

from its organization in 1893, first as bookkeeper, then as cashier, and as president from 1914 until the consolidation with the Osage National Bank in 1928, after which he acted as president of the combined organization. He was a man of great usefulness to his community, being active in local affairs of a social, religious, political, and business nature. His fine abilities and his devotion to his duties made him a general favorite. He was elected representative in 1908 and was re-elected in 1910, and served in the Thirty-third and Thirty-fourth general assemblies.

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ELI GRIMES was born in Kellogg, Iowa, October 30, 1867, and died in Des Moines, Iowa, January 14, 1934. The body was cremated. His parents were Elihu and Miriam Grimes. He attended school at Kellogg, attended a private school at Shenandoah, received a bachelor of science degree from Highland Park College, Des Moines, and was graduated from the College of Medicine of the State University of Iowa in 1897. He took an internship in Bellevue Hospital, New York City. For several years he did teaching in Highland Park College and in the Medical School of Drake University, and during that time carried on a general medical practice. In later years he specialized in consultation and diagnosis. As a student, teacher and physician he was recognized as a scientist of unusual ability. He contributed many articles to leading medical journals, and was an active member of several medical societies. He enriched his education by travel, home and foreign, and by the study of science in many fields.

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ASA LEE AMES was born on a farm a few miles north of Traer, Iowa, July 2, 1859, and died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Doris Shearer, in Chicago, February 7, 1934. Burial was in Buckingham Cemetery, not far from his birthplace. His parents were John T. and Mary J. (Reed) Ames, pioneers in that locality. Asa L. was educated in rural common school, and in Grinnell College, from which he was graduated in 1882. He followed his father's vocation, that of farmer and stockman, remaining on the original homestead where he was born. Besides holding various school and township offices, he was a member of the Traer Town Council. He was prominent in farm organizations and was the first president of the Corn Belt Meat Producers Association at the time of its organization and held that position three years, resigning it to become president of the Co-operative Livestock Commission Company. He became Chicago manager of the latter company, and temporarily resided in Chicago for some years. In 1910 he was elected senator from the Benton-Tama District and served in the Thirty-fourth and Thirty-fifth general assemblies.

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RUFUS W. HINKHOUSE was born in Hagerstown, Maryland, August 17, 1850, and died in West Liberty, Iowa, December 2, 1933. Burial was in Oak Ridge Cemetery, West Liberty. His parents were Frederick and Hanna (Humick) Hinkhouse. The family migrated to Iowa in 1853 and settled in Sugar Creek Township, Cedar County. Rufus attended public

school and Wilton Normal School. He followed farming in Cedar County for many years. He became prominent in business activities. Among other enterprises he helped organize two banks in Wilton, one at Atalissa, and one at Downey, being president of the one at Downey. For six years he was a member of the Cedar County Board of Supervisors, the most of the time being its chairman. In 1895 he was elected representative, and served in the Twenty-sixth General Assembly, and also in the Twenty-sixth Extra. In 1909 he removed to West Liberty.

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JAMES WALLACE BAILEY was born at Camp Point, Adams County, Illinois, May 21, 1871, and died in Harlan, Iowa, February 13, 1934. His parents, Cyrus and Elinor Bailey, removed to Des Moines, Iowa, in 1872. James W. grew up in that city and in 1892 removed to Harlan. During most of his early manhood he was employed in some capacity or other by Shelby County. In 1914 he was elected representative and was re-elected in 1916, and served in the Thirty-sixth and Thirty-seventh general assemblies. At the time of his death he was city clerk of Harlan, and had been for several years. He had the reputation of being an efficient and popular official. He was a Democrat in politics.

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FRED B. WITT was born in Grand Forks, North Dakota, July 24, 1884, and died in an automobile accident near Hubbard, Iowa, February 28, 1934. Burial was at Shell Rock, Iowa. His parents were Frank L. and Vashti (Griggs) Witt. He was with his parents when they removed to Shell Rock in 1900. For several years he was in newspaper work, and later engaged in lumber, coal and grain business in Shell Rock. For several years he was a member of the Butler County Republican Central Committee, and was its chairman in 1928. In 1930 he was elected representative and served in the Forty-fourth General Assembly.

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JOHN SHERMAN PRITCHARD was born at Pittsfield, Washtenaw County, Michigan, May 6, 1847, and died in Los Angeles, California, October 29, 1933. Burial was at Belmond, Iowa. He was a son of Philo A. and Eliza (Woodard) Pritchard. His father having died, John Sherman when a mere boy had to earn his own living, working at whatever he could find. The family removed to Wright County, Iowa, in 1856. On January 4, 1864, he enlisted in Company F, Second Iowa Cavalry, and was with that regiment until he was mustered out September 19, 1865. Returning to Wright County he followed farming, first as a renter, later as a land owner, varying farming with buying and selling livestock. His residence was near Alden for a time, but later at Belmond. He was a member of the county Board of Supervisors from 1892 for six years. In 1901 he was elected representative, was re-elected and served in the Twenty-ninth, Thirtieth, and Thirty-first general assemblies. He was influential in the enactment of the drainage legislation of those sessions. During his later years he resided in Los Angeles.

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