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*Memorial Booklet and
Program of the Dedication
and First Unveiling*

HALL OF FAME

(In Order of Election)

VICTOR FREMONT LAWSON
Great publisher-editor of *The Chicago Daily News*

JOSEPH MEHARRY MEDILL
Builder of *The Chicago Tribune*

ELIJAH PARISH LOVEJOY
Martyred anti-slavery editor of the *Alton Observer*

HENRY WILSON CLENDENIN
Pioneer editor of the *Illinois State Register*

DAVID WRIGHT BARKLEY
Editor of the model country newspaper of Southern
Illinois in the '80s

SIMEON FRANCIS
Dean of Illinois editors in the '40s and '50s

WILLIAM OSBORNE DAVIS
Builder of a distinguished community daily,
the *Bloomington Pantagraph*

MELVILLE ELIJAH STONE
Founder of the Associated Press and champion
of unbiased news reports

JOHN WATERBURY CLINTON
Editor-historian of Northern Illinois

JOHN WITHNAL BAILEY
Builder of the world's largest high-grade
country weekly

EDWARD WYLLIS SCRIPPS
Founder of the United Press, Scripps-Howard enter-
prises, and patron of Science Service

HENRY MEANS PINDELL
Editor statesman of the *Peoria Journal* and
Transcript

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DEDICATION AND UNVEILING

The University of Illinois Auditorium
Friday, November 21, 1930

THE PROGRAM

J. E. DERTINGER, president, presiding

Prelude: "Hosannah," (*Dubois*)—Professor RUSSELL HANCOCK MILES of the School of Music, University of Illinois

America (one stanza)—the Audience

Words of Welcome—Dean K. C. BABCOCK, Provost of University of Illinois

The Hall of Fame—J. E. DERTINGER, president of the Illinois Press Association

Presentation and Unveiling of Busts—CHARLES F. EICHENAUER, editor of the *Quincy Herald Whig*; unveiling by Miss ELIZABETH DERTINGER

Acceptance of Busts—Governor LOUIS L. EMMERSON, member of the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois

Selection—University Men's Glee Club Quartet

Address—JOHN H. FINLEY, editor of *The New York Times*

Benediction—Rev. H. CLIFFORD NORTHCOTT, pastor First Methodist Episcopal Church, Champaign

Recessional: "Festal March," (*Calkin*)—Professor RUSSELL HANCOCK MILES of the School of Music, University of Illinois

GUESTS OF HONOR AT THE DEDICATION

Members of the families and associates of the men memorialized
Executive heads of the publications on which these men worked
Donors of the busts and memorials
The Governor of the State of Illinois
The Lieutenant Governor of the State of Illinois
Members of the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois
The President of the University of Illinois
The President of the University of Chicago
Presidents and official representatives of other universities
Representative of Colby College, Waterville, Maine (the *alma mater* of Elijah Parish Lovejoy)
The mayor of Champaign and the mayor of Urbana
Guest speakers of the sixty-fifth annual meeting of the Illinois Press Association
Members of the Past Presidents' Association of the Illinois Press Association
Officers of the Illinois Press Association
Secretary of the Inland Daily Press Association
Editor-in-chief of the D. C. Heath Publishing Company
The President of the American Society of Newspaper Editors
The President of the National Editorial Association
Members of the Council of Administration of the University of Illinois
Members of the General Assembly of the State of Illinois
Members of the Supreme Court of the State of Illinois
State Superintendent of Public Instruction
State Auditor of Public Accounts
Attorney General of the State of Illinois
Secretary of State of the State of Illinois
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MEMORIAL BOOKLET

This booklet was prepared by members of Sigma
Delta Chi, professional fraternity for men in jour-
nalism

HISTORY OF THE HALL

The Editors' Hall of Fame, established by the Illinois Press Association in 1927, is the outgrowth of discussion which followed the assassination of Don R. Mellett, editor of the Canton, Ohio, *Ledger*. Mellett was shot down on July 16, 1926, and a short time later L. M. Wood, publisher of the *Flora Journal*, proposed the establishment of the Hall to preserve the spirit and achievement of notable members of the press.

The Southern Illinois Editorial Association took up the proposal at its meeting in Granite City on April 23, 1927, and brought it before the state body in session at the School of Journalism of the University of Illinois on Friday afternoon, October 14, 1927. At the business session of the Association on the following morning the establishment of the Hall was voted and regulations adopted to govern the election of men who by their lives and deeds have contributed to the advancement and the dignity of the profession of journalism.

Under the regulations the Illinois Press Association established a Hall of Fame Committee charged with conduct of elections and other business of the Hall. The Committee has met five times and has elected twelve men to the state section of the Hall. At the first meeting, on October 12, 1928, four men were elected; at the second meeting, on October 3, 1929, five men were elected; at the third meeting, on October 4, 1929, three men were elected. The fourth meeting, on Tuesday, June 17, 1930, was held to make arrangements for the dedication of the Hall; the fifth meeting, on November 20, 1930, was devoted

largely to final plans for the dedication ceremony and to planning for the future of the Hall.

Nominations of men who have played a distinguished part in journalism may be made to the Hall of Fame Committee at any time. Communications should be addressed to Editors' Hall of Fame Committee, 101 University Hall, Urbana, Illinois, or care of *The United States Publisher and Printer*, Springfield, Illinois. Attention is called to the regulations governing elections which appear on the following pages.

REGULATIONS GOVERNING ELECTIONS AND CONDUCT OF THE HALL

STATE SECTION

1. Any editor or publisher of an Illinois newspaper, who during his lifetime achieved state fame as an editor or publisher, shall be eligible to the Hall of Fame. However, he or she shall not be elected to the place of honor until one year after his or her death.
2. The conduct of elections shall be vested in a Committee of Seven, each member of which shall have one vote in the selection of names for the Hall of Fame. Vacancies on the Hall of Fame Committee shall be filled by vote of the Association on presentation of names by the regular nominating committee.
3. No limitation shall be placed on the Hall of Fame Committee in the performance of its functions. The number of men to be elected is not specified.
4. A bust is hereby chosen to represent the honored deceased. It is desirable that some uniformity be maintained in the memorials, and bronze busts conforming in a general way to those already placed in the Hall are advised. The Hall of Fame Committee shall pass on all plans for busts and shall accept or reject as it sees fit.
5. Names of editors nominated for the Hall must be filed with the secretary at least thirty days before the annual convention.

