Joseph S. Morgan
NOTABLE DEATHS

November 15, 1928; legal adviser to governor general of the Philippine Islands 1930-1932; associate justice supreme court of Philippine Islands after June 1, 1932; afterwards had further service there in relation to the insular possessions of the United States; during World War I was judge advocate of the service of supply, also as director of renting, requisition, claims service and finance officer of the America Expeditionary forces in France; received the distinguished service medal, the British orders of St. Michael and St. George, the French Legion of Honor, Serbia’s order of St. Peter and other awards; retired in 1928 from active service in the army, having retained his voting residence at Des Moines all the years of his army life, but in recent years resided in Washington, D. C.

OLAF MARTIN OLSON, pharmacist and civic leader, died at his home in Fort Dodge, Iowa, February 8, 1944, where he had resided more than 70 years; born on the family estate, Five, located near Stenkjer, Norway, on June 29, 1849; attended schools of that community, and at the age of 20 came to America and directly to Fort Dodge; attended the Philadelphia School of Pharmacy, graduating in 1876 winning a special medal for scholarship; a successful businessman in Fort Dodge for more than a half century as a druggist, one of the founders of the Fort Dodge Light & Power Company and the Fort Dodge Telephone Company, the Fort Dodge Hotel Company, the Olson Land Company and banking enterprises; active in civic affairs he became a philanthropist, the Lutheran hospital and the First Congregational church being principal among the many beneficiaries of his far reaching generosity; he was instrumental in the building of a nurses home and each year has made the hospital large gifts of equipment; he was a musician and his hobby was botany, a beautiful park set with rare trees and shrubbery being a gift to the city; founded the Grieg Mandskor at Fort Dodge more than a half century ago, and for years honorary president of the Norwegian Singers Association of America, the King of Norway recognizing his services in the field of music with a knighthood, visiting Norway to receive the honor, one of four trips to the mother country; in 1895 married to Luch Demming Merrill, who died in 1904; 37 years ago married Julie Haskell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Haskell, pioneer citizens.

JOSEPH S. MORGAN, publisher and public official, died at his home in Dubuque, Iowa, February 21, 1944; born at Dubuque, January 23, 1854, the son of Stephen and Catherine Morgan, who came to Dubuque from Ireland in 1846; attended the public schools and graduated from Bayless Business college; made the acquaintance of Congressman William B. Allison, who obtained for him appointment as a page in the United States senate, and two years later
Mr. Allison was elected to the senate, he appointed Mr. Morgan as his secretary; returned to Dubuque in 1897 to become publisher of the Dubuque Globe; appointed as postmaster of Dubuque by President McKinley and also held the office during the administrations of Presidents Roosevelt and Taft, resigning after eleven years service to devote his entire time to the newspaper business; continued as co-publisher of the Times-Journal after the merger of the Globe and the other republican journals in 1919, after which he operated the Morgan Printing Company. Mr. Morgan never married and devoted his time apart from his business in political, civic and public welfare activities; a member of the first board of directors of Sunny Crest Sanitarium and president of the board a number of years, he became the last surviving member of the first board and retained his membership until his death. He was a life long member of St. Raphael's cathedral, Bishop Loras officiating at his baptism; also a member of the St. Vincent de Paul society of St. Raphael's cathedral, the Elks club and a charter member of the Dubuque Country club.

WALTER H. BEALL, newspaper publisher, of West Union, Iowa, died at Rochester, Minn., May 3, 1944; born October 20, 1871, at Mount Ayr, Iowa, the son of Ithamar S. and Charlotte W. Beall; graduated from the Mount Ayr high school in 1899; attended Simpson college at Indianola and graduated from Iowa Business college in 1891; married Maude Talley in June 1897, who died in 1915, and on September 15, 1921 married Blanche Martin at Charles City; first engaged in the newspaper business with his brother, Randolph S. Beall in the ownership of the Mount Ayr News until 1907, when he purchased the West Union Argo, later consolidating with it the Gazette, the publication thereafter being conducted by Mr. Beall as the Argo-Gazette and Mrs. Beall assisted as one of its editors; also became owner of the Hawkeye Beacon. Mr. Beall celebrated his fiftieth year as a publisher in June 1943; had been active in civic and community life; served as president of the West Union Citizen's club; president of the Northeastern Iowa Park association from 1929 to 1932; trustee of Upper Iowa University at Fayette from 1931 to 1940; past secretary of the local chapter of the Isaac Walton league; past president of the Historical and literary club of West Union; secretary of the Fayette county Centennial association; vice president of Iowa Association of Local Historical Societies, and a member of the board of curators of the State Historical Society at Iowa City; a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and superintendent of the Sunday school from 1910 to 1931; a Mason and a Republican and chairman of the Fayette county Republican central committee from 1910 to 1916. Surviving are the widow at West Union, and a foster son, Lawrence, at San Jose, California.