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ELBERT HAMILTON HUBBARD was born in Rushville, Indiana, August 19, 1849; he died at Sioux City, Iowa, June 3, 1912. He was a son of Hon. Asahel W. Hubbard, a member of congress from Sioux City, then in the Sixth Iowa District, from 1863 to 1869. Mr. Hubbard was privately prepared and educated at Yale, graduating in 1872. He soon thereafter entered the law office of Hon. Constant R. Marks as a student, was admitted to the bar and became associated with his preceptor in 1874, withdrawing to practice alone. In 1878 the firm of Hubbard, Spalding & Taylor was established, in which he was the leading member until his joining with Craig L. Wright in 1890, under the style of Wright & Hubbard. To this firm Mr. A. F. Call was admitted in 1896 and the style changed to Wright-Call & Hubbard, remaining so until Mr. Hubbard withdrew in 1902 to enter the firm of Hubbard & Burgess. In public service Mr. Hubbard first entered the Iowa legislature as a representative in the Nineteenth General Assembly in 1882. He was elected to the Iowa Senate in 1899, serving through the Twenty-eighth and Twenty-ninth General Assemblies. He was elected to congress four times, serving through the Fifty-ninth, Sixtieth, Sixty-first and Sixty-second congresses with great credit. He expired on the day he received notice of his nomination for the fifth time to the office. A more adequate sketch of his life and services is promised for early publication.

EMERSON DE PUY was born in Napanoch, New York, April 22, 1857; he died at Des Moines, Iowa, July 17, 1912. He was educated in the common schools of his native place. He began his commercial life by selling encyclopedias from place to place, receiving thus both literary and commercial training. He removed to Elgin, Illinois, at the age of eighteen, where he engaged in the dry goods business for some years, later removing to Chicago. In 1887 he came to Des Moines, entering into the employ of Younker Brothers. In a few years he was employed by the Harris-Emery Company, and in their mail order and advertising department received his first impetus toward the newspaper business. He started the Iowa Trade Journal, but after a few years sold it, and became editor of the Western Garden and Poultry Journal, the name of which he changed to Poultry Success and which he continued, to edit for six or seven years. He later had charge of the magazine, The Home-Maker, one of the Pierce publications, and in 1906 became editor of the Northwestern Banker, continuing in that position until his death. He was a strong and vigorous character, a champion of the Christian religion and an active advocate of many auxiliaries of the church, particularly the Young Men’s Christian Association.

THOMAS A. THORNBURG was born in Wayne county, Indiana, April 9, 1847; he died at Linden, Dallas county, Iowa, July 1, 1912. He removed to Dallas county, Iowa, with his parents in 1856, settling in Linn township, which remained his residence thereafter. He was a student at the State University when he enlisted in Company C, Forty-sixth Iowa Volunteer Infantry. He was an excellent example of a useful, prosperous citizen, during his lifetime acquiring and holding 630 acres of land in Iowa, and 520 in Nebraska, to which he rapidly added value, in addition to that of the general rise in values of Iowa lands. Meantime he served the public in an
excellent way in school district, township and county affairs, and was elected to the Twenty-second and Twenty-third General Assemblies, as a representative, where his service embraced the chairmanship of the committees on agriculture and State Agricultural College and membership on temperance, railroads, public highways and elections.

TIMOTHY WESLEY TOWNSEND was born at Fredericktown, Ohio, April 11, 1844; he died at Des Moines, Iowa, July 1, 1912. He removed to Cedar county, Iowa, in 1854, and to Iowa City in 1866, where he established a photograph gallery, one of the earliest in the State of Iowa. This he continued until 1880, when he removed to Lincoln, Nebraska. After ten years residence there, he returned to Iowa City and his old work for some years, later removing to Des Moines. The father of Mr. Townsend was one of the group of Iowa pioneers in Cedar county at whose homes John Brown and his co-workers made their rendezvous. In the Townsend family are a number of mementoes, such as letters and manuscripts, derived from the Brown party.

LIBERTY EATON FELLOWS was born at Corinth, Orange county, Vermont, August 22, 1834; he died at Lansing, Allamakee county, Iowa, July 17, 1912. He was educated in the common schools of Corinth, and at Thetford Academy, in Orange county. He removed to Wisconsin in 1856 and to Allamakee county, Iowa, in 1857, where he thereafter made his home. He resided on a farm until at the age of twenty-two he began the study of law and was admitted to the bar in 1862. He entered the practice at Lansing. His service on the bench of the 13th Judicial District was by the appointment of Governor Larrabee from January 1 to December 31, 1889, and by election in 1894, 1898, 1902, 1906 and 1910. He was a member of the Iowa House of Representatives in the Eleventh and of the Senate in the Twelfth and Thirteenth General Assemblies. He served as trustee of the Mt. Pleasant Hospital for the Insane from 1872 to 1882 and as trustee of Upper Iowa University at Fayette, Iowa, for a number of years. He was elected Grand Master of the Masonic Grand Lodge of Iowa in 1893 and 1894. He was a Republican after 1884, prior to which time he had been a Democrat.

JAMES YOUNG KENNEDY was born in Vermont in 1820; he died at the residence of his daughter at Kearney, Nebraska, May 29, 1912. As early as 1840, Mr. Kennedy became interested in railroad construction work and during the Civil war was attached to the government's engineering service in railroad construction, continuing through the period of hostilities. Immediately after the close of the war he removed with his family to Illinois and continued railroad contracting, which he followed westward, taking the contract for laying steel on the Sioux City & Pacific Railroad, now the Chicago Northwestern, from Missouri Valley to Sioux City. This he completed in 1868, his line being the first to be laid into Sioux City. He acquired a large real estate holding at Sergeant Bluffs, and removed his family to that place in 1868, where his home remained until a few months prior to his death.