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WILLIAM FIELD PARROTT, publisher and printer, died at Waterloo, Iowa, March 16, 1945; born at Anamosa, Iowa, July 1, 1860, the son of Matt and Frances Field Parrott; removed to Waterloo with his parents in 1868, where the elder Parrott established a weekly newspaper, the *Iowa State Reporter*, later becoming a daily, and finally merged with the *Waterloo Courier*, after Matt Parrott's death. The firm of Matt Parrott & Sons was incorporated in 1908 and after the elder Parrott's demise, continued with Will Parrott as president. The father enjoyed a distinguished public career, first in the state senate during four sessions, the Twenty-first to the Twenty-fourth, and as Lieutenant Governor from 1896 to 1898. Will Parrott married Jennie Fisher in Waterloo on October 6, 1882, and she preceded him in death in September 1942; he devoted considerable time to public matters outside of his business interest and at one time served as mayor of Cedar Heights and later on the board of education; a Republican and a member of fraternal orders and survived by three children.

WILLIAM J. STEWART, banker, business man and legislator, died at his home at Grimes, Iowa, September 30, 1944; born on a farm near Rockford, Illinois, in 1856, the eldest of eleven children; removed with his parents when thirteen years of age to a farm fifteen miles northwest of Des Moines, later moving to Grimes where he resided the remainder of his life. He has been active in business pursuits all his life and with a Dr. Drover established the first drug store in Grimes; later organized a creamery company and in 1895 organized a company manufacturing a tablet used in keeping milk sweet for test purposes; in 1890 was elected to the Iowa House of Representatives, and for some years from 1910 conducted a banking business there. Mr. Stewart's wife and two sons preceded him in death and he is survived by two grandsons, John A. Stewart of New York, N. Y. and Robert E. Stewart now in the U. S. navy.

FRANK PELZER, farmer, county official and legislator, died at his farm home near Marne, Iowa, August 28, 1944; born near Griswold, Iowa, January 27, 1876, the son of Henry and Sophia Wohlenhaus Pelzér; educated in the rural schools of Cass county, which later he was to represent in the Iowa senate, and had been re-nominated for another term. Previously he had been a member of the Cass county Board of supervisors for six years and the board of education for ten years. He was married to Mary Louise Borth June 20, 1900, and they had six sons and one daughter; had been a farmer, stockman and breeder of purebred hogs for thirty-nine years, and a member of the Methodist church and the Masonic order.

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