

Henry Cantwell Wallace

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HENRY CANTWELL WALLACE was born in Rock Island, Illinois, May 11, 1866, and died in Washington, D. C., October 25, 1924. Burial was in Des Moines, Iowa. His parents were Henry and Nannie (Cantwell) Wallace, who removed to Morning Sun, Iowa, in 1871 and to Winterset in 1877, where Mr. Wallace took up farming near there. Henry C. attended town schools at Morning Sun and Winterset, worked some on his father's farms, and commenced to learn the printing trade in the offices of the papers at Winterset in which the elder Wallace was beginning his career as an agricultural journalist. In 1885 he entered Iowa State Agricultural College at Ames, but in 1887 returned to Winterset and rented one of his father's farms and operated it for five years. In 1892 Hon. James Wilson, who was then professor of agriculture at Ames, prevailed on Mr. Wallace to return to the college. He was graduated in 1892 and was made assistant professor of agriculture and put in charge of the Dairy Department of the college. In 1894 he became interested in *The Farm and Dairy*, and the next year he with his father and his brother, John P. Wallace, became sole owners of the paper, and in 1895 removed to Des Moines, changing its name to *Wallaces' Farmer*. Henry C. was associate editor, and on the death of his father in 1916 became editor. Through his editorial work he led the fight for the creation of the office of commerce counsel. As secretary for seventeen years of the Corn Belt Meat Producers Association and in his paper he led in the contest for equalizing railroad rates on farm products, and became recognized as a leader in the nation-wide movements in the interest of agriculture. On March 4, 1921, he entered President Harding's Cabinet as secretary of agriculture, which position he retained after Mr. Coolidge became president. He brought to this position his rare qualifications of practical farming experience and educational and business training. He had rare judgment, energy, enthusiasm and devotion to his task. The conservation of national resources, agricultural credits, and co-operative marketing were among the great questions with which he and his department grappled during his administration. The depression in prices following the World War made his work doubly hard, and it is thought that the exhausting labors of his great work was one cause of his early demise.

WILLIAM HARRISON NEEDHAM was born in Guernsey County, Ohio, August 22, 1840, and died at Sigourney, Iowa, October 15, 1924. Burial was at Oskaloosa, Iowa. His parents were David and Margaret Shaffner Needham. The family removed to Oskaloosa in 1853. William attended common school and in 1857 became an apprentice in the printing office of the *Oskaloosa Herald*, then owned by his brother, Lieutenant-Governor John R. Needham. July 31, 1862, he enlisted as a private in Company D, Twenty-second Iowa Volunteer Infantry, received several promotions, was made first lieutenant August 3, 1863, and was mustered out at Savannah, Georgia, July 25, 1865. Returning from the war he purchased

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