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had won the previous fall election. In 1936 and again in 1938 Dowell was returned to Congress. Except for intervals totalling but twelve years, he served his state and nation in a public capacity for forty-six years.

HAMILIN GARLAND, author and novelist, died in Hollywood, California, March 4, 1940. He was born in West Salem, Wisconsin, September 16, 1860, the son of Richard and Isabelle McClintock Garland. When the family removed to Iowa in the seventies, first to Winneshiek County, then to Mitchell County, he accompanied them. He took his school work in the Cedar Valley Seminary, at Osage, Iowa, finishing in 1881. Teaching school in Illinois for two years, he next took up a claim in South Dakota, in 1883. After a short time there he went to Boston where he began his long and notable literary career. His books referring to Iowa were the well known "Middle Border" series, based in part upon the history of the Garland and McClintock families.

MAX E. FRITSCHER, theologian and educator, died in Dubuque, Iowa, January 1, 1940. He was born February 21, 1868, the son of Sigmund and Magaretta Prottengeier Fritschel. His father was one of the founders of Wartburg Seminary. Max Fritschel was educated in Wartburg College and seminary, and the theological college in Greenville, Pennsylvania, from which place he received his A. B. degree in 1886, his A. M. in 1889, and an honorary D. D. in 1910. After teaching school one year, he engaged in six months' missionary work in Nebraska, following which he studied in European Universities. In 1891 he came to Wartburg Seminary as an assistant professor, in 1894 he was made a full professor, and in 1906 was elected president of the institution, a position he held until 1931. He was prominently active in Lutheran church circles as a writer, scholar, and organizer, helping to bring about the merger of the American Lutheran Synod.

FRED WESLEY SARGENT, railroad executive, died in Evanston, Illinois, February, 4, 1940. Born in Akron, Iowa, May 26, 1876, the son of Edgar W. and Abbie E. Sargent, he received his education in the University of South Dakota and in the State University of Iowa, from the latter he was graduated in 1901 with a law degree. Beginning his practice in Sioux City, in 1901, he was elected county attorney of Woodbury County for two terms, 1906-1910. In 1912 he removed to Des Moines to become the state attorney for the Chicago, Rock Island Railroad. While in Des Moines he took an active part in the civic life of the city and in the subsequent World War Work. In 1920 he made his home in Chicago, becoming vice-president and general counsel for the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad Co. In 1925 he became president of the road, and continued as such until May, 1939, when ill health forced him to retire.

In 1933 he was awarded the Rosenthal Foundation medal "for outstanding Civic Service." An Iowan by birth and by interest, he was an ardent student of farming, owning and managing a farm near Mt. Vernon, Iowa. He was a trustee of Cornell College.

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