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eral culture of the people. While he was able to travel he was certain to attend the meetings of the Pioneer Law Makers of Iowa.

DAVID BURKE HILLIS was born in Jefferson county, Indiana, July 24, 1825; he died at Keokuk, Iowa, September 9, 1900. He was educated at South Hanover College, Indiana, and graduated from a St. Louis medical college as a doctor of medicine in 1847. In 1860 he settled in Keokuk which was afterwards his home. In August, 1861, he was appointed aide-de-camp to Governor Kirkwood. In 1862 he was commissioned lieutenant-colonel of the 17th Iowa Infantry. Col. John W. Rankin resigned soon after and Dr. Hillis was appointed to the place. His regiment participated with great credit in the battles of Iuka, Corinth and Champion Hills. After the war he returned to Keokuk where he engaged in the practice of medicine, in which he achieved high distinction.

CHANDLER CHILDS, a journalist, naturalist and geologist, who settled in Dubuque in 1853, died at Mercy Hospital, in that city, September 6, 1900. We have no particulars of his early years. He was well educated and a man of considerable ability, a collector of books, documents and newspapers, relating to the general and scientific history of his city and county and of that portion of the State generally. He had written much for the local press and was for many years widely known as a scientist. We believe he was at one time connected with the geological survey of Iowa. In his later years he became very poor, during which time he owed much to the kindly offices of U. S. Senator William B. Allison.

RAYMOND M. KELLOGG was born near Rutland, Vermont, July 15, 1825; he died July 30, 1900, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. W. R. Moninger, near Galvin, Marshall county, Iowa. Mr. Kellogg was one of the early settlers of Grinnell, having located there in the summer of 1855. He became a leading citizen of that place. He was an expert builder; for a time served as U. S. collector of internal revenue; he was for several terms a member of the city council and for many years a director of the First National Bank. He took an active interest in politics and was a delegate to the first Iowa Republican State Convention in 1856.

SAMUEL J. GILPIN was born at New London, Ohio, June 11, 1837; he died at Winterset, Iowa, July 28, 1900. When the Civil War broke out he enlisted in Company E, Third Indiana Cavalry. He was with the Army of the Potomac in many engagements and served until the close of the war. He then resumed his interrupted studies and graduated from South Hanover College, Indiana. In 1868 he removed to Winterset and began the practice of the law. He was for years a leading citizen of that county, taking a prominent part in public affairs. He was well known in political circles throughout the State.

LORENZO D. LEWELLING was born in Salem, Iowa, December 21, 1846; he died at Arkansas City, Kansas, September 2, 1900. Mr. Lewelling resided in this State until 1887, when he settled in Wichita, Kansas. With his wife he had charge of the Iowa State Reform School for Girls for fifteen years. He was the first Populist governor of his adopted State, having been elected for the term of 1893-5. His administration was a stormy one, the history of which would fill a large volume.

CARL ROHL-SMITH, the distinguished Danish sculptor, died in Copenhagen, September 23, 1900. He resided some years in Chicago, during which time he developed Mrs. Harriet Ketchum's sketch for the Iowa Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument, and also executed the art work, statues,

bas-reliefs, medallions, etc., which adorn that imposing pillar. *The Iowa Capital* of August 25, 1900, contained a lengthy sketch of the career of this "great artist," as he was happily characterized by Ex-Governor Frank D. Jackson.

TALMON WILTSEY was born in Otsego, New York, August 23, 1823; he died at Webster City, Iowa, August 28, 1900. He came to Webster City in 1854, and at the time of his death was the oldest pioneer in that county. He built the second log house on the town plat. *The Freeman* says that "Mr. Wiltsey was a true type of the sturdy pioneer, plain in manner, fair in his dealings, and honorable in all business transactions."

GILBERT P. SMITH was born in Danby, Vermont, September 19, 1812; he died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. G. J. Maris, in Guthrie county, Iowa, July 19, 1900. He came to Iowa in 1853 and settled on a farm in Cedar county, where most of his subsequent life was spent. He was an influential member of the Society of Friends and devoted to its interests to the end of his long and useful life.

AT THE TOMB OF FLOYD.

The exercises attending the laying of the corner stone of the Floyd monument, yesterday afternoon, were exceedingly interesting. President Charles, of the Floyd Memorial Association, was in general charge, but the ceremonies were conducted by the Grand Army, assisted by the younger soldiers of the militia, under the direction of Commander Davis, of the department of Iowa. The sun was overly warm, but the visitors made the best of the discomfort of the heat, and the interest in the proceedings was unabated throughout. It was entirely fitting that the volunteer soldiers should have charge of the ceremony of laying this corner stone. Sergeant Floyd was himself a volunteer soldier, and ninety-six years ago he was laid away here, to await the resurrection and the honor of this later time. After all these years, for the most part unattended save by the vast solitude of the wilderness, a noble shaft is to be erected to his memory. Yesterday was a happy day for the active members of the association which has had the work of this monument in charge. They have found a charm in the history of the Lewis and Clark expedition, and the magnitude of the historical epoch which has the Louisiana purchase for its culminating event has grown upon them, so that yesterday was particularly a day of celebration with them. The expedition of 1804 has drifted into a dream, and it is a dream in which the imagination runs riot with history and with poetry. An August day now is not different from an August day then, except in what the landscape discloses of the work and life of man. Then the sun shone down upon hill and vale spread out as a bordered lake untouched by the habitation or the industry of men; and yesterday it shone down upon a multitude of people, looking forth upon the city and upon a pastoral scene of wondrous beauty. No sound then disturbed the solitude; but yesterday there was the rattle of the railroad train at the foot of the bluff, and hard by the busy husbandmen were bearing away the golden sheaves of the year. There is no measure that the mind can place to cover the wondrous transformation which the century has wrought. What homage is too great for this prosperous and happy people to render the volunteers in that early time who blazed the way? Sergeant Floyd is our hero. He is our pioneer soldier of the Louisiana purchase. The shaft to his memory will be a shaft to the memory of many. It will be more than that. It will reflect the light of years and years to come and be a teacher to many generations.—*Sioux City Journal*, August 21, 1900.

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