

Most of the last ten years of Mr. Hunt's life was spent at Las Vegas, where he had entered upon familiar activities in the field of agricultural and mineral development. Educator, publisher, explorer, developer of nature's hidden resources, he was a man of varied and brilliant talents, daring and ambitious in his undertakings and world-wide in his interests. He never followed a beaten path long without blazing a new one.

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JAMES W. HOLDEN was born in Iowa City, Iowa, November 15, 1862, and died at Scranton, Greene County, Iowa, February 21, 1934. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. James Holden, who removed with their family to a farm in Jackson Township, Greene County, in 1875. When James W. reached young manhood he went to Ouray, Colorado, and engaged in mining, in which venture he was successful. He returned to Greene County, Iowa, and purchased a farm in Greenbrier Township where he successfully followed farming and stockraising and added to his acreage until he became a large landowner. In 1897 he removed to Scranton. He became president of the Bank of Scranton, also served as a member of the Town Council of Scranton. In 1906 he was elected a member of the Board of Supervisors of Greene County for the term of three years commencing January, 1907, and was re-elected in 1908 for three years commencing January, 1910, and served in that position until January, 1913. At that time he was president of the State Association of Boards of County Supervisors. In 1913 the General Assembly passed the act reorganizing and strengthening the road law, creating the present Highway Commission. Mr. Holden took much interest in formulating the law. Governor Clarke appointed him a member of the new commission and by reappointments he served fourteen years, or until 1927. He was its chairman for ten years. This was in the formation period of the work of building Iowa's present system of improved highways, when the policies were shaped and the programs were planned. He was able as an executive, had large acquaintance with his subject and with the public, had energy and enthusiasm, and was trusted for his integrity. Thus equipped he contributed a leading part in the great work.

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NORMAN NEWELL JONES was born at Vernon, Oneida County, New York, September 5, 1842, and died at Griswold, Iowa, February 22, 1919. His parents were John R. and Amanthis (Newell) Jones. He was employed for some time in the oil fields of Pennsylvania and did some railroading, but in 1864 he, in company with his father, a brother and their families, removed to Iowa County, Wisconsin, where they engaged in farming. In 1872 these Jones families removed to Cass County, Iowa. Norman Newell Jones there engaged in selling organs and sewing machines, and later, windmills. For years he bought and sold livestock, and conducted a meat market at Lewis, Cass County. He took an active part in politics and in 1885 was elected sheriff of Cass County and began his duties January 1, 1886. He was three times re-elected, serving until January 1, 1894. He served as chairman of the Republican Central Committee of Cass County for some years, and in 1893 was the Ninth

District member of the Republican State Central Committee. In January, 1894, the General Assembly elected him warden of the State Penitentiary at Fort Madison. He was re-elected by the assemblies of 1896 and 1898 after which the Board of Control reappointed him, so that he served until March 31, 1908, in all fourteen years. He then retired to Griswold where his son, Charles Rutgar Jones, was engaged in the practice of medicine, and near where his son, Jesse N., was farming. Mr. Jones had a faculty for making friendships and retaining them. He was regarded as one of the leaders of the Republican party in his part of the state. He was an efficient sheriff, and he successfully administered the difficult duties of warden, exhibiting qualities of integrity, ability, firmness and good judgment.

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ROBERT BONSON was born in Dubuque County, Iowa, January 5, 1868, and died in Dubuque December 13, 1933. His parents were Richard and Harriet (Watts) Bonson. He attended public school, was graduated from Dubuque High School, from the Law Department of the State University of Iowa in 1890, and from the Law School of Columbia University, New York City, in 1892. He began practice in Dubuque, first in partnership with Robert Stewart. Later he had partnerships with H. C. Kenline and R. P. Roedell, and after retiring from the judgeship, with John P. Frantzen. In 1895 he was elected senator to fill the unexpired term of Isaac W. Baldwin and served in the Twenty-sixth General Assembly, 1896, and also in the Twenty-sixth Extra, 1897, the code revision session. He was not a candidate again, and gave his attention to his practice, but in 1906 was elected judge of the Nineteenth Judicial District and served for ten years when he resigned and re-entered private practice. He acted with the Democratic party so far as party matters were concerned. He took much interest in community affairs. He gave unstintingly of his time and talent in the establishment and later in the operation of the Sunnycrest Sanitarium, the county tuberculosis hospital. He stood high in his profession as a lawyer, and made an enviable record as a judge, while his admirable personal and social qualities made him a general favorite of the public.

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JAMES ELLIOTT HARLAN was born in Muskingum County, Ohio, June 25, 1845, and died in Mount Vernon, Iowa, December 13, 1933. His parents were Samuel and Sarah Ann (Elliott) Harlan. The family removed to southeastern Iowa in 1857. James spent his boyhood principally on his father's farm. In October, 1863, he entered Cornell College as a freshman student. On May 15, 1864, he enlisted from Mahaska County in Company D, Forty-fourth Iowa Infantry, and was mustered out September 15, 1864, at the expiration of his service. He was graduated from Cornell College with the degree of A. B. in 1869. From 1869 to 1872 he was superintendent of the public schools of Cedar Rapids. He received his A. M. degree from Cornell College in 1872, and for the year 1872-73 was principal of a ward school in Sterling, Illinois. In

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