

## Austin Bruce Garretson

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located in Des Moines and engaged in practice. Two years later, or in 1903, he was appointed by President Roosevelt as United States consul at Utiilla, Honduras. He followed his service there by being consul at Puerto Cabello, Venezuela, until 1918, thus serving under three administrations, Roosevelt, Taft and Wilson. He then returned to Des Moines and resumed his law practice, following it until near his death.

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AUSTIN BRUCE GARRETSON was born at Winterset, Iowa, September 14, 1856, and died in Cedar Rapids February 27, 1931. His parents were Nathan and Hannah Garretson. His education was chiefly obtained in the public schools of Osceola. In youth he was apprenticed to a wheelwright. He entered railroad work as station agent at New Virginia, Warren County, on the Des Moines, Osceola & Southern, now belonging to the Burlington system. He later opened as agent the stations from Osceola to Des Moines and followed that by becoming a conductor on that line. In 1881 he removed to Denison, Texas, and served as a conductor on the Missouri, Kansas & Texas, later on the Mexican National, and still later on the Mexican Central railways. In 1889 he removed to Cedar Rapids and entered the service of the Order of Railway Conductors. He was initiated into that order in 1884, soon became an active member, was made assistant grand chief conductor in 1888, and continued to hold important positions in the order until in 1906 when E. E. Clark, grand chief conductor (soon thereafter to be called president), was appointed a member of the Interstate Commerce Commission, Mr. Garretson was appointed to that position which he held until 1919, and on his retirement was advisory counsel of the order until he was pensioned. He exercised great influence in the field of organized labor. In 1916 he was chief spokesman for all the brotherhoods in their victorious fight for the eight-hour law. He was editor-in-chief of the *Railway Conductor*, and was a member of the Federal Commission on Industrial Relations from 1912 to 1915.

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JAMES HARVEY JAMISON was born in Franklin Township, Clarke County, Iowa, March 11, 1859, and died in Des Moines February 11, 1932. Burial was in Maple Hill Cemetery, Osceola. His parents were Robert and Christena (Kyte) Jamison. He was educated in the Osceola High School, the Garden Grove Academy, and was graduated from Valparaiso Normal School in 1880. He read law with McIntire Brothers, Osceola, and on May 14, 1890, was admitted to the bar and began practice as a member of the firm of McIntire Brothers & Jamison. In 1896 he became the senior member of the firm of Jamison & Park. In 1891 he was elected senator and served in the Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth assemblies. Again in 1903 he was elected senator and served in the Thirtieth, Thirty-first and Thirty-second assemblies, having one extra session because of the adoption of the biennial election amendment. He proved to be an industrious and efficient legislator. During the latter part of his service he gave his attention largely to insurance matters and was the author of several very important acts which be-

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