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lege, Lebanon, Illinois, and in Tabor College, Tabor, Iowa. For ten years 1915-1925, Doctor Weeks was rector of the Protestant Episcopal Trinity Church in Emmetsburg, Iowa. While well known as a teacher and pastor, he will probably be longest remembered as a poet and naturalist. He was especially a lover and student of birds, all his life, and his ability to express himself in stalwart, original verse also was characteristic of his whole career. Many of his best poems, the second edition of which appeared in 1923, are on the subject of birds, though he was also a master of sonnet and other forms of wide content. In his later years he lectured frequently and read from his poems. From its beginning in 1919 he was lecturer on birds and hike leader on the staff of The American School of Wild Life Protection at McGregor. He was a member of The American Ornithologists Union, Book Fellows Club of Chicago, and the Iowa Poets and Authors Club.—Charles R. Keyes.

PARLEY FINCH was born in Windham, Bradford County, Pennsylvania, September 24, 1844, and died at a hospital in Fort Dodge, Iowa, February 16, 1927. Burial was at Humboldt. His parents were James and Lucia Johnson Finch. He attended common school and in 1862 began teaching, which he continued for nine terms. He read law with his brother, Ira Finch. In 1871 he removed to Iowa, read law with Oren Miller at Waterloo and was admitted to the bar the same year. In 1872 he located at Humboldt and engaged in the practice of the law which he followed until 1912. He served several years as councilman of Humboldt, and for three terms as mayor. He was elected representative in 1893 and was re-elected in 1895, serving in the Twenty-fifth, Twenty-sixth, and Twenty-sixth Extra general assemblies, the last being the Code Revision session of 1897 during which he was a member and was secretary of the Code Revision Committee of the House. In 1897 he was elected senator and served in the Twenty-seventh and Twenty-eighth general assemblies. He was a useful and an influential legislator. Besides his law practice he was actively engaged in real estate business, became a large land owner, was president of the Humboldt State Bank many years, and did much for the development of his town and county. During the World War he assisted in local patriotic activities.

THOMAS TEALE was born in Greenwich, England, January 10, 1842, and died in Leon, Iowa, March 7, 1923. Burial was in Leon Cemetery. His parents, Frederick and Diana C. Teale, immigrated to the United States with their family in 1843, lived first in Orleans County, New York, later in Wisconsin, in Cleveland, Ohio, and in 1855 removed to Jo Daviess County, Illinois. Thomas attended local schools and secured a good common school education. In 1861 he enlisted in Company E, Fifteenth Illinois Infantry, was wounded at Shiloh, was sent home on furlough, rejoined his company later, but in August, 1863, was given

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