

Thomas D. Foster

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quarries declined. Mr. Green also successfully conducted farming and fine stock raising. He was progressive, successful and generous, and was a liberal supporter of church and hospital work. He was a leader in the Democratic party of his county and district. In 1891 he was elected senator from the Cedar-Jones district, and served in the Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth General Assemblies. In 1904 he was the unsuccessful candidate for congress in the Fifth District.

WILLIAM F. JOHNSTON was born in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, August 20, 1833, and died at Toledo, Iowa, August 8, 1914. He came to Iowa City, Iowa, in 1856 and removed to Toledo in 1858 and entered the mercantile business, continuing until 1879. He was actively interested in banking and railroad building and became the largest individual land owner in Tama county, where he owned some 3,200 acres, with some 3,000 acres elsewhere. He was interested in many corporations. When Leander Clark resigned as representative in the Ninth General Assembly to enter the Union Army, Mr. Johnston was elected at the regular election of 1862 to fill the vacancy, but as there was no extra session called after that election and before the expiration of his term, he never sat in the assembly. For forty-three years he was a member of the board of trustees of Cornell College, Mount Vernon, and from the time Leander Clark College was located at Toledo, or for over thirty years, he was a member of the executive committee of that institution.

THOMAS D. FOSTER was born in Bradford, Yorkshire, England, November 25, 1847, and died in Ottumwa, Iowa, July 22, 1915. He removed with his parents in 1858 to County Kilkenny, Ireland. There he attended public school until sixteen years old when he began work for John Morrell & Company, a meat packing concern. In 1865 he was by them transferred to Liverpool, in 1868 to New York City, and in 1871 to Chicago. In 1872 he became that company's general manager for the United States and Canada. In 1878 he removed to Ottumwa, Iowa, and established the packing plant there. In 1893 he was elected chairman of John Morrell & Company, Ltd., which position he held at the time of his death. Owing to failing health he retired in 1914. For many years he had been active in Y. M. C. A. work. He received the honorary degree of LL. D. from Lenox College in 1906. He was a member of the board of trustees of Parsons College and a member of the State Board of Education from 1909 to 1911.

ALEXANDER M. GARRETT was born on a farm near Letts, Iowa, March 31, 1857, and died at Letts, August 15, 1915. He attended common school in that community, became an extensive farmer and stockman and also engaged in the grain business at Letts, to which place he removed in 1900. In 1910 he was elected senator and served in the Thirty-fourth and Thirty-fifth General Assemblies. He was a Democrat in politics.

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