GENERAL SECTION (*Proposed*)

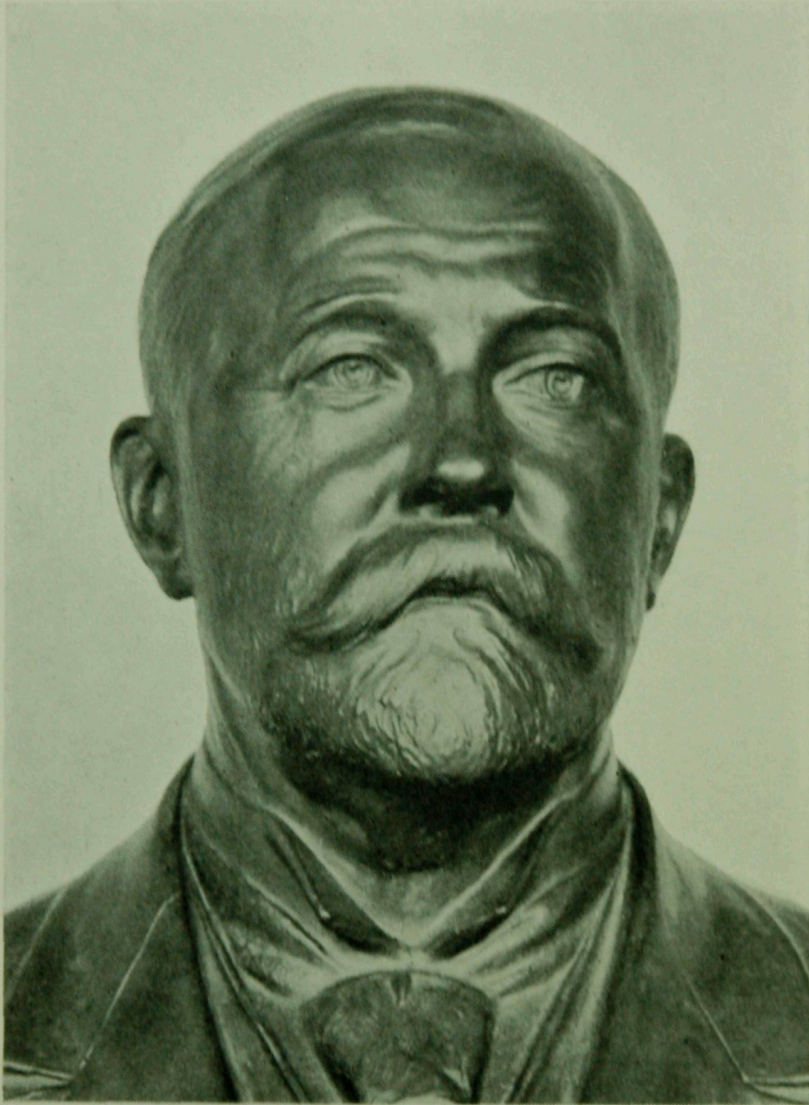
1. Editors, publishers, and other members of the press shall be eligible to the Hall of Fame on a

basis similar to that described for the state section.

2. Nominations for the General Section shall be made by members of the Committee of 100 consisting of distinguished journalists in important countries of the world. Selection shall be made by the regular Hall of Fame Committee.
3. Memorials authorized shall be similar to those in the state section and subject to the same approval.
4. Elections to the General Section shall be held in 1930, 1935 and every five years thereafter.
5. Individuals may bring names to the attention of the Committee of 100 or the Hall of Fame Committee at any time. Letters of recommendation should contain a sketch of the life, accomplishments, and connections with the press and public life.

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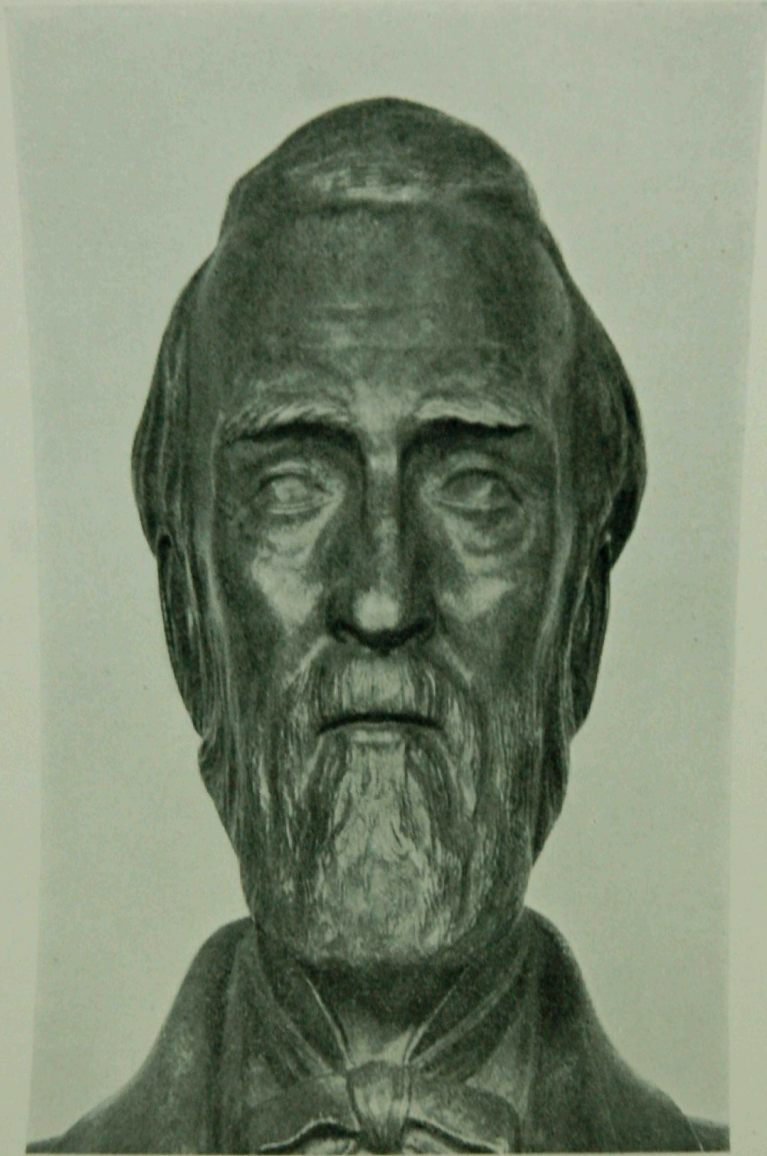
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Biographical Sketches



