

POLITICAL.—The Second Congressional Convention which was held in Watertown on the 2nd inst., made a unanimous choice for the re-election of Hon. B. F. Hopkins for member to Congress for the Second District. The district was fully represented and the nomination made by unanimous acclamation.

In the Senatorial Convention, C. G. Williams, Esq., of Janesville, received the nomination—an excellent choice.

Hon. A. M. Thompson, of the *Gazette* was unanimously nominated for the Assembly, from that district.

We are not able to present the full County ticket at this time. Hon. D. Johnson, of Evansville, was nominated for Sheriff, and Dr. J. M. Evans, Coroner. The nominations are all good ones and will receive the hearty support of the Republican party. We shall refer to them again, at greater length than what our time permits us now.

September 2, 1868, Citizen, p. 4, col. 2, Evansville,

day.

COUNTY TICKET.—The Rock County Republican Convention has put in nomination the following ticket to be supported at our November election. Hon. Daniel Johnson, for Sheriff; Chas. W. Stark, Register of Deeds; Cyrus Bliss, Treasurer; A. W. Baldwin, Clerk of the Court; H. A. Patterson, District Attorney; E. L. Carpenter, Clerk of the Board; S. D. Locke, Surveyor; J. M. Evans, Coroner.

Mr. Johnson is an old resident of the county, and has repeatedly filled offices of trust in the town, county and State, and enjoys in an eminent degree the confidence of the people. Dr. J. M. Evans is known to the entire section of this county as a popular and successful medical practitioner. He will fill the office of Coroner to the entire satisfaction of the people. The other nominees have repeatedly held positions of honor and trust in the county, and will do credit to the party which has put them in nomination. The choice for Senator could not have been improved by any man in the county. Mr. Williams is decidedly the best orator and the most profound lawyer in this part of the state. The ticket gives general satisfaction.

September 9, 1868, Evansville Citizen, p. 4, col. 1, Evansville,

Wisconsin

Grant and Colfax Club.

The Republicans of Evansville met in the office of Jacob West, Esq.; last Saturday night, and organized a Grant and Colfax Club, by electing Daniel Rowley, Chairman, and I. A. Hoxie, Secretary. Mr. Bennett moved that the chair appoint a committee of three on permanent organization. Chair appointed Messrs. Bennett, Johnson and Sprague, who reported I. M. Bennett, President; D. M. Rowley, Vice President; D. L. Mills, Secretary. An executive committee were elected, consisting of Messrs. Daniel Johnson, E. R. Sprague, E. W. Stearns, and G. S. Plaisted.

It was voted that the Club hold its meetings weekly, viz: on Saturday evening, at the office of Jacob West, Esq.

Voted that the President, Vice President, and Secretary, be a co-operative committee to assist in carrying out the objects of the Club.

Voted that a committee of three be appointed to prepare by-laws, and report the same next evening. Chair appointed Daniel Johnson, D. L. Mills, and D. M. Rowley. Adjourned.

I. A. HOXIE, D. M. ROWLEY,
Secretary. Chairman.

must be changed.

THE MASS MEETING AT JANESVILLE.

—We hope our republican friends in the staunch old town of Union will not forget the mass meeting at Janesville next Friday. Although it is not as convenient for them to attend as it is for the people of some other towns who have promised to do big things, yet by starting an hour earlier in the morning this difficulty can be obviated, and as no other town can roll up such a rousing majority as old Union, she ought to send a corresponding delegation. We desire to call the attention of the republicans of Evansville to this matter especially. If our Tanners could attend on horseback it would add much grandeur to the effect. An especial invitation is extended to the Tanners of Rock county and vicinity. A dinner will be provided by the citizens of Janesville for all who may attend.

OUR CANDIDATE FOR SHERIFF.—

While we are in the humor we cannot refrain from complimenting the republicans of old Rock on their selection of a candidate for the honorable and responsible office of sheriff Mr. Daniel Johnson, of this village. Mr. J. is one of our oldest and most respected citizens. He is one of the fathers of the republican party and one of its brightest ornaments, and if we know what constitutes a man, he is one. The only drawback on our satisfaction at his nomination is, that it will compel his removal from among us, and we greatly fear the Janesvillians, when they come to know the man, will entice him to run with them altogether. They are much given to such tricks, and have gobbled up a number of good men in that way. We trust, however, that Mr. Johnson will be proof against their seductive wiles.

