

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

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