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JAMES SIMPSON BELLAMY was born in Switzerland County, Indiana, February 12, 1848, and died at Knoxville, Iowa, July 2, 1921. He came with his parents to Marion County, Iowa, in 1853, where they settled on a farm. He attended country school. In 1870 he went west and spent the three following years on ranches in Kansas, Colorado and Texas. In 1875 he became a member of the firm of S. K. Bellamy & Sons, which dealt in grain, lumber, and live stock. Later he became the founder and president of the Knoxville Electric Company, operating telephone and electric lighting systems. He was not only an active and able business man but was a leader in practically all local welfare movements. He was a familiar figure in district and state conventions of the Republican party for many years. He was grand master of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in 1896 and 1897, and was representative in the Sovereign Grand Lodge of that order in 1899 and 1900, and was a lay delegate to the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, held at Saratoga, New York, in 1916.

CHARLES LATTIMER ROOT was born in Chester, Massachusetts, October 8, 1856, and died at Clinton, Iowa, February 28, 1922. He was a son of Aurelius C. Root. He was graduated from Northwestern University in 1878, read law with A. R. Cotton at Lyons, was admitted to the bar in 1879, and commenced practice at Lyons. In 1889 he organized a drill corps and was elected its captain. This organization won many premiums for excellence in drill. It escorted Governor Boies in his visit to the Columbian Exposition. In 1893 he organized the Root Land Company and became an extensive and successful real estate dealer and business man. He was mayor of Lyons from 1890 to 1894, was elected representative in 1893 and served in the Twenty-fifth General Assembly, and was an alderman-at-large of Clinton during 1896 and 1897. He organized Company L, First Regiment, Iowa National Guard, but failing to pass the physical examination, was thus prevented from entering the Spanish-American War.

JOHN H. MORRELL was born in Liverpool, England, March 13, 1864, and died at Ottumwa, Iowa, December 4, 1921. In 1880 he entered the service of John Morrell & Company, Ltd., dealers in meats and provisions, in their Liverpool office. In 1883 he removed to Chicago and entered the office of the company there where he remained until 1888 when he went to Ottumwa, Iowa, and was associated with the late Thomas D. Foster in the management of the American business of the firm. On the death of Mr. Foster in 1915 he was elected president of the corporation which position he held at the time of his death. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, was active in the Y. M. C. A., had been president and was a director in the Ottumwa Chamber of Commerce, was interested in many corporations and clubs, was a member of the State Council of Defense during the World War, and was a most useful citizen.

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