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years in gold, copper and coal mines, acquiring a large experience in those employments. He was appointed by Gov. William Larrabee as state mine inspector, which position he held by regular appointments until the date of his death. He was recognized by all who knew him as an expert in mining matters. He was a practical, progressive man, whose honesty and sense of justice commended him to the kind regard of all who knew him. By the mine owners and operatives he was implicitly trusted and was often instrumental in settling their constantly recurring disputes. He was considered a competent counselor and a fair guide. A well educated man, he was largely interested in Welsh literature. He had made many efforts for the revival of the literature of that country, and had published many original articles and translations on that subject. He was a man of great generosity, giving large sums of money to various charities. His death was a sad loss to the mining interests of the State.

DENNIS F. MCCARTHY died at his home in Des Moines, June 18, 1899. Col. McCarthy was born in Ireland, July 9, 1836. While he was very young his parents came to this country and settled in New England. He received his education in Massachusetts. In 1857 he located at Dubuque, Iowa, and studied law in the office of Hon. J. P. Farley, while he also made surveys for the government. He later removed to Faribault, Minnesota, where he was private secretary and confidential friend of the then prominent David Faribault. In 1862 he entered the army as 2d lieutenant of Co. H, Tenth Minnesota Volunteers, and was sent with Gen. Sibley through the Dakotas where the Indians were making trouble. On his return from this campaign he was promoted to a captaincy, serving under General Rosecrans. He saw active service in the war until 1864, when, owing to ill health, he was mustered out, and returned to Faribault. In 1872 he again became a resident of Iowa, locating at St. Ansgar. In 1885 he was elected to the legislature from Mitchell county. In 1887 he became deputy state auditor. In 1893 he was appointed state bank examiner. His life was a useful one and he enjoyed the fullest confidence of his associates.

JUDGE WILLIAM COWLES JAMES was born at Elmira, Ohio, January 1, 1830; he died at Council Bluffs, Iowa, April 2, 1899. He was an old-time pioneer, who settled in Council Bluffs in 1853, and resided there until his death. In his early years he had worked as a carpenter and brick mason. He erected the first brick house in Council Bluffs in 1855. He became a lawyer and was for many years a member of the well known firm of Montgomery, Reed & James. He was especially distinguished for his knowledge of the laws relating to real estate. He was elected county judge in 1856, served many years as alderman, and was twice elected mayor of the city. In 1877 he was the Democratic candidate for lieutenant-governor. In the time of his greatest activity he was connected with most of the public enterprises which have resulted in the growth and prosperity of Council Bluffs. One who knew him well says: "He was generous to a fault and there was no limit to what he would do for a friend. Throughout his career he bore the reputation of a scrupulously honest man."

THOMAS HARDIE died at his home in Dubuque, April 10, 1899. He was born in Montreal, January 25, 1819. He had been a resident of Dubuque for more than fifty years, and had held many positions of public trust. During the administrations of Presidents Pierce and Buchanan he served in the office of his friend, Gen. Warner Lewis, who was Surveyor General of Iowa, Wisconsin and Minnesota. Mr. Hardie represented Dubuque county in the Sixth and Ninth General Assemblies, and was considered a parliamentarian of unusual ability. He had served thirty-six years continuously as secretary of the Dubuque Board of Education. He was a prominent Mason and Odd Fellow and had held offices in each organization.

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