

Lemuel R. Bolter

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NOTABLE DEATHS.

LEMUEL R. BOLTER was born in Richland county, Ohio, July 27, 1834; he died at his home in Logan, Iowa, April 29, 1901. His early years were passed upon his father's farm in Ohio and later in Michigan. He attended the district and graded schools for several years, finally entering Hillsdale college. He received a good business education, his favorite study being mathematics. After his college days he taught school for a short time, when, in company with three other young men he started on the overland journey to California. This was in 1852. The traveling outfit consisted of a wagon and three yokes of oxen. The way was long and the journey full of peril from the elements and hostile Indians. Reaching Mokelumne Hill, Calaveras county, he served the Wells-Fargo Express Company awhile as a clerk, at \$300 per month, but left that work to try his hand at mining. The results not meeting his expectations he returned to the town, where he worked two years as a clerk in a store. He returned to Michigan in 1854, where he taught school and studied law. He removed to Iowa in 1863, having in the meantime married Miss Caroline J. Rinehart. He settled upon a farm in Jefferson township, Harrison county, where for some years he devoted his time to farming and the practice of the law. He was admitted to the bar in the court of Judge Isaac Pendleton, in 1856, in which year he was elected to the Iowa House of Representatives. As a legislator he secured and always retained a strong hold upon his constituency. Mr. Bolter probably served more years in the Iowa legislature than any other man in the territory or State. He sat in the house in the fifteenth, sixteenth, nineteenth and twentieth general assemblies, and in the senate in the twenty-first, twenty-second, twenty-third, twenty-fourth, twenty-seventh and twenty-eighth. He received the Democratic nomination for Congress in 1876, against Col. William F. Sapp, of Council Bluffs. The district had a large Republican majority and Mr. Bolter was defeated. The canvass, however, was a memorable one. In 1885 Gov. Buren R. Sherman appointed Mr. Bolter as a delegate to the N. W. Waterway Convention at Kansas City, of which he was chosen president. He was mentioned at different times for the nominations for governor and supreme judge. While he was an uncompromising Democrat, and acted with his party on all political questions, he was a man of liberal views in regard to education, libraries and other public improvements—truly a man of the people—without a trace of the demagogue. With clear convictions of his duty as a representative of the people, no considerations personal to himself were ever allowed to influence his official action. He was a thoroughly independent man throughout his busy life. His long service in the legislature, where he was always useful, gave evidence of the respect and confidence in which he was held by his constituents. He was most trusted by those who knew him best.

HIRAM PRICE was born in Washington county, Pa., January 10, 1814; he died in Washington, D. C., May 30, 1901. He was a farmer's boy, receiving only a common school education. After leaving school he remained on the home farm for several years. He then engaged as a book keeper for a commission house in Pittsburgh, his experience there fitting him for the wider fields he was destined to occupy. He settled in Davenport, Iowa, in 1844, where he opened a store. He was soon afterward elected treasurer and recorder of Scott county. He took an active and prominent part in organizing the State Bank of Iowa under the law of 1858, of which he became president in 1860, upon the death of Chester Weed. He held this honorable and useful position until the institution was wound up in 1865. When the civil war broke out our State had a treasury nearly empty. At

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