VICTOR FREMONT LAWSON
1850-1925

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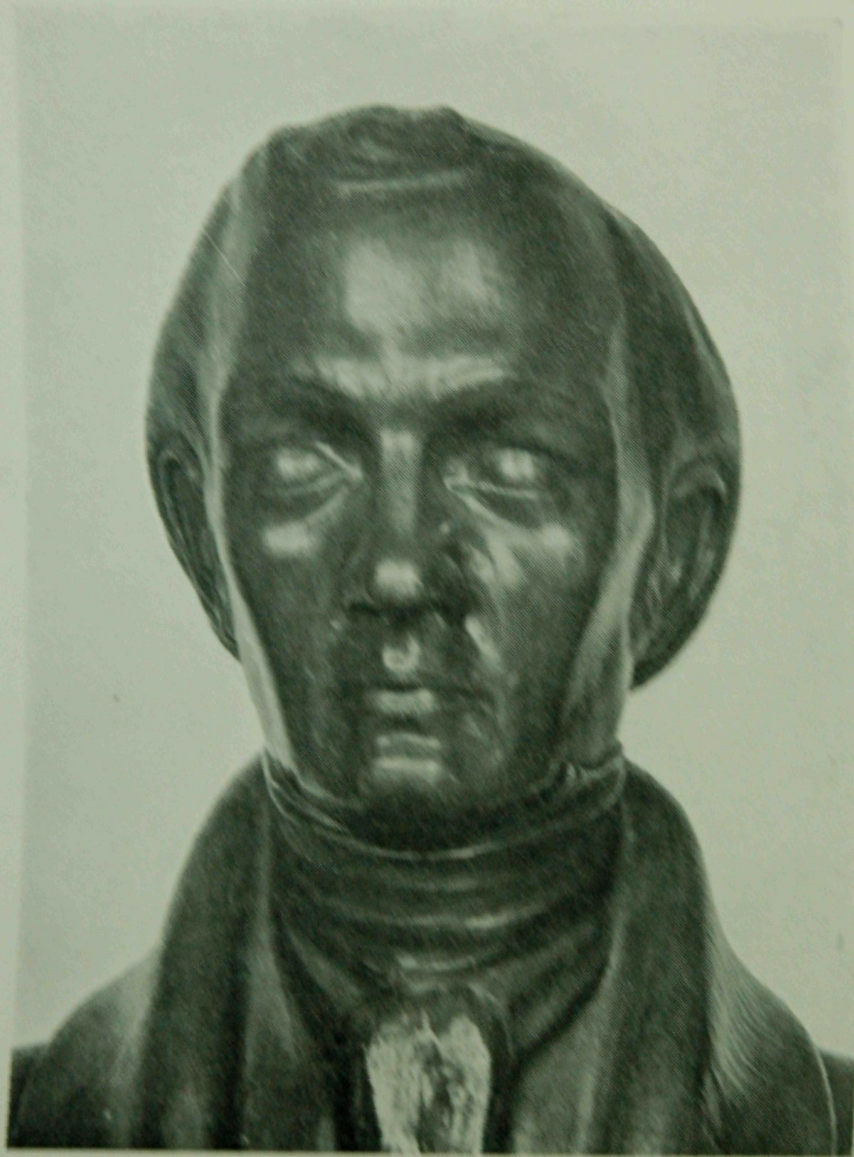
Victor Fremont Lawson was born in Chicago, September 9, 1850, and died in Chicago, August 19, 1925. He was elected to the Hall October 12, 1928—Election 1. He was educated at public schools and at Phillips Andover Academy. When his father died in 1873 Lawson took over management of certain property which included the plant of *The Daily Skandinaven*. In this plant Melville E. Stone launched *The Chicago Daily News* on Christmas day in 1875. After a few months Stone sold an interest in the paper to Lawson and Stone remained as editor. In 1881 the morning edition of the *News* was launched, to be known after a short time as the *Record*. When Stone left the *News* in 1888 Lawson became editor as well as publisher and he continued so through thirty-seven years of distinguished service to his city, country, and newspaper. His importance in the establishment of the Associated Press was second only to that of Melville E. Stone and he served as president of the organization during much of the period in which Stone was manager. He received the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws from Columbia University and the University of Michigan.



JOSEPH MEHARRY MEDILL
1823-1899

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Joseph Meharry Medill was born at New Brunswick, Canada, April 6, 1823, and died at San Antonio, Texas, March 16, 1899. He was elected to the Hall October 12, 1928—Election 2. He was educated in public school and at Massilon (Ohio) Academy. He took up the study of law, was admitted to the bar and began to practice. Journalism drew him away from the bar and he gave up his legal work to begin the study of journalism in a country newspaper plant. From 1849 to 1854 he was engaged in newspaper work in Ohio. He then went to Chicago and became managing editor of *The Chicago Tribune*. From that time until his death he was active in the management and direction of *Tribune* policy, first as managing editor, then as editor, and finally as publisher. His control of the *Tribune* dated from 1874. Medill served the city of Chicago as mayor immediately after the Chicago fire. He was one of the founders of the Republican party and did much to "bring forth Lincoln from comparative obscurity and elect him president of the United States."



