

Matt. D. Cooney

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order and was six times re-elected, serving fourteen years. For several years of that time he also acted as city clerk. In 1899 he was elected representative and served in the Twenty-eighth General Assembly. During 1903 to 1906 he was a deputy state oil inspector. He then served eight years as postmaster at Ida Grove during the administrations of Theodore Roosevelt and William Howard Taft. In 1914 he was elected clerk of court for Ida County, and was five times re-elected, serving until 1926, when he resigned and removed to the home of his daughter, Mrs. Hugh Baker, in Geneva, New York.

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MATF. D. COONEY was born on a farm near Rickardsville, Dubuque County, Iowa, June 8, 1885, and died in Dubuque, Iowa, May 27, 1937. His parents were John and Elizabeth (Gandolfo) Cooney. His mother was a member of a prominent Italian family whose family seat, Gandolfo Castle, near Rome, is now the summer palace of Pope Pius XI. Mr. Cooney obtained his elementary education in the district schools of Dubuque County. He attended Columbia College, Dubuque; University of Iowa; and Georgetown University, Washington, D. C. He began the practice of law in Dubuque in 1912, forming a partnership with the late Allan J. Kane. This partnership continued until after Mr. Cooney was elected to the state senate in 1930. He served in the senate of the Forty-fourth and Forty-fifth general assemblies. He was always prominent in civic and fraternal affairs in Dubuque and was a member of Knights of Columbus, Elks, Modern Woodmen and the American Legion. He was also a member of the national, state and county bar associations, and was equally prominent in Democratic state and national organizations. He was serving his first term as state senator when he was appointed legal member of the Board of Parole which position he occupied at the time of his death.

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THOMAS HICKENLOOPER was born near Foster, Monroe County, Iowa, July 23, 1876, and died in Albia March 24, 1937. His parents were Theophilus and Margaret Hickenlooper. He attended rural public school and Albia High School, and later, the Ottumwa Commercial College. He studied law in the office of L. T. Richmond at Albia, was admitted to the bar in 1899. In 1900 he was elected clerk of the District Court, was re-elected in 1902, 1904 and 1906, and served eight years. In 1908 he was elected representative, was re-elected in 1910 and served in the Thirty-third and Thirty-fourth general assemblies. During his practice as a lawyer he was associated for some time with J. C. Mabry, and later with John R. Price. He was mayor of Albia a short term, and was a member of the School Board. He was an active and devoted member of the Church of Christ. Politically he was a Republican.

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