

## John Hilsinger

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with his father to Pittsfield, Ill. During the Mexican war he was a member of the 1st Illinois Volunteers known as the Quincy Riflemen. At the age of 27 he returned to New York City, living there several years. He engaged as a clerk in a railroad office, and later as book-keeper in a mercantile house. At the outbreak of the civil war he enlisted in the 9th Michigan Infantry. He was captured at Stone River by Forrest's Cavalry, and spent three months in prison at Madison, Ga. In 1863 he was made Lieutenant Colonel of the 12th U. S. Colored Infantry. At the close of the war he settled in Burlington, where he engaged in business until 1871, when he was appointed county superintendent of schools. Col. Sellon was one of the first shorthand reporters appointed under the law providing for such assistance to our district courts. He held the position 16 years under Judges Tracy, Smyth, Newman and Stutsman. In 1887 he removed to Independence, Mo., and later to Kansas City, returning in 1899 to Burlington, where he lived with a daughter and her family until his death.

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TIMOTHY JORDAN CALDWELL was born in Vermilion county, Indiana, July 21, 1837; he died in Adel, Iowa, June 16, 1906. He came west with his parents who settled in Dallas county in 1853. Prior to coming to Iowa he attended the seminary at Newport, Indiana. In 1861 he graduated from the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Keokuk. He engaged in the practice of his profession in Adel where he continued in residence until 1864 when he became the surgeon of the 23d Iowa Infantry. Upon his discharge from that service he returned to Adel, and continued the practice of medicine in that community until his retirement a few years since. Dr. Caldwell was a progressive practitioner, at various times going east to pursue post graduate courses in various departments of medicine in order to equip himself the better for his profession. He was interested in several large business enterprises, especially banking, and was successful in all his undertakings. In politics Dr. Caldwell was an active and influential republican. He was elected as a member of the House of Representatives in 1881, serving in the 19th General Assembly. In 1883 he was elected to the Senate, and for eight years represented Audubon, Dallas and Guthrie counties.

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JOHN HILSINGER was born at Marathon, Cortland county, N. Y., March 4, 1834; he died March 26, 1906, at Sabula, Iowa. Mr. Hilsinger was reared in New York, working on his father's farm, and later as a carpenter and joiner and wheelwright. He read law and was admitted to the bar at Ithaca, N. Y., in the fall of 1857, before the supreme court of that State. In 1858 he came to Iowa, locating in Floyd county, where he was admitted to the bar. He soon afterwards settled in Sabula, Jackson county. He continued to reside there until his death. For two years he was principal of the Sabula High School. In 1860 he was elected township supervisor. In 1861 he was appointed postmaster of Sabula, and held the office with but slight interruption, until President Cleveland's election in 1885 when he resigned. During the war he was enrolling officer for Jackson county. In 1864 he was elected to the State Senate, serving with marked ability in the 11th and 12th General Assemblies. From 1884 to 1890 he was a member of the Board of Supervisors of Jackson county. Almost from the incorporation of the town of Sabula in 1863 Judge Hilsinger served as city attorney. He was one of the Iowa delegates to the Republican National Convention which nominated James G. Blaine for President in 1884.

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