We would be pleased to notice the other candidates on our county ticket, individually, but time and space will not permit. It is enough to say they are all good men and true, and will be elected by a triumphant majority.

Other locals on first page.

THE NEW DISPENSATION.—A visit to the jail this morning, revealed the fact that the new Sheriff—Mr. Daniel Johnson—takes the position more like a veteran than an inexperienced hand. Everything about the premises was neat and in good order. He has now in his institution seventeen,—16 men and one girl, charged with the following offences: Larceny 6; assault and battery 2; vagrancy 3; embezzlement 2; arson 1; drunkenness 1; forgery 1; insanity 1. Of these seventeen all but the girl use tobacco in some shape; how many use whisky the Sheriff was unable to say, because they had had no opportunity to evince their likes or dislikes for that beverage while they have been under his charge. Nearly all of these incarcerated are young and able bodied men, and find themselves in their present situation by reason of attempting to get a living without work. If any amount of moralizing on this subject would have the effect to save one young man from treading in the path that ends inside prison walls, how gladly would we write; but we fear that nothing we could say would be of any avail. Will men and women ever learn that in a virtuous life alone is happiness to be found? We apprehend not, until the millennium dawns.

January 25, 1869, Janesville Gazette, p. 4, col. 2,

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—Mr. Daniel Johnson, ex-sheriff of Rock County, left this city to-day for his home in Evansville, where he intends to remain. If the faithful discharge of the duties of an official position is appreciated by the people Mr. J. carries with him the gratitude of the community whom he has served during the past two years. In our own dealing with him we have found him a gentleman in every sense of the word and he has our best wishes for the future.

—*Gazette.* Just so.

February 1, 1871, Evansville Review, p. 1, col. 4,

Evansville, Wisconsin

Our types made us say, last week, that Mr. David Johnson had bought the H. N. Allen farm, &c., whereas they should have said Mr. Daniel Johnson. We could not think of depriving our worthy townsman of a choice farm just for a few misplaced letters.

April 7, 1875, Evansville Review, p. 2, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

NEW OPENING.

Be it known throughout this bailywick that we the subscribers hereof, have opened a comfortably large and well selected

STOCK OF GROCERIES

at the old stand of Ransom Griffin.

We shant advertise to undersell everybody in town; nor have combined with them against the people, but we have

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October 13, 1875, Evansville Review, p. 3, advertisements

Mr. W. H. H. Johnson has purchased his father's interest in the grocery business here. Hereafter the firm will be Johnson Brothers – W. H. H. & D. M. Johnson.

October 6, 1875, Evansville Review, p. 3, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

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October 27, 1875, p.

Barn Raising.

Following the instinct of our gastronomic habits we accepted an invitation Saturday to attend a barn raising for our friend, Ex-Sheriff Johnson, on his farm some six miles north of West from Evansville, in Green county. So wife furnished company and Ray the rig, we set out about 10 o'clock and arrived on the ground just as the last "bent" was going up. We regretted our tardiness, but concluded that we could make all even at dinner time, and an avowment of those who sat nearest to us are to that fact.

The building is 62x42 feet, and 20 feet posted. Underneath the whole is a basement inclosed in solid wall laid in lime. When finished it will be not only the largest but the most complete farm building in that section of the country.

His farm is that known as the H. M. Allen place, and comprises a quarter section of land. The house is of stone and well finished.

We understand that Mr. I. H. Brink is the lessee of the whole premises for the coming five years, and will be devoted mainly to stock raising.

Mr. Johnson's family has temporarily resided on the place to provide for the workmen, and make it more convenient for him to superintend the affairs of the building. The building itself will require nearly 50,000 feet of pine lumber, and will cost when completed upwards of \$1,500.

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Five Generations.

Daniel Johnson, Esq., has shown us a photograph of a family group, the like of which is seldom seen. It consists of Mr. Johnson's mother, a lady 77 years of age; his sister, Mrs. John Adams; Mrs. Adam's daughter, Mrs. Cummings; Mrs. Cummings' daughter, Mrs. Simpkins and her daughter, an infant, in all five generations. The family is well grouped, Mrs. Johnson on the right, Mrs. Adams on the left, and behind, standing, are the granddaughters of both, while seated, is Mrs. Simpkins, holding in her lap, her own daughter, an infant child, and great-great-granddaughter to Mrs. David Johnson. And what is as singular, this group is all females and the first born of each family. The families all reside in Mitchell, Iowa, excepting, perhaps, Mrs. Simpkins, who lives in Mason City, Iowa. They were all former residents of this town, removed, and married where they now reside.

