

when he attended for a while a manual labor school at Columbus, in that State, pursuing meantime the study of the law. He settled at Fair Play, Wisconsin, in 1842, where he engaged in mining and the practice of the law. He removed to Garnavillo, Clayton county, in 1843. June 19, 1844, he was married to Miss Harriett C. Douglas, who survives him. In 1857 he removed to McGregor, where he resided until his death. Judge Noble immediately upon settling in our State was recognized as a man of character and ability, a personality to be implicitly relied upon. He was elected on the Free Soil ticket a representative in the Fifth General Assembly, and though it was his first session, he was chosen Speaker. Before his death he was the last survivor of our legislative presiding officers before the war of the rebellion. As a presiding officer he proved to be singularly able and impartial, and has always been remembered by his surviving associates with great respect and affection. A kindly tribute to his memory appeared in *The McGregor News* of August 19, 1896, from the pen of his long-time friend, Hon. James O. Crosby, from which we copy the following paragraphs:

"In the practice of his profession he had a distinct individuality, discouraging all unnecessary litigation, and when possible to secure justice to all interested parties by means of a compromise, he was persistent in his efforts to effect settlements. He was self-reliant and believed in himself, in his ability to accomplish, and he pursued his object with untiring vigilance; of course he early became prominent in his profession; he could not help it.

"As a trial lawyer, his keen perception enabled him to grasp the strong points of his case and as the trial advanced to discover the trend of the testimony, and how it might be turned to strengthen his case or weaken his opponents. He was a man of the people and cultivated the acquaintance of all with whom he came in contact and studied their temperaments and dispositions, which served him well in impaneling juries and in summing up his case to them at the close."

He was elected Judge of the Tenth Judicial district in 1874, and re-elected in 1878, but he resigned shortly afterward, and returned to the practice of the law. Mr. and Mrs. Noble celebrated their golden wedding June 19, 1894. Judge Noble always attended the biennial reunions of the Pioneer Law Makers Association, of which he was a leading member.

KENDALL YOUNG, president of the First National Bank of Webster City, died at the Sanitarium at Battle Creek, Michigan, June 30, 1896. Mr. Young was born in the town of Eden, Hancock County, Maine, January 19, 1820, raised on a farm, inured to hard labor, acquiring only the meager education afforded in the country schools of that day. He left home at the age of nineteen to make his own way in life. When the dispute over the boundary between Maine and Canada seemed likely to lead to war he enlisted, and was out at the front two months. But the "Aroostook war" happily ended without bloodshed. For this service he received \$18 and a forty-acre land warrant. (With this warrant Mr. Young long afterwards entered forty acres of government land near Webster City.) He then hired out as a common sailor before the mast, visiting the West Indies, Labrador, England, and many ports along our coasts. Quitting the sea he engaged in merchandising in a small way in Maine, but emigrated to Wisconsin in 1847. In 1849 he crossed the plains to California. After acquiring enough money to start in business, he returned to Maine, but he had so good an idea of the West that he settled in Rockton, Illinois. Hoping, however, to do better in business, he removed to Kossuth county, Iowa, a newer

region, where with others he laid out the town of Irvington. This was a most beautiful site, but it was too near Algona and the enterprise was soon given up. In 1859 he removed to Webster City, which continued to be his home until his death. At first he engaged in general merchandising, but in 1871 the First National Bank was organized and Kendall Young became its president. He held this office the remainder of his life. He was very successful, acquiring a fortune estimated at about \$200,000. As a business man he was conservative, but always kind and accommodating, cool and clear-headed, strictly honest and just, a safe and prudent manager, a man who became a strong pillar in the community where he lived so long. In 1858 he married Miss Jane Underdown, an English lady who had come across the ocean to reside with her brother in Webster City. Mrs. Young still survives her husband. The pair were childless. By the terms of his will, the conditions of which Mrs. Young freely accepted, their entire estate at her death is to be devoted to the founding of a free public library in Webster City. Of this, \$25,000 goes to the erection of a building and \$10,000 to the purchase of books. The remainder of the estate is to be invested and the interest devoted to the permanent care and increase of the "Kendall Young Library." This will give to Webster City a permanent and always growing library, worthy of that beautiful and enterprising city, and justly perpetuating the memory of its founders. In this wise disposition of their property Mr. and Mrs. Young may well be classed as pioneers in our library work, for this we believe to be the first instance in Iowa in which husband and wife have united in so bestowing a large estate.

After a long period of intense suffering from wasting disease, Mr. JOHN WRAGG died at his residence in Waukee, Polk county, on the 4th of September, 1896. He was born in Berks county, Pennsylvania, in 1831, and had reached the age of sixty-five. He first settled in Clayton county in 1854, but in 1865 removed to his late residence, where he spent the remainder of his life. Mr. Wragg came to be widely known in Iowa as one of our most intelligent and enterprising nurserymen and horticulturists. At the meetings of the State Horticultural Society he was one of the most constant attendants and one of the most influential members. In his writings, as in his conversations, and more than all in the example which he set before the world, few Iowa men have ever accomplished so much in inspiring a love for fruits and flowers. He was one who saw

"tongues in trees, books in the running brooks,
Sermons in stones, and good in everything—"

a man of wide and varied intelligence, always enterprising and progressive, a ready writer, a true and abiding friend, a kind-hearted and genial Christian gentleman.

HON. ISAAC PENDLETON, late of Sioux City, was born in Norwich, New York, April 3, 1832. His early years were spent at that place. He attended the Oxford Academy and taught school for one year. In June, 1854, he graduated from Union College. Entering the law office of Henry Mygott at Oxford, he later completed the law course with Judge Comstock at Syracuse, and was admitted to the practice of law in all of the courts of the State of New York. He then removed to Cleveland, Ohio, and in 1858 located in Sioux City, Iowa, where he resided until his death, July 17, 1896. He was elected judge of his district in 1862, and a republican presidential elector in 1872, but later in life

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