

## Hervey J. Vail

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a division in that department. In 1868-9 he was an employe in the First National Bank of San Antonio, Texas, but in 1869 removed to Fort Dodge, Iowa, and engaged in the practice of law. On November 5, 1872, he was elected district attorney for the Eleventh Judicial District to fill a vacancy caused by the resignation of John H. Bradley, and on October 13, 1874, was re-elected for a full term of four years. He served as district attorney for the Northern District of Iowa in 1883-5, and again in 1889-93. From 1897 to 1905 he was solicitor of the United States Treasury. He was an efficient public officer and a political orator of reputation.

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JOHN WILLIAM BISSELL was born at Prescott, Canada, August 4, 1843, and died at Clearwater, Florida, August 23, 1922. On May 18, 1923, the body was conveyed to Fayette, Iowa, and interred there. His parents were John and Rebecca Bissell. He was educated at Rock River Seminary and at Northwestern University, being graduated from the latter in 1867. He taught Latin and Greek in Northern Indiana College and later in Brookston Academy. In 1872 he went to Upper Iowa University as an instructor and in 1874 became its president, and continued in that position until 1899. He then went to Charles City as pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church for one year, and was pastor of Grace Church, Waterloo, in 1902-4. He was district superintendent of the Cedar Falls (now the Waterloo) District in 1904-10. From 1910 to 1919 he devoted his time to raising endowment for retired ministers. He was a member of the General Conference of his church in 1884. During a few of the later years of his life he resided in Florida.

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HERVEY J. VAH was born in Belmont County, Ohio, November 22, 1845, and died at Pasadena, California, November 29, 1922. He came with his parents in their removal to Coal Creek, Keokuk County, Iowa, in 1864. He followed farming, but in 1871 entered the newspaper publishing business at Wilton Junction, Muscatine County, purchasing the *Wilton Chronicle*. In 1873 he founded the *New Sharon Star*. In 1884 he was a presidential elector on the Blaine ticket. In 1886 he sold the *Star* and removed to Pasadena, where he established the *Pasadena Star* as a weekly, later changing it to a daily. In 1896 he returned to Iowa and bought back the *New Sharon Star*, which he conducted until 1911, when he retired and returned to Pasadena. He was postmaster at New Sharon for a time during President Hayes's administration, and again after his return from California. He was a writer of force and brilliancy.

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DAVID MOULD was born at Montgomery, Orange County, New York, April 14, 1856, and died at Sioux City, Iowa, August 26, 1921. He was of Hessian descent. He attended public school, the East Hampton preparatory school, and Harvard University, and was graduated from

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