

Joseph Warren Cheney

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26, 1878, he was admitted into partnership with his father, this partnership continuing until the death of the latter in 1903, after which time he was continuously in charge of the *Ledger* until his death. Mr. Junkin held high rank among the newspaper men of the state. A man of strong opinions and pronounced views, he gave to them unhesitating utterance. In his forty years of active political life he formed lasting friendships and his uprightness and dependableness were admired by all. He was president of the Fairfield Commercial Club and a member of the boards of directors of various manufacturing corporations.

MAJOR WILLIAM DEAN was born at Tipton, Iowa, February 19, 1888, and died of influenza, at Camp Dodge, October 30, 1918. He graduated from the Tipton High School and attended the State University of Iowa a short time when, on March 8, 1908, he entered the United States Military Academy at West Point, graduating therefrom in 1912. He was famous as a football player and an athlete and is said to have held the best all-round record as a military man of any one in his class. After graduation he was assigned as a second lieutenant to Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indianapolis, Indiana, and in 1916 was sent to Texas City at the time of the trouble on our southern border. From there he went to the Philippines where he was for three years, and where he was promoted first to captain and then to major. His efficiency in machine gun practice was such that on returning to the United States he was made instructor in that branch of service at Camp Custer, Michigan, during July, 1918, then at Camp Hancock, Georgia, where he remained until his assignment to Camp Dodge, where he was divisional instructor. He was an ideal soldier and gave great promise of a notable career.

JOSEPH WARREN CHENEY was born in Illinois, November 28, 1845, and died at Keosauqua, Iowa, December 22, 1916. When but a child he removed with his parents to Keosauqua, attended the public schools and was apprenticed to a shoemaker until he was eighteen years old. In March, 1864, he enlisted in Company E, Fifteenth Iowa Infantry, and served in the Crocker Brigade until he was wounded in a preliminary engagement before the battle of Atlanta. He was then confined in the hospital until the close of the war. He returned to Keosauqua, attended the Iowa Wesleyan University at Mount Pleasant for a year, taught school and entered the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1869. He served in the pastoral relation at Farmington, Fort Madison, Troy Circuit, Birmingham Circuit, Bloomfield and West Liberty. In 1882, on account of defective hearing, he retired from the ministry to a farm in Harrison County, Missouri, where he lived for seventeen years, working on the farm and acting as pastor wherever needed. In 1899 he returned to Keosauqua where he made his home, serving as supply pastor on request and acting as church treasurer for a number of years.

He was a great reader and student and contributed many valuable historical articles to the *ANNALS OF IOWA* and other publications.

ALEXANDER MARDIS was born in Guernsey County, Ohio, October 10, 1852, and died at his home in Corydon, Iowa, September 18, 1920. He was brought by his parents to Clarke County, Iowa, in 1857, and he grew to manhood there. He lived a short time at Princeton, Missouri, but removed to Corydon, in 1879, and made that his home continuously thereafter. He was extensively and successfully engaged in contracting and building. He was a member of the local school board at Corydon for several years, was auditor of Wayne County for four years, 1890-1893, and was elected state senator in 1900 and served in the Twenty-eighth and Twenty-ninth General Assemblies. He was a member of several important committees, among them being the Committee on Railroads, and he took an active part in framing railroad legislation. In 1908 he was elected presidential elector, on the Republican ticket. He was interested in banking and for the last eight years of his life was president of the Wayne County State Bank.

LAWRITZ M. ENGER was born in Norway, November 3, 1856, and died at his home in Decorah, Iowa, August 2, 1920. He attended school in his native country, but at fifteen years of age emigrated to America, coming to Winneshiek County, Iowa. Here he worked on farms in summer and attended country school in winter. Later he attended Decorah Institute for three years. This was followed by several years in various mercantile pursuits and by service in the post office as an assistant. For sixteen years he was with the *Decorah Posten*, first as mailing clerk and later as a business manager and as editor. He also built up an extensive insurance business. He was active in local affairs, being secretary of the county fair, secretary of the local school board and treasurer of the city hospital. In 1910 he was elected to the lower house of the Iowa legislature and was re-elected in 1912, serving in the Thirty-fourth and Thirty-fifth General Assemblies. He was elected to the State Senate in 1914 and served in the Thirty-sixth and Thirty-seventh General Assemblies. In 1918 he was an unsuccessful candidate for the Republican nomination for Congress in the Fourth District, against Hon. G. N. Haugen.

MARY C. COLLINS was born at Upper Alton, Illinois, April 18, 1846, and died at Keokuk, Iowa, May 25, 1920. She came with her parents to Keokuk in 1848, was educated in public and private schools in that city, and taught a few years in the public schools there. In October, 1875, under the auspices of the Congregational church she went, as a missionary to the Sioux Indians, to Dakota Territory, near where the

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