

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Noble, Reuben Senator _____
Represented Clayton County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 14. Apr 1821 Adams County Mississippi,
near Natchez

2. Marriage (s) date place

Harriet Cordelia Douglas 19 Jan 1844 Jersey County, Missouri

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Admitted to the bar at Mineral Point, Iowa County, Iowa in
summer of 1842; practicing attorney of Clayton County for years

B. Civic responsibilities Member, Oak Hills

C. Profession Attorney; farmer; lead mines

4. Church membership Congregational

5. Sessions served 5th General Assembly 1854

6. Public Offices

A. Local Elected Judge of the 10th judicial district

B. State Speaker of the House 5th General Assembly 1854

C. National Delegate to the Republican Convention that nominated Abraham
Lincoln in May 1860

7. Death 8 Aug 1896 Mrs. Grace Iowa; born Pleasant Grove County, Michigan, Iowa

8. Children Elizabeth (Mrs. John Day); Henry; Reuben; Virgil S.;

Cordelia (Mrs. Richard H. Day); and additional child preceded the father
in death

9. Names of parents Henry and Mary (Dwyer) Noble

Noble, Reuben

10. Education Education in the common schools of his neighborhood

11. Degrees Attended a mutual labor school near Quincy, Illinois where he went to school, read law 1839-1842, paying for his board by working mornings, evenings and Saturdays

12. Other applicable information Republican, later Democrat

- At age 12 he moved with his family to Jersey County, Illinois where he worked on the farm until he was 18
- At age 18 he attended a manual labor school at Columbus, Illinois
- He also pursued the study of law with Edward H. Buckley
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- The knowledge of mining learned in Fair Play, Missouri led him to make investments in the vicinity - Miners Creek near Tottenberg, Iowa that yielded him liberal income
- In 1849 he bought the homestead of Rev. J. J. Hill at Garnaville, Iowa.
- He lived on this farm until 1857 when they moved to Mc Gregor, Iowa where he died.

Clark W. Thompson, of LaCrosse, is in the city.

F. M. Orr, of the Monona State Bank is in town today.

Miss Edith Lindsay went to Waucoma last week.

H. Leuhsen, the popular furniture man of Garnavillo, made us a pleasant call today.

Miss Sophia Gerich, with Joe and their cousin Elmer Koester, who has been visiting them, went to Elkader Thursday.

After a month's visit with her aunt, Mrs Taylor, Miss Aggie Lenehan returned to her home at Houston, Minn., Friday.

Wm. Widman dropped on us last Friday for a short visit. Brother Will is head man in McFaden Mullen & Co's. candy factory at St. Paul.

A number of first class Refrigerator will be cleared out at cost for "spot cash," now is the time for a bargain.
Q. A. SLOAN.

James Schröder and John Cossutt, of Guttenberg, came up yesterday and took part with Itasca Lodge, I. O. O. F., in Judge Noble's funeral.

The Sidney passed up river touching here about nine o'clock Monday morning. Miss Isherwood was on board taking a trip with her father, who is Captain of the boat.

"This paper is mailed regularly to its subscribers until a definite order to discontinue is received and all arrears are paid in full"

Mr. Albert Kirchner, of Fountain City, Wis., a contractor who is doing work for the Government near Clayton, cleaning away sand bars and repairing the levee was in town Thursday last.

Miss Evelyn Jacobs and Iola Quigley left Monday morning for the west. Miss Jacobs will teach in Livingston, Montana, and Miss Quigley in Big Timber, Montana.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed O'Brien mourn the death of their only child Florence, aged four months, who died of cholera infantum Monday. The funeral occurred Tuesday, Rev. Lockard officiating.

Parties desiring to camp at Pike's Peak, or Pictured Rocks will please apply to my agent A. Chapin of McGregor for permission to do so. This is in order that proper arrangements may be made to prevent injury to trees and ground.

MARTHA BUELL MUNN.
June 29, 1896.

Services will be resumed at the Congregational church next Sabbath morning. No Sabbath school or Y. P. S. C. E. Union service at the M. E. church in the evening.

All parties knowing themselves indebted to McLanahan & Hagensick

Again the messenger of death came among us. While sitting in his chair on Saturday, shortly after one o'clock, Reuben Noble passed quietly away. When it was reported Judge Noble was dead the community was shocked. Though he complained of falling health the past few weeks no one supposed, as they conversed with him in the morning, that he stood on the threshold of death. By the death of Reuben Noble our city loses a man who was respected and honored by all. He was everybody's friend and was ever ready to give good council to the many that called on him. The funeral was held from the Congregational church Tuesday morning at ten o'clock, Rev. A. Marshall officiating. The Masonic lodge conducted the services at the grave. Masonic and Odd Fellows Lodges attended in a body and a large concourse of people gathered to do the last honors to the dead. The obituary is being prepared by a friend and will appear next week.

