

## John Craig Beem

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appointed judge of Municipal Court of Waterloo to fill a vacancy, was elected as his own successor in 1920, and continued to serve until 1924, when he resumed practice. He rendered distinctive service as a legislator, and stood high in his profession.

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WILLIAM LINCOLN LONG was born in Fairfield, Iowa, December 27, 1860, and died in a hospital in Kansas City December 11, 1929. Burial was in Evergreen Cemetery, Fairfield. He was educated in the public schools of his native city and worked on his father's farm near there during his youth and early manhood. On removing to Fairfield he became city clerk, serving several years. He was also superintendent of waterworks and of the electric light plant. He was clerk of the District Court of Jefferson County for four years, 1895-98. He was in the clothing business for a time, being the senior member of the firm of Long & Kemp, and was later engaged as a real estate broker. In 1918 he was elected representative, and was three times re-elected, serving inclusively from the Thirty-eighth to the Forty-first General Assembly.

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ALBERT C. ROSS was born in Somerset County, Pennsylvania, June 27, 1847, and died in Dell Rapids, South Dakota, December 12, 1929. Burial was at Osage, Iowa. His parents were James and Mary Ross. He was naturally studious, attended common school, and later Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, and followed teaching for over twenty years in five different states. He came to Iowa in 1875 and was principal, a position now interpreted as superintendent, of the schools of Tipton, Osage, and Hampton. He was financially interested in the *Osage News* from 1882 to 1897, having E. D. Chassell with him as part owner a few years. Mr. Ross was editor of it the last few years of that time, and was also a member of the local board of education. He was an active member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and was a member of the General Conference of 1896, going as a lay delegate from the Upper Iowa Conference. In January, 1898, he became deputy state superintendent of public instruction under Superintendent R. C. Barrett, serving until January, 1904. The summer of 1905 he purchased the *Audubon Republican*, removed to that city and edited the paper until he sold it in 1911. Having become an owner of farms near Dell Rapids, he made that his home most of the time for the last few years of his life.

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JOHN CRAIG BEEM was born in Honey Creek Township, Iowa County, Iowa, April 15, 1858, and died in Waterloo, Iowa, January 29, 1930. His parents were John Craig Beem and Margaret Amanda (Tanner) Beem. He attended common school, Marion, Linn County, High School, and was graduated from the Law Department of the State University of Iowa in 1882. He began the practice of law at Council Bluffs, but soon removed to What Cheer where he served for eight years as city

attorney. In 1887 he was elected representative from Keokuk County, was re-elected in 1889, and again in 1891, serving in the Twenty-second, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth general assemblies. Politically he was a Democrat and he soon took high rank as a legislator, becoming the recognized leader of his party in the House, especially in his last term of service. In the famous deadlock of 1890 he had a prominent part in the final organization of the House, and became chairman of the Municipal Corporations Committee. He removed to Waterloo in 1908 and entered practice there, served several years as a judge of Police Court, and in 1924 was elected judge of the Municipal Court and was serving in that position at the time of his death.

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JOHN FRANKLIN DALTON was born at Wilmot, Kenosha County, Wisconsin, October 22, 1870, and died in Manson, Iowa, September 30, 1928. His parents were John Loftus and Margaret (Boyle) Dalton. The family removed to a farm near Pomeroy, Iowa, in 1875. There the son grew up, attended rural public school and in 1888 began teaching in winters, working on farms in summers. In 1892 he purchased a half interest in the *Manson Plover*, a newspaper of Manson owned by T. B. Lenoir. They changed the name to the *Manson Democrat* and in a few months Mr. Dalton became the sole owner and editor, and so remained until he sold the paper to T. D. Long in 1920. After that Mr. Dalton devoted his time to his calendar and job printing business. He was a natural politician and an able writer. He was chairman of the Democratic Central Committee of Calhoun County for over thirty years, was a member of the Democratic State Central Committee from 1906 to 1912 and its secretary from 1908 to 1912. He was sergeant at arms of the Iowa delegation to several Democratic national conventions.

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OLIVER EDWIN HULL was born at Sugarhill, Pennsylvania, March 12, 1866, and died at a hospital in Creston, Iowa, January 25, 1930. Burial was at Leon. When a small boy he was with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John D. Hull, as they removed to Chariton, Iowa. There he grew to manhood. In 1885 he and his father purchased the *Leon Reporter*, and about two years later the son became sole owner and publisher, which he continued to be to the end of his life, making his active editorship of the paper forty-four years. He achieved genuine success in that work, making of the *Reporter* one among the best of Iowa country weeklies. He was a useful citizen of his city and county, helping with public enterprises. He was secretary of the Southern Iowa Editorial Association for many years, and on the organization of the Iowa State Press Association in February, 1915, became its secretary, that service being terminated by his death.

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JASON DANIEL BROWNSON was born on a farm near National, Clayton County, Iowa, November 19, 1868, and died in Monona, Clayton

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