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SEWELL S. FARWELL was born in Coshocton county, Ohio, in 1834; he died at Monticello, Iowa, September 21, 1909. He was educated in the common schools and at Keene Academy in his native county, and in a school at Cleveland, Ohio. He removed to Jones county, Iowa, in 1852 with his father's family, thence to Pella, engaging in the mercantile business until 1854, when he removed to Clay county, Kansas, residing there until 1859, when he returned to Iowa, locating on a farm near Monticello. He assisted in raising and was made captain of Company H, 31st Iowa Infantry. He served throughout the war, was present at the grand review in Washington, and was mustered out June 27, 1865. Of his company more than half lost their lives in the service. To commemorate the lives of those who enlisted at Monticello, Major Farwell recently presented a monument to the local cemetery. In 1865 he was elected State Senator, serving through the Eleventh and Twelfth General Assemblies. General Grant appointed him assessor of internal revenue, in which place he served for four years, and was then appointed in 1874 as collector of internal revenue, in which capacity he served for six years. He represented the Second Iowa District in Congress following his election in 1880. He was a life-long and active Republican.

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MONSIGNORE B. C. LENEHAN was born in New York city, February 3, 1843; he died at Fort Dodge, Iowa, September 21, 1909. His parents removed to Dubuque in 1853 where he received his preparatory education. Later he attended St. Vincent's College, Cape Girardeau, Mo., and St. Francis Theological Seminary at Milwaukee, Wis. He was ordained as a Catholic priest December 8, 1867, by Archbishop Hennessy. His first charge was at McGregor, where he remained five years. He was appointed pastor at Sioux City in 1872, remaining there for fourteen years and doing a remarkable work. He was for a time assigned to Denison, and was later transferred to Boone where he remained for sixteen years. In 1903 he was transferred from Boone to Corpus Christi church, Fort Dodge. He became Vicar-General of the Sioux City diocese in 1902. He was a master of English, a powerful man in every way, as simple in his pretensions amongst the highest honors as when a missionary priest as a mere boy. He was an inspiration to unbeliever, to Protestant and to Catholic alike.

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DR. J. M. EMMERT was born in Washington county, Maryland, June 13, 1846; he died at Atlantic, Iowa, July 15, 1909. He was the son of Joshua and Anna G. (Funk) Emmert. He was educated at Mechanicsburg and the Millersville State Normal School of Pennsylvania, and graduated at Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia in 1872. He removed to Hamburg, Fremont county, the same year, and on March 16, 1874, removed to Atlantic, Iowa, where his home thereafter remained. He was a delegate to the International Medical Congress in Philadelphia in 1876. He was appointed a member of the State Board of Health in 1892, serving until his resignation in 1898, upon being elected to the State Senate. He was appointed to a membership on the State Board of Parole in 1907, in which office he was serving at the time of his death. He was a successful financier, a loyal, enthusiastic member of the Presbyterian church, and a member of fraternal societies.

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