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the Algona School Board from 1897 to 1927, being president after 1904. He was an extensive owner of farm lands and was part owner and an official in several banks in Algona and that vicinity. He was regarded as a very able lawyer and was held in high regard by the public because of his ability, kindness, tolerance and integrity. He was a devoted member of the Catholic church.

JOHN C. LOPER was born in Belmont County, Ohio, January 28, 1851, and died in Marshalltown, Iowa, October 20, 1931. Burial was in Woodland Cemetery, Des Moines. His parents, Ziba and Frances (Detwiler) Loper, removed with their family to near Oskaloosa, Iowa, about 1855. In 1871 John C. became a resident of Des Moines. He followed the vocation of druggist for many years. Joining the Iowa National Guard, he became captain of Company H, Third Regiment, July 5, 1889, was promoted to major in 1892, to lieutenant colonel in 1895, and to colonel March 4, 1898. He commanded the regiment which became the Fifty-first Volunteer Infantry, in its campaign in the Philippines, and was mustered out November 2, 1899. In 1902 he was appointed an aide on Governor Cummins' staff, and had been an aide on the staff of every governor since, including Governor Turner. In the fall of 1903 he was elected sheriff of Polk County, was re-elected two years later, received one year extra on account of the biennial elections amendment, and served five years. In 1915 he was appointed adjutant of the Iowa Soldiers' Home, Marshalltown, and remained in that position sixteen years, or until his death.

JAMES L. GIESLER was born at Wilton, Iowa, March 17, 1857, and died in Muscatine August 2, 1931. Burial was at Wilton. His parents were Henry S. and Mary Wildasin Giesler. At the age of sixteen he began work in a private bank in Wilton. Later he helped his uncle, Samuel Wildasin, organize the Union Bank of Wilton, which later became the Union Savings Bank. In 1897 he was elected representative and served in the Twenty-seventh General Assembly. In 1899 he organized the German-American Savings Bank, later the American Savings Bank, at Muscatine, and removed to that city. He retained active connections with that bank until his death, at which time he was its vice president and a member of its board of directors. He was active in business affairs in Muscatine, was treasurer of the Western Grave Vault Company, president of the J. C. Thompson Installment Company, treasurer of the Midwestern Food Products Company, a trustee of the Municipal Water and Electric Department Board, and a director of the Iowa Grand Lodge, Ancient Order of United Workmen.

ARIST F. FRUDDEN was born on the Island of Fohr, Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, September 10, 1854, and died at Beverly Hills, California, April 8, 1931. Burial was in Linwood Cemetery, Dubuque, Iowa. His education was acquired in his native land. In 1871

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