

Oliver Edwin Hull

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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.

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.

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.

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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