

## Seth Dean

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he became an apprentice printer in the office of the *Prairie du Chien Union*. In 1874 he worked as a printer for John P. Irish on the *Iowa City Press*. In 1877 he, with Claude Faust, founded the *Anita Times*. In 1880 he removed to Atlantic and founded the *Cass County Democrat*. He was the Ninth District member of the Democratic State Central Committee during 1891-94. He was appointed postmaster at Atlantic March 4, 1893, by President Cleveland, sold his newspaper and gave his whole attention to the post office. In the campaign of 1896 he affiliated with the National Democratic party (Gold Democrats). In 1898 he conducted the *Council Bluffs Globe* as receiver for about a year, following which he spent three or four years in various newspaper enterprises in Colorado and North Dakota, then returned to Atlantic in 1902, and with his son, E. P. Chase, and J. W. Cuykendall, repurchased the *Cass County Democrat*. In 1908 they changed it to the *Daily News*, making it Republican in politics, and issued a weekly edition. January 1, 1912, they took over the *Atlantic Telegraph*, their paper becoming the *News-Telegraph*. August 1, 1921, Dante M. Pierce purchased the plant, but six months later Mr. Chase and his son repurchased it. Mr. Chase was a man of ability, of independence, and of positive character—one of the older type of editors whose personality stood out plainly on his editorial page.

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JACOB SCHMIDT was born near Toronto, Canada, June 16, 1855, and died in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, January 20, 1926. As a young man he entered school at Toronto, uncertain whether to become a painter or a musician. He attended schools of music and was instructed by a number of piano teachers in Toronto. Later he attended the music school then noted for its efficiency at Buffalo, New York. Here he met the noted violinist, Ole Bull, and received from him a few lessons on the violin. Mr. Schmidt said he never forgot Bull's words, "Young man, practice, practice, practice." He also took lessons on the violin in Philadelphia and New York, later joining the Thomas Orchestra at Chicago. He was teacher of violin at Highland Park College, Des Moines, Iowa, and later conducted an orchestra at Omaha. For thirty-six years he was a citizen of Cedar Rapids, conducted a private studio, and was leader of the opera house orchestra and of the city band of Cedar Rapids. He was band leader in the Iowa National Guard from 1910 to 1916 and on the Mexican frontier. At the beginning of the World War he was appointed first lieutenant and band leader and saw service in France. He was discharged in April, 1919, returning to Cedar Rapids in impaired health.—B. L. W.

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SETH DEAN was born in Lyons Township, Mills County, Iowa, October 20, 1851, and died in Glenwood February 14, 1927. His parents were William and Susan Briggs Dean. His education was received in common school, augmented by nine weeks in Tabor College, and by reading

and observation pursued throughout his busy life. In his early manhood he took up the study of surveying and civil engineering, pursuing it under George Neeley, then located at Glenwood, but afterwards a noted engineer of the Southern Pacific Railroad. In 1875 Mr. Dean located at Glenwood and engaged in civil engineering. In 1877 he was elected county surveyor of Mills County and by reason of re-elections served continuously for thirty years, or until 1906, when his other engineering work became so extensive he declined further service in that office. He was extensively employed in drainage engineering and became an authority on the subject in his section of the country. He was appointed by Governor Harding a member of the State Board of Engineer Examiners at its creation in 1919, was its first chairman, was reappointed by Governor Kendall and was still a member when he died. He contributed articles for different engineering periodicals and was also a genealogical and historical student and scholar. He contributed to the press many articles of local historical interest and at the time of his death had in partial preparation for the ANNALS a sketch of the famous Chief Wabaussee, Pottawattamic Indian, who died in Mills County about the time his tribe was removed to Kansas. Mr. Dean was a most useful citizen to his community and state.

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DAVID KIRKPATRICK HARBERT was born on a farm near Shellsburg, Benton County, Iowa, April 23, 1857, and died at Excelsior Springs, Missouri, November 18, 1926. Burial was at Shellsburg. His parents were Perry M. and Hannah Kirkpatrick Harbert. After attending common school during boyhood he was in Cornell College some three years, and was graduated from Baylies' Business College in Keokuk, October 28, 1874. He taught school for several terms near Atkins, was in the clothing business at Allison for a few years, and in 1888 assisted his father in organizing the Bank of Shellsburg of which he became cashier, serving until the bank was sold to the Peoples Savings Bank of Shellsburg in 1906. He served as mayor of Shellsburg, held other local offices and in 1897 was elected representative, and was re-elected in 1899, serving in the Twenty-seventh and Twenty-eighth general assemblies. In 1907 he removed to Cedar Rapids, but in 1914 returned to Shellsburg.

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GEORGE BERTRAM LYNCH was born at Antioch, Monroe County, Ohio, September 27, 1863, and died at his home at Adair, Iowa, December 21, 1926. His parents were George Benjamin and Margaret J. Lynch. He attended school in his home town and at the age of fifteen began teaching. When twenty-one he removed to Panora, Iowa, where he taught in public school, following that by being superintendent of schools, first at Menlo, and later at Stuart. He had begun the study of law and in 1892, passed the necessary examination and was admitted to the senior class of the Law School of the University of Cincinnati, Ohio, and was graduated in 1893. He began practice in August of that year at Stuart in

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