

William Foster Muse

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that time on he was a strong factor in Republican state politics and was frequently urged to become a candidate for governor or United States senator, but declined, but actively supported the party. In 1908 he was a delegate at large to the Republican National Convention. He was not only an able and successful lawyer, but was equally strong as a business man. He was for years not only counsel for a large number of the leading corporations of Davenport, but was a stockholder and officer in many of them. He was also a leader in public matters, such as the loan drives during the World War, the raising of funds for hospitals, or whatever seemed for the welfare of the city. He was powerful physically, full of energy, and had the confidence of the public. He was an active member of the Episcopal church.

WILLIAM FOSTER MUSE was born at Milan, Illinois, July 14, 1860, and died in San Antonio, Texas, May 10, 1931. Burial was at Elmwood Cemetery, Mason City, Iowa. His parents were John Watters and Elizabeth (Millikin) Muse. He received the degree of B. S. from Cornell College, Mount Vernon, in 1883, and later the degree of A. B. and A. M. from Illinois Wesleyan University, and LL. D. from Cornell College. He began newspaper work as a reporter on the *Rock Island Union* in 1883, and was with the *Fremont* (Nebraska) *Tribune*, and later with the *Cedar Rapids Gazette* as city editor. In 1890 he went to the *Ottumwa Courier* as editor, and later became business manager. In 1898 he went to Mason City as part owner and editor of the *Mason City Globe-Gazette* in which work he remained for a third of a century. He was very successful as a newspaper man—reporter, city editor, editorial writer, business man. His fine personal qualities were a great asset. He was social and companionable. His bubbling humor was mixed with fine judgment. He was noted from college days as being a good singer and until 1927 he was the basso in a noted quartet. He belonged to many fraternal, social and commercial organizations. He was postmaster at Mason City from 1910 to 1915. He was an active member of the Methodist Episcopal church, being on the local church board for twenty-seven years, and was a delegate to the General Conference of 1924. He became a great traveler in his later years, going to the West Indies, to Alaska, around the world in 1926, to South America in 1928, and always contributing to his paper delightful articles about his travels.

JAMES E. BRUCE was born at Brooklyn, Iowa, April 14, 1860, and died in a hospital in Santa Monica, California, February 26, 1931. Burial was in Forest Lawn Cemetery, Beverly Hills, California. He attended public school near and at Brooklyn, and was graduated from the Law Department of the State University of Iowa in 1881. He began practice of the law at Anita in partnership with A. H. F. Ziegler, and added insurance and real estate to his business. He was elected county attorney of Cass County in 1892 and served two years. In 1894 he organ-

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