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FAYETTE PROCTOR DUNGAN, only son of Lieut. Governor Dungan, died Sept. 9th in Chicago, at the early age of 45. He was born in Chariton and grew to manhood there, learning the printing business in the newspaper offices of that town. When G. H. Ragsdale of The Chariton Patriot, was elected State Printer, Fayette, who was employed in his office, came to Des Moines and took a responsible place in the new establishment. Some time later he went to Omaha and was for several years employed on The Bee. A few years ago he accepted a position on The Chicago Journal, having charge of the advertising department. He proved to be a most valuable man and was doing excellent service and winning a high place in that branch of newspaper work, when he was stricken down by the fatal malady which terminated his life.

CAPTAIN J. W. LUKE, chairman of the Board of Railroad Commissioners, died at his home in Hampton, December 30th. He was born in Albany county, N. Y., in March, 1840. His parents removed to Illinois when he was a school boy. In 1861 he enlisted in the 15th Illinois Infantry, serving through the war. He was wounded at the battle of Shiloh, and afterwards promoted to Captain of his company. After the war he studied law and entered upon its practice at Galena. He came to Iowa in 1881, settling at Hampton. In 1885 he was elected a representative in the Legislature. He was re-elected in 1887, and was one of the leading members of the House. He was elected Railroad Commissioner in 1890, and re-elected in 1893. A faithful and efficient public servant, he was highly esteemed by all who knew him.

JOHN GARAGHTY, a well known pioneer of Fort Dodge, died in Kansas, July 3rd. He was born at Lancaster, Ohio, in 1811. He was admitted to the bar in 1835, and in 1836 married Rachel A. Clark, a niece of Hon. Thomas Ewing. They removed to the new frontier town of Fort Dodge, Iowa, in 1855, where Mr. Garaghty entered upon the practice of his profession. He was one of the founders of the Catholic church and school at that place. Governor C. C. Carpenter writes of Mr. Garaghty: "He was a playmate and boyhood friend of Generals Sherman and John Sherman. He was a poet and well-read lawyer, but lacked the aggressive force necessary to fight his way in the court room. But in the preparation of cases and orderly arrangement of papers, he had no superior at the bar. He was devoted to his family, loved his church, was a true patriot and an honest man."

MRS. ELIZABETH S. HENN died at Fairfield August 7th. She was born in Baltimore, Maryland, in 1820, and when a young girl came to Burlington, Iowa, with an uncle. Here she grew to womanhood and was married to Bernhardt Henn at the home of General A. C. Dodge, August 6, 1841. Her husband was elected to Congress in 1849, serving four years. Mrs. Henn was in her earlier days a leader in society and charitable work in Burlington. She was one of the founders of the public library at Fairfield, having made the first subscription for its establishment. The prominence of her husband in early Iowa history and politics together with her own fine personal qualities, gave Mrs. Henn a state-wide acquaintance.

ELIAS JESSUP, who died in California, December 14th, was a prominent member of our State Senate, 1874-8. He was nominated for Governor by the Prohibition party in 1877, receiving about 10,000 votes. He removed to Oregon in 1880 and two years later was elected to the Senate of that State. He settled in California in 1887.