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JOHN KING COOPER was born near Hollandsville, Kent County, Delaware, April 1, 1845, and died in Council Bluffs, Iowa, July 26, 1931. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery, Council Bluffs. His parents were Benjamin Abbott and Anna Jump Cooper. At sixteen years of age he enlisted in the Union Army—Company D, First Eastern Shore, Maryland Volunteers, and served thirty-seven months. Among other great battles he was in was Gettysburg. After the war he prepared himself for teaching by attending Felton Seminary, near the place of his birth. In 1870 he removed to Shelby, Iowa, and in 1882 to Council Bluffs. He was county superintendent of schools of Pottawattamie County from 1880 to 1884, and again from 1888 to 1893. After retiring from teaching he was in insurance business, and still later he operated a grocery. In 1893 he was elected representative and served in the Twenty-fifth General Assembly. He served for years as a member of the school board, and for fourteen years was a justice of the peace. He was a Democrat politically, but was supported by people of all parties for the positions in which he served.

ARTHUR GRAY LEONARD was born at Clinton, New York, March 15, 1865, and died at Grand Forks, North Dakota, December 17, 1932. His parents were Delevan Levant and Mary Louise (Raymond) Leonard. He was graduated in liberal arts from Oberlin College in 1889, received his A. M. degree from there in 1895, and Ph. D. degree from Johns Hopkins University in 1898. He was a special assistant of the Iowa Geological Survey, 1893 to 1897, was professor of geology at Western College, Toledo, Iowa, 1894 to 1896, and was assistant state geologist of the Iowa Geological Survey, 1896 to 1897, and again in 1900 to 1903. In 1903 he went to the University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, as professor of geology and as state geologist, which position he ably filled until his death. He contributed many articles to scientific journals, and stood high in his profession. In Des Moines in 1901 he married Miss Katharine Gue, a daughter of Lieutenant Governor B. F. Gue.

RAYMOND BRUCE ECKLES was born on a farm in Marshall County, Iowa, August 6, 1876, and died at Aplington, Butler County, January 7, 1933. His parents were Robert and Susie Eckles. He was educated in rural public school and the Iowa State College, Ames, from which he was graduated in 1896. For two years he taught dairying and animal husbandry at Doyleston, Pennsylvania. In 1900 he engaged in farming and live stock feeding near Aplington. For twenty years he was a member of the school board at Aplington, was justice of the peace for many years, and was vice president of the Farm Bureau of Butler County. He was elected representative in 1924 and was re-elected to the two succeeding assemblies, thus serving in the Forty-first, Forty-second and Forty-third. Politically he was a Republican. He was a member of the Presbyterian church at Aplington and for many years was superintendent of the Sunday School.

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