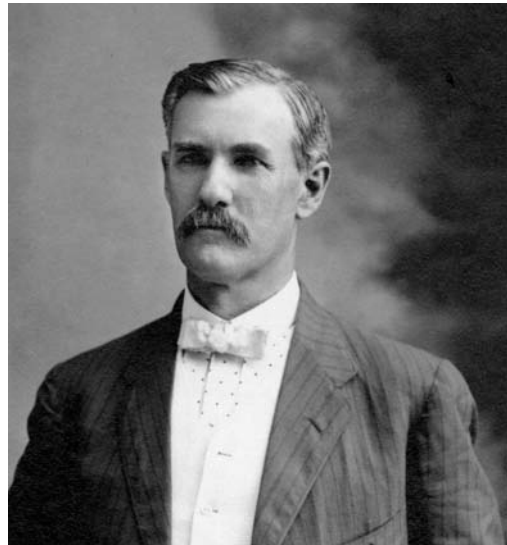


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THIS WEEK: Thirty-fourth Iowa General Assembly

BACKGROUND: The Thirty-fourth Iowa General Assembly convened on January 9, 1911, and adjourned on April 12—a 94-day session. There were 158 members in the legislature. The members were comprised of 16 democrats and 34 republicans in the Senate and 28 democrats and 80 republicans in the House of Representatives. In 1907, the Thirty-second Iowa General Assembly had been the first to meet in an odd-numbered year and the first with more than 150 members. Lieutenant Governor George W. Clarke presided over the Senate and Paul E. Stillman was the Speaker of the House. Beryl F. Carroll was serving his second term as governor. Governor Carroll was 48 years old at his first inaugural in 1909. Governor Carroll was the first native Iowan to serve as governor. The 1910 United States census showed Iowa's population had dropped since 1900 to 2,224,771.



Governor Beryl Franklin Carroll

(b. March 15, 1860 – d. December 16, 1939)

THIRTY-FOURTH IOWA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The following communication was received and read in both the House of Representatives and the Senate:

The Iowa State Board of Health deems it wise to inform the honorable members of the Iowa Legislature that the drinking water of the city of Des Moines is unsafe for use, either for drinking purposes or for washing the teeth and mouth.

After a thorough investigation of the Des Moines water supply by the Board of Health, through Dr. L.L. Lumsden, National Government Expert, we deem it wise to give this information. We append herewith the recommendation of Dr. Lumsden:

"The outbreak of typhoid fever in Des Moines in November and December 1910 was caused, beyond all reasonable doubt, by infection disseminated in the city water obtained from the Raccoon River and the Raccoon basin." L.L. Lumsden Passed Assistant Surgeon, U.S. Public Health and Marine Hospital Service.

The Senate Journal includes a substitute for the House Concurrent Resolution proposing the Panama-Pacific International Exposition be held in San Francisco. The governor's address mentions a cyclone at Shiloh, Tennessee, on October 14, 1909, and the damage to the Iowa Monument recently erected there. Additionally, there is a joint resolution proposing to amend the United States Constitution. The resolution reads:

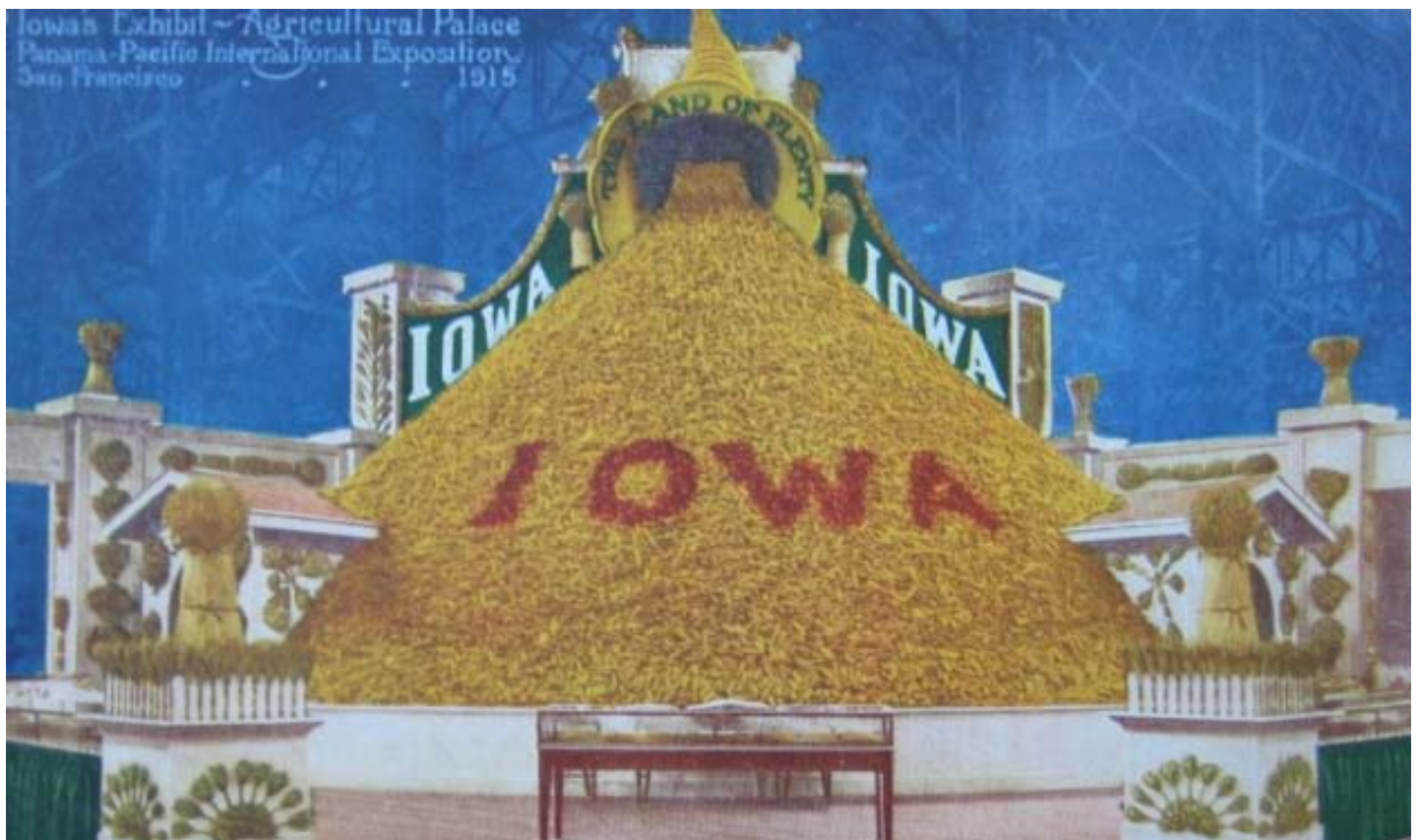
Resolved by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled (two-thirds of each house concurring therein), that the following article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which, when ratified by the Legislatures of three-fourths of the several states, shall be valid to all intents and purposes as a part of the Constitution: "ARTICLE XVI. The Congress shall have power to lay and collect taxes on incomes, from whatever source derived, without apportionment among the several states, and without regard to any census or enumeration."

The House of Representative Journal includes a resolution to hold the Panama Exposition in New Orleans. An act creating a State Fire Marshall and Deputy Fire Marshall and prescribing their duties was introduced. The Commission on Roads and Highways was referred H.F. 175, "A bill for an act making it unlawful to camp on a public highway or adjacent land for a period longer than twenty-four hours by gypsies, wanderers, travelers or other persons." Also introduced was an act to establish separate washing rooms and dressing rooms for men and women in factories, mercantile establishments, mills and workshops.

Iowa Building and Exhibit at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition:



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