

# ANNALS OF IOWA

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## EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT

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### NOTABLE DEATHS

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JOHN LOOMIS STEVENS was born in Northfield, Vermont, May 19, 1850, and died in Ames, Iowa, October 23, 1933. Burial was in the Ames Cemetery. His parents were John Loomis Stevens and Harriet E. (Tucker) Stevens. The family removed to Cedar Rapids, Iowa, in 1863, and later to Belle Plaine. John Loomis, Jr., attended primary school and academy in Northfield, and public school in Cedar Rapids and Belle Plaine. On the opening of the State Agricultural College at Ames in 1868 he entered the freshman class and was graduated in 1872 in the first class of that institution, and received the B. S. degree. He read law with Frank G. Clark of Belle Plaine and was admitted to the bar at Vinton in 1873. In November of that year he began practice at Ames in partnership with Daniel McCarthy. He served Ames as city recorder, then as city attorney, and in 1878 was elected district attorney for the Eleventh Judicial District composed of Boone, Story, Marshall, Webster, Hamilton, Hardin, Wright and Franklin counties and was re-elected four years later, serving until January 1, 1887. He was thus one of the last district attorneys under the old plan that preceded county attorneys. The fall of 1886 he was elected judge of the Eleventh District, was re-elected in 1890, but resigned in 1893 and entered private practice in Boone, removing to that city. Besides his distinguished career as a lawyer he led in many business enterprises, such as the Ames-Nevada telephone line in 1881, the Boone County and the Boone and Marshalltown telephone companies, the Ames and College Railway Company, and the Boone Brick and Tile Company, being president at some time of the most of these concerns. He was a Tenth District delegate to the Republican National Convention of 1900, as well as of the Republican National Convention of June 18, 1912. However, he was delegate at large to the Progressive National Convention of August 5, 1912, and became the national committeeman for Iowa of the Progressive party, and was also nominated September 4, 1912, as the candidate of the Progressive party for governor. During the world war Judge Stevens was Boone County chairman in the third and fourth liberty loan drives. Soon after the world war he again made Ames his home. He induced Theodore Roosevelt to present some souvenirs of his expeditions to the Historical, Memorial and Art Department of Iowa.

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EDWARD PAYSON HEIZER was born in Kossuth, a former town near the present town of Mediapolis, Iowa, June 20, 1855, and died in a hospital in Sioux City November 8, 1933. Burial was in Logan Park Cemetery,

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