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Company, having charge of all its legal affairs west of the Mississippi. He was interested in political matters, and was a delegate to the Republican national conventions of 1888 and 1896.

GEORGE W. SCOTT was born near Le Roy, McLean County, Illinois, January 31, 1861, and died in Davenport, Iowa, February 28, 1927. His education was obtained in common school, at Evergreen City Business College, Bloomington, and at the State Normal School, Normal, Illinois. He taught in public schools three years. From 1885 to 1889 he was superintendent of the Indian school at Fort Stevenson, Dakota. In January, 1889, he was transferred to the Chilocco Indian Training School in Indian Territory. In December of the same year he resigned, read law with C. T. Atkinson of Arkansas City, Kansas, was admitted to the bar April 20, 1890, and began practice there. He became county attorney of Cowley County, Kansas, in January, 1893, and served two years. In 1895 he removed to Davenport, Iowa, becoming a partner in the practice of law with William Theophilus, and later was a member of the firm of Salinger, Scott & Theophilus. He was city attorney of Davenport during 1898 and 1899, and again in 1906 and 1907, and was mayor in 1908 and 1909. In later years he and his son, Walter H. Scott, were in partnership in practice. He was a prominent factor in the Democratic party of the state.

JOHN FLETCHER REAM was born near New Castle, Pennsylvania, September 16, 1854, and died in Oskaloosa, Iowa, February 26, 1927. His parents removed with their family to Mahaska County, Iowa, in 1855. He obtained his education in common school. At sixteen years of age he became a coal miner at Beacon and followed that labor most of his life. He became active in the United Mine Workers of America, was president from March, 1898, to March, 1900, of the Iowa District of that organization, and was Iowa's representative on the National Executive Board for three years. At Beacon he served as mayor, as member of the school board, and as justice of the peace. He was elected senator in 1908 and was re-elected in 1912, serving in the Thirty-third to the Thirty-sixth general assembly, inclusive. He was a Democrat in politics.

CHARLES H. THOMAS was born near Roseville, Warren County, Illinois, September 29, 1860, and died at Creston, Iowa, April 10, 1927. His parents, Mathew and Emaline (Rayborn) Thomas, removed with their family to Cromwell, Union County, Iowa, in 1876. Charles completed the course in the public schools of Cromwell and in 1880 entered employment with W. M. Sparr, a lumber and hardware merchant. In 1886 he entered a homestead in Kansas, began the study of law at Dodge City, but soon returned to Iowa and continued the study of law at Creston, but abandoned it and entered the hardware business on his own account at Cromwell. From then during the balance of his life he was con-

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