RESOLUTIONS.

Brother Reuben Noble became a member of Itasca Lodge No. 171, I. O. O. F., of McGregor, Iowa, July 2nd, 1859, by card, from Garnavillo Lodge No. 29, and continued in good standing until his death August 8th, 1896, therefore

RESOLVED, That in the life of Bro. Reuben Noble we recognize the highest and noblest sense of justice, integrity and friendship, a promoter of good will among men and the soul of honor. That we in common with the entire community feel keenly the loss of so valued and exemplary a member of society as well as member of our order; his life and conduct was a true exemplification of the principals of Friendship, Love and Truth embodied in the teachings of our order and

That we extend to the family of our beloved brother our sincere sympathies in their sad bereavement.

That these resolutions be spread upon our record and copies be given to the press.

ROBERT QUIGLEY,
JAMES EDWARD,
W. J. KNOWLES, } Committee.

Resolutions adopted at regular meeting August 11th, 1896.

FRANK DORNBACH, N. G.
JAMES EDWARD, R. S.

- List of visiting Masons.
- Lansing—L. E. Fellows.
 - Dubuque—D. D. W. Carver.
 - Garnavillo—W. A. Kregel, J. D. Maurer, A. A. Schmidt, J. F. Schumacher, Theo. J. Krasinsky, Geo. Selg, C. W. Botmer.
 - Guttenberg—W. C. Lewis, H. J. Overbeck, Herman Ihm, John Luther, Wm. Sullivan.
 - Monona—J. A. Wingate, E. L. Rice.
 - Elkader—J. E. Corlett, John Everall, Jr.
 - Prairie du Chien—J. E. Stanford.

Diphtheria.

The information comes to us from

Attention Republicans.

Republican caucus will be held at the Alumni Hall tomorrow, Thursday evening at 7:30 to select delegates to attend the county convention at Elkader Saturday, Aug. 13. Delegates selected at Elkader to attend Congressional Convention at Charles City, Wednesday, Aug. 26th.

BASE BALL.

McGregor 7. Pra. du Chien 6.

A two bagger and a single by Lou and Jack Kramer, respectively did the business in the ninth inning last Sunday at lower town Prairie du Chien, ending one of the hardest fought contests our boys have taken part in for a number of years. It was a pitchers battle from first to last, Rafauff getting a little the best of it. The game opened up rather lively, Prairie scoring 4 runs in the first inning, but our boys not discouraged by this, went to work in their half and pulled three across the rubber. From this on, it was nip and tuck. McGregor tied the score in the 4th, but in the 5th Prairie went them one better again. The lead of one score did not last long, however, as our boys got two more in the 6th. No more runs were scored until the 8th; when Prairie du Chien brought in one and again, the score was tied standing 6 to 6 with each nine straining each nerve to keep the other from scoring. Things looked rather dubious in the 9th for a few moments, when the boys from across the creek had three men on bases and a hit meant all kinds of runs; but they were not equal to the occasion and fell by the wayside and bleak despair filled the hearts that were so full of hope a few moments before. It was now or never and the hearts of the McGregories beat high with hope as Lou Kramer stepped up to the plate in McGregor's half of the 9th and well their hopes were founded—a "swish," a mighty crash, a streak of something shooting through the air, and when the McGregor rooters again found their breath, Billy Hagensick, who ran for Lou, was seriously seated on second, with Jack Kramer waiting for his turn to repeat the dose at the bat. Did he do it? Dost thou see this broad and spontaneous grin? Did he do it? Yea verily, did he rise up in all his mighty strength and smite the pig skin with one mighty smash that sent it far out in the fields, and Hagensick across the plate, ending the agony and winning the game by one run.

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Elkader Democrat reports diphtheria at Elkader. The little son of Mr. and Mrs. Sloan is down with the disease.

During morning and evening at the Congregational church next Sabbath. Mr. Marshall's evening subject will be "The title on the Cross." All are invited. Sabbath school at noon. Y. P. S. C. E. at 7 p. m.

Wm. Smith, Watson's popular farmer, was a caller yesterday, he complained that the News did not reach Watson until Friday or Saturday. It should reach there Thursday, as it is always put in the office here Wednesday evening.

