

## Thomas Teale

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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.

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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.

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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

a disability discharge. In 1865 he removed to a farm in Fayette Township, Decatur County, Iowa. From 1879 to 1888 he was engaged in the mercantile business in Lamoni. In 1885 he was elected representative and re-elected in 1887, and served in the Twenty-first and Twenty-second general assemblies. In 1888 he removed to Leon and became a member of the firm of Young & Teale, merchants. In 1894 he entered the banking business, was president of the Farmers and Traders State Bank of Leon from 1913 for several years, of the Iowa State Bank of Mount Ayr, and was interested in other banks in that vicinity.

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EMMONS JOHNSON was born at Ellicottville, New York, January 23, 1835, and died at Waterloo, Iowa, April 5, 1927. His parents were Dr. Elijah and Herma (Jewett) Johnson. He attended academies at Fredonia and Springville, New York, and for one year was a student at Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island. In 1859 he removed to Waterloo, Iowa, and being without means he worked first as a farm hand, and then as a store clerk. With C. A. Farwell he operated the first grain elevator in Waterloo, and also established the first one at Independence. In 1864 he removed to Waverly and established there the banking house of Johnson & Leavitt, the first bank in Bremer County, later becoming the First National Bank of Waverly. Mr. Johnson was elected senator in 1869 and served in the Thirteenth General Assembly, but in 1871 removed from the district, returning to Waterloo, and enlarging his banking activities. For many years he was president of the Leavitt & Johnson Trust Company, the Waterloo Savings Bank, and the First National Bank of Waverly. He retained an interest in all of these until his death, although for a few years he had relinquished active control. He was very successful in business, was courteous, cultured, and took much interest in education, and in many ways contributed to the welfare of the community.

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FRANK H. HELSEL was born in Millersburg, Ohio, June 9, 1857, and died in Fort Dodge, Iowa, April 8, 1927. His parents, Rev. Jesse and Eliza A. (Smith) Helsel, removed with their family to Cedar County, Iowa, in 1863, and later to Sac County. Frank H. attended Iowa State Agricultural College, Ames, and later, Carthage College, Carthage, Illinois, from which he was graduated. He taught a year in Hillsboro, Illinois, and followed by teaching at Alden, Iowa. During these years he had been reading law, and was admitted to the bar and began practice at Sioux Rapids in 1882. In this he achieved great success. He was judge of the Fourteenth Judicial district from 1898 to 1900, but declined further service in order to resume practice. He was interested in seven or more banks in his part of the state, having helped organize most of them, and being attorney for all of them. He was local attorney for five different railroads of his section of the state, and in 1912 removed to Fort Dodge, becoming district attorney for the Illinois Central Railroad

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