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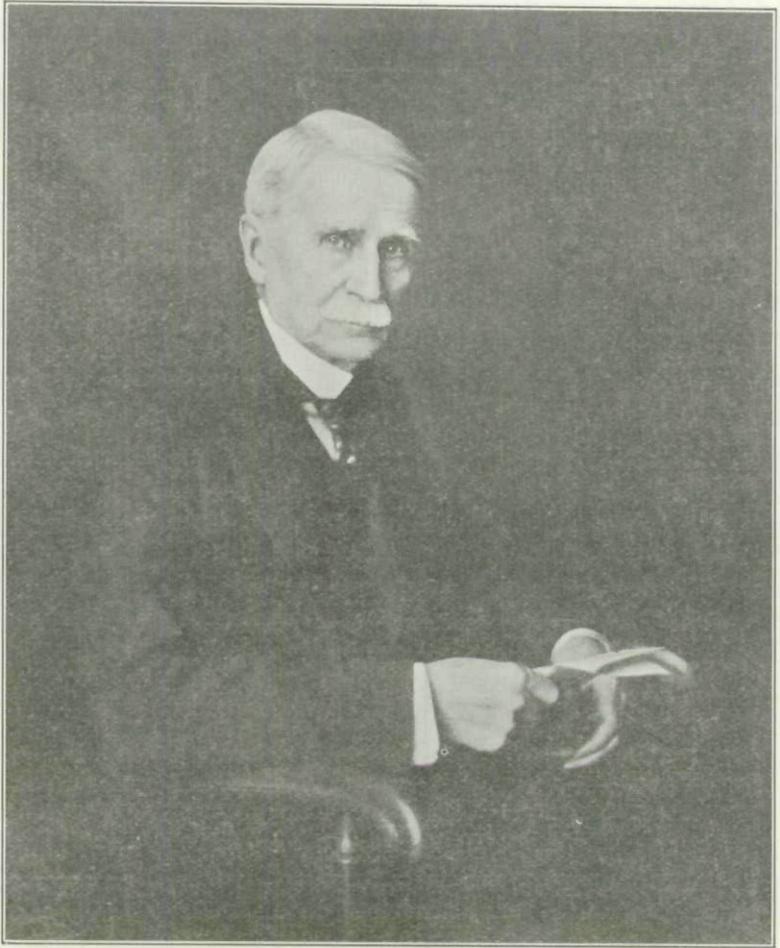
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NOTABLE DEATHS

FRANK MOODY MILLS was born near Ladoga, Montgomery County, Indiana, April 4, 1831, and died in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, October 21, 1929. Burial was in Woodland Cemetery, Des Moines. His parents were Dan and Janet (Westfall) Mills. He attended Wabash College, Crawfordsville, Indiana, which institution in 1921 conferred on him the honorary degree of A. B., as of 1849, and in 1927 the degree of A. M. At the age of fourteen he began to learn the printer's trade. He removed to Des Moines in 1856 and opened a boot and shoe store, but soon disposed of it and joined with his brother, N. W. Mills, in the job printing business. This they developed rapidly, and also took on bookbinding. In 1859 he was elected state binder, retaining the position until 1866. N. W. Mills went out in May, 1861, as a lieutenant in the Second Iowa Infantry, leaving the burden of the business on his brother. In August and September of 1861 Frank M. led in raising the Tenth Iowa Infantry, and in many other ways aided the Union cause. In 1866 he and his brother, Jacob W. Mills, who had become associated in the business, purchased the *Iowa State Register* from Frank W. Palmer. Mr. Palmer remained for a time with the new owners as editor, and was followed by J. W. Mills, and later by James S. Clarkson. In 1870 they sold the paper to the Clarksons, Coker F., Richard P. and James S. The year previous, however, 1869, Frank M. Mills was elected state printer and served two years. He was elected state printer again, in 1878, and served four years. Their job printing and bookbinding had taken on map publishing, engraving, lithographing, etc. Several traveling men were kept on the road, and the business greatly prospered. In the forty years Mr. Mills was in Des Moines he assisted very materially in building the city. His activities were in politics, in public affairs and in business. At one time he acquired a large farm and raised Percheron horses and Polled Angus cattle. On leaving Des Moines Mr. Mills became publisher of the *Lincoln Daily News* of Lincoln, Illinois. He eventually became interested in electric railways and electric lighting plants. For a time he was in the street car and power business in Benton Harbor, Michigan. In 1912 he removed his family to Sioux Falls, South Dakota, where he had organized the Sioux Falls Traction Company in 1907, became its president and active head in construction and operation of the system, and remained in that position until his death. He was the first in South Dakota to operate motor passenger bus lines as an adjunct to trolley service. He retained his activity, clearness of mind, cheerfulness and optimism until the end came when he was in his ninety-ninth year.

WILLIAM H. GALLUP was born at Summit, Scholastic County, New York, May 17, 1840, and died in Boone, Iowa, October 26, 1929. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery, Marshalltown. His parents were Nathan and

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