

# William Holden

William Holden was born in Indiana in 1842. During the Civil War, he enlisted in the Second Iowa Calvary and after his discharge in 1865, he began working with newspapers in Red Oak and Ottumwa, Iowa. In 1873, he moved to Nebraska where he and Webster Eaton established the first newspaper in Harlan County: the *Republican Valley Sentinel*. From 1879 to 1887, he published the *Central Nebraska Press* in Kearney, initiating an era of muckraking in Nebraska. In 1888, Holden established the *Liberty Bell*, continuing his muckraking journalism. In 1890, he moved to Lincoln and published the newspaper *Liberty*. In 1894, Holden left for Illinois where he ran for Congress. William Holden died on June 21, 1901 in Hutchinson, Kansas.



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