

a division in that department. In 1868-9 he was an employe in the First National Bank of San Antonio, Texas, but in 1869 removed to Fort Dodge, Iowa, and engaged in the practice of law. On November 5, 1872, he was elected district attorney for the Eleventh Judicial District to fill a vacancy caused by the resignation of John H. Bradley, and on October 13, 1874, was re-elected for a full term of four years. He served as district attorney for the Northern District of Iowa in 1883-5, and again in 1889-93. From 1897 to 1905 he was solicitor of the United States Treasury. He was an efficient public officer and a political orator of reputation.

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JOHN WILLIAM BISSELL was born at Prescott, Canada, August 4, 1843, and died at Clearwater, Florida, August 23, 1922. On May 18, 1923, the body was conveyed to Fayette, Iowa, and interred there. His parents were John and Rebecca Bissell. He was educated at Rock River Seminary and at Northwestern University, being graduated from the latter in 1867. He taught Latin and Greek in Northern Indiana College and later in Brookston Academy. In 1872 he went to Upper Iowa University as an instructor and in 1874 became its president, and continued in that position until 1899. He then went to Charles City as pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church for one year, and was pastor of Grace Church, Waterloo, in 1902-4. He was district superintendent of the Cedar Falls (now the Waterloo) District in 1904-10. From 1910 to 1919 he devoted his time to raising endowment for retired ministers. He was a member of the General Conference of his church in 1884. During a few of the later years of his life he resided in Florida.

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HERVEY J. VAH. was born in Belmont County, Ohio, November 22, 1845, and died at Pasadena, California, November 29, 1922. He came with his parents in their removal to Coal Creek, Keokuk County, Iowa, in 1864. He followed farming, but in 1871 entered the newspaper publishing business at Wilton Junction, Muscatine County, purchasing the *Wilton Chronicle*. In 1873 he founded the *New Sharon Star*. In 1884 he was a presidential elector on the Blaine ticket. In 1886 he sold the *Star* and removed to Pasadena, where he established the *Pasadena Star* as a weekly, later changing it to a daily. In 1896 he returned to Iowa and bought back the *New Sharon Star*, which he conducted until 1911, when he retired and returned to Pasadena. He was postmaster at New Sharon for a time during President Hayes's administration, and again after his return from California. He was a writer of force and brilliancy.

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DAVID MOULD was born at Montgomery, Orange County, New York, April 14, 1856, and died at Sioux City, Iowa, August 26, 1921. He was of Hessian descent. He attended public school, the East Hampton preparatory school, and Harvard University, and was graduated from

Harvard in 1881 in the class with Theodore Roosevelt. He spent a year in Germany and on returning home studied law at Goshen, New York, and was admitted to the bar. He removed to Sioux City in 1885 and entered practice and in 1887 formed a partnership with C. A. Marks, which continued over twenty years. In 1906 he was elected district judge and served for eight years, retiring in 1914 because of failing health.

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ISAAC LEA HILLIS was born at Madison, Indiana, January 23, 1853, and died at Des Moines, Iowa, March 28, 1918. He was graduated from La Grange College, came to Des Moines and served as principal of East Des Moines High School two years, then took a law course at the University of Michigan, from which he was graduated in 1878. He practiced law a short time in New Orleans and later in Kansas City, and came to Des Moines in 1883. Here he engaged in the abstract of title business, which he followed until his death. He was mayor of Des Moines in 1894 and 1895.

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JAMES H. MACOMBER was born at Milo, Maine, November 9, 1851, and died at his home in Omaha, Nebraska, December 10, 1916. He attended common schools in Maine and also attended Fox Craft Academy for a time. He came to Ida Grove, Iowa, in 1876, and engaged in the practice of law. From 1885 to 1886 he was a judge of the circuit court. When circuit court was abolished he was chosen judge of the district court and served from 1887 to 1890. When he left that position he removed to Omaha and attained prominence there in the practice of his profession.

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ALLEN SMITH was born in East Shoreham, Vermont, June 30, 1838, and died at Berkeley, California, February 19, 1915. His body was cremated and the ashes sent to Vermont and strewn on the grave of his mother, according to his request. Mr. Smith came to Boone, Iowa, in 1870 and became part owner there of the largest flouring mill in central Iowa. This burned in 1899. He went to California in 1911, making his home with his children. He was an active member of the board of education in Boone, and in 1889 was elected representative and served in the Twenty-third General Assembly.

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HENRY SCHROOTEN was born in Fond du Lac County, Wisconsin, August 30, 1854, and died at his home near Le Mars, Iowa, November 26, 1918. He came to Plymouth County, Iowa, in 1881, buying the homestead then onto which he removed and on which he continued to live until his death. He always followed the vocation of farmer. In 1891 he was elected as representative and served in the Twenty-fourth General Assembly. He was an efficient local worker in all loyal World War activities.

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