

NOTABLE DEATHS.

SAMUEL B. EVANS was born in Jefferson county, Tenn., July 31, 1837; he died in Ottumwa, Iowa, June 23, 1903. He was descended from patriotic stock. His father, a lawyer, was a soldier in the Seminole war. His grandfather bore a part in the war of 1812, and his great-grandfather fought at the memorable battle of King's Mountain in the war of the revolution. His mother was a daughter of a soldier of 1812. He came with his parents to Davis county, Iowa, when he was but five years old. In 1849 the family removed to Keokuk county. When Samuel had reached the age of fifteen he began learning the trade of a printer. Afterward he worked as a journeyman, and on reaching his majority had already laid up a small sum of money. Anxious to secure an education, he entered a branch of the State University, which at that time was located at Fairfield. Three years later (1858) he became a partner in *The Democrat* at Sigourney. From that time until his death, Capt. Evans was in the newspaper field, having been connected for the most part with papers published in Ottumwa. He entered the military service in the war for the Union as a private in Col. Samuel A. Rice's 33d Iowa Infantry. He participated in the battle of Helena, and in several expeditions. He helped raise a regiment of loyal men in Arkansas in which he became a lieutenant. He was mustered out in 1865, and returned at once to newspaper work in Ottumwa. Retiring from the newspaper business in 1881, he took charge of the expedition into Mexico which was sent out by *The Chicago Times*. His researches led to many important discoveries, which were acknowledged by the Mexican government to be of great importance. One of these was the great calendar stone at Tezcuco. The original stone is now in the Government Museum of Mexico, and facsimilies are in the Smithsonian Institution at Washington, and also at Ottumwa. His mission has always been deemed one of very considerable importance. Its results were published in *The Times*. After leaving old Mexico he continued his researches in New Mexico. He returned to Ottumwa in August, 1884, and again became associated with *The Democrat*. He was appointed postmaster at Ottumwa July 14, 1885, by President Cleveland, and confirmed by the senate without opposition in March, 1886. He was president of the first Iowa Fish Commission, and it was largely through his influence that this work was created and placed upon a permanent foundation. Capt. Evans was an able writer upon the general topics of newspaper discussion, and also upon archaeology and ethnology. He wrote several articles for these pages and had expected to write several more. He was a genial companion and in every respect an excellent gentleman. While he was always a Democrat, and considered a leader in his party, he was a man who enjoyed the highest respect of the opposition. He gave his influence to the establishment of libraries, and to the developing of the historical collections of the State. His death at this time is a sad loss to Iowa, for there are few men who took so genuine an interest in every department of education. THE ANNALS deploras his loss as that of one of its best friends.

GOVERNOR JOSHUA G. NEWBOLD was born in Fayette city (Cookstown), Pa., May 12, 1830; he died at Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, June 10, 1903. His ancestors were Quakers. He was raised on a farm, with only such educational advantages as were afforded in those days by the country schools, but immediately after his school days we find him engaged in teaching. He came to Iowa in March, 1854, and located on a farm which has since become a part of the city of Mount Pleasant. A year later he removed to Cedar township, Van Buren county, where he engaged in merchandizing and farming until 1860, when he came back to Henry

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