

an editorial writer on the *Washington Post*, then did similar work in New York with success and in due time was called to the *London Times*.

Finding his newspaper work somewhat transient in character he turned to his early love of economics and the sciences, to which he devoted the chief part of the remainder of his life. He became president of the American Statistical association and a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the American Academy of Arts and Letters. Among his many books were "New Conceptions in Science," published about 1904, "The New World Machine," "American Railways as Investments," "Business Cycles and Business Measurements" and "Capitalism and the Creator," "The Economic Foundations of Modern Industrial Society;" also many papers in journals on economics and banking. On account of failing health he removed to California about three years ago.

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MELVIN WILBUR ELLIS, banker and public official, died at Des Moines, Iowa, March 16, 1946; born at Charles City, Iowa, July 14, 1881, the son of the late C. D. Ellis; graduated from the Charles City high school in 1898, and from Phillips Exeter academy in 1901; commenced banking career with A. G. Case & Co. at Nashua, Iowa, in 1898; married Mina Welleser, Nashua, on September 15, 1902, who passed away in 1945; joined with his father and uncle, the late A. E. Ellis, in organizing the Security Trust & Savings bank at Charles City July 14, 1903, becoming assistant cashier, later succeeding to other official positions in the Ellis banks until 1929 when the Ellis interests consolidated the Charles City banks as the First Security Bank and Trust company, of which he became the president. Likewise the widespread important business and manufacturing interests built up by the Ellis family in the community came under his management following the passing of his father and uncle; was active in Iowa banking circles and the state bankers association of which he was president in 1935-36; in addition to local connections was at one time a director of the Wabash Railway company; appointed superintendent of Iowa Banking department June 14, 1941 and re-appointed July 1, 1945; a Republican, a member of the Congregational church and various civic and fraternal organizations in which he was active; survived by two sons, Harlan Montgomery Ellis, West Hartford, Conn., and Raymond Walleser Ellis, Boston, recently discharged as a lieutenant in the U. S. navy.

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JOHN W. KINTZINGER, attorney and jurist, died at his home in Dubuque, Iowa, April 3, 1946; born in Dubuque, August 12, 1870, the son of the late John and Barbara Kintzinger; graduated

from the Dubuque high school and worked as an American Express company messenger, and later headed that company's office at Watertown, Wisconsin; received a bachelor of law degree from the Iowa State University law school and admitted to the bar in 1897, opening an office in Dubuque; served the community in various capacities, as a member of the city council in 1900 and 1901, as city attorney from 1904 to 1908, and as judge of the Nineteenth judicial district court from 1911 to 1923; elected a member of the Iowa supreme court in 1932 and remained on the tribunal until 1939, with service in 1935 as chief justice; re-entered the practice of law at Dubuque, after retirement from supreme court, in partnership with his son, Robert H. Kintzinger; a delegate to the national democratic convention in Baltimore in 1912, a Democrat, a member of the Methodist church, the Kiwanis club and a 32nd degree Mason; married Fannie E. Webb of Fayette county, in July, 1892, and is survived by the widow, two sons, John W., Jr., Cedar Rapids court reporter, and Robert H., Dubuque, and one daughter, Helen J., on the faculty of the Dubuque high school.

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BERTEL M. STODDARD, grain dealer and public official, died April 18, 1946, at his boyhood home at Minonk, Illinois, where he was born January 21, 1871; graduated from Illinois college, Jacksonville in 1891; engaged in the grain business at Toluca, Illinois, for seven years; removed to Sloan, Iowa, in 1901; married to Wilhelmina E. Simater in 1897, and they had a son, Bela M., and a daughter, Jane M.; a member of the Sloan school board for twenty-five years, a member of the county board of supervisors, drainage trustee, chairman of the local board for Woodbury county board of supervisors; active as county chairman for Red Cross and Y. M. C. A. drives and war loan campaigns; with his son operated grain elevators at both Sloan and Owego, Iowa, as well as engaging in farming and stock raising; served in both the house of representatives and the Iowa senate, the latter from 1918 to 1934; was prominent in securing road legislation and ranked high upon committees; aggressive in public affairs and a Republican in politics.

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CHARLES FREDERIC JOHNSTON, lawyer, banker and legislator, died at his home at Sheffield, Iowa, November 26, 1945; born in Franklin county, near Hampton, Iowa, January 17, 1866, the son of James J. and Elizabeth Bradfute Johnston, who settled in that county ninety years previous; attended rural school and graduated from Hampton high school in 1887; located at Sheffield and established a real estate business dating from September 26, 1888; at the same time took up study of law in the office of D. W. Henley in Hampton and the Iowa State University;

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