

1884. He passed the Oxford and Cambridge higher certificates examinations with distinctions in mathematics, physics and chemistry. He took honors in mathematics and science as a Brackenbury scholar at Balliol College, Oxford, from 1884-87. He received the degree of bachelor of science from London University in 1887. He came to the United States in 1888 where he has ever since made his home. He was admitted to the bar in Texas in 1891 and practiced law for a number of years. He was also a proficient musician and served as professor of music at the University of Oregon for several years. He received the degree of Ph. D from the University of Chicago in 1910. He served as president of Lamar College, Lamar, Missouri, from 1897 to 1901 and from 1902-04 was co-principal of the Union Academy at Anna, Illinois. In 1905 he came to the University of Iowa as an instructor in mathematics and served the university for thirty-two years in that capacity. Professor Baker was devoted to music and was associated with the university orchestra for many years. He organized the first chamber music orchestra in Iowa City. Professor Baker was a member of many distinguished groups, among them being the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the Mathematical Society of America and the American Mathematical Association. He held memberships in many different scientific societies, including Sigma Xi and Gamma Alpha fraternities. His attainments in his own fields of science and mathematics were scholarly and brilliant.

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ROBERT A. CRAWFORD, prominent Des Moines and Iowa banker, died at his home in Des Moines August 7, 1937. Burial was at Altoona, Iowa. Born in London, England, August 22, 1855, Mr. Crawford came to this country with his parents, Alexander and Mary Ann Crawford, in 1858 at the age of three. After receiving his education in the Plainfield Academy, Plainfield, New Jersey, Mr. Crawford early heeded Horace Greeley's advice, and went west—to Altoona, Iowa. Here he operated both a small general store, and acted as the town's postmaster, the post office also being his store. Soon after his arrival in Altoona, frugality and careful investments in Iowa farm land enabled him to establish, in 1875, the Iowa Exchange Bank of Altoona, and thus to begin his long and successful career in Iowa banking, a career that at his death made him the reputed dean of Iowa bankers. The year following the establishment of the bank witnessed his naturalization as an American citizen and also his marriage to Miss Melissa Beatty, who is his sole survivor. In 1893 Mr. Crawford bought an interest in the Valley National Bank of Des Moines and removed in that year to Des Moines to act as cashier of the bank. Two years later he helped to organize the Valley Savings Bank and became its first president, a position which he held until 1932 when he became chairman of the board. In January, 1937, he returned to active management of the bank in assuming once more the duties of president of the Savings Bank, which position he held at the time of his death. He also was executive vice

president of the University State Bank of Des Moines. Recognition of his careful financial abilities was given by the board of trustees of the Iowa Methodist Hospital, which made him treasurer at the time of his election to the board in 1912, in which capacity he continued until his death. Likewise the board of trustees of Drake University elected him both to the board and to the position of treasurer of that board in 1924, which position he also retained until his death. An indication of his broad and sympathetic interests is further shown by a provision of his will which left a bequest to the famed Negro school, Piney Woods School, Piney Woods, Mississippi. Mr. Crawford was a member of the Des Moines Club and also a Mason.

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WILLIAM O. COAST was born in Iowa City, Iowa, August 5, 1880, and died February 28, 1937, in Iowa City. Burial was in Oakland Cemetery. His parents were William Philip and Mary Ellen (Bradshaw) Coast, pioneers of Johnson County. Mr. Coast received his education in the Iowa City public schools, Michigan Military Academy and the State University of Iowa. He was the first cadet colonel appointed in the State University. He was an enthusiast in athletics and at one time served as a member of the board of control of athletics in the university. He was much interested in the university and he befriended many of the students. He was a member of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity. He was actively interested in the affairs of his community and during the early days of the Commercial Club of Iowa City was a member of the board of managers. Later this club became the Chamber of Commerce; he was president of this organization in 1913 and again in 1915. He was a member of the House in the Thirty-sixth General Assembly. During this session he was active in securing the adoption of measures in the development of the Children's Hospital and the College of Commerce in the University of Iowa. In 1904 he went into the clothing business and retained his active interest in the firm of "Coast's" until his death.

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FRANK LOUIS NAGEL was born in Warsaw, Illinois, November 12, 1867, and died at his home in Hollywood, California, April 15, 1937. His remains were cremated and rest in Los Angeles, California. His father was John Conrad Nagel. He received his early education in Warsaw. When he was quite young he showed marked musical ability and began the study of piano at an early age. Later he studied abroad at the conservatories of Munich and Dresden. Returning to this country he began teaching piano in Keokuk and nearby towns. In Keokuk he organized and trained many choruses in oratorios and light opera. He did much to raise the standard of music in Keokuk. He helped to organize the State Music Teachers' Association and served as its president for a time. Later he went to Pueblo, Colorado, and from there to Ogden, Utah, where he taught music for a number of years. About 1900 he returned to Iowa to take the position of dean of the College

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