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CHARLES F. Lecompte was born at Cambridge, Maryland, September 24, 1846, and died at Corydon, Iowa, October 27, 1924. His father died a few years after the son's birth. When the Civil War came on the family's estate was largely lost. His older brothers went into the Union Army, and he being young and not of strong constitution, was bound out for three years to learn the printing trade. Having mastered the trade he removed to Corydon, Iowa, in 1865 and soon commenced work in the printing offices there. For four years he published a paper at Allerton, but in the early eighties he and W. M. Little bought and consolidated the *Corydon Times* and the *Wayne County Republican*, calling it the *Times-Republican*. In a few years he purchased his partner's interest, and continued to edit and publish that paper until shortly before his death. Thus for over half a century he was in the newspaper business in Wayne County, nearly all the time in Corydon. He had several terms as postmaster at Corydon during Republican administrations, serving about twenty-five years in that position.

JAMES H. McGHEE was born near Postville, Iowa, June 8, 1861, and died in Mason City December 19, 1924. Burial was at Postville. He was engaged at Postville in selling farm implements for several years, and later at Waukon in buying and shipping live stock. He held several local offices and was sheriff of Allamakee County from 1894 to 1900. In 1903 he removed to Mason City where he farmed and dealt in live stock. He was elected representative in 1918 and was re-elected in 1920, serving in the Thirty-eighth and Thirty-ninth general assemblies. He was elected mayor of Mason City in 1923, and was serving in that capacity at the time of his death.

WILLIAM C. CAMPBELL was born near Melbourne, Australia, September 28, 1855, and died at Harlan, Iowa, April 8, 1924. His parents were W. D. and Jane Ann Campbell. In 1859 the family removed to Edinburg, Scotland, the original home of the father, and in 1871 to Red Oak, Iowa. William worked as a farm hand, but in 1873 entered the printing office of the *Sidney Union*, Sidney, Iowa. For a few years he worked in various printing offices, but in 1879 he located in Harlan and aided in founding the *Harlan Tribune*. Six years later he became its sole owner and continued as such until 1909 when his son, Hal W. Campbell, became a partner. Mr. Campbell was a delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1908.

EDWARD L. McCLURKIN was born at Morning Sun, Iowa, August 20, 1856, and died there February 7, 1923. He was successful as a business man, farmer and president of the Exchange Bank of Morning Sun. He was first elected representative in 1901 and served in the Twenty-ninth, Thirtieth, and Thirty-first general assemblies. In 1912 he was a delegate to the Republican National Convention in Chicago.

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