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Keosauqua, with which he was connected until 1865. For the next fifteen years he followed various vocations, printing, selling insurance, and real estate, but in 1880 removed to Corydon, where for two years he published the *Corydon Democrat*. In 1883 he ran on the Fusion ticket for county superintendent of Wayne County and was elected, serving two years. In November, 1885, he purchased the *Journal* at Mount Ayr, removed there and continued to publish it until a few years before his death, when he turned his business over to his son, George S. Shepherd. At that time he was thought to be the oldest printer in Iowa. His files of the Keosauqua papers published by him and his father, together with a large number of exchanges of that date, were by Mr. Shepherd presented to the Historical, Memorial and Art Department of Iowa a short time prior to his demise.

JOHN C. CHRISTOPHER was born in Red Oak, Iowa, June 2, 1891, and died in Denver, Colorado, August 29, 1926. Burial was at Red Oak. He attended public schools at Red Oak and Gem City Business College of Quincy, Illinois. As a boy he was employed as a grocery clerk, and later was with the International Harvester Company. He enlisted in Company M, Fifty-fifth Regiment, I. N. G., February 26, 1910, passed through the lower ranks and was commissioned second lieutenant June 30, 1916. On the call of the president, with other members of his company he went into federal service and October 18, 1917, was commissioned first lieutenant and sailed for France November 14, 1917. He was commissioned captain of Company G, One Hundred and Sixty-eighth Infantry, on August 4, 1918. On September 7 he was assigned to command Company M of the same regiment, and on February 22, 1919, the assignment was changed to Company D. In the St. Mehiel Sector he was severely wounded which kept him in the hospital over three months. He saw hard service at the front and received three decorations and two citations for bravery. He sailed for home April 25, 1919, and was honorably discharged at Camp Dodge October 1, 1919. Thereafter for about a year he acted as manager of a mercantile company at Stennett, Montgomery County, and for one year was editor of the *Red Oak Express*. In 1921 he entered a government hospital in Arizona for treatment of tuberculosis contracted in the service, from which disease he finally died.

EDWIN HIRAM HOYT was born in Manchester, Iowa, October 27, 1871, and died in Des Moines, July 20, 1926. Burial was at Manchester. His parents were Hiram and Etna Loomis Hoyt. He was graduated from Manchester High School, attended Grinnell College, was graduated from Upper Iowa University in 1891, and took a course in commercial law and banking at Cross Commercial College, Downers Grove, Illinois. In 1892 he removed to Lamont, Buchanan County, organized the Lamont Savings Bank and became its president. In 1908 he was elected senator

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