

Thomas D. Healy

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William Blythe, the man, as he really was, highly educated, thoroughly refined, a great lawyer, a cultured scholar, was unknown to a majority of the people of Iowa. Especially to those living outside of the territory of southern Iowa, he was only known as an able corporation lawyer and a politician of commanding power and influence. But to those who enjoyed his personal friendship and confidence, the accomplishments of the lawyer and the politician were the least of his acquirements. But because of the interests he represented, he received cruel and undeserved criticism. In the face of this he was a philosopher, uttering no unkind words and making no complaint. He believed that time would secure him a proper measure of justice.

J. C. D.

THOMAS D. HEALY was born in Lansing, Iowa, May 25, 1865; he died at Fort Dodge, January 15, 1909. He was educated at Notre Dame University, Indiana, the Law Department of the State University of Iowa, and the University of Michigan. With his parents he removed in 1883 to Fort Dodge, Iowa, where he continued to reside until his death. Soon after his admission to the bar, Mr. Healy entered upon the practice of his profession at Fort Dodge and continued therein actively during the remainder of his life. He early developed a deep and intelligent interest in public affairs, where his superior ability backed by an ardent temperament and unswerving courage soon won for him a position of leadership. In 1895 he was elected to the State Senate, where he served with high honor during the Twenty-sixth, Twenty-seventh, Twenty-eighth and Twenty-ninth General Assemblies. In constructive, reformatory and progressive legislation he was a leader among leaders. He was largely influential, if not the decisive factor, in the establishment of a State Board of Control. In framing the Code of 1897 he took a conspicuous part. He had a quick intuitive perception of the moral tendency of public measures and was at all times and everywhere the uncompromising foe of political indirection and official graft. The history of Iowa records the name of no more influential legislator and none whose vote, voice and influence were more uniformly or efficiently exercised for the benefit of the people whom he served. Upon the retirement of Judge O. P. Shiras from the bench of the Federal Court for the Northern District of Iowa, he became a candidate for that position. He had, to a remarkable degree, the support of the bar and the people of the district, but the positive nature of his convictions and the uncompromisingly independent character of his course as a member of the Senate had excited the set hostility of powerful interests whose influence in certain official quarters was sufficient to prevent his success. Events have moved rapidly since then, and of the Iowa names passing into history connected with that episode, the inner story of which has yet to be written, none will be remembered with deeper or more abiding respect than that of the defeated candidate. At the close of his second senatorial term, Mr. Healy took position as the Iowa attorney for the Great Western Railway Company and later entered into like relations with the Illinois Central Railroad Company, continuing meanwhile a large and important general practice in connection with the firm of which he was a member. He became the victim of his own passion for work. Never a man of robust health, the burdens of rapidly expanding

business and increasing responsibilities proved at length too great for even his limitless nervous energy and unconquerable determination. His death is a distinct loss to the State and his place in the van of the struggle for civic righteousness will not be easily filled. To his immediate circle of friends he was not simply Thomas D. Healy, lawyer, politician or statesman, but he was "Tom," the most lovable and loyal of companions. The flash of his righteous indignation over a mean or unworthy act was no quicker or warmer than his tear of sympathy with a friend in sorrow. Quick at repartee, the shaft of his wit was never tipped with poison. Generous to a fault, no draft upon his friendship ever went to protest. In his family relations as son, brother, husband and father he was singularly fortunate and in each his love and loyalty knew neither limit or reserve. Short as was his life it has shed honor upon his beloved native State, and the memory of his excellent personal qualities will long remain an inspiration to those who knew him best.

S. M. W.

NANNIE CANTWELL WALLACE was the second daughter of Col. James Cantwell, of Kenton, Ohio. She was educated in the schools of Mansfield and the college at Delaware, Ohio. Her father was the organizer of the Fourth Ohio regiment, of which he was lieutenant-colonel, from which he resigned and organized the Eighty-second Ohio, of which he was colonel. He fell in the second battle of Bull Run in August, 1862. She was married to Henry Wallace at Kenton, Ohio, in September, 1863, and entered upon the duties of a pastor's wife at Rock Island, Ill., and Davenport, Iowa. From 1871 to 1879 she discharged like duties at Morning Sun, Iowa, and from 1877 to 1889 at Winterset, Iowa. In 1889 her husband's work in agricultural journalism required their removal to Des Moines, where they have since resided. She became a valuable aid in her husband's agricultural publications and activities; for many years editing the department of Hearts and Homes in *Wallace's Farmer*. She was a charter member of the Des Moines Women's Club; one of the founders of the Des Moines Women's Press Club; a member of the Board of Trustees of the Iowa Home for the Aged from the beginning; a member of the Women's Relief Corps of Crocker Post, G. A. R.; and the organizer of the Daughters of Ceres, a club for the education of country women of which chapters were organized in nearly every section of the State. She was a delegate from Iowa to the National Federation of Women's Clubs in Boston, in 1908; was for a number of years a member of the Scudery Club, and of the Iowa Humane Society. At the time of her death she was about sixty-nine years of age. She was a friend of Charles Aldrich and an aid in his work of founding the Historical Department of Iowa.

SILAS CLARK McFARLAND, a well known Iowa editor and publisher, died in Germany, October 24, 1908. If the deceased had lived until June 3d, of this year, he would have been fifty years of age. He was a son of Colonel Samuel C. McFarland, who commanded the 19th Iowa Infantry in the civil war, and who was killed leading his regiment at the battle of Prairie Grove. The deceased's mother was a sister to the late Judge John S. Woolson. Mr. McFarland had been in the consular service since 1899, serving at Nottingham,

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