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Death of Attorney Overman

(By Attorney Jas. S. Gilham)

The death of Mr. Overman was one of those startling incidents which surprises a community into the realization of "what shadows we are, and what shadows we pursue." He was in the court room Wednesday, arguing a legal proposition before Judge Dorsey, with his accustomed energy and Sunday he was dead. Few of his neighbors knew that he was suffering. To outward seeming, he was in the prime of life. Yet he had, for some years, felt serious forebodings that the end was not distant, and realized the insidious approach of dissolution.

This realization affords some explanation of the waning interest he had begun to exhibit in his professional and public life.

Mr. Overman came to this city in the year 1898 and engaged in the practice of law. From the beginning he succeeded in attracting a large share of the popular confidence, and soon achieved distinction as a lawyer. He served two terms as county attorney. His official career was characterized by the painstaking and energetic performance of the duties of his position.

Mr. Overman was one of those lawyers who judged accurately his own qualifications. He was accustomed to rely, to a large extent, on others for what might be called the technicalities and subtle distinctions of the law and its procedure, while he gave himself largely to those features which are more capable of popular exposition. His strength was before a jury, and for a few years, he easily occupied a leading position as an advocate before that tribunal. He was gifted with an imposing presence, fine elocution, and he possessed an earnest dignity of manner which breathed of conviction in himself and persuaded the minds of others. He soon attained a degree of eminence that warranted his friends to make him a candidate for judicial honor. He secured the Republican nomination for the judgeship of this district. But he who runs for a judicial office against an incumbent who has given reasonable satisfaction engages in a losing race. Mr. Overman's professional and public life reached its culmination at that period.

His little boy died, and the father seemed to have lost much of his earlier ambition. The death of his boy was followed by the deaths of his brother and two sisters; and to the few who were most intimate with him disclosed the fact that his own hold upon life was rapidly loosening. Yet none realized that the threads had become worn and weak.

A few years ago Mr. Overman united with the M. E. church of this city, and sought to find in the life of the spirit those abiding satisfactions which are beyond the range and power of earthly changes and disappointments.

He was an active member of the various fraternities of this city, a Mason, and Odd Fellow, and a Workman.

He was an enthusiastic ball player in his college days, and when this city had a base ball team, he was one of its most generous supporters. He lived a clean, manly, wholesome life.

During his last years he developed a great interest in farming and conducted extensive operations on his farm southwest of the city.

He was always interested in every question relative to the civic improvement of the community, and every enterprise designed to better the public conditions found him a generous supporter and advocate.

While he was a young man in college, his elder brother, William died in Red Cloud, after a brief stay among us. His mother died at an advanced age, at his home, a few years ago.

One sister, Mrs. Robert Damerell, lives in this city. She and an aged sister in Illinois, with his wife and daughter, are all of his immediate

relatives now living.

He was born in Hancock county, Illinois, in June, 1864. He was graduated from Abingdon college and admitted to the bar in Illinois, where he was elected prosecuting attorney of his home county, and practiced his profession with notable success for a number of years, when he removed to this county.

Funeral services are being conducted this afternoon, from the home, and at the request of the family friends refrained from contributing flowers, they being of the opinion that the time for such is during life.

Commercial Club Committees

Both attendance and enthusiasm displayed at the Commercial Club session Tuesday night, substantiates the here-to-fore published account of this organization having taken a new lease on life, and signifies plainer than can be told in cold type that the "get somewhere" spirit now dominates.

Messrs. F. G. Turnure, D. H. Kaley, G. W. Hutchison, and F. W. Cowden were named as a delegation to attend the big Golden Rod Highway convention held in Fairbury on Wednesday the gentlemen leaving on No. 16 yesterday. The above selection is all that could be desired, since it was these same gentlemen who previously had charge of this matter, and they thoroughly understand the many advantageous features for both our city and county, in pushing the project through to a reality. The Golden Rod Highway, which was recently adopted by the state, both as to route and name, will extend from Nebraska City to Oxford, where it will again connect with the O. L. D. route, will be more scenic than either the latter or the Rock Island Highway, to the south in Kansas, since it will follow up the river, and will likewise be a saving in mileage and once established will mean much for any city along its line. The Club voted to pay these gentlemen's expenses to the convention, up to \$25.00.

At the above meeting the House Committee was instructed to expend, not to exceed \$60.00, in repair of the tables in the club room and the secretary was empowered to pay all fixed charges, rent, etc., and instructed to have cards printed of the various committees and handed to the committee-men. The House Committee was instructed to continue work, as was the band committee. The motions were also made and carried that the club contract with Bandmaster Miller for one year and that the janitor be paid \$125.00 per year, after which the following committees were appointed and approved:

- House Committee—
E. H. Newhouse, Chairman
Dr. W. H. McBride, E. S. Garber, F. J. Grice, H. J. Maurer, F. W. Cowden.
- Good Roads—
Bernard McNeny, Chairman
W. D. Edson, L. H. Blackledge, F. G. Turnure, G. H. Overing, W. B. Smith.
- Agricultural—
Henry Fausch, Chairman
C. J. Platt, C. A. Herrick, Connie Starke, Henry Gilham.
- City Affairs—
S. R. Florance, Chairman
W. G. Hamilton, N. B. Bush, A. N. Kaley, Ed Platt.

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The W. C. T. U. meets with Mrs. L. B. Albright Wednesday p. m. March 5.

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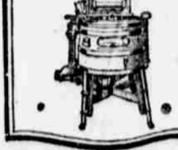
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The Golden Rod Highway

Secretary of the Commercial Club F. W. Cowden announced on Friday, that the State Highway Commissioner has approved both the route and name of the Golden Rod Highway, and that a rousing big convention was scheduled to be held in Fairbury on Wednesday of this week, and as soon as weather conditions will permit, active work, in making the Highway a reality, will be begun.