

Conoway, F. R.

b Brooklyn 1859, s of John Conoway. m 1879,  
Minnie Cole, dau of the late Robt. Cole;  
1 dau, Laura Maude, b 1892. The father was b  
in Cadiz, O., son of Chas Conoway and m Mary E.  
dau of Richard Cunning.

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**F**REEMAN R. CONAWAY was born in Brooklyn, Iowa, August 24, 1859, and was the only son of the late State Senator John Conaway. He learned the printer's trade early in life, attended the State Normal School at Cedar Falls two years, and afterward finished his collegiate education at the Iowa Wesleyan University at Mt. Pleasant. He had a liking for politics, and in college was made President of the Tow Line Republican Club. His first vote was cast for James A. Garfield for President.

Returning from college in 1881, our subject became the associate of the Hon. W. M. McFar-

land, now Iowa's Secretary of State, in the publication of the *Brooklyn Chronicle*. Two years later he purchased Mr. McFarland's interest and has continued the publisher since, save for two years, 1887 and 1888, while he was manager of the Ft. Smith (Ark.) *Daily Journal*. He was Secretary of the Iowa Press Association for four years, 1883 to 1887, resigning when he went South, and was one of Iowa's delegates to the National Editorial Association meeting at Detroit in 1889, and also at St. Paul in 1890. In 1892 he was elected Secretary of the Iowa Republican League and directed the work of the State organizations from his own office during that memorable campaign when Iowa was swung back into the Republican column. He was a delegate to the National Republican League Convention at Buffalo in 1892, and at Louisville in 1893.

Mr. Conaway has always declined nominations for office, preferring to work in the harness, and yet is willing to accept the State Printership if the Legislature desires to elect him. Our subject enjoys legislative work only as a reporter, and has been twice the legislative writer for the *Des Moines Register*, Mr. Clarkson's paper. He has had several offers to engage in metropolitan journalism, but has declined, preferring the duties and pleasures of country newspaper work. The first offer of an editorship which came to him was in 1881, and was from the Hon. L. D. Lewelling, the present Governor of Kansas, who was at that time the editor of the *Republican* (Des Moines) *Capital*.

Mr. Conaway was married August 15, 1879, to Miss Minnie Cole, a daughter of the late Robert Cole, senior partner of the firm of Cole Bros., pump and lightning-rod manufacturers. They have one child, a little daughter, Laura Maude, born April 15, 1892; John Conaway, the father of our subject, was born near Cadiz, Ohio. He was the son of Charles Conaway. John Conaway married Mary E., the daughter of Richard Cuning. Mr. Conaway has two sisters living: Fannie A., wife of O. F. Dozrance, President of the Poweshiek County Bank, at Brooklyn; and Florence N., wife of the Hon. W. M. McFarland, Secretary of State.