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MAHALA (WOODWARD) PRATT was born in Bloomington, Indiana, April 18, 1844, and died in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, April 8, 1932. Burial was in Oak Hill Cemetery near her husband. Her parents who were of Kentucky and South Carolina ancestry died when she was young, and she was taken at the age of six years to Charles City, Iowa, by Jacob Leonard. There she grew up and at an early age began teaching school, and there she met Henry O. Pratt, also a teacher. They were married October 21, 1865. (For a sketch of Mr. Pratt, see ANNALS, Vol. XVIII, p. 154.) While her husband was in Congress Mrs. Pratt spent part of her time in Washington and met many of the prominent men and women of that period, with some of whom she was on intimate terms of friendship afterward. On leaving Congress Mr. Pratt joined the Methodist Episcopal church and became a minister of that denomination and had charges in Cedar Rapids, Waterloo, Davenport, Iowa City and many other places. Mrs. Pratt, during her husband's ministry, was not only interested in her home and family, but frequently presided at missionary and temperance conferences and assisted her husband in many ways. She was a woman of broad views and great strength of character, qualities which gave her prominence at all times and in all gatherings. She possessed a charming personality, and her presence threw a cheerful spirit on any social circle she entered. She survived her husband less than one year.—B. L. W.

BERT LEANDER EIKER was born on a farm near Decatur, Iowa, October 6, 1871, and died in a hospital in Sioux City, May 6, 1932. Burial was at Leon. His parents were James Michael and Rhoda (Russell) Eiker. He attended rural school and was graduated from the Decatur High School in 1892. The next three years were spent in the State University of Iowa. He then entered Rush Medical College, Chicago, from which he received his degree in medicine in 1896. The same year he began practice at Decatur in partnership with Dr. D. W. Springsteen. In 1899 he was elected representatives, and was re-elected in 1891, serving in the Twenty-eighth and Twenty-ninth general assemblies. The year of 1905-06 he spent in the Post Graduate Hospital in Chicago. In October, 1906, he located in Leon where he practiced until the time of his death. From 1906 until 1913 he was a member of the State Board of Health. In 1917 he was a local examiner for U. S. recruits to the army. He achieved reputation in his profession, was prominent in many medical associations, local, state, and national, was elected president of the Iowa State Medical Society in 1931, and was attending the meeting of the society at Sioux City at the time of his death.

GEORGE DONOHUE was born in Boston, Massachusetts, December 19, 1876, and died in Rochester, Minnesota, May 13, 1932. Burial was on the grounds of Cherokee State Hospital, Cherokee, Iowa. His parents were Michael Thomas and Elizabeth Ernestine (McAnulty) Donohue. He attended public school in Boston, was graduated from Dorchester

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