December 5, 1877, Evansville Review, p. 2, col. 3, Evansville, Wisconsin

Mr. Daniel Johnson has donated to our office table a specimen of native copper ore, found upon his Green County farm. It is found in a locality where the water washes the porous soil, leaving a deep gully, and among the coarse gravel these specimens of copper are found, varying in size from small particles to one and two pounds in weight. The specimen upon our table looks as though it had been fused into an oblong, unshapely mass, with deep cavities as though formed when in a liquid state by coming in contact with small stones and pebbles. These specimens are so frequent that Mr. Johnson feels almost inclined to prospect for the ore at some leisure time.

November 27, 1878, Evansville Review, p. 1, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

1880 Agricultural census of Union township included village of Evansville residents:
Daniel Johnson owned 10 acres; had 1 horse; 1 cow and made 250 lbs. butter; and had 2 pigs.

Mr. Daniel Johnson has recently purchased from G. A. Ballard, the Widow Clark farm of 100 acres between Union and Cooksville, paying therefore \$3,750, or at the rate of \$37.50 per acre. He has arranged for an annual rentage of 5 per cent per annum and taxes with his son David, whose farm lies adjacent thereto.

January 5, 1881, Evansville Review, p. 1, col. 3, Evansville, Wisconsin

Daniel Johnson is in Nebraska looking up the Van Hise mystery.

July 7, 1885, The Enterprise, Evansville, Wisconsin

Daniel Johnson is in Nebraska looking up the matter of foul play or murder, of Mr. Geo. Vanhise, about which there is a painful mystery. Mr. Vanhise's wife was an adopted daughter of Mr. Wm. H. H. Johnson, but he being in poor health, gets his father, Daniel to go for him.

July 10, 1885, Evansville Review, p. 1, Evansville, Wisconsin

train.

VILLAGE PROPERTY FOR SALE.

Daniel Johnson wishes the public to know that he will sell all of his Real Estate in the village of Evansville, cheap, consisting of dwelling house and seven lots. Also, his store in one of the best business locations in the village. For further particulars enquire of D. M. Rowley or the subscriber.

June 19 **DANIEL JOHNSON.**

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June 18, 1886, Evansville Review, p. 4, col. 4, Evansville, Wisconsin
Also in July 9, 1886, Evansville Review, p. 4, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

Daniel Johnson has a nice cottage on First street for sale.
May 19, 1891, Evansville Review, p. 1, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

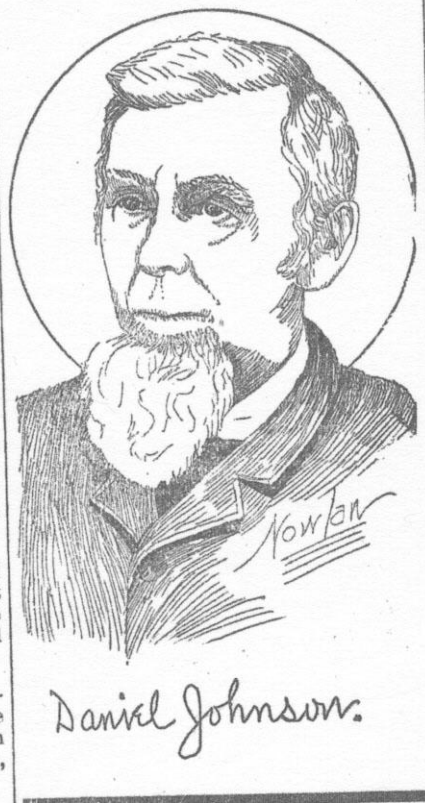
Mrs. J. G. Vaughn, of Lansing, Minn., who has been visiting her sister Mrs. W. H. H. Johnson and other relatives in this city, takes her departure for home today. Mrs. C. A. Hollister accompanying her as far as Madison.
December 9, 1892, Enterprise, p. 4, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

The work of excavation is progressing nicely with Mr. Daniel Johnson's basement. The new home will be in a very desirable locality, on the north side of Garfield Ave., fourteen rods from Madison Street.
October 12, 1895, Badger, p. 1, col. 4, Evansville, Wisconsin

Died: At his home in this city, Tuesday, March 24, 1896, Daniel Johnson, aged seventy-four years.

