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back to the *Journal* as its city editor, advanced to business manager in 1891, and to managing editor in 1894. In 1899 he resigned and devoted himself to the service of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, having been elected grand master workman of Iowa. In 1901 he established the Record Printing Company which became under his direction a prosperous concern. In 1905 he was elected supreme master workman and retained that position until his death, thus closing a remarkable career among large fraternal associations. He was an active Republican, but did not aspire to official political position. He was grand chancellor of the Knights of Pythias of Iowa for the year 1891-92.

ELI EUPHRATES DOTSON was born in Edgar County, Illinois, February 20, 1847, and died in Colfax, Iowa, December 26, 1928. His parents were Charles A. and Miriam (York) Dotson, who removed with their family to Poweshick Township, Jasper County, Iowa, in 1848. Eli E. attended public school and Grinnell College, taught school several years in the country and later in Colfax. He engaged in farming and stock raising. He removed to Colfax in 1897, was vice president of the First National Bank, was cashier for a time, and was a director at the time of his death. In 1879 he was elected representative and was re-elected in 1881, serving in the Eighteenth and Nineteenth general assemblies.

EDWARD HANFORD KNICKERBOCKER was born near Cedar Rapids, Iowa, November 18, 1855, and died at Fairfax January 8, 1929. His parents were William B. and Sarah M. (Hanford) Knickerbocker. He attended country school, Fairfax High School, and Western College (later, Leander Clarke College, Toledo). He followed farming and stock raising, and became an extensive importer and breeder of Belgian and Percheron horses. He was elected representative in 1916 and was re-elected in 1918 and 1920, serving in the Thirty-seventh, Thirty-eighth, and Thirty-ninth general assemblies. He was a man of integrity and of more than usual courage in his convictions.

DAVID LESTER LYONS was born near Detroit, Michigan, January 13, 1851, and died in Clarion, Iowa, November 20, 1928. When he was four years old his parents with their family removed to Mahaska County, Iowa, and located on land in the northeast part of the county. David L. attended common school and on maturity engaged in farming. In 1885 he was elected representative and served in the Twenty-first General Assembly. In 1892 he removed to Clarion and entered the grain business, but in 1894 took up farming near there. Later he returned to Clarion and operated a dray line, but for the last few years of his life, was retired from active business.

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