

NOTABLE DEATHS

JAMES A. REED, attorney and United States senator, died at Alpena, Michigan, September 8, 1944; born near Mansfield, Ohio, on November 9, 1861, the son of John A. and Nancy Reed; removed with his parents to Linn county, Iowa in 1864, and his father died in 1870. The family resided upon a farm which is now the West Side of Cedar Rapids and "Jim," as he was always called, received his schooling in the Cedar Rapids grades, the high school and Coe college; studied law in the offices of Hubbard, Clark & Dawley, and at 24 was admitted to the bar, was active as a Democrat in a Republican stronghold; removed to Kansas City in 1887, also becoming very active there in city and state politics; elected prosecuting attorney of Jackson county, in eighteen months, handled 168 cases winning 166 of them, and one of the two cases which he lost was the trial of Jesse James, jr., for train robbery. He became mayor of Kansas City from 1900 to 1904, and was a delegate to the Democratic national convention in 1908; was nominated and elected as United States senator from Missouri in 1911 and served 18 years, enjoying a notable career, filled with controversial activities, developing many pet aversions, including Woodrow Wilson, the League of Nations, Herbert Hoover, prohibition and Franklin D. Roosevelt. Senator Reed was an unsuccessful candidate for the presidency at Houston in 1928. He married Laura M. Olmstead of Cedar Rapids in August 1887, and she died in 1892. Fourteen months later, on December 13, 1893, he married Mrs. Nell Donnelly, a millionaire garment manufacturer at Kansas City, who had been kidnapped in December 1931, but was returned unharmed, Reed playing a prominent part in the conviction of her abductors. He was a brother of the late John Reed, of Cedar Rapids, long a head of the traction and electric power interests of that city.

SMITH WILDMAN BROOKHART, soldier, lawyer, U. S. senator, died at Whipple, Arizona, November 16, 1944; born in Scotland county, Missouri, February 2, 1869; removed in early life to Jefferson county, Iowa, and in 1882 to Van Buren county, Iowa; educated in the public schools and graduated from Bloomfield high school and the Southern Iowa normal; taught country school, later becoming principal of the Bloomfield high school; read law while teaching; was admitted to the bar in 1892 and located at Washington, Iowa, where he entered the practice of law; married to Jennie Hearne, who died December 30, 1943, they having a family of four boys and two girls; entered official service as county attorney of Washington county, being elected in 1894, again in 1896 and 1898; resigned in 1898 and volunteered in Spanish-American war; was a

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