

NOTABLE DEATHS.

WILLIAM H. HARTMAN, the veteran editor and proprietor of the *Waterloo Courier*, died at his home on the 1st day of July. He was a native of Pennsylvania and came to Iowa in 1850. His first newspaper work was done on *The Anamosa News* the year after his arrival. *The News* was the first paper published in Jones county. In March, 1858, he went to Waterloo and was employed on *The Herald*. Soon after he removed to Cedar Falls and became the publisher of *The Banner*. On the 18th of January, 1859, he issued the first number of *The Waterloo Courier*, and fairly commenced his life-work. He entered upon his new enterprise with a good knowledge of the business, and realized the hard work that would be required for many years to build up a paying newspaper in that small village and sparsely settled county. But he was young, well equipped, and settled down to business with an energy that was sure to bring success. *The Courier* under his management soon took rank among the best conducted and most influential newspapers of Northern Iowa, a position which it held till the day of Mr. Hartman's death. At various times he had associated with him on *The Courier* some of the brightest newspaper men of the State. He has always kept the plant equipped with the best material for turning out a first class paper. He was an untiring worker for whatever would build up Waterloo, and kept his paper at all times fully up to the standard of excellence that the patronage of the city and county would justify. In 1890 he began the publication of a daily edition, which has been successful from the start. He was appointed postmaster of Waterloo by President Grant in 1873 and held the position until Mr. Cleveland became President. He was one of the pioneer editors of northern Iowa, ranking among those longest in the service as journalists.

LYMAN PARSONS, who was for ten years Treasurer of the State Historical Society at Iowa City, died there at the age of sixty-four, on the 28th of February last. He was a native of Massachusetts and for twenty-six years had been a prominent business man at Iowa City, having been President of the First National Bank of that place since 1883. For ten years he was contractor on the construction of the Rock Island railroad, building the stone work for most of the bridges from Chicago to Council Bluffs. In politics Mr. Parsons was an active republican, but never sought or held a political office. In all respects he was a useful and most estimable citizen. *The Iowa Historical Record* pays a kindly and deserved tribute to his memory, from which we condense the above.

JOHN M. HAAS, of Iowa City, died there on the 19th of March, at the age of ninety-one. He was born in Germany during the time when Napoleon was leading his victorious armies from one conquest to another in the principal kingdoms of Europe. In 1839 Mr. Haas left his old home and came to America. In 1852 he settled at Iowa City and as the years went by built up a good business and became an influential citizen. In an elegant home surrounded by a profusion of shade and fruit trees, vines and shrubbery, he lived a happy life, reaching extreme old age.

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