

in the fall of that year he went to Montezuma as principal of public schools there, and continued as such for twelve years. In 1878 he was admitted to the bar. During his over forty years of practice he was for a while in partnership with W. R. Lewis, then with Thomas A. Cheshire, and latterly with his son, Charles W. Clark. For fifty-two years he was superintendent of the Methodist Sunday School at Montezuma. He was a good lawyer, a successful business man, and a useful citizen.

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WILLIAM EATON was born near Denmark, Lee County, Iowa, October 9, 1849, and died at Sidney, Iowa, December 3, 1920. He was graduated from Denmark Academy in June, 1872, taught school and attended the State University of Iowa, and was graduated in June, 1874. In October of that year he located at Sidney and engaged in the practice of law, forming a partnership with Colonel A. R. Anderson. He was county attorney of Fremont County from 1887 to 1890. He was a delegate to the Republican national convention in 1900. In 1893 he was elected state senator and served in the Twenty-fifth, Twenty-sixth, Twenty-seventh, and Twenty-eighth general assemblies, being a capable and influential legislator. As a lawyer he was quite successful, his practice being one of the most extensive of any in his part of the state. He also had farming and other business interests.

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THEOPHILUS W. BENNETT was born near Crawfordsville, Washington County, Iowa, December 1, 1852, and died at Long Beach, California, February 2, 1920. Burial was at Lenox, Iowa. He received his education in common schools, at Howe's Academy at Mount Pleasant, at the State University of Iowa, and at the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Keokuk, being graduated from the latter in 1877. He began the practice of medicine at Crawfordsville, but removed to Lenox in 1882, where he practiced for thirty-five years. Because of failing health he removed to California, where he resided for a few years before his death. Successful in his practice and active as a citizen, he was a member of the board of education, president of the First National Bank of Lenox, and was elected senator in 1908 and served in the Thirty-third and Thirty-fourth general assemblies.

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JAMES ELLICKSON was born at Mount Norris, Wisconsin, September 4, 1859, and died at Thompson, Iowa, February 12, 1916. He came to Winnebago County in 1881. In 1887 he was elected a member of the county board of supervisors. In 1891 he was elected representative and served in the Twenty-fourth General Assembly. Soon thereafter he became manager of the Northern Lumber Company at Thompson, also was interested in the grain business there, was the first mayor of the town, was a member of the school board, was justice of the peace, was postmaster, and was connected with banking there.

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