John Goedert has about finished improvements and his residence is in the hands of the painters. It is one of the model homes of this city. It is heated by steam with hot water in every part of the house from his artesian well.

For the National Convention Republican League at Milwaukee the C. M. & St. P. Ry. Co., will sell tickets Aug. 23 and 24, at one fare for the round trip, good to return until Aug. 30th.

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The McGregor Choral Society will meet at the usual place in the high school building Saturday evening, Aug. 29, at 8 o'clock. For the purpose of organizing for this year's work. Prof. Keck will be present. Let every member and all interested in the Choral Society be present. Bring your music.

By order of the President.

Fessman & Allen are getting out a number of fine road wagons and bugles of their own make. They are put up of the best material and workmanship, but will be sold at a very low price. Call at the Carriage Factory and examine their work. Repairing of every description done on short notice.

The Chicago Painless Dentists are coming and will be at McGregor Ryan Hotel Tuesday, August 25th, one day only. They extract and fill teeth positively without pain, or make no charge, and free of charge from 9 to 10 A. M. and 1 to 2 P. M. each day.

TESTIMONIAL.

Lodi, Wis., July 30, '96.

I am so thankful that the Chicago Dentists came to our city. They extracted ten teeth for me without the least pain.
MRS. A. BURNS.

The National Encampment at St. Paul the C. M. & St. P. will sell excursion to St. Paul for \$5.00 for the round trip. Sell Sept. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, good to return Sept. 15th. An extensive catalogue of tickets may be obtained by deposit of tickets on or before Sept. 15th with agent at St. Paul.

In Memoriam Reuben Noble.
1821-1896.

By J. O. CROSBY.

Hon. Reuben Noble was born April 14th, 1821 in Adams county in the state of Mississippi, where he lived with his parents till he was twelve years old when the family removed to Jersey county, Illinois. He worked on the farm till he was eighteen and then attended a manual labor school at Columbus, Ill., and also pursued the study of law with Edward H. Buckley, Esq.

In the spring of 1842, just after he became of age, he went to Fair Play in Wis., at that time a lively leading settlement, where he commenced practicing law and mining a little occasionally.

In October 1843, he removed to Garnavillo, Iowa, where he opened a law office with a determination to make that place his future home.

On the 19th day of June 1844, he was married to Miss Harriet C. Douglass, who survives him. They have had six children, five of whom are living, viz: Elizabeth, wife of John Day of Minneapolis; Henry, residing at Aberdeen, S. Dak.; Reuben, Register of the U. S. Land Office at Devils Lake, N. Dak.; Virgil B., lawyer and banker at Bottineau, N. Dak.; and Cordella wife of Richard V. Day of Rhinelander, Wis.

The associate pioneers of Mr. Noble were Dr. Frederick Andres, John W. Gillett, George A. Whitman, Richard Only, James Watson, Samuel Murdock, Elias H. Williams, A. S. Cooley, Robert Hatfield, John M. Gay, Rev. James J. Hill and Dr. John Linton, an array of intelligence, diversified talent, learning, energy, endurance and self-reliance rarely to be found in a new settlement. The privations of border life drew them closely together as only pioneer experience can do. Their reminiscences of favors received from their early neighbors, are illustrations of kindness of heart in striking contrast with the selfishness often encountered in older settled localities. Of all the pioneers above named, Judge Murdock, at the age of 79, is the only survivor.

The knowledge of mining acquired by Mr. Noble at Fair Play, led him to make early investments in the vicinity of Miners Creek, near Guttenberg, that later yielded him a liberal income.

At the close of the year 1849, Rev. J. J. Hill resigned his pastorate of the Congregational church at Garnavillo, and Mr. Noble bought his homestead, consisting of a commodious house, pleasantly situated on forty acres of prairie land adjoining the town on the south. Here, during the remainder of their residence in Garnavillo, was dispensed a generous hospitality accompanied with heartfelt, cordial greetings to all their acquaintances. He died on the 8th day of August 1896. In the practice of his profession he

half. As a Judge he was laborious and faithful; despising artifice and trickery in lawyers, he sought to dispense justice with an even hand. In the practice of his profession he had many excellent qualities worthy of imitation by the younger members of the bar.

On the 10th day of June 1894, at the Athenaeum in McGregor, was celebrated his Golden Wedding, and the vast concourse of friends present manifested their kind regards by numerous tokens of love and esteem. It was a joyful occasion.

