

judicious exercise, and that our minds were turned to the right paths, I am more than ever convinced that Iowa, in all its upward and onward movements, never put its heart and soul into a better or more benign work than that of looking after and caring for the orphans of its civil war soldiers, whose lives were given for the cause of the Union, that it might be kept "one and inseparable."

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, 1858

We publish this morning on the first page a statistical table of the House of Representatives. From this it will be seen that the oldest member of the House is Mr. Reitzel of Monroe County, and the youngest member is Mr. McCrary of Keokuk. Fifteen members are under thirty years of age, and forty-two members, over half, are under forty. There are but ten who are fifty or more. The average age of the members is thirty-eight.

Mr. Millsap has been the longest in the state—twenty-three years, while Messrs. Jackson, Clune, and Pierson have been but two years in the state. The average of years in the state is eight and three-fourths years.

Seventeen members were born in Ohio, fourteen in New York, nine in Pennsylvania, six in Kentucky, five in Massachusetts, four in Vermont, three in Virginia, three in Indiana, two in Connecticut, two in Ireland, and one each in New Brunswick, England, New Hampshire, Missouri, New Jersey, Maine, and Mississippi.

There are thirty-five farmers, twenty-four lawyers, four merchants, three real estate brokers, two physicians, and one editor, one millwright, one surveyor, and one lumber merchant.

There are sixty married men, one widower, seven senior bachelors and four junior bachelors.—*The Iowa Citizen*, Des Moines, January 28, 1858. (In the newspaper collection of the Historical, Memorial and Art Department of Iowa.)

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