

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,

Iowa, which he operated for four years. In 1884, he removed to Jefferson and purchased the *Jefferson Bee* which he conducted, first alone and afterward in partnership with his sons until a few years ago. The last years of his life have been spent in travel and well-earned rest. For almost thirty years he was a strong factor in the religious, social and political life of his community. The *Jefferson Bee* under his management gained high rank among weekly newspapers. As a stump speaker Mr. Stillman was earnest, forceful and logical and did much to mould the public opinion upon the political questions of his day.

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CHARLES RUSH BENEDICT was born in Bedford county, Pennsylvania, October 27, 1853; he died at Shelby, Iowa, August 25, 1913. He received his early education in the schools of Fort Littleton and Berlin, Pennsylvania. In 1876 he removed to Iowa, settling in Shelby county in September of that year, becoming closely identified with the interests of that county. He was director in the Shelby Lumber Company and the Shelby Independent Telephone Company, a director of the Methodist hospital in Des Moines and a trustee of Simpson College at Indianola. Mr. Benedict was prominent in political affairs, serving as chairman of the Shelby county Republican central committee for a number of terms and being his party's candidate for representative and state senator at different times. In 1896 he went to Des Moines as private secretary to H. W. Byers, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and acted in that capacity for two sessions, in one of which the code was revised. In 1902 he was made Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives and was re-elected, serving for seven consecutive sessions, becoming known throughout the State and referred to as an authority on all points of parliamentary procedure.

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CHARLES ALBERT CARPENTER was born in Louisa county, Iowa, January 12, 1864; he died at his home in Columbus Junction, October 5, 1913. His early education was received in the Louisa county rural schools and later at Columbus Junction and the academy at Iowa City. He graduated from the law department of the State University of Iowa in 1884 at twenty years of age and was admitted to the bar the next year. He served as city attorney and for three terms as mayor of Columbus Junction. He was elected to the State Senate before he was thirty years of age and represented Louisa and Muscatine counties in the Twenty-fifth, Twenty-sixth and Twenty-sixth Extra General Assemblies. In the Twenty-sixth General Assembly he was chairman of the committee on code revision which revised the code of 1873. In 1904 he was delegate to the Republican national convention which nominated President Roosevelt. In 1906 he allowed the use of his name as Republican candidate for congress but did nothing to promote his candidacy. In 1912 he took charge of the Progressive Republican campaign in his district and was an earnest supporter of Mr. Cummins and Mr. Kenyon in their candidacies for United States Senator. Mr. Carpenter ranked as one of the foremost lawyers and business men of southeastern Iowa.

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CHESTER CICERO COLE was born in Oxford, Chenango county, New York, June 24, 1824; he died at Des Moines, October 4, 1913. He attended the public schools and academy at Oxford until thirteen years of age and then for five years acted as clerk in a store. He

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