

idency of the Iowa Press Association. As a writer he made no effort at brilliancy nor claim to unusual talent. He even said what he wrote he had to "pound out." But he had a clear, logical, commonsense and forceful style. His earnestness, enthusiasm and intense-ness, his uncompromising steadfastness of purpose, his personal integrity and high character, made of him a positive power in shaping the opinion of the state.

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DAVID A. YOUNG was born in Burnside, Hancock county, Illinois, January 16, 1852; he died at Keokuk, Iowa, August 21, 1915. He was of Canadian descent, his parents being Rev. William and Juliette (Toms) Young. The family moved from Burnside to Iowa and when he was ten years of age settled in Keokuk, in which town and its vicinity he made his home until his death. He was educated in the public schools and worked on the canal and in a sawmill before he was of age. He afterward engaged in farming, in stock raising and in the selling of public lands. He was greatly interested in politics and was a regular attendant on county and state conventions. In 1897 he was elected state senator from Lee county on the Democratic ticket. He was re-elected in 1901 and his terms of service extended from the Twenty-seventh to the Thirty-first General Assemblies. He was instrumental in securing a new cell house for the penitentiary at Fort Madison and appropriations for various soldiers' monuments throughout the State. He was appointed delegate to the prison congress at Indianapolis by Governor Shaw. As a member of the Lee county board of supervisors he did much for the improvement of county bridges and highways.

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JOHN PORTER was born in Washington County, Pennsylvania, April 14, 1828, and died at Boise, Idaho, September 25, 1913. Interment was at Eldora, Iowa. In 1836 he migrated with his parents to Ohio. Here he attended school, studied law at Warren, Ohio, and was admitted to the bar in 1851. He removed to Plymouth, Indiana, in 1854, and to Mason City, Iowa, in 1856. In 1858 he was elected a judge of the district court in the then new district composed of Marshall, Story, Boone, Hamilton, Wright, Hancock, Winnebago, Worth, Cerro Gordo, Franklin and Hardin Counties. In 1859 he changed his residence to Eldora. In 1862 he was re-elected district judge and served until April, 1866, when he resigned and entered the practice of law at Eldora. His partner was W. J. Moir. He was very active in work for the interests of the new town and country. He led in promoting the building of the railroad from Gifford to Eldora, becoming president of the company and general manager of the road. He was mayor of Eldora for some years and lead in securing many improvements, water works and a sewer system being among them.

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