

## Francis M. Ziebach

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apprenticeship on the *Toledo Chronicle* and in 1893 he and his brother Frank bought *The Sac Sun*, and from then until his death he was its editor. In 1923 Frank Stouffer retired and the firm became S. M. Stouffer & Son, the junior member being Samuel Andrew Stouffer. This partnership was supplanted recently by the Sac Sun Company with S. M. Stouffer as president and Ben J. Pruess, secretary and business manager. After 1909 Mr. Stouffer's health was frail and it was only by care and courage that he accomplished his remarkable labors. Under his leadership and editorship *The Sac Sun* became one of the best country weeklies in Iowa or the West. His activities were not confined altogether to his newspaper, but he took an active part in civic and church affairs. He was a Republican, an ardent temperance worker and an active member of the church, being for twenty-three years superintendent of the Methodist Episcopal Sunday school, was president of the Northwest Iowa Layman's Association, and was a delegate to General Conference in 1916. Industry, well balanced judgment, courage, love of his profession, and devotion to duty were among his marked characteristics.

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FRANCIS M. ZIEBACH was born near Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, November 23, 1830, and died at Wessington Springs, South Dakota, September 29, 1929, being nearly ninety-nine years old. When a boy he learned the printers' trade, and in 1853 went to Madison, Wisconsin, but in 1855 returned home and founded the *Lewisburg Argus*. In 1857 he shipped a printing equipment to Sargents Bluff, Iowa, and with A. S. Cummings founded the *Western Independent*, which they suspended in 1858. Mr. Ziebach then removed the material to Sioux City and established the *Sioux City Register*. In 1862 he sold the paper and removed to Yankton, Dakota Territory, where he started the *Weekly Dakotan*. In 1864 he went to Dubuque and with Patrick Robb and M. M. Ham bought the *Dubuque Herald*. In 1868 he returned to Sioux City and again became editor of the *Sioux City Register*. During this stay in Sioux City he served for a time as mayor, and also as register of the United States land office. About 1872 he returned to Yankton and was a citizen of Dakota Territory, and later of the state of South Dakota, for the remainder of his life, serving in the territorial legislature, and holding several appointive positions under the federal land department, retiring in 1924.

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PERCY L. PRENTIS was born near Rich Valley, Wabash County, Indiana, July 28, 1870, and died in Detroit, Michigan, June 22, 1928. His parents, Xavior Thomas and Rebecca Glasier Prentis, migrated with their family to Delphos, Ringgold County, Iowa, in 1880. Becoming an orphan in 1884, Percy went to Bedford, Ohio, where he lived with relatives. He was graduated from high school there in 1887, from Euclid Avenue Business College, Cleveland, in 1888, and later from Cleveland

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