

that important department in its formative period. Mr. Foster, working all his life under physical handicaps, showed wonderful courage and perseverance. Courteous and industrious, capable and resourceful, his greatest equipment was his integrity and character. He was an honor to his community as a business man and an example of high and devoted purpose as a servant of the state.

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HERMAN KNAPP was born in Poultney, Rutland County, Vermont, December 28, 1863, and died in Ames, Iowa, March 22, 1935. Interment was in the State College burying grounds. He was brought by his parents, Seaman A. and Maria E. (Hotchkiss) Knapp, in their removal to Vinton, Iowa, in 1867. He received his preparatory education at Tilford Academy, Vinton, and entered Iowa State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts at Ames as a freshman in 1880 and received the degree of B. S. A. in 1883. The same year he became deputy treasurer of the college. In 1884 he was secretary to the president, in 1885 was assistant professor of agriculture, and in 1886 was placed in charge of the department of agriculture of the college. In 1887 he became treasurer and registrar. He was acting president of the college during absences of President Raymond A. Pearson between 1920 and 1926, and from the time of Dr. Pearson's resignation in 1926 until the appointment of Raymond M. Hughes in 1927. He was then made vice president. He was captain of the college cadet corps as early as 1883. During the Spanish-American War he had charge of all cadet corps recitations and drills in the absence of General James Rush Lincoln. Professor Knapp was in military service in the Iowa National Guard as well as with the cadet corps at the college. In 1905 he became captain of Company C, Fifty-fifth Regiment, the company having quarters in the Armory at the college. In 1909 he was promoted to major and appointed adjutant general of the First Brigade, and was honorably discharged December 31, 1913. He was a member of the Ames School Board from 1903 to 1906, and was also a member of the Ames Library Board. He was a member of the Sons of the American Revolution and served as president of the State Society in 1903. In 1928 he was awarded the honorary degree of L.L. D. by the State University of Iowa. His unbroken and efficient service of a full half century as instructor and administrator of his alma mater caused his friends to give a dinner in his honor in the hall of the Memorial Union November 19, 1933, which was attended by about 300, most of whom were alumni of the college.

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JOHN W. REYNOLDS was born in Sunderland, Durham County, England, August 6, 1857, and died in Albia, Iowa, May 6, 1935. Burial was in Oak View Cemetery, Albia. His parents were John and Mary Ellen Reynolds. He began working in coal mines when nine years old and was engaged in coal mining all his life. His education was got in night schools in England and in this country, and in private study. He emigrated to the United States in 1879, locating first in Plymouth, Penn-

sylvania, and shortly afterward at mining towns in Mahaska County, Iowa. For years he was a mine foreman and later a mine superintendent in some of the big mines of Mahaska and Monroe counties, such as Beacon, and the Ramsey mine. He was active in organizing miners' unions, and led with John T. Clarkson of Albia in the organization in Iowa of the United Mine Workers of America, and was its state president in the year 1894-95 which was in its formative period in this state. In 1897 he was elected representative from Mahaska County and served in the Twenty-seventh General Assembly. Politically he was a Democrat. During the last twenty years or so of his life he resided in Monroe County. In early life he became a member of the Methodist Episcopal church through conversion and was active in religious work all his life. By private study he qualified and passed the course prescribed by his church and was licensed to preach, though was never ordained as a minister, as providing for his family of wife and eight children seemed to require him to keep his business position, yet for fifteen or twenty years, mostly in Mahaska County, he supplied as a lay preacher, holding many regular appointments, and often speaking two or three times each Sunday. He was sincere, able and loyal to his adopted country. His criticisms were always constructive. He actively advocated the world court in which to settle differences between governments rather than by a resort to arms. Among those with whom he associated he exercised a positive influence for good.

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LEWIS HENRY MAYNE was born near Ogdensburg, New York, September 2, 1858, and died in Emmetsburg, Iowa, April 3, 1935. Burial was in Evergreen Cemetery, Emmetsburg. His parents were Thomas and Jane Mayne. In 1863 the family removed to Mendota, Illinois, and in 1876 to a farm in Adair County, Iowa. In 1881 he attended the Northern Indiana University at Valparaiso and studied one year, and later attended Eureka College, Eureka, Illinois. He then spent several years teaching, and was four years in the United States railway mail service. In 1892 he became connected with the *Algona Republican* at Algona, Iowa. In 1894 he became publisher and editor of the *Emmetsburg Reporter* and retained the ownership of the paper until 1925, and most of the time was its editor. From 1902 to 1910 and again from 1922 to 1933 he was postmaster at Emmetsburg, eighteen years in all. In 1918 he was elected representative and was re-elected in 1920, and served in the Thirty-eighth and Thirty-ninth general assemblies. In the Thirty-ninth he was chairman of the Printing Committee. Mr. Mayne enlisted in Company K, Fifty-second Regiment Iowa Volunteer Infantry, on April 26, 1898, and was mustered May 25, 1898. The regiment rendezvoused at Des Moines and on May 25, 1898, was mustered into the service of the United States. Soon thereafter the regiment proceeded by railroad to Chattanooga, Tennessee, and remained in camp there until August 29, when it was returned to Des Moines. He was mustered out October 30, 1898. He prized highly the comradeship of

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