

NOTABLE DEATHS

L. J. PALDA was born at Vodian, Bohemia, October 28, 1847; he died at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, June 9, 1913. At the early age of fourteen years he went to Vienna and learned the trade of silk weaver, educating himself in his spare moments, and by travel through Germany and Switzerland. In 1867 he emigrated to the United States, making short stays in Cleveland, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, New York and Michigan, working as a common laborer, painter, weaver and cigar maker. In 1870 he began editorial work on the *National News*, a Bohemian paper published in Chicago. He soon returned to the cigar manufacturing business which he followed for many years in connection with his literary labors. In 1875 he commenced publishing a labor paper called the *Workingman's News*, which while published at New York was known as the most influential Bohemian publication in this country. Mr. Palda became prominent among labor organizations as a lecturer and as an organizer of workmen's associations throughout the country. In 1879 he removed to Cedar Rapids where he was an influential and honored citizen until his death. He was correspondent for several newspapers in the United States and was interested in the educational work of his city.

CASSIUS M. BROWN was born in Knox county, Ohio, November 7, 1845; he died at Sigourney, Iowa, May 8, 1913. He received his education in the common schools of his native county and was student for some time of Kenyon College. His early life was that of a farmer. He enlisted in the 142d Ohio Volunteers and served until the close of the war. He removed to Iowa in 1868, settling in Muscatine and taking up the study of law in the office of Hon. Thomas Hanna. He graduated from the law department of the State University of Iowa in 1871, and removed the same year to Sigourney where he formed a partnership with Hon. E. S. Sampson. He was elected State Senator from the Twelfth District and served during the Nineteenth and Twentieth General Assemblies.

THOMAS A. THORNBURG was born in Wayne county, Indiana, April 9, 1847; he died at his home in Linden, Iowa, July 1, 1912. He came with his parents to Dallas county, Iowa, in 1856, and acquired his education in the public schools and at the State University of Iowa. At the age of seventeen he enlisted in Company C, Forty-sixth Volunteer Infantry, and served until mustered out in the fall of 1864. He returned home, finished his course at the university, and then engaged in farming and stock raising which he followed very successfully throughout his lifetime. He was interested for many years in the township and school affairs of his district and served as member of the House of Representatives from Dallas county in the Twenty-second and Twenty-third General Assemblies.

JOHN F. WADE was born in Burlington, Vermont, April 7, 1859; he died at Des Moines, September 16, 1913. He removed with his parents to Butler county, Iowa, at an early age and received his education in the common schools of this State. He engaged in

farming and stock raising in Butler county and was also interested in the lumber business. He was a Democrat and took an active part in politics. He represented the Thirty-ninth District comprising Butler and Bremer counties in the Senate of the Thirtieth, Thirty-first and Thirty-second General Assemblies. He was appointed a member of the Board of Control by Governor Carroll in 1909, and lived in Des Moines afterwards, maintaining his residence in Butler county.

SAMUEL H. MOORE was born in Greene county, Pennsylvania, March 9, 1845; he died at Humeston, Iowa, August 20, 1912. He grew to manhood in his native state. He enlisted in the Eighty-fifth Pennsylvania Infantry but was soon transferred to the Eighty-eighth. He participated in the siege of Petersburg, the engagement at Richmond, Ware Bottom Church and Deep Run. At the close of the war he returned to Pennsylvania and lived there until 1870, when he removed to Iowa, settling in Iowa and engaging in farming and stock raising. He held numerous township and county offices and represented Wayne county in the Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth General Assemblies.

JAMES A. SKILLEN was born at Cherry Valley, New York, February 26, 1832; he died at Waverly, Iowa, November 7, 1912. He grew to manhood in New York, came west and spent two years in Iowa, returned to New York for a few years and finally in 1862 made his home near Tripoli, Iowa, where he resided for thirty years. He was elected Representative from Bremer county to the Fourteenth General Assembly and served on the Committee on Highways, and was also particularly interested in educational and historical matters. In 1892 he removed to Waverly and for six years prior to his death acted as president of the Waverly Savings Bank.

HENRY C. SCHROEDER was born in Germany, October 5, 1854; he died at his home in Schleswig, Crawford county, Iowa, July 13, 1911. He attended school in Germany until fifteen years of age. He emigrated to the United States in 1870 and located in Illinois where he remained eight years. In 1878 he removed to Crawford county, Iowa. He was a Democrat in politics, and for some years was township clerk and member of the board of supervisors. In 1906 he was elected Representative from Crawford county and served through the Thirty-second, Thirty-second Extra and Thirty-third General Assemblies.

FRANK A. THAYER was born at Monmouth, Illinois, December 22, 1853; he died at his home near Dows, Iowa, March 1, 1913. He removed to Iowa when a boy, locating first at Iowa Falls. When seventeen years of age he removed to a farm in Oakland township, Franklin county, where he maintained his home until his death. He was a genial man, an honored citizen, and held many positions of trust in his township. He was elected Representative from Franklin county to the Thirty-fifth General Assembly, and had served only half of the term when his death occurred.

GEORGE C. CALKINS was born in Glenville, Schenectady county, New York, October 4, 1835; he died June 28, 1911. His education was received in the common schools of Schenectady county and in

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