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NOTABLE DEATHS.

FRANK T. CAMPBELL was born in Ohio, May 8, 1836; he died in Lima, Ohio, March 6, 1907. On the completion of his education at the age of twenty years, he came to Iowa and settled at Newton, Jasper county, where he soon after engaged with his brother, A. K. Campbell, in the publication of *The Newton Journal*. He was active in promoting enlistments in the Union army during the civil war and served a short time as captain of Company B, 40th Iowa Infantry. He was elected in 1873 for the regular term of four years to the State Senate. The question of regulating the tariffs for freight charges by railroads was just then coming into serious agitation. In this legislation he took a prominent part during the ensuing eight years, as he was returned to the Senate for a second term. He is understood to have been the author of the famous "Granger Law." In 1877 the Republicans nominated him for Lieutenant-Governor. He was duly elected with Gov. John H. Gear, and re-elected two years later. He became an efficient and decidedly popular presiding officer. He served in this capacity during the sessions of 1878 and 1880. Governor William Larrabee in 1888 appointed him Railroad Commissioner for the term of three years. In 1889 the Legislature having provided for the election of Railroad Commissioners by the people, Mr. Campbell was elected to serve three years from January, 1889. At the end of this term he was defeated at the polls and retired to private life. After he left the office of Railroad Commissioner he entered into mercantile business in Des Moines, but some two years ago removed to Lima, Ohio, where he and his son, Bert, published a daily newspaper. This enterprise was understood by his friends to have become fairly prosperous until failing health compelled his retirement. In each of the varied positions he had occupied Mr. Campbell had not only shown that he possessed marked ability and high courage, but that he was thoroughly devoted to what he deemed the best interests of the people and the State. The Senate has not had a better presiding officer. No situation arose in that body during the period of his service to which he was not equal. He was well versed in the laws and rules which govern deliberative bodies, cool and collected, clear in his decisions and actuated by a spirit of candor and honesty. Those who had won his confidence ever found him an abiding friend. It is a loss to the State when that type of man is driven by the exigencies of politics into private life.

JOHN D. HUNTER was born in Knoxville, Ohio, August 12, 1834; he died in Webster City, Iowa, March 19, 1907. The record says that between the ages of nine and fourteen years he was a student in the public schools near his home about half of each year. When his education in the school-room was completed he attended the Ashland Academy a year. About this time his father removed to Bryan, Williams county, on the western boundary of the Maumee valley, a region which was known as "the Black Swamp country." He there entered the printing-office of his father and devoted himself to learning the trade, acquiring a practical knowledge of the newspaper business in all its departments. When he reached the age of twenty he entered into the publication of *The Hoosier Banner*, at Angola, Steuben county, Ind. He continued this enterprise about a year, when from its failure to be remunerative, he discontinued the paper. He returned to Ohio and was employed for a time in different printing-offices. In the summer



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of 1856 he removed to Iowa, crossing the Mississippi river at Davenport on the 8th of October. For two months he was employed on *The Marion Register*, of which paper N. M. Hubbard, then a young lawyer, was editor. In December of the same year he arrived in Eldora and began work on *The Hardin County Sentinel*, whose editor was Hon. J. D. Thompson, afterwards judge of the District Court. The following winter he spent in Ohio and then returned permanently to Iowa. He purchased first a half interest in *The Sentinel*, later became sole proprietor, continuing the publication until 1863. In 1861 he was appointed postmaster of Eldora by President Lincoln. In the fall of 1862 he was elected treasurer and recorder of Hardin county, but resigned to accept a position in the military service. After the war he, for a time, engaged in the grocery business in Iowa Falls. In 1866 he purchased *The Hamilton Freeman* in Webster City, which place had since been his home. He served in the Iowa House of Representatives during the 12th and 13th General Assemblies. In 1872 he was appointed a member of the Board of Trustees of the Iowa Reform School. In 1873 he was appointed by President Grant postmaster at Webster City, and held the office until he was removed by President Cleveland in 1885. Though one of the quietest and most undemonstrative members of the Iowa House of Representatives, yet, as a legislator, Mr. Hunter was a distinguished success. He made a record which met with the earnest approval of his constituents and to which his posterity may always point with pride. It is certain that he took the first step looking to the organization of the present Board of Control, which is now in charge of our charitable and penal institutions, and which will doubtless be the forerunner of the control which will one of these days be exercised over the educational institutions. This matter is fully set forth in Vol. V, p. 391 of this publication, to which the reader is respectfully referred. Through the columns of his paper he was always ready to advance to the best of his ability the interests of his city and county, and of the political party with which he was affiliated throughout his life. His paper was a clean and well-edited sheet, and had achieved an enviable reputation throughout the State. He was in all respects a useful citizen, an abiding friend, where his friendship was bestowed, and an upright, Christian gentleman. He left his mark especially upon the history of that section of the State, where it will long remain.

RT. REV. HENRY COSGROVE, Bishop of the Diocese of Davenport, was born in Williamsport, Pa., Dec. 19, 1833; he died in Davenport, Iowa, Dec. 22, 1906. His father, John Cosgrove, was a native of Ireland, and migrated to this country with his family in 1830. In 1845 the family removed to Dubuque, Iowa, where the son received his early education. It is stated that he was one of the acolytes or altar boys with Bishop Loras, who was at that time at the head of the diocese, and that he was early inclined toward the priesthood. He began a course of study which was to fit him for holy orders under the tutelage of Rev. Joseph Cretin, Vice-General of the Diocese of Dubuque, and at a later day, Bishop of St. Paul, Minn. After a course of study under Father Cretin, he went to St. Mary's Seminary in Missouri, where he completed a three years' classical course, and then entered the noted seminary at Carondelet, in the same State, where he took a full course in theology. Returning to Dubuque, after graduating, he was ordained priest by Bishop Smythe, who had been coadjutor of Bishop Loras, on the 27th day of August, 1857. Shortly after this he became the assistant pastor of St. Marguerite's at Davenport. The

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