

Nebraska, in 1857. In 1860 he was a delegate to the convention that nominated Abraham Lincoln for president. Two years later he went to Colorado with Governor Evans, as his secretary; and afterwards married his daughter. In 1873 President Grant appointed him the sixth territorial governor of Colorado. Later, he was elected a judge of the Supreme Court of Colorado and retained the position for many years. To Mr. Elbert is due the credit of organizing and upbuilding the Republican party in Colorado. He had travelled extensively in Europe and in this country. His father, John Downs Elbert, was a member of the fourth territorial council of Iowa.

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DR. MAHLON P. TURNER was born in Boone county, Missouri, October 25, 1824; he died in Des Moines, October 15, 1899. He obtained his college and professional education in Jacksonville, Illinois, and first practiced medicine in Exeter in that State. After some years spent in California he removed to Des Moines in 1858, where he resided the remainder of his life. He was for many years a prominent factor in the capital city's growth and prosperity, as builder, promoter and financier. In 1867 he established the first Des Moines street railway, the predecessor of the present admirable system. The story of his long and persevering fight for its success, in face of ridicule and discouragement, and of his ultimate triumph, shows the sterling qualities of the man. He also served three terms as mayor of Des Moines and six years as city attorney. As a prohibition leader he was known throughout the State.

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HON. J. H. SANDERS of Sigourney, Iowa, died at Memphis, Tennessee, on the 22d of December last. He was an early settler of Keokuk county and connected with various public journals. During the winter of 1860 he was secretary of the State senate. Later, he started an agricultural or live stock journal at Sigourney, the publication of which he continued for several years. He afterwards removed to Chicago where he founded *The Breeders' Gazette*, which became the leading live stock journal in the world. It ranked higher than any periodical devoted to domestic animal life even in England. It is truth to say that few men of his generation have surpassed him in usefulness. He retired from *The Gazette* a few years ago and came home to Sigourney, where he led a very retired life. We have no definite particulars as to his age or the cause of his death.

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JOSEPH H. SWAN was born in Melbourne, Canada, February 10, 1833; he died in Sioux City, Iowa, December 5, 1899. He was one of the oldest members of the Sioux City bar, having practiced there since 1872. He helped to lay out the town site of Le Sueur, Minnesota, in 1872. He was a prominent railroad attorney and had served as counsel for large business corporations. He took an active part in the Civil War. He was commissioned 1st lieutenant of the 3d Minnesota Volunteer Infantry. In the Little Crow Indian outbreak of 1862 this regiment was active, and at the Battle of Birch Coule won much distinction. For his share in that affair he was promoted to a captaincy. He had been a member of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the U. S. since 1899.

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LAVINIA BLACKMARR BENEDICT, "Mother Benedict," as she was called throughout the State, was born October 14, 1823; she died in Decorah, Iowa, October 29, 1899. She was married in Ohio, in 1841, and with her husband removed in 1863 to Springwater, Winneshiek county. A few years later the family took up their residence in Decorah. In 1871, after the death of her husband, she entered upon the work associated with her name,

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