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WILLIAM E. ALBERT was born on Washington Prairie, Allamakee County, Iowa, March 19, 1868, and died at Lansing June 25, 1932. Burial was in Oak Hill Cemetery, Lansing. His parents were George W. and Agnes (Gilbert) Albert. The family removed to Lansing during 1868 and there William E. grew up, attended public school and was graduated from Lansing High School. Soon thereafter he went to Keokuk, where he learned the watchmaking and jewelry trade. The several following years were spent by him perfecting himself in the jewelry and watchmaking arts, working in West Virginia, and in La Crosse, Wisconsin. He returned to Lansing and established himself there in business, which he followed until his public duties required his time. He served as a member of Lansing Town Council, and was for years a member of Lansing School Board. From boyhood he was interested in wild life and the forests, streams and lakes of his native region, and gradually became an ardent conservationist. He became connected with the State Fish and Game Department, being a deputy warden for his portion of the state from 1909 to 1914. From 1915 to 1919 he was superintendent of the Mississippi River District for that department. On April 11, 1919, Governor Harding appointed him state fish and game warden, and he was still serving in that position at the time of his death, having administered it longer than any of his predecessors. He was admirably qualified for the position and his personal qualities endeared him to the public.

PARLEY SHELDON was born near Cleveland, Ohio, June 7, 1844, and died in Ames, Iowa, May 22 1932. His parents were Parley and Elvira (Litch) Sheldon. He lived on his father's farm until the Civil War, when he enlisted in the One Hundred and Seventy-fifth Ohio Volunteers. He was honorably discharged in August, 1865, returned home and gave his attention to the breeding of standard trotting stock. In 1874 he removed to Cedar County, Iowa, and in 1875 purchased and located on 330 acres of land adjoining and south of the then new town of Ames, where he engaged in breeding horses and feeding cattle and hogs and farming. In 1882 he became a resident of Ames and bought and shipped livestock. In 1890 he purchased the Story County Bank, which ran as a private bank until 1917, when it was reorganized as the Story County Trust and Savings Bank. In 1929 he retired from banking. One year after he became a resident of Ames, or in 1883, he was elected a member of the Town Council. In 1884 he was elected mayor, and although not serving continuously, he was mayor for eighteen years,

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