

of the county in the spring of 1857, Mr. Smith was elected for a short term as recorder and treasurer, the two offices then being united in one. He was re-elected the following autumn. Retiring from this office two years later he resided in Lyons, Iowa, where he held a position in a branch of the old State Bank. In 1863 he removed to Chicago, where he became a member of the Board of Trade. In 1870 he returned to Webster City where he resided until his death. During these thirty-three years he was connected with many of the most important and successful business interests of the town and county. He was honorable in his dealings, a man who led a life without blot or stain, one whose characteristics were at once genuine and praiseworthy. The county had no better known or more widely esteemed citizen.

HANS C. TOLLEFSRUDE was born in Torpen, Nordreland, Norway, January 1, 1822; he died at Rusk, Iowa, May 17, 1903. He came to this country in 1844, by sailing vessel to New York, one hundred and two days being consumed in the passage. From there he traveled by canal boat to Buffalo, by sailing vessels up the lakes to Chicago, and on foot across northern Illinois and southern Wisconsin, locating in Newark, in the latter state. He made a settlement there in 1845, becoming a farmer. His life was one of many vicissitudes. In 1865-66 he visited his old home in Norway, sailing in the ship "Guy Mannering," which was wrecked off the west coast of Scotland. Most of the crew and passengers were lost, but eighteen of them, including this traveler, clinging to a piece of wreckage, were washed upon the shore of the island of Iona, and were cared for by those people, thence going to their several destinations. He went from there to Norway, visiting his aged father, who died in 1869. While engaged in farming in Wisconsin, he spent five years as a gold miner in California. He came to Iowa in 1868, and purchased lands in Pocahontas county, upon which he lived until 1878, when he located on his farm near the little hamlet of Rusk. He was a pioneer both in Wisconsin and Iowa, in both of which states he proved a most useful citizen, enjoying the sincere respect of a wide circle of friends and acquaintances.

MRS. MARY ANNA HOWELL, wife of the late U. S. Senator, James B. Howell, died at Keokuk, Iowa, June 15, 1903. She was the daughter of Gen. Jesse Bowen, who succeeded Governor Kirkwood as State senator from Johnson county, serving in the sessions of 1860 and '62. He was also adjutant general of the State at the outbreak of the civil war. Mr. Howell had published *The Des Moines Valley Whig*, at Keosauqua, from 1845 to '49, when he removed to Keokuk and established *The Gate City*. From this time forward the family was one of the foremost in southeastern Iowa. Mr. Howell was an able Whig and Republican editor, and afterwards became a United States senator, and later on a judge of one of the federal courts. He died June 17, 1880. Mrs. Howell was a woman of great force of character—"a society woman admired by statesmen, and a club woman whose chief interest was her home." She is mourned by three children, Miss Lida Howell, of Keokuk, Capt. D. L. Howell of the 7th U. S. Infantry, and Lieut. James F. Howell, also of the U. S. army, whose present station is Fortress Monroe.

THOMAS G. NEWMAN was born in Somersetshire, England, in 1833; he died in San Francisco, Cal., March 10, 1903. He learned the printing business before he left the old country, serving an apprenticeship of seven years. On September 1, 1870, he started *The Cedar Rapids Observer*, the first daily in Linn county. In 1872 he sold out to a stock company known to the present time as *The Republican Printing Company*. He remained a year with his successors, when he removed to Chicago, where he published

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