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THOMAS HEDGE was born in Burlington, Iowa, June 24, 1844, and died in that city, November 28, 1920. His parents were Thomas and Eliza Burr (Eldridge) Hedge, both of Yarmouth, Massachusetts. He attended common school in Burlington, and Denmark Academy, Denmark, Lee County. He then entered Phillips Academy, Andover, Massachusetts, and was graduated in 1861. For a year he worked as a clerk for the banking firm of Lauman-Hedge & Co., of Burlington, but in 1862 entered Yale University. He enlisted in the spring of 1864 as a private in Company E, One Hundred and Sixth New York Infantry, and became second lieutenant of Company G of that regiment. At the end of the war he returned to Yale and was graduated in 1867. He attended Columbia Law School where he received the degree of LL. B. in 1869. He then returned to Burlington and entered the law office of P. Henry Smyth, but later formed a partnership with Joseph W. Blythe, which lasted until Mr. Blythe's death. In 1898 he was elected representative in Congress as a Republican, and was re-elected in 1900, 1902 and 1904, serving in the Fifty-sixth, Fifty-seventh, Fifty-eighth, and Fifty-ninth congresses, when he voluntarily retired from public life. He was an able lawyer of brilliant parts, a good business man, and a useful citizen to his city and state.

HOMER C. BOARDMAN was born at Troy, Vermont, February 22, 1849, and died at Los Angeles, California, September 11, 1920. He came with his parents in their removal to Lyons, Iowa, in 1855. He attended common school at Lyons and was graduated from the Commercial Department of Notre Dame University, South Bend, Indiana. In 1874 he removed to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and for a few years was a traveling salesman for a millinery firm. In 1879 he removed to Nevada, Iowa, and with his brother, W. K. Boardman, formed the firm of Boardman Bros., which for over twenty years conducted a very extensive business in buying and shipping produce, especially butter, eggs, and poultry. He was a member of the Nevada City Council (from 1882 to 1887, was mayor of Nevada, 1888 to 1892, and was a member of the board of education for twenty-one years. He was elected senator in 1893 and served in the Twenty-fifth General Assembly. In 1902 he removed to Okene, Oklahoma, where he was in the banking and lumber business until 1912 when because of failing health he retired and removed to Los Angeles, California.

MALCOM FORMAN MCNIE was born in New York City, September 27, 1848, and died at Long Beach, California, December 16, 1920. He was brought by his parents on their removal to Iowa in 1856, attended common school and Western College at Western, Linn County, taught school several years and in 1875 engaged in farming and stock raising in Harrison Township, Benton County, which vocation he followed until 1910. He became a director in the State Bank of Vinton and was

active in civil and religious organizations. In 1901 he was elected representative and was re-elected in 1903, serving in the Twenty-ninth, Thirtieth, and Thirty-first general assemblies. In 1910 he removed to Long Beach, California. Here he was elected to the Long Beach City Council, was a director in the Marine and Commercial Savings Bank of Long Beach, organized the Iowa Society of Long Beach and was its first president, and was appointed a member of the Public Welfare Commission and a probation officer of Los Angeles County.

JOHN C. KELLY was born in Courtland County, New York, February 26, 1852, and died at Sioux City, Iowa, October 27, 1920. In 1863 he removed with his parents to Washington, D. C., and in 1866, on the death of his father, Thomas C. Kelly, took the latter's place in the Government Printing Office. In 1873 he removed to Iowa and soon thereafter acquired an interest in the *Des Moines Leader*. In 1880 he disposed of his interests in Des Moines, removed to Sioux City and purchased the *Sioux City Tribune*. In 1893 he was appointed collector of internal revenue for the Northern District of Iowa. He cared little for holding official position, but took great interest in political affairs. He was a delegate-at-large to the Democratic National Convention of 1888 and helped nominate Cleveland and Thurman. In 1896 he declined to follow Mr. Bryan and thereafter was independent, defining his affiliation as that of Progressive Republican. He supported A. B. Cummins in his series of political contests. He was an able editor and leader.

FERGUSON FLEMMING ROE was born in Darke County, Ohio, November 18, 1832, and died at Castana, Iowa, January 5, 1920. His parents were Frederick and Catharina (Breakfield) Roe. He attended country school in his youth and at eighteen years of age, 1850, was apprenticed to the blacksmith trade. In 1852 he removed to Union City, Indiana, and started a forge of his own, but in 1855 removed to Monona County, Iowa, obtained some land and began improving it. For the following few years he farmed in summer and taught school in winter, teaching two winters in Story County and then in Monona County. He helped organize his (Center) township and taught the first term of school within its borders the winter of 1861-2. He became a successful farmer and stockman. In 1869 he was elected a member of the county board of supervisors, and in 1887 was elected representative and re-elected in 1889, serving in the Twenty-second and Twenty-third general assemblies.

JACOB W. RICH was born at Marcellus, New York, September 21, 1838, and died at Iowa City, Iowa, June 12, 1920. He removed to Iowa in his youth and in October, 1861, when living at Janesville, Bremer County, enlisted in Company E, Twelfth Iowa Infantry, as a private and served until December 23, 1862, when he was discharged for phys-

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