

the manufacturing of the Parsons band cutter and self feeder Co. In 1900 he entered the washing machine manufacturing business and became president of the One Minute Manufacturing Company, now the One Minute Washer Company. He was also interested in banking and in 1925 was made president of the then First National Bank of Newton. He was the owner of several farms in Jasper County. His large business activities and responsibilities did not prevent him from having an interest in civic affairs. In 1922 he was elected senator and was re-elected in 1926, and served inclusively from the Fortieth to the Forty-third general assemblies. He soon attained large influence in the assembly. He introduced the first bill, which became a law, creating the gasoline tax. The subjects to which he gave most attention were roads, banking and agriculture. During his last two sessions he was chairman of the Committee on Banks and Banking. He was prominently mentioned in connection with the governorship in 1930, but had commenced a campaign for reelection to the Senate when he was stricken with paralysis, which eventually took his life.

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ORSON GIDEON REEVE was born in New Lyme, Ashtabula County, Ohio, July 4, 1846, and died in Hampton, Iowa, May 3, 1932. His parents were James Baldwin Reeve and Adaline (Riggs) Reeve. The family removed to Franklin County, Iowa, in 1853, Mr. Reeve having preceded them in the fall of 1852, becoming the first white settler of the county. The homestead was established about six miles southeast of the present town of Hampton, in what is now Reeve Township. Orson G. was reared in the farm home of his parents. He enlisted in Company G, Eighth Iowa Cavalry, June 15, 1863, underwent two years of arduous military service and was mustered out at Macon, Georgia, August 13, 1865. Returning home, he became a farmer, which vocation he continued in Reeve Township until 1913, when he retired and removed to Hampton. During his residence on the farm he held several township offices and in 1912 was elected representative to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Representative Frank A. Thayer, and served during the latter portion of the Thirty-fifth General Assembly.

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ROBERT H. SPENCE was born in Henry County, Illinois, April 15, 1852, and died at Mount Ayr, Iowa, October 7, 1933. At the age of nineteen he was with his parents as they removed to Ringgold County, Iowa. His boyhood was spent in the country and he early began teaching country schools. He was graduated from the College of Law of the State University of Iowa in 1875 and the same year began practice at Mount Ayr which he continued until a few weeks before his death. During that fifty-eight years he was in turn associated in partnership with R. F. Askern, I. W. Keller, R. C. Henry, Albert I. Smith, and for the last twenty years with H. C. Beard. For four years, 1889-92, he was county attorney of Ringgold County. He was active in state politics, but not a candidate for office. He was a delegate to the Republican National Convention in

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