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He was elected senator in 1920, and served in the Thirty-ninth, Fortieth and Fortieth Extra general assemblies, Code revision occurring in the extra session. He was a good lawyer, an efficient legislator, and a man of fine character.

GEORGE FRANKLIN COBURN was born in Boone County, Illinois, May 12, 1856, and died near Marcus, Iowa, March 17, 1929. Burial was in the Tilden Township Cemetery. His parents were A. and Mary (Wright) Coburn, who returned in 1864 with their family to their former home in Androscoggin County, Maine. There George grew up, working on the farm and attending public school. In 1874 he went to Iowa and for four years was a farm hand. In 1878 he bought 160 acres of wild land in Tilden Township, Cherokee County, and began his home there alone in a dugout. He prospered, married, raised a family, made fine improvements, added to his acreage, dealt in livestock, took part in farmers' organizations and became a leading citizen. In 1899 he was elected representative and served inclusively from the Twenty-eighth to the Thirty-first general assemblies. In 1916 he was elected senator and served in the Thirty-seventh and Thirty-eighth general assemblies.

AAD JOHN VINJE was born at Voss, Norway, November 10, 1857, and died in Madison, Wisconsin, March 23, 1929. His parents were John and Ingeborg (Klove) Vinje. Mr. Vinje emigrated from Norway in 1869, coming with the members of his family to LeGrand, Iowa. He attended the common schools for a short time, attended LeGrand Academy, Iowa College at Grinnell, and also Des Moines College at Des Moines. He was graduated from the Liberal Arts Department of the University of Wisconsin in 1884 and from the Law Department in 1887. He practiced law at Superior from 1891 to 1895, was judge of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Wisconsin from 1895 to 1910, and from 1910 until his death was a member of the Supreme Court of Wisconsin. Justice Vinje was well known in legal circles in Wisconsin as well as in Iowa and Minnesota.—B. L. Wick.

HARRY S. RICHARDS was born at Osceola, Iowa, November 20, 1868, and died in Boston, Massachusetts, April 20, 1929. He was a student of Parsons College at Fairfield, was graduated from the State University of Iowa in the Liberal Arts Department in 1892, and from the Harvard Law School in 1895. He practiced law at Ottumwa, Iowa, was for a number of years professor of law at the State University of Iowa, and since 1903 was Dean of the Law Department of the University of Wisconsin. He was president of the Association of American Law Schools, and chief of the Editorial Division of the Bureau of War Trade Board. He was also author of many articles and certain works on legal matters.—B. L. Wick.

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