

Elder, John Orville (1886-1940)

John Orville Elder (1886-1940) was born on a farm near Slexis, Illinois, he came to Washington at the age of eighteen. He received his teaching certificate and taught school for one year. He bought the Washington Evening Journal in 1900, and was its editor until shortly before his death. The Iowa Press Association named him “Master Editor” in 1938. His books include: Pickey (1899), A Trip to the Hawaiian Islands with the Press Congress of the World (1901), Frank Stories (1905), Samuel Hall: 47 Years a Slave (1912), Mickey Peck (1918). He is buried in Elm Grove Cemetery.

