems most truly to apply to the friend whose kindly familiar face we shall no more see.

*Resolved*, That we would extend our sympathy to relations who mourn an irreparable loss.

This afternoon all business in the city was suspended from 1:30 until 4 o'clock—stores of all lines of trade being closed, manufactories shut down, and the city having the appearance of a quiet Sabbath.

The Funeral procession left the family residence at 2 o'clock, and proceeded to the First Presbyterian church, which was filled with people before the hour for services. The aldermen of the council, the city and county officials, the members of the Scott county bar, the police force, and delegates from each company in the fire department were present as bodies, wearing the insignia of sorrow.

Ex-Mayors M. Donahue, James Renwick, John M. Lyter, John E. Henry and John C. Bills were in attendance.

Messrs. H. C. Fulton, P. A. Moyle, and Nath. Mitchell, representing the Bar, of Davenport acted as ushers.

The interior of the church was appropriately draped—and the great congrega-

ers, stood at the coffin of a crowned head and said "God alone is great!" And standing by our prostrate chief to-day, we desire to say earnestly that "God alone is great!" Let us as friends, citizens, lawyers, politicians, physicians, judges, councilmen and ministers, like little children, lay our hearts in the hands of the Spirit, trust our souls in the blood of Christ, and live for the bettering of humanity and the glory of God. Then when we die out of the world, or earth is burned away from us, we shall meet in the bright frontier of glory and enter upon an eternal career—the perfect ever approaching the Infinite!

The Rev. Mason then gave a sketch of the career of Mr. Thompson similar to that already published, and was followed by a tribute to the character of the deceased by Rev. Mr. Reynolds. A prayer, a psalm, and the benediction closed the exercises.

As the cortege moved from the church the great bell of Trinity tolled—and then all the fire bells in the city responded, being sounded from the central station.

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Mr. A. J. Roche, WEST BRANCH, IOWA, says: "Brown's Iron Bitters cured me of severe dyspepsia and otherwise benefited me."

We have a few more genuine marseils counterpanes of the lot we are closing out at one dollar each—about half value. Stewart's, 221 Brady St.

#### THE RIVER.

The Minneapolis left for St. Louis this afternoon with a very light trip.

The Libbie Conger is due at day light to-morrow morning.

The Sidney for St. Louis to-morrow evening.

The Grand Pacific for St. Paul to-morrow afternoon.

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which position he still holds, not having entirely completed the old business. He has, in such judicial position, done much service for the United States and litigants throughout the State during his official labors. His habit has been to write regular opinions on the more important cases, some of which have been reported and quoted by courts as authority, and in some instances have been embodied in legal digests. He has paid but little attention to politics, having devoted all his energies and talents to his profession. He has, however, ever been a pronounced Republican. He was married, after settling in Davenport, to Margaret A. Hutchinson, a native of New York State, on Sept. 3, 1864. Their married life has been blessed with two children, Martin Belknap, born Oct. 28, 1866, and Mary Caroline, Nov. 15, 1871. The family are connected with the Episcopal Church. The son, Martin Belknap, is attending Griswold College.

*John W. Thompson*, attorney, of the firm of Thompson & French, 209 Main street, was born in Huntington Co., Pa., Oct. 14, 1823. He was a son of Joseph and Ann (Johnston) Thompson, natives of Pennsylvania. He was a carpenter by trade; she was a member of the Presbyterian Church. They had six children, five are still living. John W. attended school until 19, then taught school until 21, when he began the study of law in Huntington, Pa., in the office of Thomas P. Campbell; was admitted to the bar when 23 years of age, in April, 1847, practicing law in Williamsburg and Holidaysburg, Pa., until the spring of 1854; then traveled in Texas and other States until April, 1855, when he located in Davenport and formed a partnership with Horatio B. Barner, which continued until 1861; then continued alone until 1866, when he and J. D. Campbell were partners until 1870, when he continued alone until 1877, then formed his present partnership with Nathaniel French. Mr. Thompson married Miss Margaret A. Wallace, May 12, 1874, a native of Westmoreland Co., Pa. She was a daughter of John and Martha (Ross) Wallace. Mrs. John W. Thompson died March 12, 1875. She was a member of the United Presbyterian Church. Mr. John W. Thompson is one of the leading representatives of the Davenport bar, having been identified with it since April 3, 1855. In politics a "free soil" Whig, and cast his first vote for Henry Clay, but since the organization of the Republican party he has been one of its strongest supporters. Mr. Thompson was elected a Republican Representative to the Iowa Legislature in 1857, and to the Senate in 1859.

He was a member of the convention of 1860 that nominated Lincoln for President, and also a member of the convention of 1880 that nominated Garfield for President of the United States.