On the 11th day of August, funeral services were held in the Congregational church, Rev. C. A. Marshall officiating at the close of which, Past Grand Master, Hon. L. E. Fellows of Lansing, took charge, and further services were conducted according to the burial ritual of the Masonic order. A long procession followed his remains to Oakwood cemetery where they laid him to rest. Peace to ashes.

cycle Meet

At Ossian, Aug. 26th. \$100 in prizes. Reduced rates on C. M. & St. P. Ry. For entry blanks apply to FRED J. FIGGIE, Secy.

Around and About Us.

Teddy's Query.

A. F. CALDWELL in Youth's Companion. One brother was tall and slim. The other chubby and short— Teddy sat looking at them one night. Apparently lost in thought. "Mamma," he asked at length, "Which would you like the best,— For me to grow north and south, like Tom, Or like Willie, from east to west?"

Monona Leader.

Mayor C. W. Walker was in town attending to his large insurance business in this vicinity.

Miss Marie Sullivan, of McGregor, is visiting Miss Francis and Ella Bromelkamp this week.

The Odd Fellows extension of their block is a go. As soon as the preliminaries can be arranged work will commence on the new brick store, 22x60, two stories.

Decorah Republican.

Dea. Bell, of the firm of Gilchrist & Co., McGregor, was a business visitor in Decorah last Friday.

Big Bicycle Meet at Ossian, Aug. 26th. \$100 in prizes. For entry blanks apply to FRED J. FIGGIE, Secy.

Clayton County Fair, at National, Sept. 8-11. Jno. G. Hempel, Elkader, Secretary.

Waukon Standard.

Our waterworks at last work. They are getting used to it by degrees. The stand pipe will be caulked up in shape in a day or two, but in the mean time the water is on. The engine and pumping house is a good looking brick structure 22x50 feet. The well is 577 feet 6 inches deep. There is 300 feet of water in the well. The pump is down in the

The Fair

Notwithstanding the heated campaign—heated political discussions—candidates—political parties—silver—gold—excursions—garden parties, &c., would say,

NOTHING

Is so important, now days as this:

Where is the cheapest place to trade? You may snicker at this but can't deny it. Our stock is dwindling low—we want it still lower. Low prices is the secret. Many are taking advantage of this. We must have room for the GIGANTIC STOCK that will come. We intend to be strictly

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On Aug. 8, '98, about midnight, some villain committed a crime that should not go unpunished. While Mr. [Name] was [doing something], the villain went into their garden and, with a knife, cut all his choicest grape vines off close to the ground. The person is known to Mr. L. and others and as soon as a little more evidence is gathered the full penalty of the law will be given, as such fiends deserve. It is time that such persons should know that they cannot go about and carrying out their devilish plans without meeting justice. Their place is behind the bars. CITIZEN.

Spectacles made to fit your eyes perfectly by taking a measure of them with a test card made for that purpose by Dr. J. Duncan, 311 W. Fifth Street, Des Moines, Iowa. He also cures all forms of eye, ear, nose and throat diseases. He has had over twenty-one year's experiences. Write or call on him.

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As a trial lawyer, his keen perception enabled him to grasp the strong points of his case and as the trial advanced to discover the trend of the testimony, and how it might be turned to strengthen his case or weaken his opponents. He was a man of the people and cultivated the acquaintance of all with whom he came in contact and studied their temperament and dispositions, which served him well in impanneling juries and in summing up his case to them at the close.

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Allamakee county fair at Waukon Sept. 22-25. W. S. Hart, Secy.

Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder
Awarded Gold Medal Midwinter Fair, San Francisco.

The Grand Army at St. Paul.

The greatest veteran soldier organization in the world will meet at St. Paul, Minn., from August 31st to Sept. 4th inclusive. The old soldiers are dropping out of the ranks, and the parade grows smaller. Probably never again will you have an opportunity to see so many veterans of the War for the Union in line as at St. Paul on Wednesday, Sept. 2nd. The Naval veterans will parade on Tuesday, and the Minnesota National Guard on Thursday. The city will be magnificently decorated, and there will be receptions, and camp fires every day and evening. Ample preparations have been made to care for all visitors. The Minnesota State Fair will be in progress during the week and the Knights of Pythias will hold a grand meeting of its uniformed bodies in the neighboring city of Minneapolis. There were never offered so many attractions in the locality at the same time. The Burlington Route will make a rate of one fare for the round trip from all stations within 250 miles of St. Paul and of one cent a mile each way from stations beyond that distance. For tickets and information as to limit of time, etc., apply to Burlington ticket agents, or write to W. J. C. Kenyon, G. P. A., St. Paul, Minn., 2w.

