was a most useful citizen, intelligent, public-spirited, exemplary in all
the relations of life, charitable, just in his dealings, a man of mark in
the communities where he resided, and one whose influence was ever on
the side of education, temperance and good morals. The writer knew
him for nearly fifty years as an abiding friend, concerning whom he is
glad to place these words of appreciation on record. Mr. Hewett was
the real founder of the city of Eagle Grove, where his name will long
be held in grateful remembrance.

Obed Caswell was born October 29, 1835, near Watkins, N. Y.; he
died at Marshalltown, Iowa, July 7, 1906. While still a boy his parents
removed to near Sandusky, Ohio. He was educated at Oberlin and
Antioch Colleges. At the outbreak of the war he enlisted in an Ohio
regiment with which he served three months. After his discharge he
settled in Marshalltown, where he enlisted in Co. D, 5th Iowa Infantry,
and was promoted to a second lieutenancy. Before his discharge Lieut
Caswell became captain of the company. After the war he attended
the law class of the State University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, and the
law school at Albany, N. Y., from the last of which he graduated and
was admitted to the Supreme Court of the State of New York. In
1864 he entered into the practice of his profession with J. H. Bradley,
who later became circuit judge. Mr. Caswell was afterward associated
with J. F. Meeker in the practice of the law which he continued for
several years. He went to California on account of his health in 1888.
Upon his return he resumed his law practice which he continued until
1896. When the 17th Judicial District was taken from the 11th Dis-
trict, he was appointed by Gov. Drake to fill the vacancy. He was after-
wards elected and re-elected for two full terms, and nominated for a
third. He became one of the well known Iowa judges. The decision
which he made in the case of the soldiers' preference law, which he held
to be unconstitutional, as class legislation and against public policy, at-
tracted state-wide attention. It was carried to the Supreme Court,
where his decision was reversed.

George Schramm was born in Plech, Germany, Feb. 12, 1816; he
died in his summer cottage at Lake Okoboji, Iowa, July 26, 1906. In
1836 he came to America and settled in Ohio; in 1845 he removed to
Farmington, Iowa, remaining there until 1867, when he located in Des
Moines, which place had since been his home. "Father" Schramm was
a member of the Polk County Octogenarian Society, and its president at
the time of his death. He also held membership in the Tippecanoe Club,
the Old Settlers' Association and the Pioneer Law Makers' Association.
He was a member of the Senate in the 4th and 5th, and a member of
the House in the 9th General Assemblies, from Van Buren county.
While exceedingly quiet and unobtrusive, Mr. Schramm was much more
than an average legislator. His services are recalled as those of a man
who was always clear in his convictions, whose habit it was to be found
on the right side of questions which challenged public attention. His
record is one from which nothing need be expunged. Though living to
an advanced age, he was blessed not only with health and strength, but
with a most happy temperament, which always made him a pleasant man
to meet. His smile of cordial greeting was never absent. There are
always men in the ranks of a regiment in active service whom their
associates will not forget to the last day of their lives. So it is in a
legislative body. After forty years the majority of faces will fade from
the brightest memory; but those who were associated with Mr. Schramm
in those far-off days have ever borne him in kindly remembrance.