

## Joseph Warren Jarnagin

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postmaster at Bloomfield. From 1890 to 1895 he was editor of the *Ottumwa Sun*, and from 1895 to 1899 he was chief of a division of the U. S. Treasury Department at Washington, D. C. He was graduated in law from George Washington University in 1896. Returning to Iowa in 1900 as state manager for the Equitable Life Insurance Company of New York, he was admitted to the bar in Iowa, but by 1901 he became a supreme officer in the Brotherhood of American Yeomen and the editor of the *Yeoman Shield*, and retained both positions during the remainder of his life. This work ultimately led him into a field of great usefulness in social service. In 1915 he went to Europe as a member of Henry Ford's "peace party," and remained for some time as a war correspondent. In 1904 he was a Seventh District delegate to the Democratic National Convention. In 1916 he was the Democratic candidate for Congress in the Seventh District, as he was again in 1918, although in that year he was absent in Europe. In 1917 he joined the Y. M. C. A. war service and was in France until in August, 1918, he was made director of American Y. M. C. A. work in Italy. Returning home he was elected a member of the Des Moines School Board from 1919 to 1926. In 1927 he was appointed on a federal commission to study European methods of caring for indigents, which led to his writing *The Poor Farm and Its Inmates*. At the time of his death he was a member of President Hoover's child welfare commission. He married Susan Weaver, a daughter of General and Mrs. James B. Weaver, in 1890. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and was a man of large ability and fine personal qualities. Without ostentation he lent his services in many ways to the benefit of mankind.

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JOSEPH WARREN JARNAGIN was born at Monmouth, Warren County, Illinois, October 7, 1853, and died in Des Moines, Iowa, February 6, 1932. Burial was in Glendale Cemetery Des Moines. His parents were Isaac Wesley and Matilda (Gall) Jarnagin. The family removed to Marion County, Iowa, in 1865. Joseph W. attended public school and Central University, Pella, almost completing the liberal arts course in 1877, but dropped out to go into business. Several years afterward the institution bestowed on him the degree of B. A. In April, 1877, he and a Mr. Betzer founded the *Monroe Times*, but disposed of it some three months later. Mr. Jarnagin and Mr. Betzer then went to Chariton and revived or re-established the *Chariton Republican* and continued it until in 1878 they sold it to the publisher of the *Chariton Patriot*. Mr. Jarnagin founded the *Colfax Sentinel* in 1878, which later became the *Clipper*. In 1882 he bought the *Oskaloosa Telephone* (later the *Globe*), but two years later sold it and in 1884 became editor and part owner, and in 1894, sole owner of the *Montezuma Republican*, which connection was continued until 1903. During this active newspaper career he was also engaged part of the time in educational work, serving as head of the public schools of Colfax two years, Lynnville two years, and Montezuma three years. He served as a member of the Board of Trustees of

the Iowa State Normal School from 1886 to 1898, as a member of the Iowa Columbian Commission at the World's Fair in 1892 and 1893, and was postmaster at Montezuma from May 12, 1897, to November 17, 1903. He then removed to Cedar Falls and was owner and editor of the *Cedar Falls Daily Record* from 1903 to 1911. He was postmaster at Cedar Falls from April 1, 1909, to July 24, 1912. He then removed to Des Moines, was for eight years editor of the *Iowa Farmer*, was a correspondent for several important publications, and furnished a weekly letter to some seventy Iowa newspapers. During all his career he was an active lay member of the Methodist Episcopal church, a prominent Sunday School worker, an able writer and public speaker, a genial man and a christian gentleman.

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JAMES HARVEY APPLGATE was born in Montgomery County, Indiana, April 23, 1852, and died in Guthrie Center, Iowa, March 13, 1932. His parents, Philander and Mary Ann Dixon Applegate, removed their family to Fairfield, Iowa, in 1856, but in the spring of 1857 located on a farm in Marion County. The son attended public school in the country, and Central University, Pella, from which he was graduated in 1877. He taught school at intervals both while attending college and after graduation, first in country schools, and later in Knoxville High School, Pella High School, and was principal of the Sigourney High School. During his years of teaching he was reading law under direction of Stone & Ayers of Knoxville, was admitted to the bar March 13, 1881, at Knoxville, and began practice the same year at Stuart, forming a partnership with H. E. Long as Long & Applegate. This continued for about a year, and in January, 1884, he joined with B. F. Adams in the firm of Adams & Applegate. He was mayor of Stuart two terms, first being elected in 1882, and followed that by being city solicitor. In February, 1885, he removed to Guthrie Center and joined John W. Foster in practice there. The fall of 1890 he was elected as one of the three judges of the Fifth Judicial District, and by reason of re-elections, served continuously until his death, forty-one years, two months and twelve days, the longest period of judicial service in the history of the state. He was held in high regard by the members of the bar and by the public for his knowledge of the law, independence, courage, honesty and courtesy. He was an active member of the Presbyterian church.

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OLE O. ROE was born near Bergen, Norway, June 4, 1854, and died in Des Moines, Iowa, April 11, 1932. Burial was in Masonic Cemetery, Des Moines. His parents, Ole S. and Christine Roe, removed their family to Clinton Iowa, in 1862. Ole O. acquired his education in the schools of Clinton, and of Story County, and in the Polytechnic School of Des Moines where he was a student two years. He was graduated from the Iowa College of Law, Des Moines, in 1878, practiced law and taught school in Story County, becoming principal of Story City schools, in 1881 was elected county superintendent of Story County, and

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