

On Monday, November 10, the state officers and their deputies took charge of their respective offices in the new capitol building, and on January 11, 1858, the Seventh general assembly convened at the new state house and the state government was fully established in the city of Des Moines, within two miles of the junction of the Des Moines and Raccoon rivers, in accordance with a resolution passed January 25, 1855, by the Fifth general assembly.

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### October

I kissed her, calmly, boldly kissed my love;  
 The leaves at this rash act, all colors turned;  
 The ripening corn in sun-kissed fields was shocked;  
 The Sumach's cheek with hectic color burned!

I kissed my love; her lips by grape-juice stained;  
 She raised her smokey veil for my caress—  
 About her neck were hawthorn apples strung,  
 And coral berries fringed her Autumn dress!

We meet but once a year, my love and I,  
 Our trysting place, the forest; time, the fall—  
 To love and lose October once a year  
 Is better than to have never loved at all!

—Tac Hussey

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### Iowa Legislator Reached 104 Years

Another Iowa centenarian legislator has been revealed in the person of George Andrew Gordon, who represented Montgomery county in the Iowa house in the Ninth and the Ninth extra sessions, during the Civil war period, his home being at Red Oak Junction. The ANNALS is indebted to Hon. Claus L. Anderson, of Stanton, for this information, who was a member of the Thirty-fifth and Thirty-sixth General assemblies. He referred the ANNALS editor to the journal of proceedings of the Fortieth General Assembly, which disclosed that in 1923 Mr. Gordon had sent greetings from his home at Eureka, Kansas, where he spent his last years, to members of the Iowa house in session, and was 102 years of age at that time. He had attained 104 years upon his death there in 1925.

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