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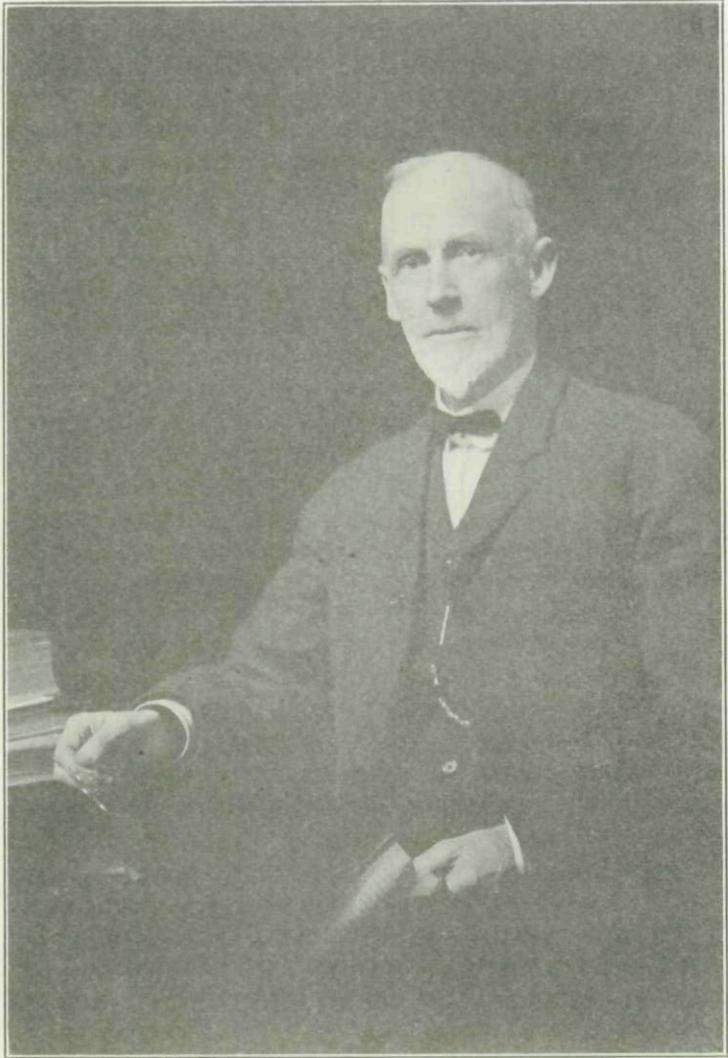
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NOTABLE DEATHS

JOHN L. WAITE was born in Ravenna, Ohio, August 29, 1840, and died at Burlington, Iowa, March 21, 1924. He attended school in Ravenna and a private academy and a commercial school in Chicago, learned telegraphy and became an operator in Cleveland, at Lebanon, Ohio, and in Chicago. During his leisure hours in Chicago he began writing for newspapers and in 1860 covered for the *Cleveland Leader* the National Convention that nominated Lincoln. In 1862 he went to Burlington as a telegrapher and became superintendent of the Burlington & Missouri River Telegraph line with headquarters at Burlington. He wrote occasionally for the *Burlington Hawkeye* until in 1869 he resigned from the telegraph company and entered the employ of the *Hawkeye*, first as reporter and later as city editor. In 1874 he became associate editor to Frank Hatton. Robert J. Burdette became managing editor in 1874, but in 1876 resigned to go on the lecture platform and Mr. Waite was advanced to that position, and continued until 1882 when he was appointed postmaster at Burlington by President Arthur. At the end of his term, July, 1885, he became editor and publisher of the *Hawkeye*. In 1898 he was again appointed postmaster by President McKinley, and was reappointed by President Roosevelt in 1902 and again in 1906. He was active in aiding the establishment and development of rural free delivery and in many other improvements in mail service. In 1907-8 he was president of the National Association of First Class Postmasters. On retiring as postmaster in 1910 he resumed the editorial management of the *Hawkeye* and continued until 1917, when he retired, but continued as an occasional contributor. Mr. Waite was devoted to the editorial profession, had large influence and was recognized throughout the state and the West for his ability, good judgment, high ideals, and exalted character. He was a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal church from his youth, was deeply interested in young people and was helpful to his city and state in every good cause.

WARREN GARST was born in Dayton, Ohio, December 4, 1850, and died in Des Moines, Iowa, October 5, 1924. His parents were Michael and Maria Lawrie (Morrison) Garst. He was with them in their removal to Charleston, Illinois, in 1858, to Champaign, Illinois, in 1860, and to Boone (then called Montana), Iowa in 1866. Warren attended public school up to about this time, but had commenced work as a farm hand. He also assisted his brother Edward in the grocery business in Boone for a year or two, was a salesman in Chicago for a time, also was a brakeman on the Chicago & Northwestern Railway, but in 1876 formed a partnership with his brother Edward in the mercantile business at Coon Rapids, his brother having located there five years previously. The firm

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