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Times and assumed editorial control which he held until 1875. He served as chairman of the Republican State Central Committee of Iowa in 1872 and again in 1877. He was appointed pension agent at Dubuque in 1874 and held office until after the removal of the agency to Des Moines. He was one of the organizers of the Iowa Trust & Savings Bank and acted as director until the last annual meeting, when he resigned on account of ill health. He became president of the Board of Library Trustees at its organization and held the office until his death. Mr. Rich was a brilliant writer and took high rank among the editors of his day. He was prominent in politics, a close friend of Senator Allison and had an active part in his campaign for Republican nomination for President in 1888. His interest in Dubuque was manifested by his efforts to obtain the best of city government and city ordinances.

CHARLES E. PUTNAM was born in Nashua, New Hampshire, July 10, 1839; he died at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, May 23, 1913. His early education was received at Nashua Academy, one of the oldest institutions of the kind in New Hampshire. In 1854 he removed with his parents to Cedar Rapids and acted as clerk in a store for a short time. In April, 1855, he went on a hunting trip to Kossuth county, then almost in the wilderness, and remained there three years. Returning in 1858 he attended Western College and taught school until the outbreak of the Civil War. He enlisted in the fall of 1861 in Company G, Thirteenth Iowa Volunteer Infantry and was made Second Lieutenant. He was rapidly promoted to Captain and participated in the battles of Shiloh, Corinth, Iuka and Vicksburg. In April, 1863, he was made Judge Advocate General for the district of Vicksburg, and later detailed as mustering officer and assigned to the fourth division of the Seventeenth Army Corps, serving on the staffs of Major Generals Walter Q. Gresham, Giles A. Smith and W. W. Belknap. He was in the hardest fighting at Atlanta and with Sherman on the march to the sea. He was on the staffs of Governors Drake and Shaw with the rank of Colonel. At the close of the war he spent a year in Chicago and then engaged in the mercantile business at Mt. Vernon. He was elected county registrar at Marion and served for eight years, and afterward for many years acted as cashier of the Merchants National Bank at Cedar Rapids. For six years prior to his death he had held the position of State Bank Examiner.

BENJAMIN BEACH was born in Hamilton, Butler county, Ohio, January 20, 1827; he died at Muscatine, Iowa, May 16, 1913. When thirteen years of age he was apprenticed to a tinsmith in Richmond, Indiana, and after learning that trade followed it for many years. At the outbreak of the Mexican War he enlisted in the First Ohio Volunteers and remained in the service about sixteen months, participating in the most of the marches and campaigns, and received honorable discharge at the close of the war. In 1850 he removed to Muscatine, Iowa, and opened a store which he conducted until the beginning of the Civil War. On April 17, 1861, he enlisted in Company A, First Iowa Volunteers, was elected First Lieutenant and served through three months' campaign, participating in the battle of Wilson's Creek. He then organized a company for the Eleventh Iowa Regiment and re-enlisted as Captain of Company H for a service of three years. He participated in the battles of Shiloh, Corinth, Vicksburg, the campaign against Atlanta, and was present

at the grand review in Washington in May, 1865. During this time he was promoted rapidly until he reached the rank of Colonel. He had the unusual record of never being off duty by illness, never wounded or captured and but once absent on leave. He was mustered out of the service at Louisville, Kentucky, July 19, 1865. He returned to Muscatine and engaged successfully in the hardware, grocery and tile manufacturing business, and for eight years acted as postmaster of Muscatine.

JOSEPH B. LEAKE was born in Deerfield, N. J., April 1, 1828; he died at Chicago, Illinois, June 1, 1913. He removed with his parents to Cincinnati, Ohio, where he received his early education. He graduated from Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, in 1846, studied law under Hon. W. S. Groesbeck, and was admitted to the bar in January, 1850. After practicing in Cincinnati for about six years he removed to Davenport, Iowa. He was member of the House of Representatives from Scott county in the Eighth General Assembly and Senator during the Ninth, Ninth Extra and Eleventh General Assemblies. At the outbreak of the war he recruited a company, was elected Captain, mustered into the Twentieth Iowa Infantry and later commissioned Lieutenant Colonel. He was wounded and made prisoner at Morganza, and participated in the siege of Vicksburg, Mobile, Spanish Fort and other engagements. He was mustered out with the title of brevet brigadier general. He resumed the practice of law at Davenport and served as county attorney and president of the Board of Education. In 1871 he removed to Chicago and continued his law practice and in 1879 was appointed by President Hayes district attorney for the Northern District of Illinois. For several years he was attorney for the Board of Education.

DELOS E. LYON was born in Franklinville, New York, November 14, 1832; he died at Dubuque, Iowa, April 10, 1913. He attended the schools of Franklinville and Buffalo, was clerk in a country store for about a year and then passed three years in study at Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio. He returned to Franklinville and successfully conducted a store until 1857, then studied law and passed the New York state bar examination in 1859 in the same class with Grover Cleveland and other afterward noted lawyers. He immediately removed to Dubuque, Iowa, and entered upon the practice of law at the corner of Fifth and Main Streets, where he maintained his office, associated with various partners, for fifty-four years. During the Civil War he proposed to volunteer first in the Sixteenth Iowa Infantry and later in the Eighth Cavalry, but at the request of the Adjutant General remained in the recruiting service and rendered valuable service as recruiting officer and aide-de-camp on the staffs of Governors Kirkwood and Stone. Colonel Lyon was a Republican in politics, casting his first vote for John C. Fremont. He was city attorney and surveyor of the port of Dubuque, attorney for important railroad and express companies and practiced in all the state and federal courts including the Supreme Court of the United States.

DAVID J. PATTEE was born in Chittenden county, Vermont, December 22, 1839; he died at Okoboji, Iowa, July 1, 1912. He received his education in the public schools and academy of Georgia, Vermont, and was clerk in a general store in that town until the outbreak of the Civil War. He enlisted in Company A, Ninth Vermont

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