

NOTABLE DEATHS

JAMES BAIRD WEAVER was born in Dayton, Ohio, June 12, 1833; he died while temporarily absent from his home in Colfax, Iowa, at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. H. C. Evans, Des Moines, Iowa, February 6, 1912. He was educated in the rural schools and graduated from the Cincinnati law school in 1854. He removed with his parents to Iowa in 1842, locating in Davis county in 1843. He began the practice of law at Bloomfield and was so engaged when he enlisted in Company G, Second Iowa Infantry, and received his commission as First Lieutenant. He engaged in the battles of Ft. Donelson and Shiloh and for gallant conduct was promoted to Major of the regiment. After the battle of Corinth he was promoted to Colonel and remained in command of his regiment until its term of service expired. He received a commission as Brigadier General by brevet in March, 1865. In 1865 he was a prominent candidate for lieutenant governor in the Republican convention. He was elected district attorney of the Second Judicial District in 1866 and served four years. In 1867 President Johnson appointed him Assessor of Internal Revenue for the First Iowa district, in which office he served for six years. He was a candidate for the Republican nomination for Governor in 1875, his nomination being virtually conceded up to the moment of the balloting and until the name of Samuel J. Kirkwood was sprung and his nomination achieved. Gen. Weaver became a leader in the National or Greenback party, and in 1878 was nominated for Congress in the Sixth District and elected. In 1880 he was nominated for President of the United States by the same party, receiving some 350,000 votes. He was again elected to Congress in 1884 from the Sixth District, and reelected in 1886. In 1892 he was nominated for President by the People's party, receiving a total of 1,042,531 votes and 22 electoral votes. A more complete biographical account will later be published, wherein will be recorded a wonderful career of courage on the battle field, on the floors of Congress and on the rostrum.

DR. GEORGE P. HANAWALT was born in Ross county, Ohio, September 11, 1836; he died at Des Moines, Iowa, June 19, 1912. He was educated in the public schools of Ohio and was making preparations for his medical studies when he enlisted in the Seventh Ohio Infantry. A few months later he was transferred to the regular army as a hospital steward. During his years of duty in the United States general hospital he attended lectures and in March, 1864, graduated from Georgetown University, Washington, D. C. Soon thereafter he was promoted to the position of Acting Assistant Surgeon. He resigned, in October, 1868, and removed to Des Moines, Iowa, where he began his medical practice with success from the

beginning. He was commissioned Surgeon General of the Iowa National Guard in 1877, resigning after a service of sixteen years with the rank of Brigadier General. He was the company surgeon at different times for many of the railroads running into Des Moines, and at the time of his death for the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific, Minneapolis and St. Louis, Chicago Great Western railways, and for the Des Moines City Railway.

CAROLINE A. (RICE) INGHAM was born in Fairfield, New York, May 23, 1831; she died at Algona, Kossuth county, Iowa, June 11, 1912. She was a graduate of Fairfield academy, and on November 25, 1857, was married to William H. Ingham and in the same year removed to Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Their removal to Kossuth county occurred in 1858, and their home in Algona was established in 1866. Mrs. Ingham is survived by her husband and by five children, of whom Mr. Harvey Ingham, editor of the *Des Moines Register and Leader*, is the eldest.

JOHN W. FREELAND was born in Owen county, Indiana, August 28, 1840; he died at Corydon, Iowa, April 27, 1912. When he was seventeen years old he removed to Corydon to enter the office of W. E. Taylor for the study of law. After his admission to the bar he entered the practice in partnership with his preceptor. He served as county judge for one term. In addition to a successful law practice which he enjoyed, he was early in the field of banking and was the founder or manager of several banking institutions. He was a lover of science and literature and a collector of geological specimens, of which he gathered a large number from different parts of the United States.

VERY REV. JOHN JOSEPH SMITH was born in County Meath, Ireland, January 1, 1836; he died at Emmetsburg, Iowa, January 25, 1912. He was educated at All-Hallows College, Dublin, graduated and ordained in 1870. He was appointed assistant at cathedral at Dubuque, and later was sent to Clermont, Iowa. He was appointed pastor at Emmetsburg in 1882, when the parish included eleven counties. Here he continued his service, the Catholic population of the original parish to which he was appointed having grown to 20,000 and the church property valuation to a half million dollars before his death.

JOHN HOMRIGHAUS was born in Tuscarawas county, Ohio, November 16, 1844; he died at Denver, Iowa, April 24, 1912. In 1850 he moved with his parents to Cook county, Illinois, near Chicago, where he was educated. He came to Bremer county, Iowa, in 1863, and resided in that county the remainder of his life, holding many positions of responsibility and trust. He was county supervisor for three years and mayor of Denver for five years. He was twice elected to the legislature, serving as representative in the Twenty-

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