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active life was a member of the church choir. Popular with all classes because of his fine personal qualities, he was an especial favorite among his war comrades. As a camp fire speaker he had few equals. He received the highest honor the Grand Army had to bestow, being commander of the Department of Iowa for the year 1907-08, and grand commander of the national organization in 1914-15.

DILLON H. PAYNE was born in Wapello County, Iowa, August 7, 1847, and died in Bloomfield, October 15, 1928. His parents were William E. and Hester Ann (Vinson) Payne. His father died in 1848 and his mother in 1854, after which he lived with relatives. He was graduated in liberal arts from Iowa Wesleyan University (now Iowa Wesleyan College) in 1869. He then read law in the office of James B. Weaver at Bloomfield and was admitted to the bar in 1870. He spent a year in Little Rock, Arkansas, as city reporter on a daily paper, and later as deputy state superintendent of public instruction, but in 1871 returned to Bloomfield and joined with General Weaver in the firm of Weaver & Payne, lawyers. When General Weaver became immersed in politics he withdrew from practice and the firm became Traverse, Payne & Eichelberger. On Traverse and Eichelberger being elected to judgeships Mr. Payne then associated himself with George T. Sowers and on Sowers' death, with T. A. Goodson. In over half a century of active practice he attained honorable distinction and success. He was a life-long member of the Methodist church, was superintendent of the local Methodist Sunday school for over thirty years, was a member of the choir for over sixty years, and was a delegate to two general conferences, in Chicago in 1900 and in Los Angeles in 1904. In his later life he did considerable writing for the local press, especially along historical lines. In 1922 Governor Kendall appointed him a commissioner from Iowa to the World's Centennial Exposition in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, which he attended. His publications in book form are *Brazilian Letters, Recollections*, and *Pioneer History of Davis County*, the latter being partly a compilation with others. In his earlier years he was a supporter of the Greenback party, and in later years, generally of the Democratic party, although he was not strictly a party man. He was a man of fine influence in his community.

ELDON J. HARTSHORN was born at Lunenburg, Vermont, June 16, 1842, and died in Kensington, Maryland, a suburb of Washington, D. C., January 16, 1926. The following day Mrs. Hartshorn, who was Ella P. Bennett of Lima, New York, before her marriage, suffered a stroke of paralysis and died in a few hours. Their double funeral was held on January 19, and they were buried with military honors in Arlington National Cemetery near Washington. Mr. Hartshorn enlisted in Company E, Fifteenth Regiment Vermont Infantry, in August, 1862, was made orderly sergeant, was promoted to second lieutenant, and was mustered out in 1863. He then enlisted in Company G, Seventeenth

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