

William C. Harbach

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NOTABLE DEATHS

JOHN TAYLOR ADAMS, lumberman and political manager, died in Dubuque, Iowa, October 29, 1939. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Shubael Adams, he was born in Dubuque December 12, 1862. Following his graduation from Dubuque High School, Mr. Adams soon started work as an office boy in the lumber and mill-work firm which, under a different name, he later served as president, a position he held at the time of his death. He was actively associated with the lumber business most of his life, much of his career being spent in Dubuque.

Mr. Adams' reputation as a political manager was founded in his successful management of William B. Allison's last senatorial campaign in 1908, a reputation that was considerably enhanced by his management of the Taft campaign in Iowa in 1912. From 1912 until 1924 he was a member of the Republican National Committee, from Iowa, serving as vice chairman from 1917-1921, and as chairman from 1921-1924.

CYRENUS COLE, editor and former congressman, died in Washington, D. C., November 14, 1939. The son of Aart and Henrica de Booy Cole, he was born in Pella, Iowa, January 13, 1863. He was educated in the public schools of Pella, and was graduated from Central College, Pella, in 1887. The following year he began his newspaper career with the *Iowa State Register*. He was soon made city editor, and in 1892 was appointed associate editor, which position he held until 1898, when he withdrew from the Des Moines paper to become the editor of the *Cedar Rapids Republican* in which he had bought a half interest. Together with the *Cedar Rapids Evening Times* which was published a few years later, he continued to manage the paper until 1921, when he was elected to fill a vacancy in Congress caused by the resignation of James W. Good. Re-elected in 1923, Mr. Cole continued to serve in Congress until 1933. Since his retirement from Congress Mr. Cole made his home in Washington, D. C.

Long acquainted with Iowa history, Cyrenus Cole was the author of some six books, in addition to numerous articles, devoted to the history of his native state. His latest book was *I am a Man*, which retells the tragic story of Chief Black Hawk.

WILLIAM C. HARBACH, financier, died in Des Moines, Iowa, December 16, 1939, at the age of 71, the result of an accident. Of a pioneer stock, the son of Louis Harbach, who was a furniture manufacturer, early merchant, and funeral parlor director, Mr. William Harbach was associated with his father for many years in the funeral direction. Retiring some twenty years ago from this work, he was since engaged in the management of various business interests. He was a director of the Iowa-Des Moines National Bank, a member of several clubs, including the Pioneer Club of Des Moines, as well as other fraternal organizations.

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