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the Iowa wesleyan University at Mount Pleasant. He was admitted to the bar before he attained his majority. He was also elected to the House of Representatives before he was of age. Before the Legislature met, however, he was out of his minority; and in December, 1856, he took his seat in the 6th General Assembly, which was the last to meet at Iowa City. He represented the counties of Wayne and Decatur. A year or two after his Iowa legislative experience, he removed to Kansas. On the outbreak of hostilities against the Union, he went into the service as captain of Company F, in the First Nebraska Infantry. He subsequently recruited and commanded the Thirteenth Kansas regiment, continuing in the service until the end of the war; first, in the Army of the Frontier, and later in the Seventh Army Corps, at times commanding brigade and division. He was brevetted brigadier-general. After the war he remained in Arkansas for several years, and was a member of a convention that framed a constitution for the State, and presided in that convention. Later, Gen. Bowen was one of the justices of the Supreme Court of the State. In 1871 President Grant appointed him Governor of the Territory of Idaho, but he resigned before the close of that year. In 1873 he was a candidate for United States Senator from Arkansas, but Stephen W. Dorsey was his successful competitor. In January, 1875, he removed to Colorado. There, on the establishment of the State government, he was chosen District Judge, serving in that capacity for four years. In 1882 he was chosen a member of the Legislature of that State, and, while acting as such he was elected a Senator of the United States, in the room of Horace A. W. Tabor, who had been chosen to fill out the term of Henry M. Teller. Six years later he gave place to Edward O. Walcott. After that time he devoted his attention largely to the extensive mining interests in which he was concerned.—W. H. F.

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EUGENE S. ELLSWORTH was born in Milwaukee county, Wis., Nov. 2, 1848; he died in Iowa Falls, Iowa, Feb. 15, 1907. He served in the civil war as a drummer boy in a Wisconsin company commanded by his father, Capt. Ellsworth. In 1863 he removed to Iowa Falls, Iowa, then more than fifty miles from the nearest railroad. He foresaw the possibilities of the State and began at once to aid in its development and growth. He built up an extensive real estate and loan business. When the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern railroad was built, he organized a town lot company and was its manager for eight years, during which time an immense business was done in developing the country and founding towns along that line of railroad. He became president of the First National Bank of Iowa Falls, and a stockholder in two others. His last work was the building of the Des Moines, Iowa Falls & Northern. His benefactions to Iowa Falls have been many and have been directed toward the building of an opera house, the Ellsworth Hospital, a Carnegie Library building, Ellsworth College and a fine city park system. Through his great energy and rare business capacity he accumulated a large fortune which he was investing in schemes for the benefit of the people. His death is a sad loss to his town and to the State at large.

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SIMEON S. DANILLS was born in Post Mills, Vt., May 27, 1822; he died at Mount Pleasant, Iowa, Feb. 6, 1907. He came with his parents to Oberlin, Ohio, in 1834. Here young Daniels grew to manhood and was educated in the college which has since become one of the notable educational institutions in this country. He studied law in

Medina, Ohio, and was admitted to the bar in 1848. He removed to Tipton, Iowa, in 1850, residing there nineteen years. In 1857 he became proprietor of *The Tipton Advertiser*, which he published until 1863. Under his administration *The Advertiser* became one of the most widely known country weeklies of this State. During the session of the Legislature of 1860 that portion of the House Journal in which the election of State Printer was made a matter of record was stolen. In a purely accidental way Mr. Daniels was instrumental in bringing this theft to light. There was no general investigation of the matter, but the Journal was quietly restored by authority of the House from the rough notes kept by the clerk, and nothing serious resulted. He retired from *The Advertiser* after conducting the paper six years, and settled in Mount Pleasant, where he resided up to the time of his death at the ripe age of 85 years. He had held several positions of honor and trust and was widely and favorably known.

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GEORGE FRANKLIN WRIGHT was born in Warren, Washington county, Vt., Dec. 5, 1833; he died in Council Bluffs, Dec. 13, 1906. He was reared on a farm and received his education at West Randolph, Vt., where the late Judge Austin Adams was his tutor. In 1855 he came to Iowa and commenced the study of the law with the firm of Wright, Knapp & Caldwell in Keosauqua. In 1857 he was admitted to the bar and began practicing under the firm name, Knapp, Caldwell & Wright. In 1861 he helped raise a company of volunteers and was elected first lieutenant. Business demanding his return to Keosauqua, he raised a company of militia and was elected captain. The organization was in active service in protecting the Iowa border. In 1868 Mr. Wright removed to Council Bluffs and formed a law partnership with Judge Caleb Baldwin. Aside from his profession he was interested in many business enterprises. He was president of the first street railway company; helped to organize companies for the manufacture of coal illuminating gas in various Iowa towns, and organized the Omaha and Council Bluffs Railway & Bridge Co. He served in the Senate in the 16th, 17th, 18th and 19th General Assemblies, being a member of the judiciary committee.

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HIRAM SCHOFIELD was born in Hadley, Saratoga county, N. Y.; he died in Seattle, Wash., Dec. 30, 1906. He graduated from Union College, Schenectady, in 1853, and from the law school at Albany in 1856. In 1857 he removed to Washington, Iowa, where he practiced his profession and became one of the best known lawyers in southeastern Iowa. His military career was a brilliant one. At the outbreak of the civil war he enlisted in the 2d Iowa Infantry. He participated in many engagements, including the battles of Fort Donelson, Shiloh, and the siege of Corinth. He was promoted to first lieutenant and later served as assistant adjutant-general on the staffs of Generals Lauman and McCarthy. He was then made colonel of the 8th Louisiana colored infantry, and subsequently commanded a brigade. He was brevetted brigadier-general at the close of the war. In 1868 he was chosen a presidential elector on the Republican ticket. He was a collector of rare books and left one of the largest private libraries in the State.

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SAMUEL LUCIUS BESTOW was born at Williamsville, N. Y., March 8, 1823; he died in Chariton, Iowa, Jan. 10, 1907. In 1869 he came to Lucas county and purchased a farm, where he resided until a few

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