

ditions than any other living American. He has made many trips to the Isthmus, and personally inquired into all the plans and routes. He has virtually lived with the Canal problem these last ten years. He is a strong executive and a diplomatic manager of men." In fit recognition of his qualifications and services, President Roosevelt placed him at the head of the Commission for the construction of the Panama Canal. With firmness and dignity of character Admiral Walker united suavity and grace in his manners, which won the admiration and esteem of all who were under his authority or shared in his counsels. An adept and master in the naval profession, his mind was large and generous, affluent in knowledge of the arts and sciences, and thoroughly versed in the history and public affairs of his own country and of the world. His distinguished and multifarious services in war and in peace have given splendor and renown to his name, and add to the honor of Iowa, as he always remembered that his original appointment to the Navy was "from Iowa." Closely related and especially endeared to the third Governor of the State, and of kindred independence and loftiness of character, their names enrich and ennoble the Annals of Iowa. The funeral of Admiral Walker took place from the home of his daughter, Mrs. Fitzgerald, in Boston, September 18; and from All Souls Church, Washington, D. C., September 21. The interment was in Arlington Cemetery with high military honors.

W. S.

ALFRED WILSON LEE, one of Iowa's most successful and best known editors and publishers; was born in Johnson county, Iowa, July 8, 1858; he died in Nottingham, England, July 15, 1907. He was a son of John B. and Elvira Lee. He obtained the rudiments of his education in the public schools of Iowa City, and at the age of 13 entered the State University of Iowa. He took two years in the preparatory department and two in the collegiate course. He chose journalism as his profession, identifying himself with *The Muscatine Journal*, his brother-in-law, Hon. John Mahin being editor and publisher. In 1885 he was admitted into the management of *The Journal*, and soon thereafter he married Mary Ingalls Walker, eldest daughter of W. W. Walker, of Cedar Rapids. Four years later he accepted the business management of *The Hutchinson (Kansas) News*. Soon afterward, he identified himself with the advertising department of *The Chicago Times*. In 1890 he bought *The Ottumwa Courier*, and later he erected a commodious and admirably arranged building and equipped it with new and costly machinery. His career in Ottumwa was in all respects successful. He was for several years postmaster, but resigned in order to devote his time exclusively to his fast-growing business. He was actively identified with the development of the city, and was honored with the presidency of several local organizations. He was quick to take advantage of the new methods by which large enterprises are directed by one master-mind. Mr. Lee saw the door of opportunity and promptly entered—not with a rush, but with caution—finally entering upon the large career for which he was admirably fitted. One by one he added another daily to his list until, in 1906, the "Lee Syndicate" included five evening journals, *The Ottumwa Courier*, *Muscatine Journal*, *Davenport Times*, *Hannibal Courier-Post* and *LaCrosse Tribune*. When, last summer, Mr. Lee started on his tour abroad, he left home with the satisfying thought that every one of his five newspaper offices was manned by an able and trusty associate whose powers he had discovered and in large measure developed. With Mr. Lee, mere worldly success was far from the whole of life. If any one of his altruistic purposes commanded more of earnest thought and endeavor than another, it was the development of the latent

capabilities of young and untried men. Among the many sorrowing friends who followed his remains to the grave none were more truly mourners than the young men with whom he had been associated, to all of whom he had been a father and friend. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Lee. His two sons, William Walker and Alfred William, died in childhood. His daughter, Laura Anna, now 11 years old, survives.

J. B.

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JOHN HORNSTEIN was born in Brooklyn, N. Y., May 8, 1847; he died in Chicago, September 8, 1907. The family remained in Brooklyn until he was 7 years of age, when they removed to Washington county, Wisconsin. It was in this place that he afterwards learned the printing trade in the office of *The Washington County Democrat*. He worked for a number of years as a printer, when he returned to New York City and engaged in the printing business, entering one of the largest offices in that city. It is said to have been one which had most of the city work during the reign of "Boss Tweed." He was there some years, but came to Boone, where he settled in 1870, and entered the newspaper field. He purchased at first an interest in *The Boone County Democrat*, which up to that time had had a difficult struggle for existence. While he was but a part owner at the start, he soon afterwards purchased the whole business and succeeded in building it up to a respectable patronage and establishing it on a permanent basis. He was appointed postmaster of the city in 1896 to serve out an unexpired term. After serving out this term, he engaged in a real estate business, and also became connected with the Boone County Bank. He remained but a short time in the bank, when he removed to Chicago, where he entered into a partnership with his brother George in establishing an office for commercial printing. This was understood to be a very successful venture, and he remained in it until his death. He had been ill for some months and had been gradually fading away. Mr. Hornstein was a good printer, a versatile and able editor, a kind-hearted, excellent gentleman, and a useful member of the community. He was at one time mayor of Boone, when he performed a most important work in securing the services of Col. George E. Waring, Jr., the illustrious sanitary engineer, to establish a system of drainage which is not even yet completed. So far as this has been carried forward it has been very successful, and will probably ere long span the whole city. In all matters of public improvement Mr. Hornstein was ever ready to do his best, not only through the columns of his paper, but in every other possible manner. He was a man of many friends, and few, if any, enemies, dying widely lamented. On his removal to Chicago he presented, in durable binding, a file of his paper for twenty-five years, to the Historical Department of this State. That file and the volumes of *The Standard*, published in Boone during the same period, present the best history of the rise and progress of the flourishing city and county of Boone.

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OLIVER MILLS was born at Gustavus, Ohio, February 1, 1820; he died at Lewis, Iowa, August 18, 1907. Harlow Mills, his father, was of pure New England stock and a native of Hartford county, Connecticut. He was a prosperous farmer and dairyman. In 1819 he emigrated to what was known as the West, and located in northeastern Ohio. That beautiful region was then known as the "Western Reserve." Here Oliver was born and grew to manhood. He attended the district school until he was 14 years of age, when he went for a time to Farmington Academy

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