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An Honorable and Useful Life Ended.



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After a long illness and the painful anxiety on the part of friends for many weeks, the life cord was severed and Daniel Johnson, counselor, trusted friend of all who knew him, drifted to eternity, causing a day of universal mourning in the little city of his residence.

The deceased was born in Clark Co., Ohio, November 30, 1821. his father, David Johnson was a native of Vermont and a member of a family prominent in the early history of that state. His mother Kesiah Dolson was a native of Stuben Co., New York.

In the month of October 1838 the subject of the sketch started westward working along the road wherever he could find work to be done. In January 1839 he reached Walworth county and soon determined to make this state his future home. In the month of June he returned to his former home to induce his parents to join him here. Before returning however, he was united in marriage to Miss Angeline Courter, October 22, 1839.

The following May he again came west and his history since then has been that of an industrious enterprising farmer, who had amassed a fine property.

In 1863, Mr. Johnson retired from the active duties of husbandry and has since made this city his home with the exception of the time his duties as County Sheriff kept him in Janesville. Several times the votes of his friends have brought him into political prominence and always has he discharged these duties with the honor to himself and his constituents. In 1865 he was elected to the General Assembly of Wisconsin. For seventeen years he was County Supervisor and seven years of that time was chairman of that body.

From his youth he belonged to the anti-slavery branch of the Whig party and when the Republican party was formed joined its ranks. He attended the meeting at Madison where the Republican party was formed in this state and assisted in its organization.

Mr. Johnson was a communicant of the Episcopal church and held the office of Junior Warden at the time of his death.

For many years he had been connected with the Masonic order and was a member of Union Lodge No. 35 F. and A. M. Evansville Chapter No. 35 R. A. M. and Janesville commandery No. 2 K. T.

For the past few years Mr. Johnson has led a less active life than formerly and he was known to the community as a true friend and a wise counselor who was willing to give his time and thought to the affairs of others.

Out of respect to the deceased all of the business houses in the city were closed during the funeral services which occurred at the residence at 2 p.m. Thursday.

Dr. Fayette Royce of Beloit rendered in an impressive manner the Episcopal service assisted by the Rev. J. T. Matthews.

Honorary Bearers. Nelson Winston, Dr. J. M. Evans, Dr. C. M. Smith, L. T. Pullen, E. Blakeley, G. S. Plaisted.

Pall Bearers. B. S. Hoxie, Geo. H. Austin, John McMillan, E. P. Savage, Gilman Searles, Charles Lowry.

The news of Mr. Johnson's death spread rapidly over this section of this state and many old friends came to the city to attend the funeral. Among those here from out of town were: Judge John W. Sale; District Attorney, W. A. Jackson; State Librarian, L. E. Gettle; Superintendent, Wm. M. Ross; Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Hollister; Mr. Carter, of Janesville, Mr. and Mrs. Orlin Hollister, Mr. Everett Van Patten.

The fraternities in this city of which the deceased was a member turned out en masse and Janesville Commandery sent as an escort the following Sir Knights: Frank H. Baack, M. Ehrlinger, James Shearer, E. D. McGowan, Wm. H. Tripp, Henry Rogers, R. C. Yeomans, Frank Strickler, Chas. E. Church, W. H. Ashcraft, Frank A. Bennett, Oscar F. Nowlan, A. S. Lee, Chas. B. Conrad, Benj. Crossett, C. E. Ranous, John W. Peters.

Headed by the Black Hussar band a long procession of relatives and friends proceeded to the cemetery where the services were concluded in accordance with the usages of the Episcopal service and the Masonic fraternity.

The deceased leaves a wife and two sons, together with a large circle of relatives, with whom we join with the community in sympathy over their great loss.

March 28, 1896, The Badger, p. 1, col. 5, Evansville, Wisconsin

Mr. and Mrs. Will Johnson, of Union have moved in with Mrs. Angeline Johnson on Garfield Ave. in this city.
March 7, 1902 Enterprise

W. H. H. Johnson is building a milk house on his farm. John Winston, of Evansville is doing the work.
"Union" news, October 28, 1915, p. 3, col. 3, Evansville, Wisconsin

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PIONEER RESIDENT

ANSWERS FINAL CALL

**W. H. H. Johnson Dies Saturday
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W. H. H. Johnson, 92, the oldest living native born citizen of Union township and known throughout the city as "Uncle Bill," died at 9:10 p.m. Saturday in his home at 224 West Church street. Although he had been in failing health for the past several months, a fall in his home a week ago was a contributing cause of his death.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Johnson residence with the Rev. L. M. Kitzmiller, pastor of the Baptist church, officiating. Music preceding and following the service was presented by Beauford Nance, pianist.

