

John H. Jenks

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O'Brien County two years and was assistant cashier of the Primghar State Bank two years. He was graduated from the Indiana State Normal School at Valparaiso in 1896, and from the Law Department of the University of Nebraska in 1898. He removed to Harris, Osceola County, Iowa, in 1899 and to Ocheyedan in 1901. He served as mayor of Ocheyedan several terms and in 1916 was elected representative, and was re-elected in 1918, serving in the Thirty-seventh and Thirty-eighth general assemblies. He was elected senator in 1924 and served in the Forty-first and Forty-second general assemblies. In February, 1927, during the session of the latter assembly Governor Hammill appointed him a member of the State Highway Commission, which position he was holding at the time of his death. His business activities had been chiefly in farming.

JOHN H. JENKS was born in Hampshire County, Massachusetts, September 25, 1855, and died in a hospital in Council Bluffs, Iowa, May 31, 1931. Funeral services were held at his late home at Avoca and burial was made at Earlville, Illinois. His parents, Simeon L. and Sarah (Thomas) Jenks removed their family to Bureau County, Illinois, when John was one year old. Later removal was made to La Salle County. He attended public school at Earlville, and also spent two years as a student in Chicago University. In 1878 he became a resident of Avoca where he engaged in buying and shipping cattle for some years. He purchased an interest in the Avoca State Bank in 1892 and became its vice president and in 1901, its president, which position he was still holding at the time of his death. He also became owner of farm properties, which he successfully conducted. He was for a time a member of the Town Council of Avoca, of the Board of Education, and was elected representative in 1899, re-elected in 1901, and served in the Twenty-eighth and Twenty-ninth general assemblies.

ARTHUR S. HARDY, a person well remembered among the educational classes of Iowa, died March 14, 1930, in Connecticut. Mr. Hardy was born at Andover, Massachusetts, in 1847. He was graduated from the United States Military Academy in the class of 1869 and became a professor of Grinnell College in mathematics, which chair he held from 1871 to 1873. He then spent a year in Paris, and was called to become professor at Dartmouth, and was editor for a while of a magazine in New York, when he was appointed minister to Persia, later transferred to Roumania, and later to Switzerland and Spain. Mr. Hardy has written a good many books, novels, and poems. One of his most interesting books was *Things Remembered*, telling about his various connections with the many diplomats of Europe. The book is full of interest, and filled with stories of travel. He also while at Grinnell wrote poetry and articles for the press. One of his poems was read at the dedication of the State Capitol.—B. L. W.

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