

William Durfee Eaton

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FREEMAN R. CONWAY was born at Brooklyn, Iowa, August 24, 1859, and died at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, July 26, 1923. He attended common school, the State Normal School, Iowa Wesleyan College, and the State University. In 1881 he associated with his brother-in-law, William M. McFarland, afterward secretary of state, in publishing the *Brooklyn Chronicle*. Later he purchased the *Chronicle* and continued as editor and publisher until 1894. He served as state printer, residing in Des Moines, from 1895 to 1900 inclusive. During the next six years he was engaged in publishing work in Des Moines and in acting as secretary of the Iowa Commission to the Louisiana Purchase Exposition at St. Louis during 1903 and 1904. In 1906 he removed to Ames and became publisher of the *Ames Intelligencer*. In 1912 he went to Mason City where he remained as editor of the *Mason City Times* until 1917, when he became secretary of the Cedar Rapids Chamber of Commerce. He relinquished this three years later, remaining in Cedar Rapids and devoting himself to newspaper writing. He was a brilliant writer and a man of most deserving popularity.

WILLIAM DUFFEE EATON was born at Colt's Station, Erie County, Pennsylvania, March 1, 1834, and died at Clinton, Iowa, June 30, 1923. His parents were Ebenezer and Eunice (Shattuck) Eaton. He attended common school and in 1850 entered the *Erie Chronicle* as an apprentice. In 1853 he went to Cleveland, Ohio, where he followed the printing trade until 1856, when he went to Webster City, Iowa. The spring of 1857 he pre-empted a homestead in Kossuth County, but a wet season and hard times caused him to leave it. He returned to Pennsylvania, but in October, 1861, he bought J. H. Hawes's interest in the *Lyons Mirror*, the other partner being Theron R. Beers. The new firm, Beers & Eaton, conducted the paper until Mr. Beers's death in 1888, after which Mr. Eaton was sole owner and editor until his retirement September 9, 1922. He was thus part or sole owner of the paper over sixty years, establishing the record for longest continuous work on any one paper in Iowa. He was a Republican, favored licensing rather than prohibiting the liquor traffic, was a prominent good roads advocate, and always maintained his views with courage and ability.

AUGUST GEORGE KEGLER was born at Elbingen, Nassau, Germany, June 17, 1843, and died at Bellevue, Iowa, July 6, 1923. He was a son of Christian Kegler, and came with his parents to America in 1853. The family settled on a farm eight miles south of Bellevue, where the boy grew to manhood. In 1863 he commenced clerking in stores, working in Sabula and Davenport. In 1870 he engaged in dry goods business in Bellevue and continued until 1911, when he retired. He served as township clerk, councilman, and later as mayor of Bellevue, was county supervisor, and in 1887 was elected senator and served in the Twenty-second and Twenty-third general assemblies.

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