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Burial was made in Maple Hill cemetery with William Johnson, Albion; Ray Elwood, Eau Claire; and Fred Chapin, Orrin Johnson, Fredus Johnson, and Elmer Rosa, this city, as pallbearers. Among those from out-of-town who were here to attend the services were Miss Ethel Frost, South Bend, Ind.; Mrs. Mae Evans, Cleveland, O.; Ray Elwood, Eau Claire; and William Johnson, Albion.

Mr. Johnson remembered many interesting events of the early days here and greatly enjoyed relating his experiences to his many friends. He bought and paid for his first farm in Union township in four years purchasing it at only \$40 per acre. He sold his farm in 1868 after which he purchased 140 acres adjoining which farm is now occupied by George Severson.

Mr. Johnson also remembered when P. T. Barnum exhibited his show on land adjoining the Johnson farm and recalled as one of the show's feature attractions a team of 40 white horses driven by one man. He remembered

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PIONEER RESIDENT ANSWERS FINAL CALL

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seeing Tom Thum sitting in the village hotel at Union, and Indians and wild animals which roamed the countryside at that time.

According to Mr. Johnson, a stage line ran through the village before the railroad came, and during the Civil war news was brought to the residents of this vicinity by a stage running between Janesville and Madison. Mr. Johnson's first home was 14 by 20 feet, built of logs and held together by wooden pegs.

Always taking an interest in civic affairs, Mr. Johnson served one year as president of the village board before Evansville was incorporated as a city, and eleven years as assessor of the town of Union. He represented the first ward as alderman soon after Evansville became a city, and was treasurer of the Town of Union Mutual Fire Insurance company for nine years.

Mr. Johnson's father, Daniel Johnson was born in Clark county, Ohio, Nov. 30, 1821 and in January, 1839, he reached Walworth county. In June he returned to his home in Ohio and married Miss Angeline Courter Oct. 22, 1839. They came to the wilderness of Wisconsin in May, 1840, and entered a claim May 15, 1840, in Union township. The following December the elder Johnson built his first home, a log cabin. He used only an axe, no nails, and there was no glass to the windows.

Here William Henry Harrison Johnson was born July 13, 1842, named for the president of the United States. He was considered a frail child, but heredity apparently aided his long life, for his mother lived to be 93 years old. William H. H. Johnson grew to young manhood in Union and married Nancy Vernelia Frost, Nov. 1, 1863. They quietly observed their 70th wedding anniversary Nov. 1, 1933.

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church in the town of Union and after their marriage went to their farm home in the town of Union. The day after the ceremony at 6 a.m. he was plowing in the field and she was busy churning in the cellar. Several years later they took a so-called wedding trip, a vacation to Niagara Falls.

They retired and moved to Evansville about 56 years ago to their present home on West Church street. Their home was a center of hospitality for church associates and friends. Mrs. Johnson died Nov. 27, 1933. They were both members of the Baptist church and when they were able took an active part.

Mr. Johnson was kind and gentle of disposition. He never used liquor or tobacco in his life and as he grew to young manhood did not approve of it in any way. Theirs was a life of devotion. For years they could both be seen in their garden and as time weakened them physically it strengthened them spiritually.

Mr. Johnson liked to visit and until

CLAIMED BY DEATH



W. H. H. Johnson, pioneer Evansville resident, who died in his home here Saturday at the age of 92. Mr. Johnson, the oldest living native born citizen of Unon township, served one year as president of the village board before Evansville was incorporated as a city and was one of the first aldermen of the first ward.

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“Mr. Johnson liked to visit and until the last two years was always ready to recall an almost limitless number of experiences from pioneer times. He remembered when his father took wheat to Milwaukee by ox team, the trip requiring a week one way. He had a contract with his father to haul wood from Union to Janesville in exchange for lumber, from which his father’s house was built. That house is now Millard’s Home school. It took 15 hours to go from Union to Janesville and back and load and unload and he hauled 50 loads.

February 7, 1935, Evansville Review, p.1 & 8, Evansville, Wisconsin