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HARVEY REID was born in Argyle, Washington county, New York, March 30, 1842; he died at Maquoketa, Iowa, April 25, 1910. In 1844 his parents removed to Wisconsin. He received his education in the public schools of that state and at the University of Wisconsin. At seventeen he began teaching in the rural schools and alternated this with assisting his father as a merchandise clerk until 1862, when on August 7, he enlisted in Company A, Twenty-second Wisconsin Infantry. His regiment became a part of the Army of the Cumberland and with it Mr. Reid participated in the battles of Thompson Station and Brentwood. He was captured at Brentwood and confined in Libby prison for a month. After being discharged, he rejoined his command at Franklin, Tenn. His regiment, attached to the Twentieth Corps, was in Sherman’s march to the sea, continued through the Carolinas and Virginia, and by way of Richmond to Washington, participating in the grand review. He received his discharge in July, 1865, and at once removed to Sabula, Iowa, where he entered the employ of the Iowa Packing Company as a bookkeeper. He retained that position until January, 1886, when he was elected county treasurer of Jackson county, remaining in that office for two terms, then entering the general mercantile field in Maquoketa. It is not merely as a brave soldier, a faithful public servant or as a loyal citizen that Harvey Reid has been most admired or should be longest remembered. It is for that quality that urges men beyond the confines of mere duty into the fields of love of friend or country, there to note and record merit. Harvey Reid witnessed no act, discovered no event which, if it had worth, passed his attention without respect, and if it were not recorded, without his share of effort to write its record. He had no pride of opinion nor desire for notoriety. Long after his physical strength seemed insufficient, he persisted in his efforts to locate and identify names of Iowa men belonging on the rosters of the Mexican War, and other pioneer military organizations, and this early military history is to become a part of the Roster and Record of Iowa Soldiers, now in preparation. Mr. Reid was a contributor to The Annals of Iowa, and was the author of many narratives and historical sketches which have appeared in the “Annals of Jackson County,” and elsewhere. His most important literary production was the life of Thomas Cox, published by the State Historical Society of Iowa, a review of which appeared in the April number of The Annals.

STEPHEN F. BALLIET was born at Ligonier, Pa., Nov. 10, 1837; he died at Tonopah, Nevada, April 24, 1910. When a boy he removed with his parents to Illinois. He was educated at Knox College, Galesburg, and later entered the old Chicago University, now Northwestern University, taking his degree in law in 1877. Shortly after he removed to Iowa and began practice at Nevada. He removed to Des Moines in 1883. In 1890 he was elected to the district bench of Polk county, serving one term.