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JOSEPH SHEPARD was born in Cattaraugus county, N. Y., about the year 1829; he died in Chicago, Jan. 25, 1903. He was brought up on the home farm in his native county, until he was sixteen years old, when he entered the printing office of *The Cattaraugus Freeman*, at Ellicottville. He continued some years working as a printer, becoming distinguished for the rapidity with which he worked the old hand presses. He was well known to the printing fraternity in Cattaraugus and Chautauqua counties, N. Y., and Erie county, Pa., as one of the fastest pressmen of his time. He left this business, however, and began at the foot of the ladder in the employ of the United States Express Company. In this department of labor he also excelled, rising rapidly, until he became the assistant general manager of the western department, with headquarters in Chicago. During the period of the civil war he spent a large portion of his time in Iowa, becoming well and widely known. Among other incidents connected with this period, he hurriedly transferred the guns from Eddyville to Council Bluffs for the purpose of arming Gen. Dodge's 4th Iowa Infantry. (See pp. 88, 92, 228-9, Vol. 5, ANNALS OF IOWA.) His course through life was marked by absolute fidelity to his employers, honesty that was never questioned, and rare business capacity. He was a genial, excellent gentleman, and an abiding friend, wherever his friendship was bestowed. He never forgot his old-time fellow apprentices in the country printing office, nor the men who grew up under him in the express business. His funeral was largely attended, especially by expressmen from New York to Omaha.

ROBERT MILLER HAINES was born near Salem, Ohio, Dec. 29, 1838; he died at Grinnell, Iowa, Dec. 22, 1902. He came to this State in 1857, and located at Iowa Falls, where he engaged in the profession of teaching. In 1860 he entered Iowa College at Grinnell, where by his own efforts he worked his way through the academy and college and graduated with high honors in 1865. He was in the first class that the college sent out after its removal from Davenport to Grinnell. In 1867 he was chosen to a position in the academy of Iowa College which he filled for four years. He entered the law department of the Iowa State University in the autumn of 1869. After some time spent in studying his profession he was admitted to the bar, although he did not receive the degree of LL. B. from the university until 1874. He entered into a partnership with Hon. J. P. Lyman, which continued without interruption for thirty-one and one-half years, until the death of Mr. Haines. He was elected State senator and served in the sessions of 1880 and 1882 with high distinction. He was a trustee of Iowa College for twenty-five years. He was active in politics during many years, and became widely known for his independence in his convictions upon public questions, more particularly the tariff. In all matters that pertained to the interests of Grinnell where public spirit and wise counsel were needed, he was especially active and energetic. He was often a delegate to the State Association of Congregational Churches, of which he was an influential member. He had been a member of the State Bar Association for several years, and at the time of his death was its president.

JOHN N. W. RUMPLE was born near Fostoria, O., March 4, 1841; he died at St. Luke's hospital, Chicago, Jan. 31, 1903. He was educated in the public schools and Ashland academy in his native state but after coming to Iowa, he attended Western College at Toledo, and the normal department of the State University, at Iowa City. While still a student in the university, in August, 1861, he enlisted in Co. H, 2d Iowa cavalry, remaining in the service until October, 1865, when he was mustered out with the rank of captain. He participated in the battles at Island No. 10, New Madrid, Corinth, Rienzi, Farmington, Iuka, Nashville, Franklin, Columbia, etc. After the war he studied law in the office of Hon. H. M. Martin, of

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