

Welker Given

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NOTABLE DEATHS

WELKER GIVEN, journalist and public official, died March 6, 1938, in Clinton, Iowa. He was born in Millersburg, Ohio, May 17, 1853, the son of Judge Josiah and Elizabeth (Arnor) Given. He came to Iowa in 1868. He began his newspaper career with the *Iowa City Republican*, later was associated with the *Des Moines Register*, the *Des Moines Capital*, the Peoria, Illinois, *Transcript*, and the *Marshalltown Times-Republican*. It was while editor and publisher of the latter paper that he launched the agitation which resulted in the mullet law of 1894 and the absent voter's ballot law of 1895. After serving in several capacities in the United States Treasury Department, Mr. Given later became secretary of the Iowa Employment Liability Commission, and later still, secretary of the Iowa Industrial Commission. His first political position was that of secretary to Governor Buren Sherman, 1882-86. He was the author of several books, and a member of the Iowa Press and Author's Society.

CHARLES BUNDY WILSON, university professor, died in Iowa City February 21, 1938. He was born in Syracuse, New York, May 9, 1861, the son of Willis and Melissa (Van Buren-Bundy) Wilson. Educated in the public schools of Syracuse, he received an A.B. from Cornell University in 1884, and an A.M. in 1886. In 1885-86 he studied in Leipzig and Paris on a travelling fellowship from Cornell, in 1897 he studied at Berlin, and in 1907 he again studied in Germany. After two years of teaching at Cornell University he came to the State University of Iowa in 1888 as head of the German department, a position he held until 1932 when he resigned to become senior professor. He was the author of numerous texts and a frequent contributor to literary magazines, he was associate editor of the *Philological Quarterly*. In 1900 he was president of the central division of the Modern Language Association of America, secretary of that division from 1905 to 1915, and was vice president in 1901 and again in 1916. He also was a past president of the Iowa branch of the American Folk Lore Society.

HORACE MANN TOWNER, former member of Congress and former governor general of Porto Rico, died November 23, 1937, in Corning, Iowa. He was born October 23, 1855, the son of John Loop and Keziah (Brownell) Towner, in Belvidere, Boone County, Illinois. Educated in the high school at Belvidere, and at the University of Chicago, he took his law work at the Union College of Law. He was admitted to the bar in 1877, settling in Corning in 1880. In 1890 he was elected judge of the Third Judicial District of Iowa, which position he continued to hold until January 1, 1911, resigning to enter the sixty-second Congress, to

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