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### BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Born at Highgate, Vermont on June 28, 1862, Nelson Henry Loomis attended public schools in Evanston, Illinois. He received a bachelor of law degree from Missouri Valley College in Marshall, Missouri. He finished his education at Hastings College in Hastings, Nebraska. Loomis passed the bar in 1883 and in 1885 went to work for the law department of the Union Pacific Railroad in Lawrence, Kansas. He worked his way up, eventually becoming the General Solicitor for the Union Pacific in 1908 when he moved to Omaha, Nebraska. He stayed with the Union Pacific Railroad until his retirement in 1932.

Loomis married Mary Campbell of Salina, Kansas, on September 23, 1885. They would have one son before Mary's death in 1888. Loomis then married Christie Campbell on August 12, 1891 and had two more sons. Nelson Henry Loomis died on May 8, 1933 in Omaha and was interred at Forest Lawn Cemetery.

### SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists of four volumes containing speeches and addresses by Nelson Henry Loomis dating from the 1890s-1920s. Additional biographical information about Nelson Henry Loomis is also included. The volumes were compiled by David S. Guyer.

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