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DANIEL CADY CHASE was born in Webster City, Iowa, June 18, 1859, and died there March 2, 1923. He was graduated from the Webster City High School and from the State University of Iowa. After leaving the University he engaged for a time in newspaper work with G. B. Pray as owners of the *Webster City Argus*. He never entirely lost his interest in newspaper publishing and in later years he owned the *Webster City Herald* for some time. In 1880 he read law in the office of his father, Judge Daniel D. Chase, and was admitted to the practice in 1881. He soon won his way to prominence as a lawyer, being engaged in many important cases. In 1890 and 1891 he was city attorney of Webster City. He was elected representative in 1889 and was re-elected in 1891, serving in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth general assemblies. In 1892 he was a delegate at large from Iowa to the Republican National Convention at Minneapolis. In 1896 he was elected presidential elector from the Tenth District. He was elected senator in 1910, re-elected in 1914, and again elected in 1922, serving in the Thirty-fourth, Thirty-fifth, Thirty-sixth, and Thirty-seventh general assemblies and in the Fortieth until his death. He was a man of large ability, of independent action, and of varied accomplishments. If he had devoted himself to literature he doubtless would have achieved fame. Some of his poems, which he was almost too modest to allow his friends to see, have great charm and beauty. One collection of them, "Choice of Paris, and Other Poems," typewritten, is in the library of the Historical Department of Iowa. He combined art with the practical in his instincts and in his public effort. His vision and his thought imbued countless Iowa statutes and survive in the conservation of the scenic, scientific, historical and recreational areas, now part of our public heritage.

BYRON C. WARD was born at Underhill, Vermont, November 28, 1838, and died in Des Moines, Iowa, January 18, 1922. He enlisted as a private, August 28, 1862, in Company G, Second Vermont Infantry, participated in many important battles, including Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Wilderness, Petersburg, Cedar Creek, and Gettysburg, and was promoted to first lieutenant. After the war he engaged in educational work and in 1869 removed to Prairie City, Iowa, and was principal of schools there for several years. In 1876 he was admitted to the bar and formed a partnership with W. G. Clements as Clements & Ward at Prairie City which continued until 1893. In the meantime Mr. Clements having removed to Newton, Mr. Ward attended to the firm's business at Prairie City. In 1883 he was elected representative and served in the Twentieth General Assembly. In 1893 he removed to Des Moines and practiced there for a time. He was commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Iowa, for the year 1914-15. He was active in Y. M. C. A. work and other good and patriotic causes.

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