ELIJAH PARISH LOVEJOY
1802-1837

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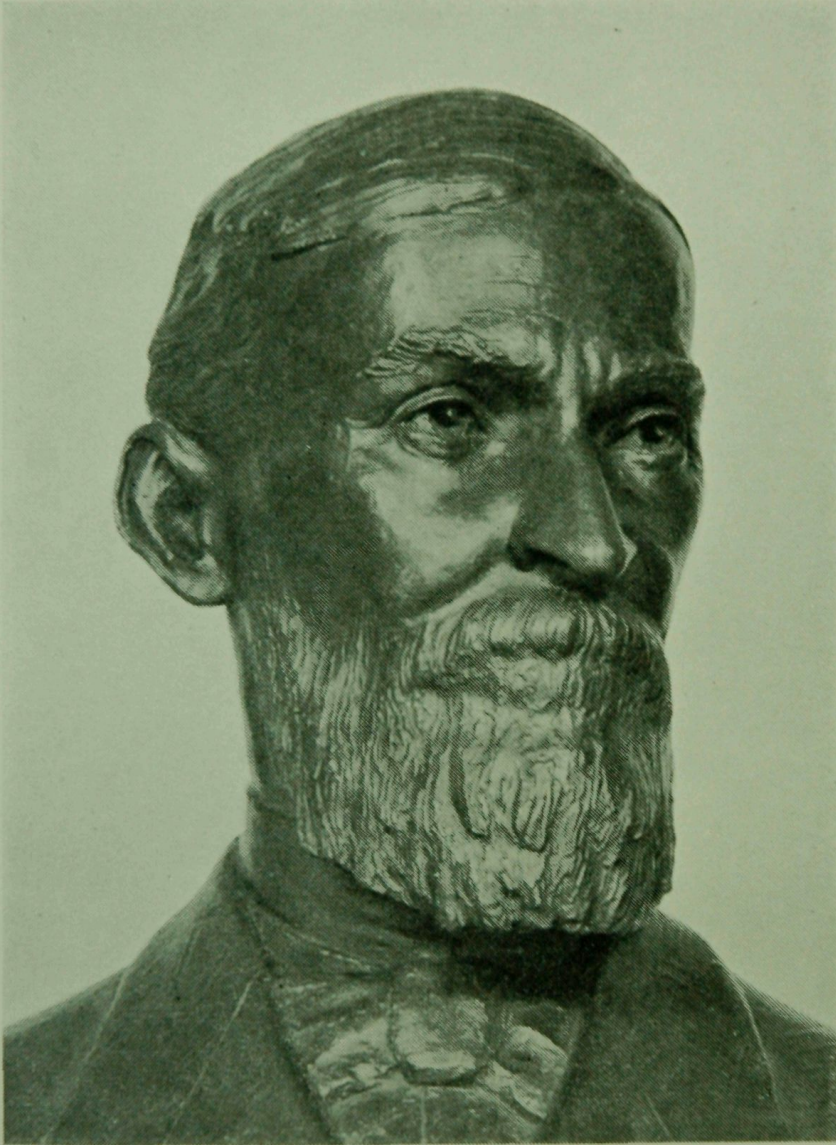
Elijah Parish Lovejoy was born at Albion, Maine, November 9, 1802, and died at Alton, Illinois, November 7, 1837. He was elected to the Hall of Fame October 12, 1928—Election 3. He was graduated at the head of his class from Waterville College, Waterville, Maine, in 1826. The following year he came west and taught school for a short time in St. Louis. He then became editor of a Whig paper but gave it up to return east and study theology at Princeton. He was licensed as a preacher in 1833. A year later his friends induced him to start a weekly paper in St. Louis. He undertook publication of *The Observer*. Due to his fearless and uncompromising stand against oppression of the slaves popular feeling against him was stirred up. His presses and types were destroyed. He moved to Alton, Illinois, and published the paper there for a time. He could not escape mob feeling, however, and he was shot to death trying to protect his fourth press from destruction.



HENRY WILSON CLENDENIN
1838-1927

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Henry Wilson Clendenin was born at Schellsburg, Pennsylvania, August 1, 1838, and died at Springfield, Illinois, July 18, 1927. He was elected to the Hall October 12, 1928—Election 4. His public school education came to an end when he entered the office of the Burlington, Iowa, *Hawkeye* at the age of fifteen. In this office he worked under an editor who had been for some time a professor of English and he developed facility and power in writing under his direction. From 1852 until his death seventy-five years later his newspaper work was interrupted only by a short term enlistment in the Union Army during the Civil War. He was for a time an executive on the Peoria *Daily Transcript* and for nearly fifty years editor of the *Illinois State Register*. From 1910 to 1927 he was partially blind but continued his editorial work as an adviser and director.



