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having reached the rank of captain in 1878, lieutenant colonel in 1879, colonel in 1880, and in 1885 he became brigadier general of the Second Brigade. In October, 1889, he was appointed adjutant general, but in 1890 was elected treasurer of state, and was re-elected in 1892, and served four years. In 1897 he was appointed quartermaster of the Iowa Soldiers' Home at Marshalltown, and served in that position until 1903 when he became treasurer of the southern branch of the National Soldiers' Home at Hampton, Virginia. He returned to the Iowa Soldiers' Home in 1907 as adjutant. He retired in 1915 and removed to Des Moines.

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TIMOTHY EMERSON McCURDY was born at Keene, Coshocton County, Ohio, March 2, 1846, and died at the National Soldiers' Home at Danville, Illinois, January 14, 1929, whither he had gone in June, 1928, because of failing health. Burial was in the National Cemetery at Danville. He attended school in New Comerstown, Ohio. He enlisted in the Union Army in Bureau County, Illinois, February 8, 1864, and was assigned to Company J, Twelfth Illinois Infantry, was wounded October 5, 1864, at Allatoona, Georgia, but took part in most of the battles of Sherman's Atlanta campaign. He removed to Buffalo Township, Buchanan County, Iowa, in 1865, and engaged in farming. He was elected a member of the Buchanan County Board of Supervisors in 1879 and was re-elected in 1882. In 1893 he led in organizing the Hazleton State Bank and was elected its president. In 1897 he was elected representative and was re-elected in 1899, serving in the Twenty-seventh and Twenty-eighth general assemblies. In 1902 Governor Cummins appointed him custodian of public buildings and property at Des Moines and he served in that position until 1909. January 22, 1914, Governor Clarke appointed him Capitol Grounds extension representative and he had charge of the removal of the buildings from the extension preparatory to its improvement.

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JOSEPH R. RATEKIN was born at Swan Creek, Illinois, December 16, 1845, and died at the National Soldiers' Home at Sawtelle, California, June 9, 1928. He received a common school education, and served during the Civil War in the Eleventh Illinois Cavalry, which was known as Colonel Robert G. Ingersoll's regiment. In 1867 he removed to Fremont County, Iowa, and engaged in farming. In 1884 he was a delegate to the Democratic National Convention. In 1885 President Cleveland appointed him postmaster at Shenandoah, and he served four years. In 1892 Governor Boies appointed him a member of the Board of Commissioners of the Iowa Soldiers' Home, Marshalltown. He became commandant of the Home September 22, 1894, and served until September 28, 1897. In 1892 Governor Boies appointed him a delegate to the Trans-Mississippi Commercial Congress at Denver, Colorado, and in 1895 Governor Jackson appointed him a delegate to the National Convention of Charities and Corrections at New Haven, Connecticut. After

retiring as commandant of the Soldiers' Home he engaged in the seed business at Shenandoah, which he followed for several years, when he retired and removed to southern California.

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ERNEST LINCOLN HOGUE was born in Monroe County, Iowa, August 31, 1861, and died in Des Moines December 17, 1928. Burial was at Blencoe. His parents were M. C. and Jane Hogue who removed with their family in 1863 to near Norwalk, Warren County. Ernest received a common school education. In 1885 he removed to Monona County and engaged in farming and livestock raising. In this he was very successful, acquiring some 2,000 acres of land near Blencoe which he and his sons operated. In 1901 he was elected senator in the Monona-Harrison-Crawford District and served in the Twenty-ninth, Thirtieth, and Thirty-first general assemblies. He was a member, and chairman, of the Nebraska-Iowa Boundary Commission from 1921 to 1924, and was Eleventh District member of the Republican State Central Committee from 1924 to July, 1928. In August, 1924, Governor Kendall appointed him director of the budget, and in March, 1927, Governor Hammill reappointed him for a six-year term. He was the first incumbent of that office who was confirmed by the Senate, and ably handled its difficult problems.

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JASON H. LOWREY was born at Lacon, Illinois, March 29, 1850, and died in Pasadena, California, March 4, 1922. Burial was in Mountain View Cemetery, Pasadena. He was with his parents in their removal to a farm in Colfax Township, Pocahontas County, Iowa, in 1868. He attended common school in Illinois and after removing to Iowa he became a student in Fort Dodge High School. For a few years he worked on farms in summers and taught school in winters. He was appointed postmaster at Pomeroy by President Arthur and served five years, but in 1886 he entered the banking and real estate business in Pomeroy. For over twenty years he was president of the Pomeroy State Bank, was mayor of Pomeroy five years, and was elected representative in 1903 and re-elected in 1906, serving in the Thirtieth, Thirty-first, and Thirty-second general assemblies. In 1914 he removed to Pasadena, California.

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WILFRED PARRIOTT DAWSON was born near Broadhead, Wisconsin, April 2, 1859, and died at Aurelia, Cherokee County, Iowa, October 13, 1928. He was educated in country schools and by home study. He removed to Cherokee County, Iowa, in 1882, where he taught school during winters, farming during summers, for nine years, after which he made farming, stockraising, and horticulture his business. He was elected representative in 1908, and was re-elected in 1910, and again in 1912, serving in the Thirty-third, Thirty-fourth, and Thirty-fifth general assemblies. He was president of the Iowa State Vegetable Growers Association in 1914, was active in the Corn Belt Meat Producers

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