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moved to Perry, taking control of the *Perry Advertiser*. About 1899 he purchased the *Perry Bulletin*, and merged it with the *Advertiser*. He sold this property in 1904 and became publisher of the *Iowa City Daily Press*, later merged the *Iowa City Daily Republican* with it, and in 1920 took over the *Daily Citizen*, forming the *Press-Citizen*. In 1922 he sold his Iowa City interests, removed to Keokuk, purchased an interest in the *Daily Gate-City*, soon becoming its manager, which position he held at the time of his death. At that time he was secretary-treasurer of the Iowa Daily Press Association. His life was an active influence for good.

GEORGE H. CASTLE was born in Knox County, Illinois, August 30, 1843, and died in Shenandoah, Iowa, July 6, 1927. In 1861 he enlisted as a private in the Fifty-ninth Illinois Infantry and served four and one half years, coming out as a first sergeant. He was graduated in Liberal Arts from Knox College, Galesburg, and then engaged in farming. In 1876 he removed to a farm near Shenandoah, Iowa. In 1878 he helped organize Company E, the local company, Fifth Regiment Militia (later the Iowa National Guard). He was commissioned first lieutenant of Company E in 1880, was promoted to major of the regiment in 1884, to lieutenant colonel in 1885, and to colonel in 1886. His term as colonel expired July 3, 1891, and a year later he was placed on the retired list. However, in 1900 he again entered the National Guard, this time as captain of Company E, Fifty-first Regiment, was promoted to major in 1909 and resigned September 19, 1912. Mr. Castle abandoned farming for the study of law, reading with W. P. Ferguson of Shenandoah, and was admitted to the bar in 1882. He practiced until 1910 when upon the death of Judge W. P. Ferguson he was appointed by Governor Carroll as judge of the Superior Court of Shenandoah, which position he held, except some intermissions, until his death. He was a leader in Grand Army affairs, and was a prominent and useful citizen.

IRVING P. BOWDISH was born near Poughkeepsie, in Dutchess County, New York, November 19, 1838, and died at his home at Waubeek, Linn County, Iowa, May 11, 1927. Besides common school he attended academy at Litchfield, Connecticut. In 1856 his parents, Bailey and Sarah A. (Paine) Bowdish, removed with their family to Maine Township, Linn County, Iowa. The elder Mr. Bowdish purchased and with his sons operated 900 acres of land there. In time Irving P. and his brother, Samuel L., as Bowdish Brothers, owned and successfully operated this big farm, carrying on farming and stock raising. Irving P. held township and school district offices, and in 1877 was elected representative, and was elected again in 1881, serving in the Seventeenth and Nineteenth general assemblies. He was a Democrat in politics. In 1907 he was appointed by the State Board of Control to inspect county and private institutions where insane persons were kept, as well as homes for friendless children. He filled this position two years. On April 19, 1927,

Mr. and Mrs. Bowdish (the latter was Mary Harrison before her marriage) celebrated their sixty-ninth wedding anniversary. They lived the entire time of their married life in the same home at Waubeek in which they were married and in which Mr. Bowdish died.

JAMES B. McHose was born in Davenport, Iowa, August 25, 1849, and died in Boone June 17, 1927. His parents were Samuel and Mary (Dillon) McHose. In 1850 the family removed to Geneseo, Illinois, where the father established a brickmaking business. James B., besides attending grade and high school, early began working in his father's brickyard. He taught school for a time and then entered Washington University of St. Louis for the study of law and was graduated in 1874. He practiced law in Nevada, Iowa, for about four years, then abandoned it and entered the brickmaking business at Nevada. In 1889 he removed to Boone and established the Boone Clay Works, which he successfully conducted until 1910, when he retired. He also had farming interests and did paving contracting. He served as member of the Boone City Council, and was elected representative in 1912 and served in the Thirty-fifth General Assembly. He had been for years a member of the Board of Park Commissioners of Boone and was its president at the time of his death. He gave to Boone McHose Park, which adjoins the city on the south.

GEORGE C. WHITE was born in Blue Mound Township, McLean County, Illinois, December 6, 1865, and died in Mason City, Iowa, May 7, 1927. He attended public school and was graduated from the Illinois State Normal School, Normal, Illinois, in 1888 and followed school teaching in McLean County for three years. In 1893 he removed to Nevada, Iowa, and for three years he was engaged in farming and stock raising. In 1906 he was elected representative and was re-elected in 1908, serving in the Thirty-second and Thirty-third general assemblies. In 1909 he was graduated from the Law Department of Drake University and began practice in Nevada in 1910. In 1914 he was the candidate of the Progressive party for governor, receiving 16,796 votes. He was president of the State Society, Sons of the American Revolution, from April, 1924, to April, 1925. In November, 1924, he removed to Mason City and was engaged there in the practice of his profession at the time of his death.

JOHN F. POTTER was born in Bridgewater, Windsor County, Vermont, February 27, 1834, and died in Cherokee, Iowa, April 15, 1927. Burial was in Oak Hill cemetery. His parents were John and Polly (Wheeler) Potter. In 1843 they removed with their family to Rutland County, Vermont. In 1856 John F. removed to Clayton County, Iowa, and in 1868 to Silver Township, Cherokee County. There he followed farming very successfully. In 1889 he was elected representative and served in the Twenty-third General Assembly. He was a Democrat in politics and a man of influence in his community.

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