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GEORGE D. DARNALL was born near Paris, Edgar County, Illinois, May 28, 1843, and died in West Union, Iowa, May 17, 1928. His parents were William D. and Eliza J. (Metcalfe) Darnall. In boyhood he attended a subscription school, which cost five cents per day and required him to walk three miles to reach it. He later attended Paris Academy, taught school awhile, studied medicine with Dr. Mark Rowe of Grand View, Illinois, and in 1866 began the practice of medicine at Cherry Point, Illinois. In 1867 he removed to Solon, Iowa, where he practiced his profession, occasionally attending lectures at the Ohio Medical College at Cincinnati, from which he was graduated in 1872; following that he practiced two years at Pomeroy, Iowa, but in 1874 removed to West Union where he practiced until a few weeks before his death. He was successful in his profession and in business, being interested financially in the drug business, in banking and in property investments. For several years he was chairman of the Republican County Central Committee of Fayette County, was a member of the town council and was elected representative in 1887 and served in the Twenty-second General Assembly.

WILLIAM D. SHEEAN was born in Anamosa, Iowa, July 7, 1867, and died at Hot Springs, Arkansas, April 18, 1928. Burial was at Anamosa. He was educated principally in the public schools of Anamosa. He was elected clerk of the courts of Jones County in 1897. He read law in the office of his father, J. L. Sheean, and was admitted to the bar in 1895. He was elected representative in 1897 and served in the Twenty-seventh General Assembly, and was elected senator in 1912 and served in the Thirty-fifth and Thirty-sixth general assemblies. He was appointed a member of the Board of Control by Governor Harding in March, 1917, and served four years. On April 6, 1928, he was again appointed to that position, but died before qualifying. He was several times mayor of Anamosa. He was a Democrat in politics. Besides devoting much time to useful public service and to the practice of law at intervals, he was interested in the cooerage business in the South.

JOHN C. SIMPSON was born in Summit Township, Marion County, Iowa, June 11, 1874, and died in the Lutheran Hospital, Des Moines, June 7, 1928. Interment was in Glendale Cemetery, Des Moines. After passing through the public schools of Knoxville, in 1893 he took a commercial course in Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, Indiana. In April, 1894, he became stenographer to P. L. Fowler, secretary of the Iowa State Fair. By reason of his efficiency he advanced and in 1900 was made assistant secretary, and in 1901, secretary. During his incumbency of that position the State Fair developed greatly, he contributing his full part in plans and organization. In 1911 he resigned and from 1911 to 1917 was secretary of the Minnesota State Fair; from 1917 to 1922 was secretary of the Eastern States Exposition, Springfield, Massachu-

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