

Jesse B. Herriman

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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

farm home, but was later removed to West Union. It furnished tornado and windstorm insurance to the members of county fire and lightning mutual associations. It soon amended its articles to cover the entire state, and the office in 1892 was removed to Des Moines. Mr. Herriman continued as secretary until 1919 when he was chosen president, in which position he continued until his death. At that time the association had about 130,000 policyholders, or members, and carried about \$600,000,000 of insurance, all of which was in Iowa except about \$1,500,000 in North Dakota, and was said to be the largest mutual tornado and windstorm association in the United States. Mr. Herriman did more in an early day, perhaps, than any other one in Iowa to lead the many farm mutual organizations of the state to success. In Des Moines he was for years a director in the Brotherhood of American Yeomen, and was also a director in the Town Mutual Dwelling Insurance Company. He was a member of the Unitarian church of Des Moines.

CLAYTON BARNEY HUTCHINS was born in Franklin County, New York, January 11, 1849, and died in Des Moines, Iowa, March 28, 1931. Burial was at Algona. He was with his parents, Dexter H. and Helen M. (Whitney) Hutchins, in 1855 when they removed to near National, Clayton County, Iowa. He attended common school, Briggs' Academy at Garnavillo, and was one term at Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin. In 1869 he removed with his parents to Kossuth County and that fall entered the Iowa State University where he remained two years. For a few years he followed teaching, being employed at National, at Algona and at Emmetsburg. Following that work he was farmer, public official, surveyor and drainage engineer. He was county surveyor of Kossuth County twice by election and five times by appointment of the Board of Supervisors, and from 1884 to 1890 he was county auditor. In 1910 he was elected representative and was re-elected in 1912, serving in the Thirty-fourth and Thirty-fifth general assemblies. He also held many minor positions of trust in his community.

WALTER HALBEN BUTLER was born at Springboro, Crawford County, Pennsylvania, February 13, 1852, and died in Kansas City, Missouri, April 24, 1931. He removed with his parents to Mankato, Minnesota, in 1868, attended public and private schools and was graduated from the University of Wisconsin in 1875. He studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1875 and began practice at Princeton, Wisconsin. He taught school at La Porte City, Iowa, from 1876 to 1878, and at Manchester from 1878 to 1880. In 1883 he became owner and editor of the *Fayette County Union* at West Union. In 1883 he was the Democratic candidate for state senator against William Larrabee, afterwards governor, who was running for his fifth term in that body, and came near being elected. From 1885 to 1889 he was in the government railway mail service at Saint Paul, Minnesota, after which he returned to his newspaper work in West Union. In 1890 he was elected to Congress from

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