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thoroughly with all departments of the business. From 1870 to 1884 he was in newspaper work in Atchison, Kansas, as city editor of the *Atchison Champion* and owner of the *Atchison Patriot*. After disposing of his newspaper interests in Atchison he lived for three years in Leavenworth where he built a street railway line. In 1887 he removed to Burlington and purchased the *Burlington Gazette*, which had been established in 1837. His brother, Henry Stivers, who was associated with him withdrew at the end of the first year and from that time until his death, Mr. Stivers remained sole owner of that publication, giving his personal attention to its management, endeavoring to make it a publication for the people. He was a life-long Democrat and active in politics, interested in the development of his city and energetic and enthusiastic in every cause undertaken by him.

JOHN STILLMAN LOTHROP was born in Dover, Maine, October 9, 1836; he died at Sioux City, Iowa, July 1, 1913. He was educated in the common schools of his native town. In 1852 he removed with his father's family to Illinois where he spent seven years on a farm. He entered the Chicago Law School and received his legal education from Prof. Henry Booth. At the outbreak of the Civil War he enlisted in Company I, Eleventh Illinois Infantry, and at the expiration of his three months' service re-enlisted in Company E, Twenty-sixth Illinois Infantry and was promoted Captain. He participated in the battles of Fort Henry, Fort Donelson, Shiloh, Corinth and other engagements. After the close of the war he practiced law in Ottawa and Champaign, Illinois, until 1884, when he removed to Sioux City and continued his practice there. He was a Republican in politics and was appointed by President Harrison Collector of United States Internal Revenues for the Third Iowa District. He represented Woodbury county in the Senate of the Twenty-sixth, Twenty-sixth Extra and Twenty-seventh General Assemblies.

BENJAMIN F. KEABLES was born in Elba, Genesee county, New York, November 30, 1828; he died at Pella, Iowa, May 8, 1911. He removed when a child with his parents to Michigan and then to Illinois, where he engaged in school teaching, and in his spare moments studying medicine. In 1850 he went to Keokuk to attend medical lectures and pursue his studies. He later graduated from the Rush Medical College in Chicago. In 1852 he removed to Pella and continued in the practice of medicine in that city until a short time prior to his death. In 1862 he enlisted as assistant surgeon in the Third Iowa Volunteer Infantry, was soon promoted to surgeon and held this position until the regiment was mustered out in 1864. He represented Marion county in the House of the Thirteenth and Fourteenth General Assemblies. He took a very deep interest in the upbuilding of his town, especially along educational lines, serving for many years as a member of the school board and of the board of trustees of Central University.

CHRISTIAN HEDGES was born in Richland county, Ohio, May 3, 1830; he died at Marengo, Iowa, February 26, 1913. Though his early years were spent on a farm, he received a good academic education and later graduated from the Cincinnati Law School. He commenced the practice of law at Mansfield, Ohio, but went to California during the gold excitement in 1849, and remained there ten

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