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Say what you will—hard times no money, but we **WILL** undersell anything or everybody—and we **CAN** do it. We get the cash every time the wheel turns consequently we can underbid as well as undersell.

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No one can afford to pass by if in need of anything in our line—if they have the cash.

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WEDDED.

A quiet wedding took place at the family residence on Walton Ave. Tuesday morning Aug. 18 at 8 o'clock, Rev. C. A. Marshall officiating, when the vows were exchanged which united Miss Mamie M. Hatch to Mr. Ben Kinsley. Owing to recent sickness in the family but few of the relatives were present. These young people have grown up in Clayton county and their many friends will unite in wishing for them many years of health and prosperity. The happy couple took the 9 a. m. train at North McGregor for the west.

Dr. Price's Cream Making Powder

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At the judicial election in 1874, he was elected Judge of the 10th (now 13th) judicial district and was re-elected in 1878, but after a short time resigned his second term to resume the practice of law, and formed a partnership with Hon. Thos. Updegraff, and carried on the business of the office during Mr. Updegraff's first two terms in Congress. After Mr. Updegraff's retirement from his second term, the partnership was dissolved, Judge Noble retaining the business of Attorney for the C. M. & St. P. R'y Co., having supervision of the legal business of the company throughout the judicial district. In all claims against the company, both before and after suit brought, after careful investigation of the merits of the claim, he was ever ready to offer a liberal settlement.

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An eminent physician, who lives in an adjoining county, and who has known Dr. Lewis intimately

since the latter settled in Iowa, speaks of his skill as follows: "As a physician and surgeon, in my humble opinion, he stands at the head of his profession in northern Iowa."

TIMOTHY J. COLDWELL, M.D.,

ADEL.

THE best read physician and surgeon in Dallas county, Iowa, and the most extensive practitioner, is Timothy Jourdan Coldwell, a graduate of two medical colleges. He comes from the farming class, his father, William Coldwell, living in Vermilion county, Indiana, when the son was born, on the 21st of July, 1836. The Coldwells are an old North Carolina family, extending into Virginia and Ohio, and states farther west. The grandfather of Timothy J. was a prominent Baptist minister; participated in some of the skirmishes with the Indians in Ohio, and built what is known in history as the Coldwell Block-house, located in Preble county. The maiden name of Timothy J's mother was Mary Jourdan, who was descended from Kentucky stock. Our biographical subject developed his muscle on an Indiana farm; finished his literary education at the Newport Seminary, in his native county; came to Dallas county in 1853, and located eight miles from Adel; aided his father three years in opening a farm; commenced reading medicine in 1856 with Dr. A. M. Nelson, of Wiscotta, in the same county; attended lectures in the medical department of the State University at Keokuk, now called the College of Physicians and Surgeons, and graduated in February, 1861.

Locating at Adel, Dr. Coldwell practiced here steadily until 1864, when he joined the Union army

as assistant surgeon of the 23d Iowa Infantry, serving in that capacity until the close of the rebellion.

Returning to Adel in the summer of 1865, after practicing a few months, he spent the following winter at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, and has since reaped the benefit of a thorough review of medical and surgical science. He has performed the surgery in Dallas county for the last ten or twelve years, and in special cases he visits adjoining counties. He bears a high reputation, and one which is on the increase.

Dr. Coldwell is a strong, unwavering republican, prepared at any time to give a reason for his political ethics. He is an Odd-Fellow and a Royal Arch Mason. His religious membership is with the Presbyterians.

Dr. Coldwell married Miss Mellissa V. Maulsby, of Dallas county, on the 30th of September, 1860. They have no children.

The doctor has one of the finest brick residences in Adel, and is in all respects a marked success. His physique is splendid. He has a full, ruddy complexion; a sanguine temperament; is five feet eleven and a-half inches tall; is very compact, and weighs two hundred and seven pounds. His health is perfect. He obtained his medical education at his own expense, by zealous and untiring efforts, and now stands at the head of his profession.

HON. REUBEN NOBLE,

MCGREGOR.

