

NOTABLE DEATHS

GEORGE W. CROSLLEY was born in New Haven, Ohio, March 4, 1839; he died at Webster City, Iowa, December 27, 1913. When he was four years of age his parents emigrated to Illinois where he grew to manhood. In 1856 they removed to Story county, Iowa, where he assisted his father in cultivating a farm now within the limits of Ames. Two years later he removed to Nevada where he remained until the outbreak of the Civil war. On May 21, 1861, he enlisted in Company E, Third Iowa Volunteer Infantry and served throughout the war, participating in many important engagements. He was promoted to Major of his regiment and was brevetted Colonel for meritorious service. At the close of the war he located in Webster City where he engaged in the mercantile business. He was postmaster during Grant's administration, and a commercial traveler for some time. In 1879 he was elected sheriff and by re-election served two terms. In 1884 he was appointed warden of the Iowa penitentiary at Ft. Madison and filled that position for six years. Returning to Webster City he served six years as member of the city council. In 1907 he began his work on the Roster Board which prepared the roster of all Iowa soldiers under the direction of the Thirty-second General Assembly. Colonel Crosley was appointed secretary of the Board and for more than four years spent practically all his time in that work, preparing the historical sketches and compiling and revising the records.

IRVIN ST. CLARE PEPPER was born in Davis county, Iowa, June 10, 1876; he died at Clinton, December 22, 1913. He was the youngest of a family of nine children and worked on his father's farm in summer and attended school in winter until he was seventeen years old, when he entered the Southern Iowa Normal School at Bloomfield, graduating therefrom in 1897. He taught rural schools for a few years and then became principal for three years of the Atalissa schools. In 1901 he became principal of the Washington school at Muscatine and served two years. In the summer of 1902 he began the study of law at the summer school of Drake University, Des Moines. In 1903 he went to Washington as secretary to Congressman Martin J. Wade, and in addition to his work as secretary he completed in the first year at the capital his first and second year law courses. The next year he took the senior course and graduated in 1905 from the Washington University with the degree of LL. B. He returned to Muscatine and became a member of the law firm of Carskaddan, Bruk and Pepper. He was nominated county attorney by the Democratic party in 1906, was elected, and served two terms. After a short, decisive campaign he was elected Representative in the Sixty-second Congress from the second Iowa district, and re-elected for a second term. Congressman Pepper was conspicuous in his defense of administration policies. He made great effort to better the condition of the militia and aid the Federal arsenal at Rock Island, and was always interested in the biological station and clam hatchery at Fairport. Probably the most conspicuous

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