

## NOTABLE DEATHS

GEORGE W. CROSLY 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.

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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

honor that came to him during his service at Washington was his election as secretary of the Democratic Congressional Committee.

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JOSEPH M. JUNKIN was born in Fairfield, Iowa, April 8, 1852; he died at Red Oak, October 11, 1913. He received his early education in the public schools of Fairfield and Red Oak and graduated from the law school of the State University of Iowa in 1879. Returning to Red Oak he became associated in the practice of law with Horace E. Deemer, and this partnership continued until 1887 when Mr. Deemer became district judge. After practicing some years alone, he formed a partnership with Mr. Ralph Pringle which lasted until his death. He was a Republican and was always active in politics. He was city attorney from 1880 to 1884. He was elected State Senator from the Mills-Montgomery district in 1896 and served through the Twenty-sixth, Twenty-sixth Extra, Twenty-seventh, Twenty-eighth and Twenty-ninth General Assemblies. He was a member of the code revision committee during the extra session of 1897 and chairman of the committee on ways and means in the Twenty-eighth and Twenty-ninth General Assemblies.

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SAMUEL A. ROBERTSON was born in Preble county, Ohio, December 23, 1835; he died at Des Moines, December 9, 1913. He was educated in the district schools of Preble county and later in the Dayton schools. At the age of fourteen years he was apprenticed as a bricklayer and served a three years' term. His first contract on his own responsibility was the erection of a roundhouse and shops for the Cleveland, Columbus & Cincinnati Railroad Company and the Indianapolis & Bellefontaine Railway, which was successfully carried out. He removed to Des Moines in 1856 and obtained employment on the old Savery, now the Kirkwood Hotel. This was the beginning of his work as contractor and builder in Des Moines which continued until his death. He was contractor for the remodeling of the postoffice and supplied part of the stone for the State capitol. In 1878 he became a member of the city council and was largely responsible for the extensive sewerage system of Des Moines. He opened and developed large quarries and lime kilns at Earlham and in 1890 organized the Des Moines Brick Manufacturing Company. He served for several years as president of the Iowa National Bank and as president of the Royal Union Life Insurance Company.

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EDWIN BALDWIN STILLMAN was born in New Haven, Connecticut, October 4, 1837; he died at Riceville, Iowa, November 16, 1913. He attended for some years the academy at Nassau, New York, but was thrown on his own resources at the early age of fourteen years. He went west to Ohio, and after a month's apprenticeship to a blacksmith, gave up that work and in 1852 entered the office of the *Summit County Beacon* at Akron. In 1856 he removed with his employer to Iowa City, Iowa, and for two years worked on the *Iowa City Republican*. At the expiration of that time he again removed with his employer, this time to Des Moines, and for several years was foreman of the *Register* office and had charge of the State printing. In 1863 he founded the *Sioux City Journal* at Sioux City. In 1866 he removed to Chicago and established a job printing office, remaining there fifteen years. The great Chicago fire caused him serious losses. In 1880 he purchased a flouring mill at Waucoma,

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