

ance of the term. Owing to the scarcity of employment in our vicinity, I then drifted over to the lumber woods of Michigan, where I remained two years at all kinds of work from skidding logs with an oxen team to running a sawmill engine. Returning home in the summer of 1868 I remained there until February 10, 1869, when I came to Des Moines and on the 14th entered the employ of the C. R. I. & P. Ry. as fireman upon a locomotive and have been in the employ of that company since that time, serving forty years as a locomotive engineer.

In 1877 my home was in Stuart, Iowa, where we raised a company of the Iowa National Guard and I was elected captain. In 1878 I was elected major of the old Third regiment to which my company belonged, and in 1881 I was elected lieutenant colonel of the Third regiment. I served in the National Guard under three governors—Newbold, Gear (two terms) and Sherman, in all nearly nine years.

MISSOURI'S NEW CONSTITUTION

The president of the Iowa Pioneer Lawmakers association for the current biennium, Israel A. Smith, was a member of the 1944 Constitutional convention that wrote a new constitution for the state of Missouri, which will be voted upon at a special state election there February 27, 1945.

Mr. Smith was chairman of the committee on public health and welfare, and a member of other important committees. He took an active part in preparing a thoroughly modern state constitution, which, among other things, is notable for being much shorter than the present one.

Mr. Smith was a member of the Iowa House of Representatives from Decatur county in the Thirty-fourth General Assembly, and in recent years has been living at Independence, Mo. His fine, scholarly attainments, and experience in legislation, no doubt served him well as a member of the Constitutional convention.

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