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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.

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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.

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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.

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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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