

but one whose material triumphs, while enriching the whole, shall yet not impoverish any; and that the laws to be promulgated from the edifice soon to crown this fair height, while looking to the suppression of crime, the removal of poverty, and the dissipation of their causes, shall ever tend to the true object of righteous legislation—the greatest good of all the people.

Well will it be for the commonwealth if she shall always have in her first executive office a man as conscientious in the performance of duty, and as zealous for the honor of Iowa, as her seventh governor.

Governor Merrill was married three times. His first wife, to whom he was united in 1847, died fourteen months after marriage. He was married in 1851 to Miss Elizabeth D. Hill, who was the mother of his children, and the Mrs. Merrill whom the people of Iowa knew and loved. She passed away several years ago. The governor's last wife was a resident of California, which is yet her home. Two children survive their parents—Harriet (Mrs. John Craig), and Jeremiah H., both of whom are living in Rialto, California. Mr. Jeremiah Merrill, an older brother, still lives at Des Moines. A yet older sister, Mrs. Mary P. Files, survives at Gorham, Maine.

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OF THE PEOPLE of the country I ought to carry away a most favorable impression, if such an impression could be produced by unwearied endeavors, with apparently no motive but simple benevolence to make our stay agreeable. The American minister, Gen. A. C. Dodge [of Iowa], is very attentive to the convenience of his countrymen, and a great favorite with such of them as come to Madrid. He is on excellent terms also with the people of the country, and has done what I think few of his predecessors have taken the trouble to do—acquired their language.—*W. C. Bryant's Letters from Spain, 1858.*

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