

Former Poweshiek Editor Teacher and Postmaster Passes In Des Moines

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Joseph W. Jarnagin

Mr. Jarnagin, who supplied 70 Iowa newspapers with a weekly newsletter, was injured four weeks ago when he fell while boarding a street car. A heart attack two weeks ago aggravated his condition and a second attack occurred shortly before his death Saturday.

Mr. Jarnagin founded the Monroe Times, which he sold in 1877 and moved to Chariton, where he founded the Lucas County Republican.

He had been correspondent for the Wall Street Journal, three insurance papers and the Mid-West Hotel Reporter for 10 years at the time of his death.



When the late George Ragsdale purchased the Lucas County Republican, Mr. Jarnagin went to Colfax to establish the Colfax Sentinel in 1878. It later became

the Clipper.

His next newspaper venture was the Oskaloosa Telephone, now the Oskaloosa Time-Globe. He sold that paper in 1884 and bought a half interest in the Montezuma Republican. He later acquired ownership of the Republican and published it for 19 years, six of which he served as Montezuma postmaster.

He then bought the Cedar Falls Daily Record and published it for eight years. He was postmaster there for four years. The Record was sold to Lars Bladine and Mr. Jarnagin went to Des Moines where he edited the Iowa Farmer for eight years.

While in Colfax and Montezuma he was superintendent of the

schoools. While in Montezuma he served 12 years as a member of the board of directors of Iowa State Teachers college at Cedar Falls.

He served as one of the Iowa delegates to the world's fair in Chicago and was the joint author of a book, "History of Iowa," written for the fair.

He received his B. A. degree from Central college in Pella, where he met Sarah Catherine Aiken of Leighton, Ia., whom he married in Monroe, Ia., Oct. 17, 1878. In 1928 a group of 50 friends and relatives participated in a golden wedding anniversary party for Mr. and Mrs. Jarnagin.

Mr. Jarnagin lived in Des Moines 19 years. He was born in Warren county, Illinois, Oct. 7, 1853.

He was a director of the Iowa Humane society and a member of the Iowa Press association, Grace Methodist Episcopal church, the Chamber of Commerce and the Kiwanis club.

Children are W. C. Jarnagin, publisher of the Storm Lake Pilot-Tribune and Roy Jarnagin, publisher of a newspaper at Peterson, Ia.

A daughter, Mrs. Edith Giegold of Des Moines, and Mr. Jarnagin's widow, also survive him. Six grandchildren, John Giegold of Des Moines; Philip G. Jarnagin of Sheldon; Jane Jarnagin of Norwich, Conn., and Robert, Betty Jane and Marjorie June Jarnagin, all of Peterson, and one great grandchild, Jean Anne Jarnagin of Sheldon, also survive him.

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