DAVID WRIGHT BARKLEY
1842-1908

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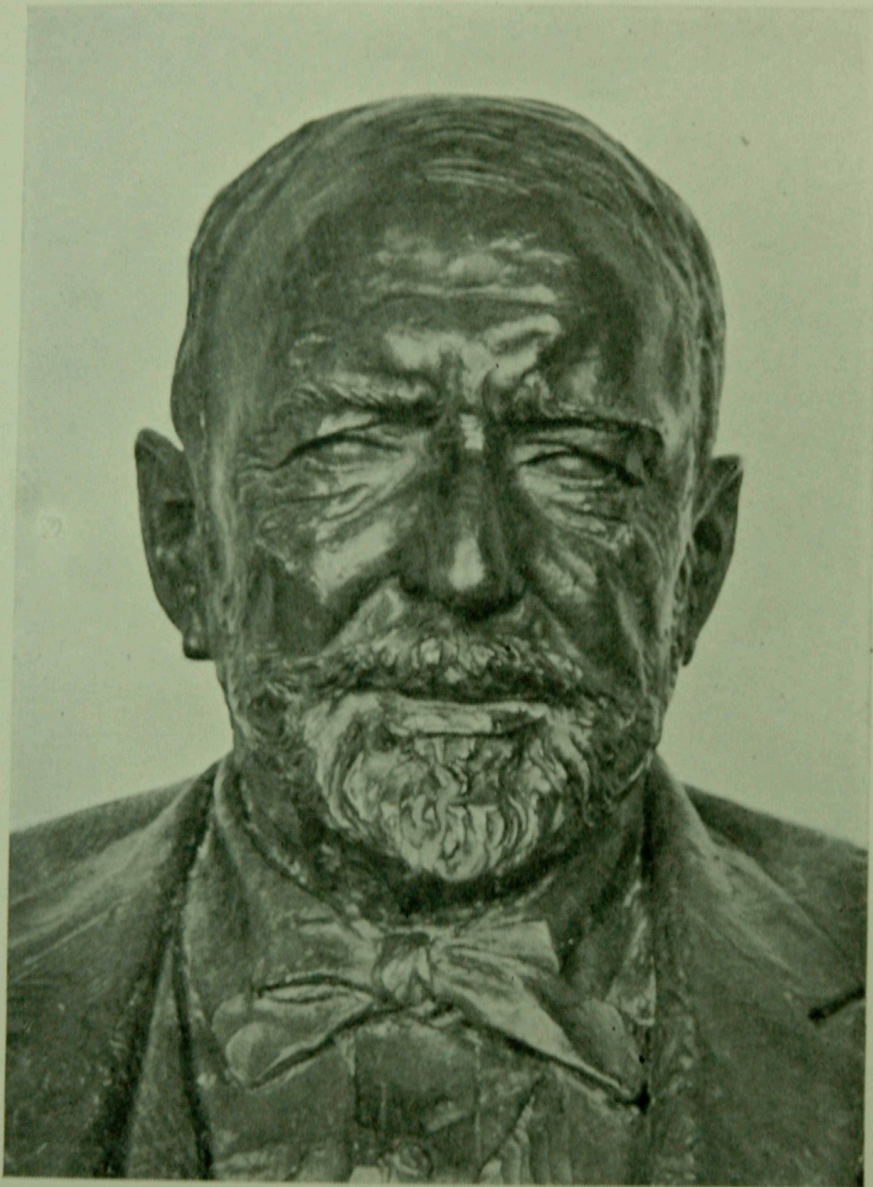
David Wright Barkley was born at Fairfield, Illinois, May 21, 1842, and died at Denver, Colorado, July 7, 1908. He was elected to the Hall October 3, 1929—Election 5. He had little formal schooling and his education was capped by a short term at McKendree College, Lebanon, Illinois. After a brief experience in business, government positions, and publication work Barkley purchased the *War Democrat* of Fairfield and at the beginning of the year 1866 changed the name to the *Wayne County Press*. He edited the paper for twenty-two years, during which time he served his county and district in a distinguished way both as editor and public official. He was president of the board of trustees of the Methodist church in Fairfield for several years and a representative for his district in the state legislature in 1872. In 1887 he sold the *Press* and moved farther west. At Pueblo, Colo., he published a monthly paper, the *Cactus*, and at Rocky Ford a weekly, *The Rocky Ford Enterprise*. He was editor of the latter publication at the time of his last illness. He died at the home of his daughter in Denver.



WILLIAM OSBORNE DAVIS
1837-1911

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William Osborne Davis was born in Chester County, near Westchester, Pennsylvania, August 5, 1837, and died at Bloomington, Illinois, May 23, 1911. He was elected to the Hall October 3, 1929—Election 7. He was educated at public schools, a private academy at Norristown, Pennsylvania, and a boy's school at Charlottesville, New York. At the age of twenty-one he came west and taught school for two years at Normal, Illinois. Following this he prospected in Colorado, saw service in the Civil War and returned to operate a farm near Bloomington. In 1868 he became associated with his father-in-law, Jesse W. Fell, in the Bloomington *Pantagraph* as business manager and started the connection that was to last for more than forty years and to affect in a notable way the conduct and standing of that paper. By 1871 he had become owner of the paper and the problem of editorial direction was his. He served as editor-publisher from that time until his death and left a stamp upon the paper which has given it leadership in the field of the community daily.



