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ALBERT C. HOTCHKISS was born in Binghampton, New York, November 21, 1842, and died in Adel, Iowa, March 4, 1934. His parents were William and Sarah (Gilbert) Hotchkiss. He was reared on a farm and aided in farm work until fourteen years old when he became a clerk in a dry goods store, which vocation he followed until in 1862, when he enlisted in Company H, One Hundred and Sixty-eighth New York Volunteers, and remained with it fourteen months, or until the expiration of the term of his enlistment. In September, 1864, he enlisted in Company M, First New York Veteran Cavalry, and remained with it until the end of the war. In 1867 he removed to a farm in Dallas County, Iowa, near Adel. His abilities and interest in public matters attracted the public so that in 1873 the Republican party nominated him for clerk of the District Court. He was elected and continued to serve in that position six years. In the meantime he became interested in the *Dallas County News* published at Adel, and in 1879 purchased an interest in it, and became its editor, a position he continued to hold until his retirement in 1925. He was elected senator in 1895 and served in the Twenty-sixth, Twenty-sixth Extra, and Twenty-seventh general assemblies. He served as postmaster at Adel two terms, one under President Benjamin Harrison and one under President Theodore Roosevelt. Mr. Hotchkiss displayed rare ability as a public speaker, as a newspaper editor and as a legislator, and was held in high regard in his own community and in the state.

ERNEST W. CALDWELL was born in Curwinstown, Pennsylvania, June 13, 1846, and died in Sioux City, Iowa, October 31, 1932. Burial was in Floyd Cemetery, Sioux City. He came with his father in the latter's removal to Boonesboro, Iowa, in 1856. In 1857, when only eleven years old, he began work in a local printing office. In 1864 he enlisted in Company H, Forty-fourth Iowa Infantry and served until the regiment was mustered out. Soon after the war he became a printer in Omaha, but in 1869 aided in establishing the first daily paper in Sioux City, the *Evening Times*. From 1870 to 1878 he was on the staff of the *Sioux City Daily Journal*. From 1878 to 1896 he was a citizen of South Dakota, first as editor of the *Sioux Falls Press*, was postmaster at Sioux Falls from 1883 to 1885, was territorial auditor and insurance commissioner from 1885 to 1887, was a member of the Constitutional Convention of South Dakota in 1889, and held other important public positions. In 1896 he returned to Sioux City and renewed his editorial connection with the *Journal* which was maintained until his retirement in 1919. He was mayor of Sioux City from 1902 to 1904. He was a man of wide information, able and popular as a writer, and radiated humor and good will, being known far and wide as "Happy Cal."

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