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as mayor and as city attorney of Waukon. From 1879 to 1882 he was chairman of the Republican County Central Committee. He was captain of Company I, Fourth Regiment, Iowa National Guard, from August 8, 1881, to November 28, 1885, and was colonel of the regiment from November 28, 1885, to 1892, when the regiment was reorganized, becoming the First Regiment. However, he served again as captain of Company I, First Regiment, which later became the Forty-ninth, from June 24, 1897, to May 13, 1899, when he was mustered out at Savannah, Georgia. He resumed the practice of law at Waukon, but in his later years resided in Chicago.

CHRISTOPHER H. BERG was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, March 15, 1841, and died in Dubuque, Iowa, April 9, 1926. In 1852 his parents with their family removed to Galena, Illinois. As a boy he was in turn newspaper carrier, bellboy, and printer, learning his trade in the office of the *Galena Gazette*, and becoming its foreman. In 1862 he volunteered in Company A, Ninety-sixth Illinois Infantry, and served three years, being in all the principal battles of his regiment. In 1866 he became foreman of the *Dubuque Times*. In 1868 he helped organize the company known as Palmer (William A.), Winal (Samuel) & Co., printers and bookbinders, which later became Palmer, Berg & Co., and still later, Berg & Briggs. He was in the printing business fifty-four years. For some thirty years his time was largely devoted to banking. He became president of the Union Trust and Savings Bank, and was also interested in other Dubuque banks. He was a Republican in politics, and was elected alderman from the Fourth Ward in 1896, and mayor in 1898, serving in that position eight years. He was locally prominent in Grand Army, in Odd Fellow, and other fraternal organizations.

PORTER W. BURR was born at Mercer, Maine, February 1, 1852, and died at Charles City, Iowa, September 28, 1925. In 1867 he came with his parents, L. N. and Mary B. (Wiley) Burr, to Davenport, Iowa, was graduated from Griswold College, Davenport, in 1872, and from the Law Department of the State University of Iowa in 1873. He was in a law office in Lincoln, Nebraska, a year and then located at Nora Springs, Iowa, and formed a partnership with W. P. Gaylord as Gaylord & Burr for the practice of law. In 1876 he was elected clerk of courts for Floyd County and was re-elected in 1878. In January, 1881, he engaged in practice in Charles City. In March of that year he was elected mayor, and in 1882 city attorney, in which office he served several terms. In 1892 he was elected a judge of the Twelfth Judicial District, but at the end of a four year term, declined renomination, preferring to return to general practice. He stood high in his profession and as a citizen. In 1907 he was stricken with paralysis which rendered him an invalid for the remaining eighteen years of his life.

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