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justice of the peace, and was elected representative in 1903, and re-elected in 1906, serving in the Thirtieth, Thirty-first and Thirty-second general assemblies. Politically he was a Republican, and was a useful citizen.

JAMES F. POWELL was born in Harrington, Delaware, August 16, 1868, and died in Ottumwa, Iowa, July 12, 1928. His parents, Dr. C. C. and Kate (Fountain) Powell, removed to Exeter, Illinois, in 1876, later to Neeleyville, Illinois, and to Ottumwa, Iowa, in 1883. In 1885 James secured a position with the *Ottumwa Democrat* where he began the trade of printer, working afterward as a compositor on Des Moines, Council Bluffs and Omaha papers. In 1888 he returned to Ottumwa and began work as a compositor on the *Ottumwa Courier*. He advanced steadily, becoming foreman of the job office, foreman of the composing room, assistant business manager, and in 1901, business manager. On the death of A. W. Lee in 1907 he became publisher of the *Courier* and remained in that capacity until his death. He also had in connection with E. P. Adler of Davenport, general supervision of the newspapers of the Lee Newspaper Syndicate, being secretary-treasurer of it. He was prominent in the good roads movement, was a nature lover and out door enthusiast, was prominent in many activities beneficial to his city, and was held in esteem and affection especially by the people of Ottumwa, and by his fellow-workers in the newspaper field.

HENRY REED KEAGY was born in Epworth, Iowa, March 21, 1861, and died in Independence May 8, 1928. His parents were Philip and Mary Jane Keagy. He was in the mercantile business in Epworth several years, was an officer of Epworth Seminary, and was elected representative from Dubuque County in 1901 running as a Republican, and served in the Twenty-ninth General Assembly. In 1907 he removed to Independence and joined with J. A. Wells in the glove and mitten business, but in 1912 engaged in the grocery business. He was for several years a member of the Independence City Council, and at the time of his death was chairman of the Republican County Central Committee of Buchanan County.

EMMA B. FARNHAM was born in Osage, Iowa, February 20, 1859, and died in Charles City April 29, 1928. Burial was at Osage. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Lower. As Emma Lower she was a teacher in Osage public schools in 1879 when she was married to Frederick F. Coffin, a lawyer of Osage. She assisted him in his law practice. Mr. Coffin died in 1890, and in 1893 she was married to Samuel Fiske Farnham, a banker of Charles City, and thereafter resided there. She was acquainted with the best in literature, had traveled extensively in the United States, Canada, and Mexico, and had been three times to Europe. She was a woman of talent, had a strong personality, and exercised a positive influence for good.

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