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the study of mental diseases and now directed his attention more than ever to that branch of his profession. In 1889 he engaged in private practice at Cambridge, Ohio, and then returned to the hospital at Athens for three years as superintendent. He went to Weston, West Virginia, as superintendent of the State Hospital there, and remained five years. In 1897 he visited hospitals in Dublin, Ireland, and Edinburg, Scotland, and made a special investigation concerning the treatment of nervous and mental diseases in Great Britain. In 1898 he returned to Athens and for three years engaged in private practice. In 1902 he came to Independence, Iowa, as superintendent of the State Hospital, which position he held until his death. He was well qualified in his profession and as an administrator, was a modest and unassuming man, and was kind and tactful in his relations with his patients and the public.

GEORGE A. NEWMAN was born in Jefferson County, New York, December 10, 1843, and died at the Methodist Hospital, Des Moines, Iowa, June 15, 1920. Burial was at Cedar Falls, Iowa. His boyhood was spent in a community of "Shakers" near Albany, New York, and what schooling he received was in that community, supplemented by instruction from his mother. He enlisted as a private in Company G, Sixth Regiment, New York Cavalry, served throughout the war and was honorably discharged October 16, 1864, at New York City. Soon after the war he removed to Janesville, Wisconsin, where he began practicing dentistry in 1876. In 1881 he removed to Fayette, Iowa, practiced there a few months and then removed to Cedar Falls on November 1, 1881, where he practiced until 1900. For several years he served as city clerk of Cedar Falls. In 1894 he was department commander, Department of Iowa, Grand Army of the Republic. In 1898 he served as secretary of the Senate of the Twenty-seventh General Assembly, and had the remarkable distinction of serving in the same position in the five succeeding assemblies, the last one being the Thirty-second, in 1907. In 1900 he was appointed assistant adjutant-general of the Grand Army, Department of Iowa, and occupied that position to within a few months of twenty years, and until his death.

JOHN W. SCOIT was born in Clermont County, Ohio, February 5, 1843, and died at Atlantic, Iowa, December 26, 1920. He came with his parents in their removal to Marion County, Iowa, in 1856. He enlisted from Davis County in Company G, Second Iowa Infantry, on May 6, 1861, and was made fifth corporal. On April 3, 1863, he was promoted to first lieutenant. At that time he re-enlisted in a consolidation of the Second and Third regiments, and on December 12, 1864, hecame captain of his company, and was mustered out July 12, 1865, at Louisville, Kentucky. In October, 1865, he was elected sheriff of Davis County, serving during 1866 and 1867. In 1867 he was admitted to the bar. In 1868 he removed to Exira, Audubon County, and the

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same year was elected clerk of the courts, serving during 1869 and 1870. In 1874 he removed to Atlantic. On the creation of the office of county attorney he became the first incumbent of that office in Cass County, serving four years, 1887-90. He was elected a presidential elector in 1904, being chosen on the Roosevelt ticket. He was for many years prominent in county, district and state politics, and was much admired for his integrity and fine personality.

JOHN L. BLEAKLY was born in County Fermanagh, Ireland, February 17, 1857, and died at Des Moines, Iowa, June 17, 1920. He emigrated with his parents to Rock Island County, Illinois, in 1863, and to Linn County, Iowa, in 1872. His education was acquired in country schools in Illinois and Iowa, and in the Cedar Rapids Business College. He taught school a few years in Linn County and removed to Ida Grove in 1882 where for three years he was employed in a bank. He entered the grocery business which he followed until 1900, when he retired from active business because of ill health. In 1903 he was elected state senator and served in the Thirtieth, Thirty-first, and Thirty-second general assemblies. In 1908 he was elected auditor of state and was twice re-elected, serving from 1909 to 1915. After leaving the state auditor's office he assisted in organizing the Iowa National Fire Insurance Company and became its president. He was also president of the Des Moines Building and Loan Association, and of the Pyramid Portland Cement Company. To both his business and political life he brought excellent judgment and unquestioned integrity. He was a leading lay member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and was a delegate from the Northwest Iowa Conference to the General Conference of 1908, held at Baltimore.

CHARLES E. BOIES was born in Boone County, Illinois, January 15, 1859, and died at a hospital in Chicago, July 2, 1920. Burial was at Quasqueton, Iowa. He attended common schools and Sycamore, Illinois, High School. In 1873 he came with his parents to a farm near Quasqueton, Buchanan County, Iowa. He followed farming near Quasqueton until 1890 when he engaged in the livery and hotel business and live stock buying. In 1896 he removed to Quasqueton and in 1902 to Independence, following live stock buying. In 1908 he went on a farm in Sumner township, Buchanan County, but in 1919 again removed to Independence. He was very successful in business and was a most useful citizen. He held several township offices, and in 1905 to 1907 was a member and chairman of the county board of supervisors. In 1916 he was elected representative and was re-elected in 1918, serving in the Thirty-seventh and Thirty-eighth general assemblies. He was renominated for that office a short time before his death. He was a member of the Masonic order, of the Sons of the American Revolution, and an active member of the Presbyterian church.

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