*Edward E. Cook*, attorney, of the firm of Cook and Dodge (Frank L. Dodge), has been an active member of the Scott County bar since May, 1863. He was born in Scott Co., Iowa, Aug. 13, 1843. He is the son of John P. Cook, a native of New York State, and one of Scott County's earliest attorneys. He came to Davenport in 1836, read law, and was admitted to practice about 1841, in Cedar Co., Iowa, where he located in 1840; he was one of the earliest settlers of that county and one of the first settlers in the town of Tipton, and helped to make some of the first improvements in the place. In October, 1842, he married Eliza A. Rowe, a daughter of Christian Rowe, and a citizen of Scott County, to which she came with her parents in 1836, from Steuben Co., N. Y. In March, 1851, Mr. J. P. Cook moved his family to Davenport, where he remained an active member of the legal profession until his death, April 16, 1872. He was a member of the 33d Congress from this district, served in the sessions of 1853-'4, and 1854-'5. The subject of this memoir was educated in the cities of Washington, D. C., Rochester, Geneva, and Albany, N. Y.; was also a year in Griswold College, Davenport, and was the first student in the collegiate department in that institution. He graduated from the Albany Law School in May, 1863, and was admitted to practice in the Supreme Court of New York. He came home to Davenport, and was admitted on motion at the May term of the District Court of 1863. He then entered the office of his father, for law practice, and Jan. 1, 1865, he became a member of the law firm of Cook & Drury. Jan. 1, 1871, the firm changed to Cook & Bruning. This relation continued until the death of Mr. Cook, Sr. In May, 1872, Mr. C. formed a partnership with Judge J. S. Richman, under the firm name of Cook, Richman & Bruning, continuing until Dec. 1, 1875, when Mr. Bruning retired, the firm remaining Cook & Richman till May 1, 1880, when the present partnership was formed. This firm does a general law practice, have been attorneys for the C., R. I. & P. Ry., and its predecessor, the Miss. & Mo. Co., and have paid considerable attention to corporation law. Mr. Cook affiliates with the Democratic party politically, and has done considerable committee work in an official way in its behalf and as an expositor of its principles, but has refused to become a candidate for any office.



AT REST.

After Ten Weeks of Suffering John W. Thompson Wins Peace—The Story of a Long, Useful and Honorable Career—A Long and Painful Struggle for Life—The City's Loss.

Major Thompson is at rest. For ten weeks he battled with pain and disease, but he was not overcome. He was a man of letters, a man of letters, a man of letters...

John Stur, a citizen of Iowa, died at his residence in Davenport, Iowa, on August 10, 1883. He was a man of letters, a man of letters, a man of letters...

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WIDE SPREAD DAMAGE.

The Recent Hail Storm in Scott County and the Destruction Occasioned Thereby.

We give below extracts from a letter of the Hon. Ernest Mueller to Dr. Zenas Applefield to the storm of July 12th. Our readers cannot fail to read the graphic description with interest and should be desirous to contribute according to their means to the fund now being gathered for Mr. Mueller, under authority of the Board of Supervisors for the benefit of the sufferers.

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Mr. Dodds was united in marriage to Miss Susan Shanor, daughter of J. J. and Ann (McDonald) Shanor, March 16, 1857. To this union seven children were born. James B. married Miss Ida Bennett and lives in Colorado; Samuel B. married Miss Lillie Stacy and lives in Keokuk, Iowa; one son, Orrin S., is dead, and two daughters, Lillie and Minnie, reside at home. John B. is a resident of Kansas and George lives in Missouri. Mr. Dodds has never been an office-seeker, though he has held many local offices and is a staunch Republican. An active man in his early life, in his declining years he is enjoying a well earned competency, and is much attached to his home and family and highly esteemed by his friends and neighbors.

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## JOHN W. THOMPSON.

JOHN W. THOMPSON, who ranked high as a member of the Davenport bar and was greatly beloved as a citizen and public official, was born in Huntingdon County, Pennsylvania, October 14, 1823, and died in Davenport, August 11, 1883. He began teaching school in his native County when only nineteen years of age and for two years followed teaching as a profession, when, on reaching his majority, he began the study of law in the office of Thomas P. Campbell of Huntingdon, Pennsylvania.

Two years later he commenced practicing law in Williamsburg and Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania, where he remained until the spring of 1854, when he took a trip throughout the West. In April, 1855, he moved to Davenport and immediately afterward formed a law partnership with Colonel H. G. Barner.

The partnership was dissolved in 1861 and he continued in his profession alone for five years and then formed a partnership with Captain J. D. Campbell. This arrangement was dissolved in 1870. In



1877 he entered into partnership with Judge Nathaniel French. As a lawyer he stood in the front ranks of the Davenport bar. He was a plodding student rather than a versatile and forcible speaker, while he was always a very conscientious attorney, and particularly strong as a safe and prudent counselor. He never resorted to petty intrigues in trying a case, but labored on the merits of the cause he represented.

He cast his first vote for Henry Clay as a Whig and entered the Republican party at its organization, becoming a warm supporter of its principles and policies.

By this party he was elected to represent his district in the Iowa Legislature in 1857 and two years afterward was elected State Senator. He was a member of the convention of 1860 that nominated Lincoln for President, and also a delegate to the convention of 1880 that nominated Garfield for President of the United States. In the spring of 1878 Mr. Thompson was elected Mayor of Davenport. In speaking of the nomination a few days before the election, the "Daily Gazette" of April 5, 1878, said: "During the quarter of a century of Mr. Thompson's residence in Davenport he has steadily, and without approach to an exception, maintained the character of a worthy, reliable, and honest citizen. For years, too, his counsel upon any and all questions of public interest has been implicitly relied upon by all who have known him. A man of rarely vigorous and clear judgment, unswerving in his integrity, urbane and courteous in all his intercourse with his fellow-citizens, John W. Thompson is just the man for the place." How well the statement of the "Gazette" was fulfilled his subsequent successful history as mayor satisfactorily demonstrated even to his political opponents. He served in that capacity until the spring of 1879, and in 1883 was again elected and held the office up to the time of his death.



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