EDWARD WYLLIS SCRIPPS
1854-1926

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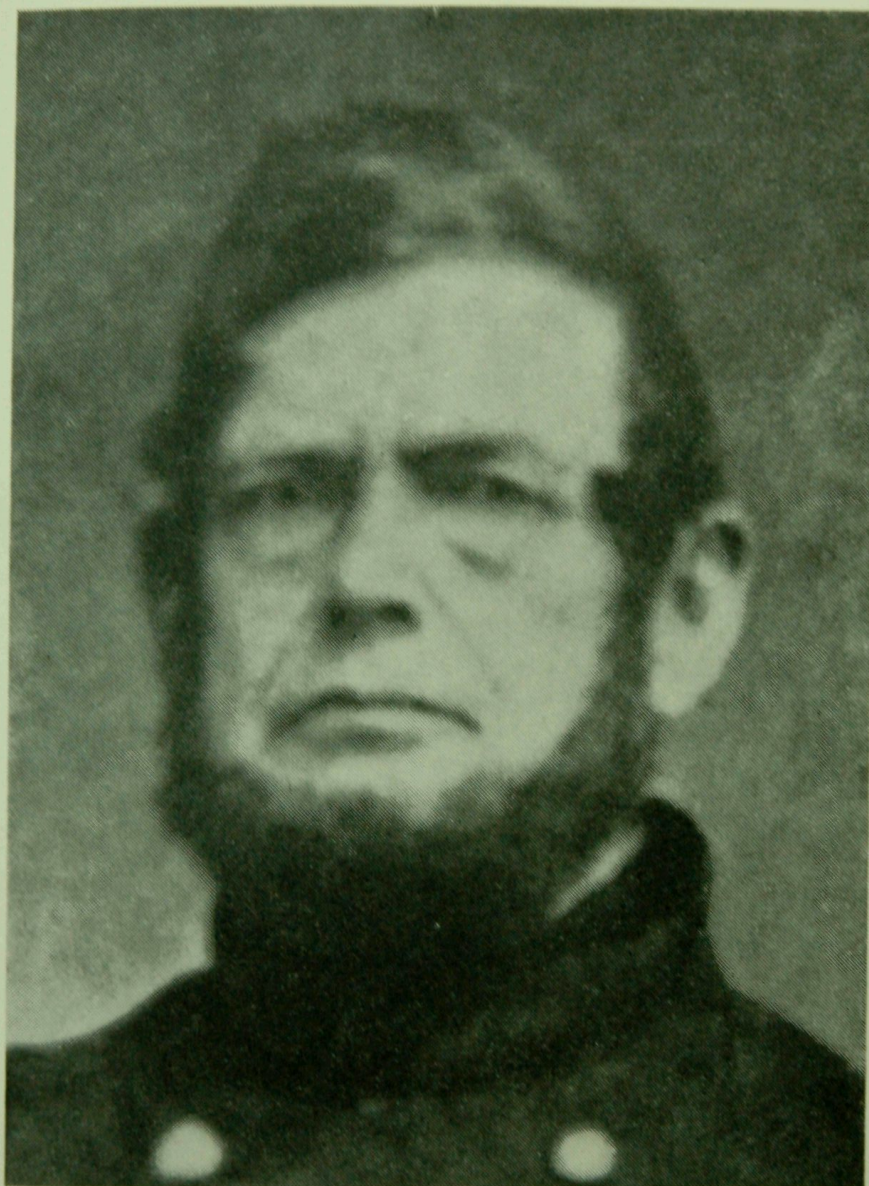
Edward Wyllis Scripps was born on a farm at Rushville, Illinois, June 18, 1854, and died aboard his yacht off the coast of West Liberia, Africa, March 12, 1926. He was elected to the Hall October 4, 1929—Election 11. He was the youngest of thirteen children, four of whom became famous in journalism. At the age of eighteen, he left the farm to go to Detroit, possessed of his savings of eighty dollars and long-cherished dreams of a career in journalism along original lines. There he became associated with his brothers, James E. and George H., and their sister Ellen Browning Scripps, in the founding of *The Detroit News*. In 1878, Edward W. Scripps left the *News* to start the first of his own string of newspapers, the Cleveland, Ohio, *Penny Press*. Then followed others until at the time of his death there were thirty strong dailies which he had founded or acquired, and also the United Press Associations, Newspaper Enterprise Association, and several other newspaper-service organizations. In 1920, he founded and endowed Science Service. Scripps retired from the management of his newspaper enterprises in 1920.



HENRY MEANS PINDELL
1860-1924

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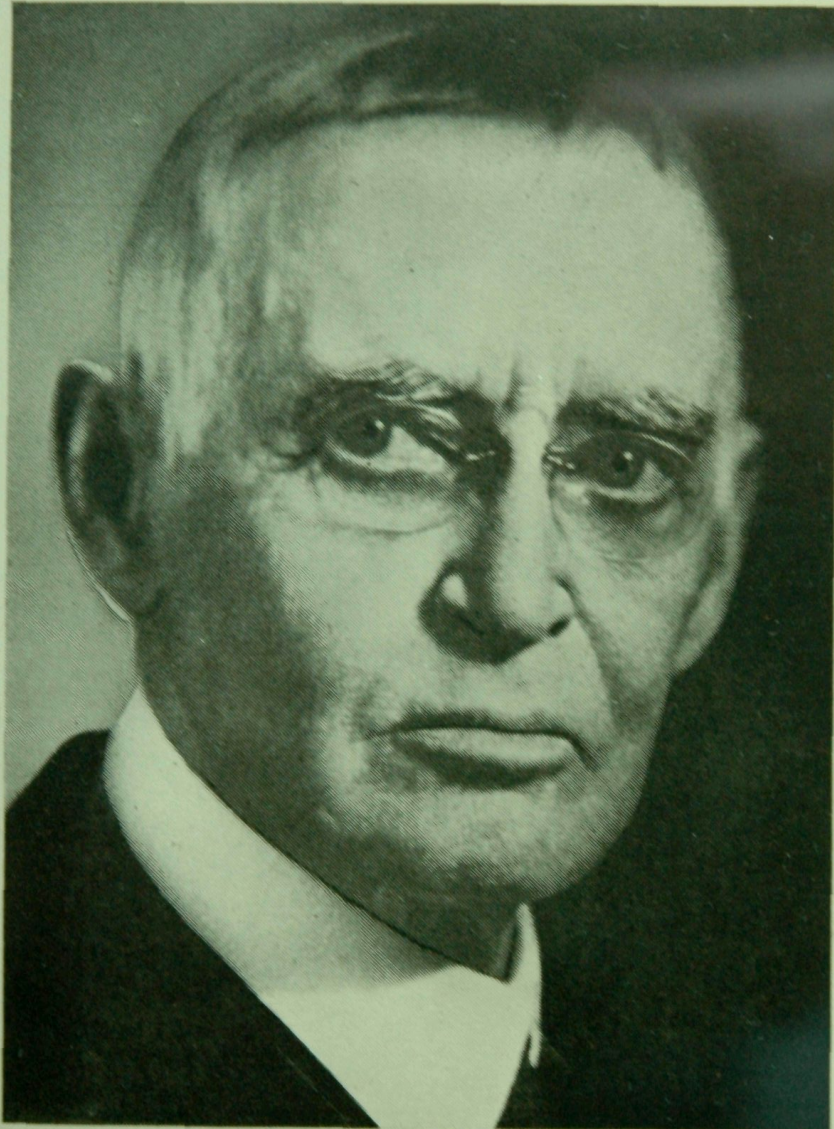
Henry Means Pindell was born at St. Joseph, Missouri, December 23, 1860, and died at Northport Point, Michigan, August 8, 1924. He was elected to the Hall October 4, 1929—Election 12. He was graduated from De Pauw University, Greencastle, Indiana, in 1884 and went to work as a reporter. He became in turn editor of the Wabash, Indiana, *Times*, reporter on *The Chicago Tribune*, and city editor of the *Illinois State Register*, Springfield, Illinois. In 1889 Pindell moved to Peoria and founded *The Peoria Herald*. Later he purchased *The Peoria Transcript* and *Peoria Times*. A succession of purchases, mergers, and consolidations left him at the head of two important papers in Peoria, the *Transcript*, in the morning field, and the *Journal*, in the evening field. Under his direction the papers became notable for their excellence and their public service. He held a number of positions of trust and declined appointment by Woodrow Wilson as ambassador to Russia.



