

NOTABLE DEATHS

LORENZO S. COFFIN was born in Alton, New Hampshire, April 9, 1823; he died at his home, "Willow Edge," near Fort Dodge, Iowa, January 17, 1915. He received all possible education from the rural schools of his boyhood day, and then attended Wolfboro academy. When twenty-four years of age he went to Oberlin, Ohio, and entered the preparatory department of Oberlin College. After an attendance of eighteen months, he taught in Geauga Seminary, Geauga county. In 1855 he removed to Iowa, settling near Fort Dodge. For years he was a circuit rider. For some time he was editor of the agricultural department of the *Fort Dodge Messenger*. At the outbreak of the Civil war he enlisted in Company I, Thirty-Second Iowa Infantry, and served as private, sergeant and chaplain until the close of the war. He returned to his farm near Fort Dodge and there made his home until his death. From 1833 to 1888 he was a member of the Iowa State Railroad Commission and ever maintained an interest in railroad men and their welfare. In 1891 he built Hope Hall for the benefit of convicts recently released from prison, but the project was abandoned when the penitentiary at Anamosa was changed into a reformatory. The property was transferred to the W. C. T. U. and used as a home for unfortunate girls until the buildings were accidentally burned to the ground. Mr. Coffin was for many years an active member of the State Agricultural Society and prominent in agricultural and stock-breeding pursuits. In 1906 he was candidate for Governor of Iowa on the Prohibition ticket. His greatest work was the securing of Iowa legislation compelling equipment with automatic brake and coupler equipment the railroad cars in Iowa, and of national law of the same nature. He founded a railroad men's home near Chicago and was the originator of the temperance movement among railroad men, working always actively in its behalf.

LOREN S. TYLER was born in Boston, Mass., April 21, 1845; he died in Los Angeles, California, October 13, 1914. He removed to Keokuk in 1856. At the outbreak of the Civil war he enlisted as drummer boy in Company H, Fifteenth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and was mustered out at Vicksburg, December 31, 1863. He re-enlisted as veteran in Company H, Fifteenth Veteran Infantry, and participated in all the battles in which his regiment engaged. He was mustered out on July 24, 1865. He returned to Keokuk and engaged with his father in the furniture business. In 1875 he engaged in the auction and commission business with I. L. Brown, under the firm name of Brown & Tyler. In 1872 he was mustered into Torrence Post, No. 2, G. A. R., and held various offices

in that organization. He served as assistant adjutant general of the Department of Iowa, G. A. R.; as adjutant and commander, with rank of first lieutenant, of the Second regiment of Infantry, Iowa State Guards, and in 1878 was appointed major and assistant inspector general of the First Brigade, First Division of the Iowa State Guard. He was active and popular in Grand Army circles and state military organizations. For a number of years he had spent the winters in California, but continued to call Keokuk his home. A collection of photographs and negatives of every citizen of Iowa who attained the rank of lieutenant colonel or higher rank, in full rank or by brevet, or of captain of a battery of light artillery, in his service in the War of the Rebellion, was gathered and arranged by Major Tyler, and is now in the possession of the Historical Department, known as the Loren S. Tyler collection. His immense correspondence and all his souvenirs and mementos became the property of the Historical Department of Iowa upon his death.

ALBERT MARTIN ADAMS was born April 16, 1843, at Orange, Vermont; he died at Humboldt, Iowa, January 4, 1915. He worked on a farm and was educated in the common schools until the age of nineteen, when he enlisted in Company F, Forty-second Massachusetts Infantry, participating in the engagements about New Orleans. In August, 1863, he returned to his home in Vermont, but soon removed with his father's family to Humboldt, Iowa. At the president's call for 300,000 more troops, Mr. Adams re-enlisted in Company F, Second Iowa Cavalry. He participated in the battles around Nashville, was taken prisoner at Hollow Tree Gap and spent four months in Andersonville prison. In March, 1866, he returned to Humboldt county, and for a number of years engaged in various lines of business. In 1874, after three years' service in various newspaper offices, he bought the *Humboldt Independent*, then located in Dakota City. In 1890 the paper was removed to Humboldt. From the time of its purchase until his death, Mr. Adams was sole editor and proprietor of the paper, which was Democratic until 1896, but since that time has been Republican. Mrs. Adams was associated with him in the publication of the paper until her death, in 1909. Mr. Adams taught the first term of school in Avery township and was the first mayor of Dakota City. He was county treasurer for two terms, a prominent worker in several social and fraternal organizations and ever interested in all matters of public improvement. He was one of the chief promoters of the Upper Des Moines Editorial Association, and at one time member of the executive committee of the National Editorial Association.

LEWIS ALBERT REILEY was born in Nashville, Ohio, March 1, 1845; he died at Wapello, Iowa, December 26, 1914. He removed with his parents to Louisa county in 1853, and attended the common schools

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