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EDWARD R. BROWN, attorney and legislator, died at Des Moines, Iowa, November 1, 1952; born at Greenfield, Iowa, November 11, 1876; attended public schools at Greenfield and business colleges at Omaha and Des Moines, graduating in 1895; served as official court reporter two years in the Tenth district under appointment of Judge J. J. Tollerton, of Cedar Falls, also secretary to Gov. Leslie M. Shaw two years; graduated from law department of Drake University in June, 1900, and commenced the practice of law at Stuart, Iowa, remaining there seven years; elected county attorney of Adair county and served two terms; returned to Des Moines in 1914 and was associated in practice of law with James B. Weaver, Jr. fifteen years, and later formed a partnership with Paul G. James and Dring D. Needham; active in politics and served as state representative from Polk county in the Forty-fourth and Forty-seventh General Assemblies; married in 1900 to Kathrine Cowell of Manchester, Iowa; active in bank circles, being a director of the Valley National bank of Des Moines and the Farmers Savings bank of Mitchellville; owned and operated farm lands; a member of the Methodist church, Masonic bodies and the Des Moines club; survived by the widow and three brothers, Fred Brown of Oklahoma, Allen Brown of Greenfield and Harry G. Brown of Des Moines.

GEORGE SPENCER WRIGHT, attorney, nature lover and collector, died at Council Bluffs January 9, 1953; born at Keosauqua, Van Buren county, Iowa, January 21, 1868, son of George Franklin and Ellen E. Wright, the father later moving to Council Bluffs and engaging in the practice of law in the firm of Baldwin & Wright, representing trunk-line railroads centering there; attended the University of Iowa and Columbia university where he finished his law course, then admitted to the bar and joined his father's law firm, which in 1936 was changed to Wright & Kistle; unmarried became something of a social "lion" and entertained lavishly in his palatial home; affiliated with the Elks, the Amercian, Iowa and Pottawatamie county bar associations, and a past president of the Omaha and Council Bluffs Bridge company; served more than 50 years as attorney for the Union Pacific railroad; active in Republican political circles, and served as chairman of the county central committee, on the state central committee and a delegate to the Republican state and national convention; maintained a beautiful flower garden, which with its thousands of tulips was a harbinger of spring for the city; had pride in his home which contained all manner of rarities, including highly valued paintings; survivors include a cousin, Mrs. George H. Mayne of Council Bluffs, two nieces and three nephews.

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