

NOTABLE DEATHS

GEORGE KESSEL, physician, surgeon and public benefactor, died at Cresco, Iowa, January 29, 1945, after more than fifty years in that community; born in Winneshiek county, Iowa, March 20, 1856; his wife passed away many years ago. Dr. Kessel, once associated with Mayo brothers at Rochester, Minn., became one of the prominent medical practitioners in Northern Iowa; for many years a member of the Iowa Medical society, the American Medical association and the Fellows American College of Surgeons. As founder of the Kessel hospital at Cresco, the first hospital in that community, he operated it from 1902 to 1910, then giving it to the Sisters of Mercy of Dubuque, who then named it St. Joseph's Mercy hospital, Dr. Kessel was retained as chief surgeon.

In 1913 Dr. Kessel gave the ground for a park adjoining the hospital grounds known as Kessel park, and in 1930 added another tract to the gift, including a residence, now known as Kessel Park Lodge, adjoining the park. Always active in community affairs, he was mayor of Cresco two years, a member of the school board three years, once president of the library board, and during the First World war served as a member of the selective service board. He is survived by four daughters, Mrs. Raymond W. Haas, Emmetsburg; Mrs. Frank B. Lowry, wife of Rear Admiral Lowry, of Cresco; Mrs. H. L. Lissfelt, New York City, and Gertrude Kessel, Cresco.

E. W. DINGWELL, attorney, soldier and jurist, died on February 7, 1945, in the hospital at Dexter, Iowa, where he was taken the previous evening after suffering a stroke at Adel, Iowa, his home; born at Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, on July 17, 1872, his parents being Elisha and Louisa G. (McKay) Dingwell—the father, a ship builder, born May 18, 1821 and died March 12, 1904, and the mother born February 1, 1825, both in the same locality. In 1872 Elisha Dingwell removed to Auburn, Illinois, and in 1873 became a resident of Lakeside, near Chicago, where his last days were spent. E. W. Dingwell was educated in the public and high schools of Marshalltown, Iowa, and at Western College at Toledo, Iowa, then studied law at Leland Stanford Jr. University at Palo Alto, California, and was admitted to the bar at Marshalltown in October, 1899. On August 25, 1908 he was married to Nelle Luther of Adel, Iowa, who preceded him in death on December 11, 1914.

He saw service in the Spanish-American war, enlisting on April 26, 1898, in Co. H, Forty-ninth Iowa Volunteers, and served for almost two years, the troops going to Jacksonville, Florida, thence to Savannah, Georgia, and to Havana, Cuba, remaining there from

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