

official or business man, no influence that was not wholesome and beneficial ever came from him. His integrity knew no temptations. His conduct and career were not guided by considerations of passing interest or policy, but by principles of life to which he was true without calculation or debate."

HON. JOHN G. FOOTE, of Burlington, died at his home on the 4th of March, at the age of eighty-two. He was born at Middlebury, Vermont, April 21, 1814. He came to Iowa in 1843, settling at Burlington where he carried on the hardware business for thirty-three years. He was one of the promoters of the Burlington and Missouri River railroad, the first built into that city, and was treasurer of that company for some time. He was a director of the Peoria and Carthage and Burlington railroads, and also a director of the first telegraph line in Burlington. He was one of the organizers of the First National Bank of Burlington, and for many years one of its directors. In 1861 he was elected on the Republican ticket State Senator, serving in the Ninth and Tenth General Assemblies. As a legislator he ranked among the ablest financiers of the Senate, and won the confidence and esteem of its members. In 1872 Mr. Foote was appointed one of the Commissioners to superintend the erection of the new State House, and acted as manager of the finances until the building was completed in 1886. Under his administration \$2,876,300 were expended during the fourteen years in which the Capitol was in progress of erection. It is but justice to say that not a dollar of that large sum was misappropriated, and that the State got full value for every dollar expended. The splendid State House is an enduring monument to the ability and fidelity of the commissioners who erected it. Mr. Foote's associates in Burlington truly say of him: "Receiving and holding the confidence of all men, important trusts were committed to him, always to be administered with intelligence and fidelity. In the city of Burlington he upheld the honor of a merchant, and in the commonwealth of Iowa, as a representative and commissioner, raised the standard of the public service."

THEOPHILE BRUGUIER, who died at Salix, Woodbury county, on the 18th of February, was the first white settler in that part of the State. He was born in France, in 1807. His father was a Captain in the British army. Young Bruguier went to New Brunswick and was employed in a store for a few years. But the spirit of adventure soon took him to the far west, beyond civilization, and among the Santee Sioux Indians. He soon adopted their habits and dress and learned their language. He married two daughters of the great chief War Eagle. It was in 1835 that he first settled near the mouth of the Big Sioux river. At the time of the Santee treaty the government gave him 400 acres of land for each member of his family. At one time he owned 30,000 acres, which he divided among his children. For many years he was largely engaged in trading with the Indians and furnishing supplies to the government for the frontier army and forts in the Indian country. For a generation he was the best known man in Western Iowa.

DR. JOHN NEWMAN, who died in Des Moines on the 27th of January, was one of the oldest ministers in the service of the Methodist church in the State. He was also one of the ablest, and a man who had done much for the upbuilding of that denomination in Iowa and the west. He was a most genial and kindly gentleman of the old school. True

politeness marked his intercourse with all. He was an intelligent, lovable old man, a most beautiful character. He frequently called at the State Historical rooms and the state library where it was his especial delight to pore over works of genealogy. He had interested himself in tracing out the genealogy of the great Newman family, and the discoveries he had made in regard to his own ancestry were many and most interesting. Dr. Newman was a man of every pleasing quality; a man whom it was ever a delight and pleasure to honor—one who loved those about him as he was beloved by them and whose every word and act were characterized by kindness.

DR. FREEMAN MCCLELLAND, a member of the present Legislature from Linn County, died at his home in Cedar Rapids on the 13th of February. He was born November 28, 1830, in Westmoreland county Pennsylvania. He graduated from a medical college in Philadelphia in 1855. In 1862 he came to Iowa, settling at Cedar Rapids. In 1864 he was appointed assistant surgeon of the Sixteenth Iowa Infantry, and served until the close of the war. He soon after became the editor of *The Times* at Cedar Rapids, finally purchased an interest in the establishment and made journalism his chief occupation for the remainder of his life. In 1895 he was elected on the Republican ticket to a seat in the House of the Twenty-sixth General Assembly. His health was not good at the opening of the session, and on the 9th of February he went home to die. The end came very soon, and our State lost one of its most useful and honored citizens.

CHRISTIAN CONRAD, of Delaware county, died at his home in Coffin's Grove, on the 5th of March at the great age of one hundred and sixteen years. "He was the oldest man in the United States. He was born in Pennsylvania in September, 1780, and was thirty-two years old and living on a homestead when the war of 1812 broke out. He enlisted in the war and saw Colonel Miller's charge on Queenstown Heights. He was in the battle of Fort Erie and saw Commodore Perry's victory on the lake. After the war he operated boats on the Erie canal till 1845, when he removed to McHenry county, Illinois. In 1860 he removed to his present farm, where he has lived in a two-room log house ever since. His wife aged eighty, is left after sixty years of married life. She had eleven children."

COL. RICHARD B. WYCKOFF, a member from Jackson county of the first Constitutional Convention, which assembled at Iowa City, Oct. 7, 1844, more than fifty-two years ago, died in Lyons, on the 25th of January. He was an influential member of the Convention, serving on the Committee on county organization. He was born in Delaware county, New York, in 1816. He removed to Michigan in 1836, and when Iowa Territory was organized in 1838, he came further west, settling in Jackson county. After his service in the Constitutional Convention of 1844, he was elected a member of the Third General Assembly—1850-51. He held various county offices, during his residence in Jackson county, among which were recorder, treasurer and probate judge. In 1872 he removed to Lyons which was his home up to the time of his death.

MARTHA ANN KELLEY, of Sioux City, died at her home on the 28th of February. She was the oldest daughter of Colonel S. G. Hill of Muscatine, who was killed while gallantly leading a brigade at the battle of Nashville, December 15, 1864. Martha A. Hill was for several

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