REUBEN NOBLE, the present judge of the tenth judicial district, was born on the 14th of April, 1821, near Kingston, Mississippi. His father, Henry Noble, was a farmer, and to that honorable employment the son devoted the first eighteen years of his life. At that age he left home, came northward to Illinois, and spent about three years at Co-

lumbus, Adams county, attending school part of the time, and working to supply the means for schooling the remainder of the time. During this period he paid some attention to law books, and when twenty-one years of age went to Grant county, Wisconsin, continued his legal studies a short time, and was admitted to the bar at Mineral Point in the

summer of 1842. He practiced in that county until October, 1843, when he crossed the river to Garnavillo, Iowa, then the seat of justice of Clayton county. In 1857 he removed to McGregor, in the same county, where, as at Garnavillo, he has had a large practice.

About thirty years ago he was elected prosecuting attorney of Clayton county, holding the office two years. In 1854, when the whig party first came into power in the state, Mr. Noble was elected a member of the lower house of the general assembly, and was made speaker without any previous legislative experience; he proved to be a prompt and efficient presiding officer, and, on account of his impartiality, gave good satisfaction to all parties.

In October, 1874, Mr. Noble was chosen judge of the tenth district, and holds that position at this time. He has a good legal mind, well stocked with the best material; is quick in applying legal principles to cases which come before him, and equally as quick to discern legal distinctions. As a lawyer, he excels in jury trials, having, probably, no equal in the district. He has strong common sense, striking clearness of comprehension, unqualified integrity and truthfulness, strong sympathies and much nat-

ural tenderness of heart; and these qualifications and characteristics combined give him wonderful power with a jury. The qualities which make him prominent as a lawyer make him a favorite as a judge. He is not a hair-splitter, but grasps the turning points of a case with great ease and firmness, and his rulings and decisions are marked with fairness and impartiality.

Judge Noble was a whig, then a republican, and latterly has been a liberal.

He is a Master Mason, and has been through the ordinary degrees of Odd-Fellowship.

On the 19th of June, 1844, he took to wife Miss Harriet C. Douglas, of Jersey county, Illinois, a relative of the late Senator Douglas. She has had seven children, and five of them are living. The eldest daughter is the wife of John F. Day, of Decorah. The eldest son is married, and lives on a farm in Chickasaw county. The other children are with their father on a farm six miles northwest of McGregor.

Judge Noble is an unostentatious man, making little external show, and a stranger would at first sight underestimate his internal weight. His character is as solid as gold, and as pure.

DAVID A. HOFFMAN, M.D.,

OSKALOOSA.

THE subject of this biography, a native of Jackson Court House, Ohio, was born on the 28th of September, 1824, the son of Daniel Hoffman and Julia *née* James. His father, originally a gunsmith by trade, was a man of frugal, industrious habits, and became a prosperous merchant, farmer and stock-raiser. His paternal grandfather, who was a gunsmith by trade, purchased a farm in Ross county, Ohio, in 1806, he having removed thither from Shenandoah county, Virginia. He was one of three brothers who emigrated from Germany; the other two settling one in New York and the other in Pennsylvania.

The maternal grandparents of our subject, John James and Mary *née* Cook, were farmers, and removed from Stonington, Connecticut, to Marietta, Ohio, in the fall of 1787, six months after Putnam, who made the first Ohio settlement. Settling on James Island, he remained there till 1806; at that time he removed to Jackson, then known as "Sciota

Salt Licks," where he died in 1851 at the age of eighty-four years.

After closing his studies in the common school David studied two years in the University of Athens, Ohio, and afterward studied medicine with Dr. W. Black, and later attended two courses of lectures at Cleveland, Ohio, graduating in 1848 with the degree of M.D. Removing at once to Logan, in Hocking county, Ohio, he established himself in his profession with Dr. E. T. Brown.

In the following fall he was married to Miss Emily Smith, daughter of John A. Smith, a native of Pennsylvania, and Mary *née* Embich, a native of Maryland.

Settling in Jackson, his native place, Dr. Hoffman there continued his practice until July, 1855, when he returned to Logan and practiced in connection with Dr. N. Dalton until May, 1861. He next removed to Oskaloosa, Iowa, his present home, where he resumed his profession, which has steadily in-

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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.

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The jeweler, from whom the things had been stolen, was so mortified by the Judge's leniency, that he exclaimed: "What, my Lord, my golden trinket not worth forty shillings? Why, the *fashion* alone, cost me twice the money." Moving his glance from the vindictive tradesman to the jury, he said with solemn gravity: "As we all stand in need of God's mercy, let us not hang a man for fashion's sake."*

Judge Murdock was frequently referred to as Clayton County's Grand Old Man. He merited the appellation.

