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NOTABLE DEATHS

WILLIS G. HASKELL was born in Bradford, Chickasaw County, Iowa, June 5, 1857, and died in Des Moines April 17, 1927. Burial was in Oak Hill Cemetery, Cedar Rapids. His parents were Edwin A. and Eliza (Holmes) Haskell. The family removed to Cedar Falls and there the son attended public school. When a youth he learned telegraphy, and from 1873 until 1893 was in the employ of the Burlington, Cedar Rapids and Northern Railroad Company as telegraph operator, station agent at different places in northeastern Iowa, and finally as traveling freight and passenger agent. In 1893 he resigned, and located at Cedar Rapids, entering the wholesale and retail coal business. He associated with others in manufacturing, dealing in real estate, and in banking. He applied his energy to various activities. He served as a member of Cedar Rapids City Council, was chairman of the city park commission, was president of the Cedar Rapids Commercial Club, was Fifth District member of the Republican State Committee in 1908, and was postmaster at Cedar Rapids from 1909 to 1912. He was elected senator in 1916, re-elected in 1920 and in 1924, and served in the General Assembly from the Thirty-seventh to the Forty-second inclusive, his death occurring in the closing days of the session of the Forty-second. He was chairman of the Committee on Cities and Towns during his last three sessions, and during his last session was vice chairman of the Committee on Highways. The legislative subjects which made the greatest appeal to him were in behalf of the Children's Hospital at the State University, good roads, and state parks. In 1922 he was a member of the State Board of Conservation. The same year he was president of a syndicate composed of himself, Col. W. G. Dows, Isaac B. Smith, H. M. Havner, J. S. Farquhar, and R. G. Grassfield that purchased and conducted the *Cedar Rapids Republican* until it was consolidated with the *Gazette*. He was a man of energy, successful in business, and a useful legislator and citizen.

LEROY TITUS WEEKS, dean of Tabor College, Iowa, was born at Mount Vernon, Iowa, February 1, 1854, and died in Jennie Edmundson Hospital, Council Bluffs, March 4, 1927. Burial was at Mount Vernon. In 1872 he journeyed in a covered wagon with his parents to Kansas. After a few years in Kansas he returned to Iowa, supporting himself by farm work in Cedar County. He entered Cornell College, where he received his Bachelor's degree in 1883 and a Master's degree in 1902. He studied also at the University of Chicago, at Oxford University (1899), and at Denver University, receiving from the latter institution the Ph. D. degree in 1905. His major study in school was English, a subject which he taught in Southwestern College, Winfield, Kansas, in McKendric Col-

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