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THEODORE C. BLUME was born in Marshall County, Illinois, December 10, 1861, and died in the Denison, Iowa, Hospital October 18, 1925. Burial was in the Morgan Township, Crawford County, cemetery. His parents were Charles and Amelia (Girard) Blume. He attended common school, came with his parents to Crawford County in 1880, was graduated from the Dexter Normal College in 1881, and after that was a student in Drake University. In 1884 he began teaching, which he followed for twelve years, being an instructor in Greer College, Hoopes-ton, Illinois, from 1891 to 1894, and superintendent of schools of Dyersville, Iowa, from 1894 to 1895. In 1895 he located on the Blume family homestead in Hanover Township, Crawford County, and engaged in farming. He was elected representative in 1897 and was re-elected two years later, serving in the Twenty-seventh and Twnty-eighth general assemblies. He was again elected representative in 1922 and served in the Fortieth and the Fortieth Extra General Assembly. He was for several years president of the Crawford County Farmers' Union, also served the Union in several other important positions, and was a citizen of great usefulness. He affiliated with the Democratic party.

FREDERICK O'DONNELL was born in Illinois in 1846, and died in Du-buque, Iowa, September 10, 1925. But little is known of his early life excepting that his mother was a widow and he was raised by Dr. J. C. Ware, a physician of Fairfield, Iowa. In 1861 he ran off to Missouri and enlisted in the Union Army. He was with Mulligan's Brigade when it was captured by Price at Lexington, Missouri, September 20, 1861, and was paroled and returned home. He read law with Slagle & Acheson of Fairfield and in about 1866 located in Dubuque and entered practice, becoming a member of the firm of Wilson, Mulkern & O'Donnell. In 1869 he was elected representative, was re-elected in 1871, and elected again in 1879, serving in the Thirteenth, Fourteenth and Seventeenth general assemblies. In 1882 he was elected mayor of Dubuque, and was re-elected in 1883. He attained success as a lawyer and was elected a judge of the District Court and served for sixteen years, from 1891 to 1906. He was a man of culture, was eloquent, and courteous in manner. The last few years of his life he lived in retire-ment. He was a Democrat in politics.

THOMAS McCULLOCH GOBBLE was born at Abington, Iowa, April 2, 1846, and died in Clinton, January 31, 1926. His parents were Thomas Wilson and Mary McCulloch Gobble. He attended common school, received private instruction, and was graduated from the Bryant & Strat-ton Business College in Chicago in 1866. He followed the vocation of bookkeeper, first in a general store in Fairfield and afterward in the John McWilliams wholesale grocery in Des Moines. He removed to Muscatine in 1875. In 1880 he and his brother, John M. Gobble, became partners in conducting a wholesale grocery firm. In 1884 he sold his

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