

Iowa, soon thereafter to St. Louis, Missouri, and in 1861 to McGregor, Iowa. The boy had helped support the family by selling newspapers on the streets when only ten years old. In McGregor he soon began clerking in dry goods stores, and in early manhood became a dry goods merchant on his own account, and was successful. He retired from business in 1895. That fall he was elected representative from Clayton County and served in the Twenty-sixth and Twenty-sixth Extra general assemblies. He served McGregor as member of the Board of Education, as town councilman, as mayor, and for years as justice of the peace.

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ROBERT MELVIN PEET was born on a farm in Fairview Township, Jones County, Iowa, and died at his home on the same farm October 26, 1936, at the age of eighty years. Burial was in the Wilcox Cemetery near his home. His parents were James M. and Ann Dallas Peet. J. M. Peet's father, Gideon Peet, purchased from the government 560 acres in Fairview Township. After Gideon Peet's death J. M. Peet purchased the interests of the other heirs, and on his retiring in 1877, Robert Melvin Peet assumed control of the land. By industry and good management, he enlarged the acreage until he owned 1,200 acres in one body besides other nearby tracts. A successful farmer and stockman he was also a public-spirited citizen. He was an active member of the Democratic party in his county, served as a member of the Board of Supervisors of his county in 1902 and 1903, and in 1903 was elected representative and served in the Thirtieth and Thirty-first general assemblies.

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OLIN H. MICHAEL was born at Ansley, Nebraska, May 13, 1889, and died in Ottumwa, Iowa, December 22, 1936. Burial was in the Shaul Cemetery, Ottumwa. When he was less than a year old his parents, Harve W. and Eleanor Michael, removed to Ottumwa, Iowa. He attended public school in Wapello County, Ottumwa High School, and Ottumwa Commercial College. He resided on a farm until 1912 when he removed to Ottumwa and, for most of his business life, was engaged in the cigar business. During later years he was affiliated with Spry Bros. Grain Company. He early became interested in politics, was secretary of the Wapello County Republican Committee in 1912-14, was chairman of that committee in 1922-26, and was made the Sixth District member of the Republican State Committee, serving in 1928-34. He was sergant-at-arms of the Iowa delegation to the national conventions of 1924, 1928, and 1932. He had a wide acquaintance among political leaders. In 1929 Governor Hammill appointed him a member of the State Board of Control in which position he served six years.

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AMBROSE L. URICK was born in eastern Pennsylvania February 6, 1862, and died in Des Moines, Iowa, December 20, 1936. Burial was in Glendale Cemetery, Des Moines. He came to Des Moines in 1880 and

for years followed the trade of cigar maker. He early became identified with organized labor and for several years, beginning in 1891, represented union labor before legislative bodies. He served as president of the Iowa State Federation of Labor from 1903 to 1913. He became quite an authority on labor problems, and delivered many public addresses on such subjects. Governor Clarke appointed him state labor commissioner in January, 1913, and because of reappointments he served through the administrations of Governors Clarke, Harding, Kendall, and the first four years of Governor Hammill, or until 1929. Governor Turner again appointed him and he served from 1931 to 1933. In March, 1934, Governor Herring appointed him a member of the Old Age Assistance Commission on which he was serving at the time of his death. His own experiences in life, his former work in relief, his sympathies with the needy, and his good judgment well qualified him for this duty.

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A. G. Dotts was born on a farm near Bethlehem, Wayne County, Iowa, May 24, 1870, and died in Corydon, June 1, 1933. His parents were John H. and Caroline Dotts. He secured his education in rural schools in the neighborhood of his birth, and engaged in farming and stockraising. In 1908 he was elected county auditor, was re-elected in 1910 and served eight years. For three years he was mayor of Corydon. In 1922 he was elected representative and served in the Fortieth General Assembly. In 1924 he was elected senator and served in the Forty-first and Forty-second general assemblies. He was for a time secretary of the County Fair Association, and was chairman of the Republican County Central Committee.

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