George H. Van Houten Was Secretary of the State Fair
that position during 1886 and 1887. In 1887 he was elected representa-
tive, and was re-elected in 1889, and again in 1903, serving in the
Twenty-second, Twenty-third, Thirtieth and Thirty-first general as-
semblies.

**Henry Mills** was born near Economy, Wayne County, Indiana,
October 31, 1847, and died at Redfield, Iowa, January 18, 1931. In 1855
he was with his parents when they removed to a farm north of the
present town of Redfield, Dallas County, Iowa. When only seventeen
years old, or on December 27, 1864, he enlisted in Company H, Thirty-
ninth Iowa Infantry, shared marches with Sherman's Army in the last
days of the war, and was mustered out July 12, 1865. Returning home,
with the exception of a few years when he was a railway mail clerk, he
followed farming until 1889 when he became editor and publisher of the
Redfield Clipper, in which business he continued several years. In his
later life he was for a time connected with the oil inspection service of
the state. In 1916 he was elected commander of the Iowa Department,
Grand Army of the Republic, and served one year. He was prominent
in the national organization of that order, being chief of staff to the
national commander at the time of his death.

**Frank N. Buckingham** was born in Dekalb County, Illinois, March
26, 1857, and died in Alta, Iowa, January 27, 1931. After reaching man-
hood he clerked in a store in Somonauk, Dekalb County, and later was
manager of a store, but early became a farmer. In 1882 he removed to
Elk Township, Buena Vista County, Iowa, where he followed farming
and stockraising until about ten years before his death when he became
a resident of Alta. He occupied several positions of trust in Elk Town-
ship and in 1904 was elected representative and served in the Thirtieth
and Thirty-first general assemblies. He was a member of the subcom-
mittee that prepared the drainage bill that was enacted into law during
those sessions, which had so much to do with reclaiming and making
productive large portions of northwestern Iowa.

**George H. Van Houten** was secretary of the State Fair

Our good friend, J. P. Mullen, of Fonda, calls our attention
to the fact that in the notable death sketch of George H. Van
Houten, published in the January Annals, we omitted one of
his important activities, that of secretary of the Iowa State Fair.
We find Mr. Van Houten occupied that position from January
12, 1899, to December 12, 1901, or almost three years, which
would cover the fairs of 1899, 1900, and 1901. The fields of his
usefulness to the people of the state were indeed many.