

don, in 1902 and 1903. The work is an accepted authority on horticulture, giving to the farmer and home owner, as well as the professional fruit grower, advice that will enable them to make the best of their opportunities.

It was Father Clarkson's last request that Professor Budd should keep up the horticultural column for the *State Register*, which he did until August, 1904.

Professor Budd was a republican in politics, but was only sufficiently interested in political affairs to keep informed on the issues of the day. The only political office he held was that of Justice of the Peace, while yet residing on his Benton county farm. The same thorough and painstaking care which was so noticeable in all his work, was manifest in the performance of the duties of that office. He became known as an expert in writing deeds and mortgages and through this work the office became a source of profit.

He was successful in financial affairs and had made ample provision for the proverbial "rainy day." He was of a genial temperament, and an entertaining conversationalist. His character was of unswerving integrity, and he enjoyed the confidence and respect of all who knew him.

In the hope of improving his health he had gone to Phoenix, Arizona, a few weeks prior to his death, which occurred December 20, 1904. His memory is cherished as that of a loyal, helpful friend.

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FIRE AT THE CAPITOL.—At about half past nine, yesterday morning, while the legislature was in session, an alarm of fire was sounded in the capitol building, causing the greatest fear and excitement imaginable. It was discovered immediately that the fire had communicated by some means from one of the chimneys on the west side to some boards in the attic. It was extinguished without any damages.—*Daily State Register (Des Moines), February 10, 1860.*

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