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CHARLES D. FULLEN was born at Agency, Wapello County, Iowa, July 8, 1860, and died in Seattle, Washington, September 12, 1923. His parents were John and Margaret Sage Fullen. He attended common school, was tutored for years by Major John Beach, son-in-law of General Joseph M. Street, attended Iowa Wesleyan University two years, was graduated from Chicago University, and in 1880 was graduated from the Law Department of the State University of Iowa. When a boy he had learned telegraphy, and on leaving the University, not being old enough to be admitted to the practice of law, he followed telegraphy for about two years. In 1882 he was admitted and began practice in Fairfield. In 1883 he became a partner of I. D. Jones, the firm being Jones & Fullen. From 1886 to 1893 inclusive he was the First District member of the Democratic State Central Committee, and was its secretary in 1887 and 1888, and its chairman in 1890, 1891, 1892, and 1893. He was United States attorney for the Southern District of Iowa from 1894 to 1898, thereafter for a time practiced law in Chicago in partnership with States Attorney Jacob Kerns, but in 1906 removed to Seattle, Washington, where he was successful as a lawyer, and prominent in civic and in the political affairs of the state.

ZENAS CHARLES THORNBURG was born near Redfield, Iowa, July 14, 1872, and died in Des Moines May 3, 1925. His parents were Thomas A. and Jennie (Vestal) Thornburg. He attended common schools, Guthrie County High School at Panora, and was graduated from Highland Park Normal School, and later from Highland Park College. In 1893 he became superintendent of Oak Park School, Des Moines, going from there to Capital Park School, where he was superintendent three years. In 1901 he was elected county superintendent of schools of Polk County, and was re-elected in 1903, serving in all five years. He then went to Highland Park College as a member of the faculty for two years, was assistant superintendent of schools of Des Moines in 1908-13, and in 1913 succeeded to the superintendency of the city schools, which he retained until 1921. He then became a member of the faculty of Des Moines College, then under the jurisdiction of the Presbyterian church, leaving it in July, 1924, when he became postmaster at Des Moines. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, was active in church, Sunday School, and Y. M. C. A. work, interested in fraternal orders, and was a most useful citizen.

NEWTON RAY PARVIN was born in Muscatine, Iowa, July 5, 1851, and died in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, January 16, 1925. His parents were Mr. and Mrs. Theodore S. Parvin. The family removed to Iowa City in 1860 where the father became professor of natural history in the State University and where the son became a student in the Model School, and from 1864 to 1867 a student in the Preparatory Department of the University. His father having been for many years grand secretary

of the Masonic Grand Lodge of Iowa, Newton entered that office in 1872 as a clerk, and in 1877 became deputy grand secretary. In 1885 the headquarters of the fraternity were removed to Cedar Rapids and on the death of his father in 1901 he became grand secretary as well as librarian of the Masonic Grand Lodge of Iowa, which positions he administered with fidelity and ability until his death. He was made a Mason in 1874 and advanced through all the degrees until 1895 when the thirty-third degree was conferred on him. He was vice president of the National Masonic Research Society, St. Louis, Missouri, and was recognized nationally and internationally as an authority on Masonry. The library his father and he built up is a credit to the order and to the state.

A. W. WILKINSON was born in Scott Township, Madison County, Iowa, November 22, 1848, and died at Winterset February 20, 1925. His parents were John and Clarissa (Matthews) Wilkinson. He was educated in district school and in Winterset Academy. He became a surveyor and was elected county surveyor in 1871 and served two years. He was admitted to the bar in 1872, but in 1873 went to California and followed civil engineering and school-teaching for two years. He returned to Winterset and January 1, 1875, opened a law office in Winterset and soon obtained a good practice. In November, 1882, he was elected district attorney for the Fifth Judicial District, and served four years, or until the office of district attorney was abolished. The fall of 1886 he was elected a judge of the Fifth District and by reason of re-elections served for sixteen years, or until 1902, when he resumed the practice at Winterset, in partnership with his son, Philip R. Wilkinson, continuing until his death. He stood high in his profession and as a citizen.

CHARLES HELLEN WILSON was born in Uniontown, Pennsylvania, April 25, 1834, and died in Washington, Iowa, February 28, 1925. His parents were William Wilson, Sr., and Minerva J. (Hellen) Wilson. He attended common school, but when seventeen years old, 1851, entered the printing office of the *Pennsylvania Democrat* at Uniontown. In July, 1853, removed to Muscatine, Iowa, and took employment in the office of the *Muscatine Journal*. In June, 1855, he purchased of Jacob and John Mahin their half interest in the *Journal*, his partner being Orion Clemens, a brother of Mark Twain, and they changed it to a daily. In 1858 he disposed of his interest in the *Journal* and removed to Washington where, for the next half century, he was in active business, for a time as groceryman, then as hardware merchant, as well as engaging in commercial enterprises. He was a leading member of the Methodist church, and an influential Republican. Besides being a member of the City Council, he was twice Mayor of Washington, and in 1871 was elected representative and served in the Fourteenth General Assembly.

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