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for years followed the trade of cigar maker. He early became identified with organized labor and for several years, beginning in 1891, represented union labor before legislative bodies. He served as president of the Iowa State Federation of Labor from 1903 to 1913. He became quite an authority on labor problems, and delivered many public addresses on such subjects. Governor Clarke appointed him state labor commissioner in January, 1913, and because of reappointments he served through the administrations of Governors Clarke, Harding, Kendall, and the first four years of Governor Hammill, or until 1929. Governor Turner again appointed him and he served from 1931 to 1933. In March, 1934, Governor Herring appointed him a member of the Old Age Assistance Commission on which he was serving at the time of his death. His own experiences in life, his former work in relief, his sympathies with the needy, and his good judgment well qualified him for this duty.

A. G. Dotts was born on a farm near Bethlehem, Wayne County, Iowa, May 24, 1870, and died in Corydon, June 1, 1933. His parents were John H. and Caroline Dotts. He secured his education in rural schools in the neighborhood of his birth, and engaged in farming and stockraising. In 1908 he was elected county auditor, was re-elected in 1910 and served eight years. For three years he was mayor of Corydon. In 1922 he was elected representative and served in the Fortieth General Assembly. In 1924 he was elected senator and served in the Forty-first and Forty-second general assemblies. He was for a time secretary of the County Fair Association, and was chairman of the Republican County Central Committee.

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