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GORDON HAYES was born in Chicago, Illinois, February 22, 1872, and died at Red Oak, Iowa, March 26, 1923. His parents, Edward and Alice Morrell Hayes, removed to Red Oak in 1874 and he attended school there, was graduated from high school, took a business course, took one year's work in Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, one year special work in the Berlitz School of Languages, Chicago, and was graduated from the Law Department of the State University of Iowa in 1896 and admitted to the bar. In 1897 he associated himself with his father in real estate business and in operating their farms. He was also interested in banking in Red Oak. In 1910 he was elected representative and served in the Thirty-fourth General Assembly, being the only Democrat ever elected as representative from Montgomery County.

NICHOLAS B. NEMMERS was born at Saint Donatus, Jackson County, Iowa, March 15, 1852, and died at La Motte, February 3, 1923. He attended common school and studied music and normal training at Pio Nono College, Milwaukee, from which he was graduated in 1874. He then taught school in Jackson County until 1882 when he engaged in mercantile business at La Motte. He served the public in various capacities, being councilman, mayor, and postmaster. He was elected representative in 1889 and re-elected in 1891, serving in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth general assemblies.

ROBERT E. COOK was born at Kewanee, Illinois, June 9, 1849, and died at his home in Red Oak, Iowa, January 30, 1916. He came to Red Oak in 1883 and for ten years was engaged in the brick and tile business. For nine years he was a member of the Red Oak school board. He was county assessor one year. In 1895 he was elected representative and was re-elected in 1897, serving in the Twenty-sixth, Twenty-sixth extra and Twenty-seventh general assemblies. In 1912 he was elected clerk of the district court and was re-elected in 1914, and was serving as such at the time of his death.

EDGAR HOWES SMITH was born in Gouverneur, St. Lawrence County, New York, August 14, 1844, and died at Corning, Iowa, May 15, 1922. His parents were Alonzo Z. and Lucy (Howes) Smith. He was educated in common school and in Gouverneur Seminary. He removed to Illinois in 1865, and to Taylor County, Iowa, in 1871. Until 1875 he followed farming in summer and school-teaching in winter, but after that date he gave his attention to farming and stock raising. He removed to a farm in Adams County in 1897, and to Corning in 1904. He was elected representative in 1910 and served in the Thirty-fourth General Assembly.

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