

CHARLES WESLEY DORR was born in Kewanee, Illinois, January 18, 1856; he died in Seattle, Washington, December 8, 1914. His early manhood was spent in Des Moines, Iowa, where he practiced law for a number of years. In 1888 he removed to Washington Territory, locating on Bellingham bay. In 1894 he was elected to the State Senate from the Bellingham district and served through two sessions. During the formative period of the state he was one of the most active and influential citizens of the Puget Sound country. In 1900 he served as chairman of the Republican state convention. Mr. Dorr made a special study of the salmon fishing and canning industry and its legal phases, and was recognized as one of the foremost authorities on the salmon business on the coast. In 1901 he went to San Francisco as general counsel of the Alaska Packers' Association, became vice president and general manager and remained there eight years. Returning to Washington, he renewed his previous partnership with Judge Hadley in the practice of law, and settled in Seattle.

ROBERT JONES BURDETTE was born in Greensboro, Pennsylvania, July 30, 1844; he died at Pasadena, California, November 19, 1914. When eight years of age he removed with his parents to Peoria, Illinois, and was educated in the common schools of that city, graduating from the high school in 1861. He enlisted in the Forty-Seventh Illinois Volunteers and served from 1862 to 1865, participating in the siege of Vicksburg and the Red River campaign. Returning to Peoria, he engaged in newspaper work and was on several papers in that place. In 1872 he began contributing to the *Burlington Hawk-Eye*, in 1874 became managing editor and soon made a reputation as a humorist. He afterward served in editorial capacity on the *Brooklyn, N. Y. Eagle* for some time, and was contributor to the *Los Angeles Times* from 1900 until his death. He was ordained minister of the Baptist church in 1903 and served as pastor of the Temple Baptist Church of Los Angeles from 1903 to 1909 and was thereafter pastor emeritus. He was famous as a lecturer and author.

WILLIAM L. DISTIN was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, February 9, 1843; he died at Chicago, November 20, 1914. He removed to Keokuk, Iowa, in 1857 and was connected with the Des Moines Valley Railroad until 1863. On February 3, 1864, he enlisted in Company C, Seventeenth Iowa Volunteer Infantry. He was taken prisoner in October, 1864, and confined in Andersonville prison for six months. After the war he returned to Keokuk and was employed in the railroad and express business for a year or more. He located in Quincy, Illinois, and founded a produce house, which afterwards became known as the W. L. Distin Produce Com-

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