

Charles Edwin Ransier

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Stuckslager & Auracher Bank at Lisbon, becoming its president. Besides holding that position he years ago became president of the Mount Vernon Bank. He was elected representative in 1899 and was re-elected two years later, serving in the Twenty-eighth and Twenty-ninth general assemblies. In 1903 he was elected senator and was re-elected in 1908 serving inclusively from the Thirtieth to the Thirty-fourth General Assembly. During his first four sessions in the Senate he was chairman of the Committee on Banks, and in his last session, chairman of the Committee on Cities and Towns. In 1916 Governor Clarke appointed him a member of the State Board of Education, in which position he was serving at the time of his death. Since 1893 he had been a member of the Board of Trustees of Cornell College, and since 1905, Treasurer of the college. He was a member of the Board of Education of Lisbon for twenty years. He had held many responsible positions in the Methodist church, of which he was a devoted member. He gave much time to public duties and his usefulness to his community and to the state was great. He was noted for his clear thinking and sound judgment.

CHARLES EDWIN RANSIER was born near New Woodstock, Madison County, New York, April 4, 1854, and died in Waterloo March 15, 1931. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Ransier. The family removed to Hillsdale, Michigan, and in 1864 to Independence, Iowa. Charles received only a common school education, but notwithstanding, became in mature life, a very well educated man. In 1872 he took up the study of law in the office of James Jamison of Independence and in 1876 was admitted to the bar and began practice there and on the death of Mr. Jamison succeeded to his practice. He was city attorney of Independence from 1876 to 1881, was county attorney of Buchanan County from 1900 to 1904, and was a judge of the Tenth Judicial District from 1907 until 1913 when he resigned to enter the firm of Edwards, Longley, Ransier & Harris of Waterloo, after which he became a resident of that city. He was an able jurist and a successful lawyer. He was a delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1900.

JESSE B. HERRIMAN was born in Noble County, Indiana, June 5, 1849, and died in Des Moines November 23, 1930. Burial was at Wadena, Fayette County, Iowa. His parents were David B. and Mary Ann (Judy) Herriman. His education was obtained in common school and in Upper Iowa University, Fayette, which he attended two terms. After spending three years in the regular army he was engaged in farming in Fayette County from 1875 to 1892. During that time he became interested in the insurance of farm property against loss by fire and lightning, and the organization of mutual associations of farmers to carry the insurance. In December, 1883, he succeeded in organizing the Iowa Mutual Tornado Insurance Association covering northeastern Iowa, he becoming secretary and manager. His office was first in his

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