He left surviving him, his widow and two gifted and highly educated daughters, one of whom was, for a number of years, and perhaps is yet, pastor of Unity Church, Cleveland, Ohio. Of him, this daughter truly wrote:

He was an indefatigable and always eager worker. In addition to his law practice he was constantly at work upon some scientific, historic or biographic article. Of his many articles upon various topics, those, I think, relating to archaeology and geology were of most interest, and may be considered the best of his work in this direction. But every part of the natural world interested him. He was passionately fond of science, and I have often felt that he ought, in justice to himself, to have devoted his entire time to scientific pursuits.*** This interest for him was more than an intellectual one. The beauty and poetry of it all awakened a reverence in him which he would have hesitated to call religious, but which may well be considered one of the essential elements in the spiritual life. Everything in nature, from a stone to a star, was for him an object of wonder and mystery. Nothing pleased him more than to explore the depths of earth to open mountains, or to examine the various strata of rocks. The geology of his State was a subject he was never weary of discussing, and the discussion always related itself to man and his origin and destiny.

Reuben Noble was of English extraction. His grandparents were English. His father, Henry Noble, was a native of Maryland, whence he removed to Mississippi, about 1795. He was the father of twelve children. Reuben was born near Natchez, Mississippi, where he lived until he was twelve years of age, when on account of the anti-slavery sentiments of his father, the family removed to Jersey County, Illinois. Here he worked on his father's farm until he was eighteen years old. He then resolved to make the law his profession, studied the books and was admitted to the bar on attaining his majority. He immediately determined to follow the Star of Empire, and went to Fair Play, Wisconsin, and entered upon the practice of his profession, in 1842. In the following October he removed to Clayton County, Iowa. In 1844 he was married to Harriett C. Douglas, with whom in his early years, he had become acquainted, in Illinois. He continued to practice at Garnaville until he removed to McGregor, in 1857. This place continued to be his home until his death in 1896, about six months after the death of his old friend and associate, Samuel Murdock. I became acquainted with him in the early sixties. I afterward almost invariably met him at the semi-annual sessions of the Supreme Court at Dubuque. The first time I saw him was in the midst of an argument he was making. I was attracted by his appearance, as well as the manner

* A Book of Lawyers, by John Cordy Jeaffreson, London, 1876, page 322.

and force of his argument. There was something pleasing about the man, about his face, expression and general bearing. They bespoke spiritual, as well as intellectual force. He was an attractive combination of tenderness and strength. He was a highly endowed and gifted man. He was also a lawyer of great ability. Thomas Updegraff, who had known him intimately through the course of many years, paid him the following tribute after his decease:

Mr. Noble really was a great man, and a great lawyer. He was a born leader of men. He was easily the leader of the bar in northeastern Iowa from 1850 until two or three years before his death, when his faculties began to fail him. He was a peacemaker by nature, and the greatest settler and compromiser of disputes whom I ever knew, and to a very large extent he infused the same spirit into the bar in northeastern Iowa. About 1858 he was well off in this world's goods, for those times. He became involved with some others in a large land purchase; the land depreciated, and left the purchasers very largely in debt. For thirty years from that time he devoted every dollar he could spare from a frugal living, until every cent of that debt was paid. I have never known in all my life such a sacrifice to be made to free from debt.

Of him, the accomplished Alonzo Abernethy, in a paper read before the Pioneer Law Makers' Association, at the reunion of 1898, said:

There are men whose lives stand out in bold relief among their fellows. As one tall tree towers above all others of the forest, they lift their heads far above those who surround them. Such men leave a lasting impression upon all with whom they associate. Their influence is never negative, always positive. They "stamp improvement on the wings of time." They are not content to travel in the old ruts, but seek for better paths in which to journey. They are ambitious, but their ambition is not ephemeral; rather the result of mature reason. Such a character was Reuben Noble.

Concerning him, Judge Murdock writes:

From the first day Mr. Noble commenced practice he faithfully labored in his profession, and as the settlements enlarged and new counties were formed, he extended his practice to them until it was probably the largest of any lawyer in the State. As a Judge his keen discriminating powers of right and justice made him an able and impartial one.

Of him, Judge Charles T. Granger thus writes me:

He was a man of fine natural endowment. He was especially strong as a trial lawyer, and took much of his legal learning as it were, by absorption. As a jurist, he brought to his assistance a strong sense of natural justice. He was a very companionable man, and a marked and prominent character in the State.

