

William M. Byerly

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from the Iowa State College at Ames in 1881 with the degree of S. B., and from the Law Department of Drake University in 1883 with the degree of LL. B. In 1905 Drake University conferred on him the degree of LL. D. Following the completion of his law course in 1883 he entered practice in Des Moines, which he followed until 1902, when he was elected district judge. He resigned January 1, 1917, and became vice president and general counsel of the Des Moines City Railway Company. He was a lecturer on law at Drake University for twenty-nine years, was a popular and able public speaker, and a patriotic and useful citizen.

CHARLES C. CANNON was born at Philadelphia, Loudon County, Tennessee, June 28, 1862, and died at the same place May 20, 1924, and was buried there. He was graduated from the University of Tennessee, at Knoxville, in 1885, and in 1886 removed to Paullina, Iowa, where he engaged in the grain business, which he followed for about thirty-eight years. During that time he had as partners at different times John Metcalf, Will Metcalf, and Harry Cannon. In 1908 he was a delegate from Iowa to the Democratic National Convention which met at Denver and nominated W. J. Bryan. In 1912 he was elected representative from O'Brien County and served in the Thirty-fifth General Assembly. He had returned to the home of his youth, in the hope of regaining his health, only a few weeks before death overtook him.

WILLIAM M. BYERLY was born near Anamosa, Iowa, March 31, 1854, and died in Anamosa July 30, 1924. His parents were Michael and Elizabeth Jefferies Byerly. He was educated in public school and in Lenox College, Hopkinton, Iowa. For twelve years he taught school in winter, farming in summer, and later gave his entire attention to farming. He was township assessor twelve years, and school director eighteen years. In 1906 he was elected a member of the Board of Supervisors, and in 1908 was elected representative and re-elected in 1910, serving in the Thirty-third and Thirty-fourth general assemblies. He was active in patriotic organizations during the World War. On retiring from his farm and removing to Anamosa a few years prior to his death he became chairman of the Democratic County Central Committee.

OMAR PACHA WYLAND was born in Elkhart County, Indiana, August 20, 1855, and died at Harlan, Iowa, August 18, 1923. His parents were Isaac P. and Julia Wyland. They removed with their family to a farm in Shelby County, Iowa, in 1856. Omar attended public school and from 1873 to 1875 attended Des Moines College. He taught school in Shelby County a few terms, and in 1877 took a position in the C. J. and D. M. Wyland land and abstract office in Harlan, and later purchased the business and conducted it throughout the rest of his life. He held several local offices, such as member of the city council, and treasurer

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