SIMEON FRANCIS
1796-1872

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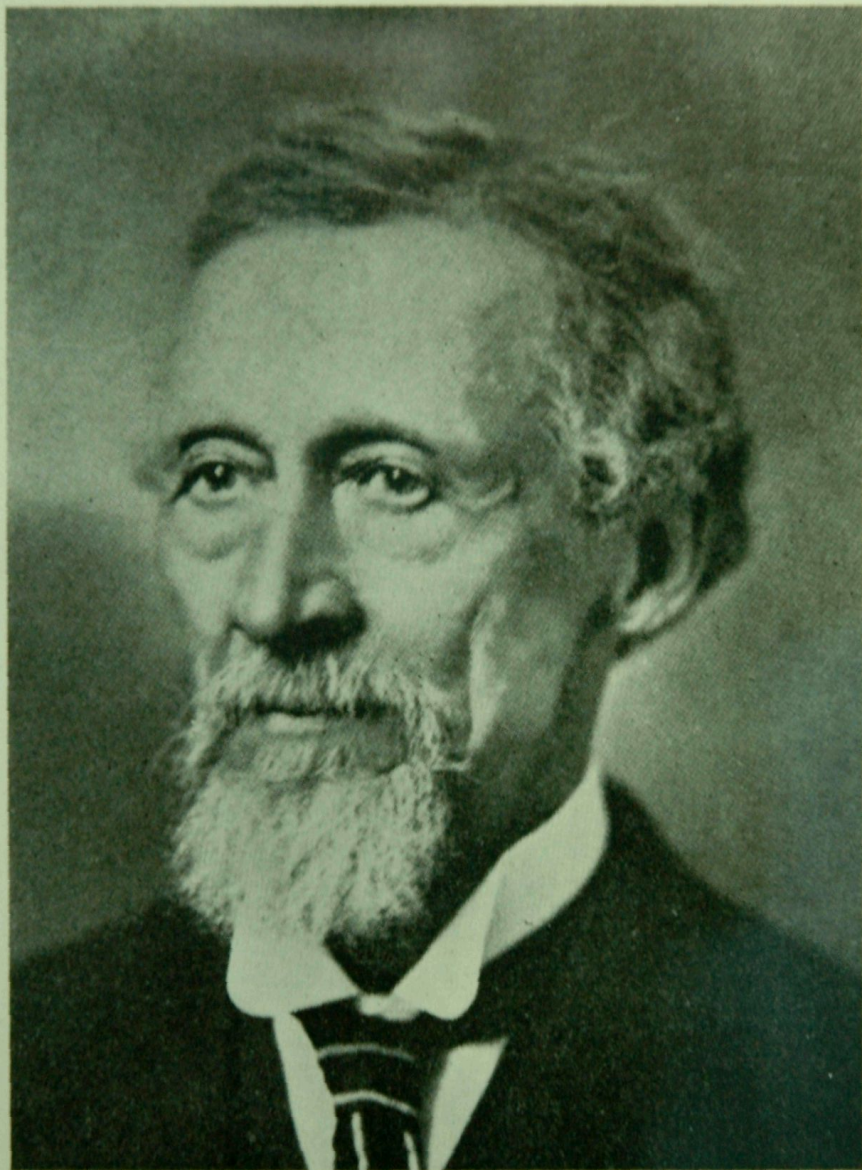
Simeon Francis was born at Wethersfield, Connecticut, May 14, 1796, and died at Portland, Oregon, October 25, 1872. He was elected to the Hall October 3, 1929—Election 6. He served an apprenticeship as a printer after a few years of schooling. At the age of 28 he launched his first paper at New London, Connecticut, and two years later went to Buffalo, New York, to publish the *Buffalo Emporium*. In 1831 he came to Illinois and with his brother, Josiah, established the *Sangamo Journal* at Springfield. This paper later became the *Illinois State Journal* and Francis continued as a co-editor until 1855. For several years he devoted himself to the political interests of Abraham Lincoln and was active in behalf of Lincoln before and after leaving the *State Journal*. He left Springfield in 1859 to go to Oregon in behalf of Lincoln. Aside from his publicity work he had only one important journalistic experience in Oregon and that was as editor of the *Portland Oregonian* for a short time in 1860. Francis was army paymaster from 1861 to 1870, at which time he retired.



