before his death. His life was a splendid example of what a man of
noble purpose and resolute will can accomplish. His kindly disposition
and strict integrity endeared him to all with whom he came in contact,
and while his loss is greatly to be deplored, it is a satisfaction to reflect
on the wonderful amount of labor he performed and the great good he
did during his life. Such a career should be an incentive to nobler
effort for the alleviation of suffering humanity and the advancement of
knowledge.

HON. NORMAN EVERSON, State Senator in the sessions commencing
at Iowa City, December 2, 1850, and December 6, 1852, died at his resi-
dence in Washington, Iowa, May 15. He was born on a farm in the
town of Vermont, Oneida County, New York, December 27, 1815. At
the early age of fourteen, with his father's consent he started out—a
poor boy—to make his own way in the world. He had a grand ambi-
tion for a boy of that age, succeeding in working his way into and
through Hamilton College, near Utica, New York. He graduated in
1837. After this he taught school in Elizaville and Cynthia, Ken-
tucky, where he made the acquaintance of Abraham Lincoln, "a tall,
awkward, gangling attorney," who then "gave no special promise of
filling the most splendid niche in American history." He came to
Washington, Iowa, in 1841, and resided there until his death. He was
very successful as a lawyer and business man, acquiring a handsome
fortune by hard work, and becoming one of the leading men of the town
and county as well as of that section of the State. "He filled all
sorts of positions because people trusted him. Time and again he was
alderman and mayor, once a State Senator, an early post-master,
carrying the mail in his capacious hat,—a habit he kept up ever after-
wards,—letters, papers, notes, bills, law-papers, and all that queer
miscellany went into his hat. He seemed to distrust pockets. It was
the queerest mail delivery! The Squire would slowly walk around the
park with about a bushel of mail more or less, in his hat, unloading at
each door, and sometimes a girl of youth would meet him and ask if
there was a letter for them,—love-letters, of course,—and he'd salaam
to uncover without spilling, and fish out the missive with a comical
grimace, and go his way, a sort of combination of Uncle Sam and
Santa Claus. In later years he'd laugh and chuckle as memories of
that amusing service came back to him." The old Legislative Journals
show that he was a busy and useful Senator. He was "a genuine man,
hating injustice and shams and cruelty,—indignant at wrong, disloyalty
and treason." He visited Europe in 1878, but came home better than
ever pleased with his adopted State. The Washington Press devotes
two columns to an estimate of his career, from which we have con-
densed this notice.

DR. A. W. HOFFMEISTER, died at his residence in Fort Madison,
May 16. He was born at Altinau, in the Hartz Mountains, Kingdom of
Hanover, June 14, 1837. He received a liberal education, graduating
from the college at Clausthal, with the highest honors of his class, in
1846. After a two year's course in chemistry he emigrated with his
father's family to this country. They settled in St. Louis, where he
devoted a year to the study of the English language. He then went to
California, where he remained two years. Returning to St. Louis in
1851, he entered a medical college, from which he graduated in 1854.
He then settled in Fort Madison and began the practice of his profes-
sion in which he won distinguished success. He was commissioned
Surgeon of the eighth Iowa Infantry in 1862, and was with it during
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