

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.

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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.

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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-

pany. In 1897 he received from President McKinley the appointment of surveyor general of Alaska. His work was so efficiently done that he continued in that capacity through succeeding administrations until his resignation in 1913. Colonel Distin was one of the early members of the Illinois National Guard and at one time department commander of the Illinois Division, G. A. R.

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RIGHT REVEREND MONSIGNOR ANTON NIERMANN was born near Munster, Westphalia, Germany, August 9, 1831; he died in Davenport, Iowa, December 10, 1914. He was educated at the gymnasium at Munster and in the university of the same place. On January 20, 1858, he sailed for New Orleans. He was sent for training to the Carondelet seminary, was recalled in 1859 and ordained in Dubuque on March 27th of that year. He was assigned to St. Kunigunde's, afterward St. Joseph's parish, with which he was connected until his death. When he became pastor he was the only German Catholic priest in the vicinity, and was called upon to make long, toilsome trips in Iowa and Illinois. Under his direction the new St. Joseph's church was completed and dedicated on September 16, 1883. In April, 1909, his golden anniversary as pastor was celebrated, and in recognition of his piety and faithful service he was made Monsignor.

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FRANK W. EICHELBERGER was born in Piqua, Ohio, August 7, 1841; he died at Ottumwa, Iowa, October 11, 1914. He was educated in the common schools of Ohio and Muscatine, Iowa, where he removed in 1854. When twenty years of age he obtained employment on the *Muscatine Journal* and was city editor from 1861-1863, and later correspondent for the *Chicago Tribune*. In 1866 he removed to Ottumwa, studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1868. He began the practice in Bloomfield the same year and continued until January 1, 1895, when he became judge in the Second Judicial District of Iowa. His service as district judge had lasted nearly twenty years when his death occurred. His remains were taken to his old home and interred in the I. O. O. F. cemetery at Bloomfield.

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ALONZO C. PARKER was born in Greene county, Indiana, March 22, 1853; he died at Des Moines, November 7, 1914. His early education was obtained in the public schools of Indiana and Buchanan county, Iowa. He graduated from the law department of the Iowa State University with the class of 1876. He began the practice of law at Oelwein and remained there two years. He removed to Spencer and practiced there fifteen years. In August, 1894, he removed to Des Moines, soon taking high rank at the bar and maintaining leadership until he died.

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