

from the Iowa State College at Ames in 1881 with the degree of S. B., and from the Law Department of Drake University in 1883 with the degree of LL. B. In 1905 Drake University conferred on him the degree of LL. D. Following the completion of his law course in 1883 he entered practice in Des Moines, which he followed until 1902, when he was elected district judge. He resigned January 1, 1917, and became vice president and general counsel of the Des Moines City Railway Company. He was a lecturer on law at Drake University for twenty-nine years, was a popular and able public speaker, and a patriotic and useful citizen.

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CHARLES C. CANNON was born at Philadelphia, Loudon County, Tennessee, June 28, 1862, and died at the same place May 20, 1924, and was buried there. He was graduated from the University of Tennessee, at Knoxville, in 1885, and in 1886 removed to Paullina, Iowa, where he engaged in the grain business, which he followed for about thirty-eight years. During that time he had as partners at different times John Metcalf, Will Metcalf, and Harry Cannon. In 1908 he was a delegate from Iowa to the Democratic National Convention which met at Denver and nominated W. J. Bryan. In 1912 he was elected representative from O'Brien County and served in the Thirty-fifth General Assembly. He had returned to the home of his youth, in the hope of regaining his health, only a few weeks before death overtook him.

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WILLIAM M. BYERLY was born near Anamosa, Iowa, March 31, 1854, and died in Anamosa July 30, 1924. His parents were Michael and Elizabeth Jefferies Byerly. He was educated in public school and in Lenox College, Hopkinton, Iowa. For twelve years he taught school in winter, farming in summer, and later gave his entire attention to farming. He was township assessor twelve years, and school director eighteen years. In 1906 he was elected a member of the Board of Supervisors, and in 1908 was elected representative and re-elected in 1910, serving in the Thirty-third and Thirty-fourth general assemblies. He was active in patriotic organizations during the World War. On retiring from his farm and removing to Anamosa a few years prior to his death he became chairman of the Democratic County Central Committee.

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OMAR PACHA WYLAND was born in Elkhart County, Indiana, August 20, 1855, and died at Harlan, Iowa, August 18, 1923. His parents were Isaac P. and Julia Wyland. They removed with their family to a farm in Shelby County, Iowa, in 1856. Omar attended public school and from 1873 to 1875 attended Des Moines College. He taught school in Shelby County a few terms, and in 1877 took a position in the C. J. and D. M. Wyland land and abstract office in Harlan, and later purchased the business and conducted it throughout the rest of his life. He held several local offices, such as member of the city council, and treasurer

of the school district. In 1888 he was elected clerk of the District Court, and was re-elected in 1890, serving four years. In 1903 he was elected representative and served in the Thirtieth and Thirty-first general assemblies. He was a Democrat in politics.

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JOHN EDWARDS BRUCE was born in Lake County, Illinois, December 21, 1861, and died at Rockford, Iowa, March 22, 1924. His parents were Joshua and Elizabeth Ann Bruce. He received his education in the public schools of Dundee, Illinois, and in an academy at that place. He removed with his parents to a farm near Rockford, Floyd County, Iowa, in 1880. He farmed for several years, was a grain and live stock dealer, dealt in real estate, and the last ten years of his life was in the drug business, living continuously near or in Rockford. He held several township offices and in 1910 was elected representative, and was re-elected in 1912, serving in the Thirty-fourth and Thirty-fifth general assemblies. He was a member of the Baptist Church and a Republican in politics.

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CHRIS A. VOELKER, SR., was born at Hoekenheim, Baden, Germany, August 16, 1850, and died in Dubuque, Iowa, August 13, 1925. When he was four months old his parents, Leopold and Magdalena Voelker, immigrated to America and located in Dubuque. He was educated in Trinity Parochial School, now St. Mary's. He learned the chair making trade but in 1873 established a dry goods and clothing store. In 1890 he entered the insurance business, and later, real estate, in which he attained great success. About 1915 he caused to be organized the Voelker Realty Company, of which he was president. He was also interested in many other of the large business concerns of the city. In 1886 he was elected mayor of Dubuque and served two years, and in 1896 was elected representative and served in the Twenty-sixth General Assembly, declining further political service.

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PATRICK C. WINTER was born near Keosauqua, Iowa, April 16, 1859, and died at Creston July 25, 1925. His parents were Mr. and Mrs. John Winter, who removed with their family to Lincoln Township, Union County, when Patrick was a child. He attended rural school, taught school some years, read law with Rowell & Milligan and with McDill & Sullivan, both firms of Afton, was admitted to the bar and entered practice there. He was elected county attorney of Union County in 1888, and was re-elected in 1890, serving from 1889 to 1892 inclusive. When the county seat was changed from Afton to Creston in 1890 he removed to Creston. He continued in practice there, and in 1918 was elected a judge of the Third Judicial District, but resigned February 28, 1922, because of loss of hearing.

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