By reason of his heritage and early environments, he had something of the courtly manners of the South. He was not a close student of books, but of men and motives. He had a natural legal mind, and under its touch, some of the most difficult problems were brought to a solution. He had a great affection for the past and for his compeers in the making of the State, and took a lively interest in perpetuating their memory. He was one of the organizers of the Pioneer Law Makers' Association of Iowa, and was made its President at its first session at Des Moines in 1886. He was again made its President at the reunion of 1894. He attended and took an active part in all its sessions.

By reason of his talents as a lawyer, coupled with his pleasing manners, he rapidly grew in public favor. In 1850 he was elected Prosecuting Attorney, but refused a re-election that was tendered him. In 1854 he was elected as a Free Soil candidate to the Legislature and to the Speakership of that body, and was again elected its Speaker at the extra session of 1855. In the visit of the Pioneer Law Makers' Association, at the reunion of 1896, to the House of Representatives, Judge Noble, in the course of his remarks to that body, referred to the character of legislation when he was Speaker of the House at the time above referred to, from which I am constrained to make the following excerpt because it is highly typical of the man:

The motto then was such as Lord Mansfield gave a young man who was seeking for light and knowledge in regard to his duty, in another country, when appointed Judge. He said to Judge Mansfield, "I am inexperienced, I don't know as I know the law sufficiently to be a Judge, but I have got to act, I have got to perform my duty." Lord Mansfield replied, "Young man, the law is nothing but the logical deductions of the human mind as applied to the business and the social relations of men. Now when you know what the law is, follow it, but when you don't know what the rule of law is, do what is right, and you will hit the law nine times out of ten." We acted on that principle.

In this position he made friends throughout the State, and from that time forward stood in the front ranks of its principal men. In 1856 he was chosen one of the Republican electors of the State at large, but declined the nomination. During the same year he was strongly urged to accept the Republican nomination for Congress, and would have been triumphantly elected had he accepted, but he declined and threw his influence in favor of Timothy Davis, who was elected. During the Civil War he was a strong supporter of the Union and adhered to the Republican party, but at the close of that struggle he became dissatisfied with some of its measures, and expressed his dissatisfaction in so decided a manner that it brought him into disfavor with some of the leaders of the party. As a result, he was nominated by the Democrats against William B. Allison for Congress and made an able campaign, but was defeated by the overwhelming Republican majority that prevailed. In 1868 he was the Democratic nominee for Supreme Judge. In 1874 he was elected Judge of the District Court, and re-elected in 1878. In 1879 he was again the Democratic candidate for Supreme Judge, but was again defeated by the uniformly prevailing adverse party majority.

Eliphalet Price and Realto E. Price.

Eliphalet Price was a familiar name to Iowa people of fifty years ago. He was one of the strongly marked individuals of the early period. His accomplishments were varied, his life strikingly eventful. He was not only one of the first lawyers of Clayton County, but one of the most voluminous magazine, newspaper and miscellaneous writers of his time. The early *Annals* and the press fairly teemed with his productions. His life has been so remarkably well sketched by Judge

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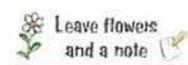
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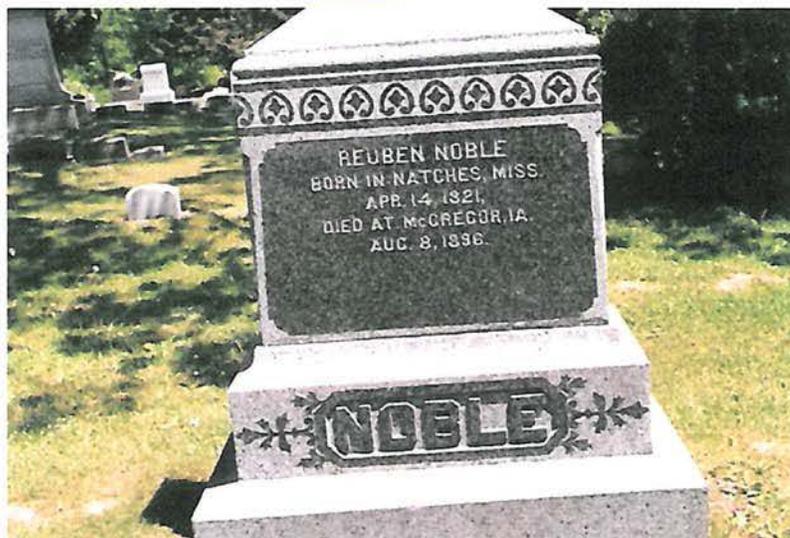
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