

JAMES ALBERT SMITH was born at Castile, Wyoming County, New York, February 4, 1851, and died at Pasadena, California, January 12, 1918. Burial was at Osage, Iowa. He received a common school education. In 1869 he came to Osage and followed civil engineering several years. He then entered mercantile business and soon thereafter the lumber business. He became the owner of several lumber yards in Iowa, Minnesota and South Dakota. He had rare business judgment and great energy and came to be rated as a millionaire. He served several terms on the school board and on the city council of Osage. In 1887 he was elected representative and re-elected two years later, serving as such in the Twenty-second and Twenty-third General Assemblies. In 1899 he was elected senator, and twice re-elected, serving as senator from the Twenty-eight General Assembly to the Thirty-fourth inclusive. Thus for four years he was representative and for thirteen years he was senator, making a state legislative career excelled in length of service by only Lemuel R. Bolter, of Harrison County, John L. Wilson, of Clinton County, and William Larrabee, of Fayette County. Senator Smith was a very useful member. During the last few sessions of his service he was chairman of the appropriations committee and was also president pro tempore of the senate. He was a close personal and political friend of Albert B. Cummins. He was an ardent advocate of primary election, anti-pass, two-cent fare and kindred measures. He was a trustee of Grinnell College from 1887 until his death.

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JOHN A. NASH was born in Des Moines, Iowa, May 9, 1854, and died at his home in Audubon, Iowa, October 28, 1913. He was the son of Reverend John A. Nash, prominent pioneer minister of Des Moines. He attended public school in Des Moines and graduated from Des Moines College in 1870. He read law with Brown and Dudley and was admitted to the bar. He spent one year at Stuart in a law office, then in 1878 went to Exira and commenced practice. In 1879 he removed to Audubon. He was employed by the C., R. I. & P. Ry. Co. to quiet the titles of lands they owned in Audubon, Shelby and Crawford Counties. He also engaged in the law, loan and abstract business, having partners at different times, the present Congressman W. R. Green being with him several years. He was mayor of Audubon some years, was a member of the school board twelve years, was a leader in politics in that part of the state and a public spirited and useful citizen.

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MICHAEL F. McCULLOUGH was born at Holy Cross, Dubuque County, Iowa, July 28, 1854, and died at Dubuque, December 20, 1913. He received a common school education and followed the avocation of farmer and stock buyer. He was elected representative in 1910 and re-elected in 1912, serving in the Thirty-fourth and Thirty-fifth General Assemblies.

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