

Horace Ray Chapman

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interest, removed to Clinton and established the wholesale grocery firm of T. M. Gobble & Co., which he continued to direct most successfully until the time of his death. In 1890, and again in 1896, he was elected mayor of Clinton, and served each time for two years. In 1896 he was a delegate to the Democratic National Convention. He was a leading lay member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, was a prominent member of the Masonic order, and a very useful and influential citizen.

WILLIAM HUTCHINSON was born in Coshocton, Ohio, December 29, 1850, and died at a hospital in Waukesha, Wisconsin, December 22, 1925. Burial was at Orange City, Iowa. In 1857 he was brought by his parents as they removed to Poweshiek County, Iowa, where they settled on wild land and went through pioneer experiences. William did his share of labor, but attended country school in winters. When nineteen years old he entered Oskaloosa College and attended a part of two years. Then for three winters he taught country school, read law at home, and later read in the office of Ballard & Hall of Montezuma, and was admitted to the bar in 1878. Soon thereafter he began practice at Montezuma, but in 1882 located at Orange City, entering into partnership with Bell & Palmer, but in a short time removed to Calliope, practicing there alone. For four years he was attorney for the town. In 1886 he was elected county attorney, being the first county attorney of Sioux County. By reason of re-elections he held the office until 1896 when Governor Drake appointed him district judge to succeed Scott M. Ladd who had been elected to the Supreme Court. Not long after going on the bench he removed to Alton, because of better railroad service there. He served honorably and ably as district judge twenty-nine years, or until his death. He was an elder in the Presbyterian church, was grand master of the Masonic Grand Lodge of Iowa in 1912, and contributed in many ways to the welfare of the public. Late in his life he wrote an admirable autobiography, which was published shortly after his death in the *Alton Democrat*.

HORACE RAY CHAPMAN was born at Monticello, Iowa, January 30, 1873, and died at Bennett, February 1, 1926. The body was placed in a mausoleum at Maquoketa. He was graduated from Monticello High School, attended Cornell College, Mount Vernon, for three years, and in 1901 was graduated from the Medical Department of the State University of Iowa. The same year he began the practice of medicine at Bennett. For eight years he was a member of the school board and was twice mayor of the town. He removed to Durant and engaged in the drug business in connection with the practice of medicine. He was mayor of Durant in 1908, but the same year he was elected senator and served in the Thirty-third and Thirty-fourth assemblies. In 1908 he resumed his residence at Bennett.

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