MELVILLE ELIJAH STONE
1848-1929

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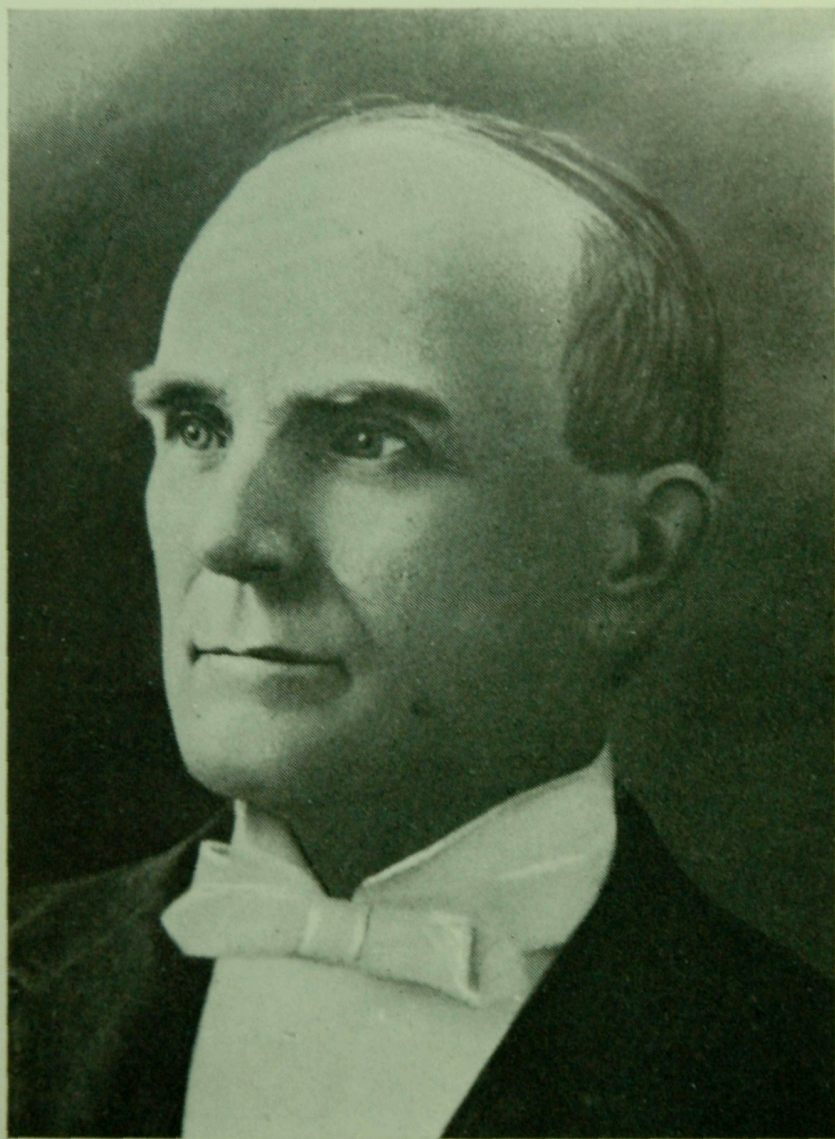
Melville Elijah Stone was born at Hudson, Illinois, August 22, 1848, and died in New York, February 15, 1929. He was elected to the Hall October 3, 1929—Election 8. Due to the itinerant life of his father, a preacher on an Illinois circuit, Stone's early education was irregular. It was acquired in the public schools of Nauvoo, Chicago, Kaneville, and Naper-ville. At 16 Stone became a reporter on *The Chicago Tribune*. In 1871 he was made managing editor of *The Chicago Republican* and a year later effected a consolidation between the *Post* and the *Mail*. In 1875 he started *The Chicago Daily News* and in 1881 *The Morning News*. In 1892 he accepted the post of general manager of The Associated Press of Illinois and when The Associated Press was reorganized in 1900 he was chosen as general manager and served in that capacity until 1921. From 1921 until his death he held the post of counsellor. After his death he was voted the title of a founder of The Associated Press. Honorary degrees were bestowed upon Mr. Stone by Yale, Wesleyan, Columbia, Middlebury and Knox. Among nearly a score of foreign decorations given to Mr. Stone by foreign governments are those of Japan, France, Italy, Belgium, Siam, Sweden, Russia, Germany and Poland.



JOHN WATERBURY CLINTON
1836-1918

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John Waterbury Clinton was born at Andes, New York, November 21, 1836, and died at Polo, Illinois, February 11, 1918. He was elected to the Hall October 3, 1920—Election 9. He was educated in Andes and Roxbury academies in New York and after completing his studies he taught school for a time in that vicinity. He came west in 1857 and was engaged to teach school near Polo. He taught in the neighborhood of Polo for seven years and then bought and began publishing the *Polo Press*, later called *Ogle County Press*, the *Tri-County Press* of today. He published this paper until 1901 when he sold the property and retired. He held a number of public offices in Polo and devoted much of his time to the welfare of his section of the state. He was widely known as an historian and when he retired in 1901 he devoted himself to collection of historical data. He was president of the Illinois Press Association in 1884 and at that time forecast the development of professional schools of journalism.



JOHN WITHNAL BAILEY
1830-1903

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John Withnal Bailey was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, October 15, 1830, and died at Princeton, Illinois, May 22, 1903. He was elected to the Hall October 4, 1929—Election 10. After a few years in the common schools of Cincinnati John entered upon an apprenticeship in a job office at the age of thirteen. He became interested in writing short stories and sketches and obtained employment as a reporter on various dailies including that of his father. After experience with a Republican paper in Connersville, Indiana, the Tiffin, Ohio, *Tribune*, the Toledo *Daily Commercial*, and the Cincinnati *Enquirer* Bailey spent a winter in Washington as a political correspondent. His decision to move west came after a severe illness in 1862. He purchased the *Bureau County Republican* and began to build it into a great newspaper. In a short time he was forced to enlarge it though he did not make a practice of selling either advertising or subscriptions. He worked on the theory that the paper should be made worth while editorially and the business side would, to some extent, take care of itself. His efforts were rewarded by the development of the largest circulation in the country weekly field. He was a charter member and one of the first presidents of the Illinois Press Association.