Henry Hospers
until the close of the war. He removed to Canton, Mo., in 1865, and began
the practice of the law. In 1876 he returned to Iowa, settling in Des Moines,
and engaged in the practice of his profession. Ten years later he was
elected to the district bench where he served until his death. Judge Con-
rad's life had been an eventful one, deserving more space in its narration
than we can devote to it at this time. His record as a man and a soldier
is without blot or stain. His fifteen years of able and arduous service on
the bench brought him the highest praise from the entire community. He
was a loyal and abiding friend, and in every respect an excellent Christian
gentleman. The journals of Des Moines devoted many columns to sketches
of his useful career and estimates of his character and abilities.

HENRY HOSPERS was born in Hoog Blokland, the Netherlands, Feb. 6,
1830; he died in Orange City, Sioux county, Iowa, Oct. 21, 1901. He came
to America in 1840, and settled in Pella, Marion county, where he lived un-
til 1870, when he led a new colony to northwestern Iowa, and settled at
Orange City. While living at Pella he was elected mayor of the town. His
advent in Sioux county was during the reign of one of the old court house
rings which had been flourishing for several years in many county seats in
northwestern Iowa. Many of the counties were steeped in debt. The
“authorities” issued county warrants without stint, and were engaged in
schemes to squander the school and swamp land funds. Mr. Hospers re-
deemed his county from the clutches of one of these rings, and was instru-
mental in making it one of the best governed counties in the State. He
became a banker at Orange City, acquiring considerable wealth. He was
elected a member of the house of the 22d and 23d general assemblies, and
later on served a term of four years in the senate. While a quiet man for
the most part, he still had much influence, arising from his well known
business character and integrity. He was regarded as the father of the
prosperous town of Orange City, and was held in the highest respect by all
who knew him. Few men have done more for the cause of public edu-
cation. Cyrenus Cole, in his article on Pella, which was published in The
Annals for January, 1898, paid a high tribute to Mr. Hospers, and the article
was accompanied by a portrait of that excellent man. In his death the
State of Iowa lost one of its most upright men and useful citizens.

FRANK H. PEAVEY was born in Eastport, Me., Jan. 18, 1850; he died in
Chicago, Ill., Dec. 30, 1901. Mr. Peavey came to Sioux City, Iowa, in 1867,
where he first found employment with the agricultural implement firm of
the Messrs. Booge & Co. Since that time his rise to the high position he
occupied at his death has been phenomenally rapid. He removed to Minne-
apolis in 1884, where he became one of the largest owners of grain eleva-
tors in this country if not in the world. He was also a large owner of rail-
road properties and of lake steamers. Starting as a newsboy at Eastport,
Maine, at the age of 14, he had become the possessor of millions. It would
require many pages to enumerate the business interests—many of the first
magnitude—with which he was connected. Personally, he was one of the
most commanding figures and finest looking men, and socially and at all
times a most pleasant gentleman. He was also the dispenser of liberal
charities—a large-hearted, broad-minded philanthropist. For many years
he had taken a deep interest in the newsboys of Minneapolis, and had ar-
ranged to give to every one at the end of the year double the amount he
had saved. He was also a generous giver in the founding of hospitals and
libraries. His wife was a daughter of the late Judge George G. Wright,
of Des Moines. As a former Iowa business man of the highest and best
type, Mr. Peavey deserves a more extended notice than can be given in
this place. The newspapers of Sioux City, Des Moines, Minneapolis and
St. Paul, of Dec. 31, 1901, paid the highest tributes to his memory.