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## EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT

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### NOTABLE DEATHS

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GEORGE A. HUFFMAN, Commissioner of the State Commerce Commission, died in Des Moines, June 15, 1938, from injuries suffered in an automobile accident. Born at Medina, Ohio, he was educated in the schools of Ithaca, Michigan, and was graduated from the University of Michigan. For many years a newspaper reporter in Port Arthur, Canada, he first located in Iowa when he applied for a printer's job at Grand Junction, Iowa, while changing trains, and got it. Later he removed to Des Moines. For many years he was in the publishing business in Des Moines, he was also active in insurance and real estate. In 1897 he was chairman of the Democratic State Central Committee. From 1915-24 he was Postmaster of the Des Moines post-office. He was elected to the state Commerce Commission in 1934 for his first term as a Democrat.

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CHARLES FRANKLIN LYTLE, contractor, investment broker, and business man, died of heart failure while driving an automobile near Council Bluffs, May 9, 1938. He was born on a farm near Solon, Iowa, September 11, 1869, the son of Robert B. and Sarah E. Kemp Lytle. Moving to Buena Vista County at the age of seven, he obtained a grade school education and later that of a business college. He came to Sioux City in 1898, which since remained his home. Of wide business interests, Mr. Lytle first engaged in banking business in Nebraska, and also the grain business, before beginning the highly successful contracting company which bears his name. In addition he was head of an investment company, the Iowa Joint Stock Land Bank of Sioux City, and was vitally interested in the oil business, having several holdings in Texas. Elected to the Senate of the Iowa General Assembly as a Republican in 1916, he resigned before the end of his two year term. In 1932, as a Democrat, he was unsuccessful in his candidacy to secure the nomination as United States Senator.

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OLEY NELSON, Iowa pioneer and Civil War veteran, died at his home in Slater, Iowa, April 15, 1938. He was born August 10, 1844, in Rock County, Wisconsin. Although at the outbreak of the Civil War he organized a company of Wisconsin men to fight in that struggle, in his several enlistments he was mustered in the forces of three states, Wisconsin, Illinois, and Iowa. In 1867, on a trip through Iowa, he was so impressed with Iowa prairie land that he moved with his mother to

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