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committee appointments. The State University was indebted to him for loyal service. From 1911 to 1916 he was mayor of Iowa City. In 1918 he was Democratic candidate for state railroad commissioner. For several years he was president of the Citizens Savings Bank of Iowa City. He was also at various times school treasurer, city treasurer, and justice of the peace.

JOHN WATSON ROWLEY was born at New Garden, Columbiana County, Ohio, July 23, 1846, and died at Keosauqua, Iowa, September 7, 1921. His parents were Theodore B. and Emeline Rowley. He came with them in 1854 in their removal to a farm near Utica, Van Buren County, Iowa. Most of the time between 1866 and 1875 he taught school. In 1875 he was elected county superintendent of Van Buren County and served four years. In 1879 he removed to Keosauqua, purchased a half interest in the *Keosauqua Republican*, became its editor and continued as such until his death, a period of over forty years. During that time he had two partners, Joshua Sloan from 1879 to 1895, and John H. Landes from 1895 during the remainder of his editorship. In 1880 he was supervisor of census for the First District, and had the unique distinction of holding that position four consecutive times, namely 1880, 1890, 1900, and 1910. From 1882 to 1886 he was a member of the State Board of Educational Examiners, most of the time its secretary. In 1914 he was a candidate for the Republican nomination for governor, made his campaign in opposition to the extension of the State Capitol grounds, and received 19,363 votes while George W. Clarke received 86,141. In 1916 he was elected representative and served in the Thirty-seventh General Assembly. He was a man of marked ability, of the old-time school of editor, and a very conservative citizen. He neither asked nor gave quarter in affairs that he espoused in personal or public character. He was in every way that which he made the motto of his paper, "Radical Republican; Neutral in Nothing."

WILLIAM THEOPHILUS was born in Carmarthenshire, Wales, August 6, 1858, and died in Davenport, Iowa, November 23, 1922. His parents were Daniel and Margaret (Williams) Theophilus. He was with his parents in their migration to a farm near Lime Springs, Howard County, Iowa, in 1868. He attended public school and taught several terms in the vicinity of his home. In 1882 he was elected clerk of the District Court of Howard County, and was re-elected in 1884. In 1886 he was Democratic candidate for clerk of the Supreme Court of Iowa. In 1887 he was elected representative and served in the Twenty-second General Assembly. In 1889 he removed to Arkansas City, Kansas. He had been reading law for some years, was admitted to the bar in Kansas, and soon thereafter was elected city attorney for Arkansas City and had charge of important litigation. He removed to Davenport, Iowa, in 1894 and the next year formed a partnership for the practice of law

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