

College, Mt. Vernon, Iowa, and at Highland Park, Illinois. It has been understood for some years that her condition was quite precarious from pulmonary weakness, making her an object of continual solicitude to her father and their circle of friends. But she kept up courage and hope, striving by constant effort to regain her health. For this purpose she spent much time in Alabama, Arizona and California. But for the past six months she had been constantly growing weaker, until the end came on New Year's day.

Miss Boies was in Des Moines a portion of the time during her father's first term as Governor, where her kindly, pleasing ways, her winning smile, her rare intelligence, and her freedom from anything like pretension or pride of position, made friends of all who met her. She was a rare and radiant woman, who, had she been blessed with health, would have shone conspicuously in any society. She met thousands of people while stopping at the Capital, upon whom she left only the most favorable impressions. She is the subject of none but the pleasantest recollections. Sympathy with her distinguished father is wide-spread and universal.

ANOTHER GOLDEN WEDDING.

The fiftieth anniversary of the wedding of Judge and Mrs. George G. Wright was celebrated at their home in Des Moines, on the 19th day of October last. By a singular coincidence it was also the silver wedding of Thomas S. Wright, Esq., a son of Judge Wright, and one of the most distinguished of Western lawyers. Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Wright were present, sharing in the festivities of the occasion, and receiving the hearty congratulations of their friends. Judge and Mrs. Wright would seem to be one of the most fortunate couples in our State. Not only have they been "blessed in basket and in store," but they have raised a large family, each individual member of which appears to be coming to equal good fortune. (And the Judge will not even admit that he is an old man!) Reaching our State in the dawn of manhood, with scarcely a dollar in his

pocket, Judge Wright was truly the builder of his own fortunes. Blessed with learning and large ability—but much more in the possession of genial manners, great kindness of heart, the finest social qualities—he has ever been the idol of a wide circle of warm personal friends. His public services have been varied and to the largest degree useful and patriotic. He was early chosen to the State Senate, and later to the Supreme Court of the State, where he became Chief Justice. After retiring from the bench he was elected to the United States Senate. He has thus filled two of the highest places in the gift of his State, in each instance adding to his well-earned fame. Mrs. Wright, the daughter of Thomas Dibble, a prominent pioneer of southern Iowa, has been a most worthy partner of her distinguished husband, enjoying the cordial esteem and high respect of the wide circle of their friends and acquaintances. The combined golden and silver weddings passed off most pleasantly. There were congratulations from hosts of friends, affectionate letters from absent ones, with tasteful, precious presents, and all the accompaniments of such joyous occasions. But all this was duly recorded in the daily papers of the next morning.

A VALUED CORRESPONDENT.

We are sure that our readers place a high value upon the articles which appear in these pages from the facile pen of ex-Governor Cyrus C. Carpenter. He is not only a ready and pleasing writer, but there is not his equal in the newer part of our State, if, indeed, within its borders, in pioneer experiences, capacity of close observation, retentive memory, or wide and varied information. One would of course expect a man who had been the Governor of a great State like Iowa—so noted for the intelligence of its people—to be a man of culture. But Governor Carpenter is not only well informed upon the current history of our country and the world at large, but he is familiar with the best literature and the best thought both of the past and present. Probably this is in a great degree due to the

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