

the period of its most arduous service. He won the confidence and affectionate regard of the soldiers, and the survivors of that famous command revere his memory. Dr. Hoffmeister, aside from his medical knowledge, was one of the most cultured men in our State. He was well informed in botany, geology, paleontology, and natural history. "He left the world better than he found it." We have condensed this notice from one of some length, by his life-long friend, Dr. J. M. Shaffer, which appeared in *The Gale City*, of Keokuk, May 20, 1896.

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B. F. MILLER, whose death occurred at Webster City, May, 31, 1896, was born in the Shenandoah Valley, Virginia, February 11, 1833. He was of Scotch-English descent and a man of sterling worth. He was married to Rebecca Whitlock, September 5, 1859. One son, Homer A., and one daughter, now Mrs. Grace Brown, with four grand children are left to mourn his death. Mr. Miller was an example of a class of men, who, without early advantages, win success by unaided effort. Beginning at an early age to work for low wages, by sagacity and business management he became an honored business man, helpful to his friends and a benefit to the community. In early business life, he was for a time a merchant. In 1867 he removed from Indiana to Webster City, where he engaged in the banking business in which he was successful, becoming a leading citizen of Hamilton county. While attending the Columbian Exposition in 1893 he contracted a cold which resulted in pneumonia, and later in Bright's disease, from which he died.

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COL. EDWIN F. HOOKER, a former resident of Iowa, died in Omaha, Nebraska, June, 5, 1896, at the age of 83. He came from his former home, Columbus, Ohio, to Des Moines, in 1855, to assume the management of the Western Stage Company. The building of railroads in the east caused the stage business to push westward and Mr. Hooker was sent to Des Moines as manager of the offices of the Company. He thus became identified with the interests of Iowa. For ten years he was a leading citizen of Des Moines. His residence was where the Savery House now stands. When railroads were built, and the stage business was pushed westward, Col. Hooker went farther west, continuing the management of stage affairs until the business was largely superseded by railroads in the far west. He then removed from the Pacific coast and settled in Omaha where he engaged in railroading, as general agent for a time and then as stock agent. He was a very popular man and had a wide acquaintance. Several years ago, on account of advancing age he gave up active business. His remains were brought to Des Moines for interment.

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W. J. YOUNG, died at Clinton, Iowa, June, 8, 1896. He was born in Belfast, Ireland, in 1827, and came to Clinton in 1858. Before coming to Iowa he was general freight agent of the Cincinnati, Logansport and Chicago railway. In August, 1866, he erected a large saw-mill, which later was enlarged until it was said to be the largest mill in the world. He did an extensive business and employed many men. He was engaged in rafting and introduced the present method of towing rafts. He was also engaged in banking and had a wide range of business. His great financial success was due to indomitable energy and perseverance. His donations to public purposes in Clinton were many, and he was a liberal contributor to private charities. Among his public gifts the following may be mentioned: The Y. M. C. A. building and grounds, valued at

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