Auditor Alex Durrus Jr. was in town Tuesday for the first time since his severe attack of the grippe. He looks a little thin and bleached out, but thinks he will be able to be on duty at the auditor's office in a few days.

SONORA.

Joseph Hays was born near Taney Town, Carroll Co., Md., Nov. 1, 1805, and departed this life at the home of his son, D. F. Hays, near Chester Center, Chester twp., Poweshiek County, Iowa, Feb. 17, 1899. He was married to Elizabeth Fuss, May 2, 1833, with whom he lived happily until her death, Jan. 4, 1846. Four children were born to them viz: Daniel F., Deborah, Joseph T., and Thos. H. In the year 1856 he started with his children for the far west, as Iowa was then called. They landed in Grinnell Oct. 4th, 1856, where he resided until April 19, 1858, when he brought his little family to the place now occupied by his son; here he made his home until his death. This was the third residence occupied which is yet standing in Chester township. Here, Dec. 2, 1858, the daughter passed to the land of the blest. The three boys are still living, and now mourn the loss of a kind father.

He was converted and united with the M. E. church in 1866; was baptized and received into full connection by Rev. J. B. Hardy. He has been a subscriber and close reader of the New York Christian Advocate since 1867. His Christian life was consistent and when death came it found him ready to go. His funeral services were conducted by his pastor, Rev. A. S. Loveall, assisted by Rev. James Rowe, pastor of the Congregational church, on Sunday, at 2:30, at the home, and the interment was at the Center cemetery.

The relatives of the late Joseph Hays desire to hereby return their sincere thanks to all their friends for their kindness and helpful sympathy shown during his illness and death.