Hon. J. W. Gannaway Dies Suddenly Wednesday

Active In Education And Politics

Represented Poweshiek County In The Iowa Legislature

Hon. John W. Gannaway, representative from Poweshiek County to the lower-house of the Iowa legislature, former Republican county chairman, for many years a member of the Grinnell college faculty as professor of Political Science and former Grand Master of the Masons of Iowa, passed away from a heart ailment in a local hospital at 1:27 Tuesday night. Mr. Gannaway had been suffering from some time from a heart ailment, Tuesday night his condition became acute and he was rushed to the hospital. dying about half an hour after he reached it.

Funeral services conducted by Rev. Leland W. Mann will be held Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the Congregational church. Harman Lodge, A.F. & A.M. and A.M.I. will conduct the Masonic graveside rites in charge of F. W. Toufee with Rev. Mr. Mann acting as chaplain.

Achievement In Many Fields

Mr. Gannaway's life was one of achievement in many fields. He was born at Pleasant Grove, Iowa, not far from Burlington, on April 25, 1877, the son of Roberson and Rosia Minor Gannaway. He attended the Grinnell Academy where an academic fund of the college, graduating in 1897 and received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Belaugh college with the class of 1902. During his student days he was a member of the office of Professor Jesse S. Macy and acquired the interest in government which never deserted him. Following graduation he continued his studies under Professor Macy, receiving his Master's degree in 1903. Three years of graduate study at the University of Wisconsin followed and in 1899, he answered a call to become an editorial writer on the Milwaukee Journal, where he served with distinction until 1911.
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In 1911 he began his long connection with the college as assistant professor of political science. In 1912 he became associate professor and headed the department. He continued as member of the faculty until he assumed the 'eminent' relation in 1944.

Active in Politics
Following his retirement from the college faculty, Mr. Ganaway displayed an active interest in politics which he had never been able to display before, serving as chairman of the county Republican central committee during the last presidential campaign. He was elected to the state legislature in 1936 and served a little opposition and had served his first term.

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On Oct. 24, 1906, Mr. Ganaway was united in marriage to Miss Ada T. McInnis, daughter of the late James McInnis, pioneeer Grinnell business man. Mrs. Ganaway survives him with three sons; John W. Jr., of Silver Springs, Md., Robert of Oak Park, Ill., and William of Grinnell. Surviving also are two grandchildren, a brother, Will Ganaway of Medford, Oregon, and a sister, Miss Ada Ganaway of Seattle, Wash.

An Active Mason
Second only to Mr. Ganaway's interest in politics was his interest in Masonry and in 1930 he was made a Master of the Grand Lodge of Iowa in 1930 he was made a Master of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, where he served as Grand Master for the state. He also served as Master of the Grand Lodge of the Iowa Grand Lodge in 1924-25, as a member of the charity committee 1924-30, and as a member of the memorial service committee. He was a Royal Arch Mason, a Royal and Scottish Rite Mason and a member of the Shriner. He also served during his long life in Grinnell as a member of the city council and president of the Community hospital board. He was an active member of the Congregational church and of the Poweshiek club. He was also a member of Phi Beta Kappa honorary scholastic fraternity and of Sigma Delta Chi, journalistic fraternity.

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He was co-author with Professor Macy of a standard text on Political Science, "Comparative Government," and was contributor of articles to the Iowa Journal of History and Politics.

Masonry, Golf and Roses
Who's Who in Iowa, published in 1940, lists Mr. Ganaway's hobbies as Masonry, golf and roses. All three hobbies he followed persistently. His Masonic activities have been referred to. As long as his health permitted he was one of Grinnell's best golfers, having held the city championship and his beautiful rose garden was the pride and joy of his last years.

Ganaway will not be the same without John Ganaway, with his keen insight into governmental problems, his interest in good citizenship, his vocal support of the things in which he believed it is with deep regret that Th Herald Register says farewell to this good friend of many years.

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