

NOTES AND COMMENT

C. Colfax Smith, State Senator for Butler and Bremer counties since 1936, and physician at Waterloo for thirty-five years, died on December 3, 1939, at Clarksville, Iowa. Senator Smith was born in Adair County on November 28, 1868. He served one term in the lower house before his election as Senator.

The fiftieth annual meeting of the Iowa Library Association was held at Des Moines on October 15-17, 1939. A feature of the program was the award of the plaque for the outstanding literary work of the year to Dr. Frank L. Mott for his three volumes on *A History of American Magazines*. Mrs. Jessie B. Gordon of Iowa City was elected president for 1940. Burlington was chosen as the meeting place for the 1940 convention, with district meetings at Garner, Indianola, Shenandoah, Fairfield, and Sioux City.

Fred Sargent, prominent professional and business man, died in Evanston, Illinois, on February 4, 1940. Mr. Sargent was born in 1876 at Akron, Iowa, a town founded by his father, Edgar Wesley Sargent. He received a law degree from the State University of Iowa, and after a period of private practice and as city attorney of Sioux City, he became attorney for the Rock Island Railroad at Des Moines, where he was also a member of the law firm of Sargent, Gamble and Read. He became president of the North Western railway in 1925, a position which he held until May, 1939. At the time of his death he was a director of several companies in Illinois. He was also a trustee of Northwestern University and Cornell College.

Cassius C. Dowell, dean of the Iowa delegation in the national House of Representatives, died at Washington, D. C., on February 4, 1940, at the age of seventy-six. Representative Dowell was born near Summerset, Warren County, Iowa, on February 29, 1864. He attended Simpson College and graduated from the College of Liberal Arts and the Law College of Drake University. He served in

the Iowa House of Representatives between 1894 and 1898 and in the State Senate from 1902 to 1912. He continued to practice law from the time of his admission to the bar in 1888 until his election to Congress in 1915. He served in the national House of Representatives continuously from that year till 1934, and again from 1936 until his death. In 1928 Mr. Dowell married Miss Belle I. Riddle. The accomplishment in which Mr. Dowell took the greatest pride as legislator was his work, as Chairman of the Committee on Roads, in laying the foundation of the Federal highway system.

Beryl F. Carroll's long life of public service closed on December 16, 1939, with his death at Louisville, Kentucky. Mr. Carroll was the first native Iowan to be elected as Governor of the State, serving in that office from 1909 to 1913. As a young man he taught school and later entered politics. He served in the State Senate from 1896 to 1898, and was State Auditor from 1903-1909. Beryl F. Carroll was born in Davis County, Iowa, on March 15, 1860. He attended the Northern Missouri State Normal College at Kirksville, Missouri, and the Southern Iowa Normal School at Bloomfield. Simpson College conferred an LL. D. degree upon him in 1909. In 1886, Mr. Carroll married Miss Jennie Dodson. In addition to the State offices he has held, the former Governor was a delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1912, in which he supported Taft. Following his retirement as Governor, Mr. Carroll became associated with his son Paul in the Carroll Investment Company in Des Moines.

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