

## William Pierce Payne

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WILLIAM PIERCE PAYNE was born at South Rutland, Jefferson County, New York, December 22, 1831, and died at Nevada, Iowa, October 21, 1921. He was a son of Samuel Pierce and Juliaette (Ball) Payne. He attended the district and village schools, taught country school, and in 1853 entered the New York State Normal School at Albany, from which he was graduated in 1854. He then taught two years at Sacket Harbor and in 1857 entered Tufts College, near Boston, which he attended two years and was then ordained a minister of the Universalist church. He was pastor at Lynn, Massachusetts, from 1859 to 1862, attended lectures a year at Harvard University, was pastor and teacher at Clinton, New York, from 1863 to 1872, was pastor and teacher at Nyack, New York, from 1872 to 1874, when he removed to Mitchellville, Iowa. Here he had charge of the Mitchell Seminary, a school established by the Universalist church, for one year. In 1875 he removed to Nevada and became principal of the high school on its establishment, and remained such until 1880, when he went to Boone and for the following two years did newspaper work on the *Boone Republican*. In 1882 he bought the *Nevada Representative* and for thirty-five years, or until 1917, was its senior editor. After that date he remained as its managing director until shortly before his death. He was president of the Nevada Public Library for twenty years. In his educational work at Mitchellville and Nevada, and in his newspaper work and library work, his wife, Adaline Maria Payne, was associated with him.

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JAMES L. KENNEDY was born in Jackson County, Iowa, December 19, 1862, and died at Sioux City, Iowa, June 11, 1921. He went with his parents in their removal to Richmond, South Dakota, in 1868, and to Portlandville, now Akron, Plymouth County, Iowa, in 1871. He went to Sioux City when fifteen years old and clerked in a store three years and for four years clerked in the local postoffice. He then established a news stand, but in 1886 sold it and entered the Law Department of the State University of Iowa, and was graduated therefrom in 1887. Soon thereafter he commenced law practice at Sioux City with John H. Jackson. In 1888 he was elected city attorney and served four years. In 1890 he married Miss Myrtle Lloyd who was a law student at the University with him, and they established the firm of Kennedy & Kennedy. Later he was associated in the practice for a time with Thomas F. Bevington and also with Fred W. Sargent. On March 18, 1905, he was appointed district judge to succeed George W. Wakefield and served during 1905 and 1906, after which he re-entered practice. He was attorney for several corporations and achieved a large success. He was a prominent Mason, was a progressive business man and a large real estate owner, and was a leader in all the war activities, such as Council of Defense, Liberty Loan and Red Cross organizations.

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