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other states besides Iowa. He was a most useful citizen to his adopted city, leading in its enterprises and benefactions. He was a member of the Shenandoah City Council in 1894 and 1895. He had a rare faculty of making friends. A Democrat in a strong Republican district, he was elected senator in 1910, and gave useful service in the Thirty-fourth and Thirty-fifth general assemblies. He favored every bill introduced during his service which proposed larger cultural opportunity to the youth of Iowa.

Joseph A. Mills was born near Streator, Illinois, December 4, 1855, and died in Nevada, Iowa, June 27, 1928. He was educated in rural schools, removed to Nevada when a young man and took employment first as deputy county auditor, and later as deputy county treasurer. In 1881 he was elected county treasurer and by reason of that and of re-elections, served in that position from January, 1882, until January, 1892. He then entered the Farmers Bank, Nevada, as cashier and served as such until 1928. In 1896 he was an alternate delegate from the Seventh Congressional District to the Republican National Convention in St. Louis. Owing to the absence of C. D. Bevington, who was Seventh District delegate, Mr. Mills acted in his place, and was one of five of the Iowa delegation who voted for the out-and-out gold plank that was finally adopted as part of the platform, the others being A. B. Cummins, James C. Davis, George W. French, and Frank H. Helsel.

Rollin J. Wilson was born in Fairfield, Iowa, October 18, 1853, and died in the same city October 23, 1928. His parents were James F. and Mary A. K. (Jewett) Wilson. He attended the public schools of Fairfield, was graduated from the State University of Iowa in 1875, studied law in the office of his father, was admitted to the bar in 1877 and followed the practice of law in his home city throughout his life. He was the first county attorney of Jefferson County under the law providing for such an official, being elected in 1886 and was re-elected in 1888, serving four years. He was for many years the local attorney for the Rock Island and the Burlington railroads. In his later years he was president of the Jefferson County Bar Association. Since 1906 he was president of the First National Bank of Fairfield. He was an ardent temperance man and helped rid his town of saloons, was for years a member of the Library Board, as well as of the School Board, and was a member of the Board of Trustees of Parsons College.

Will M. Narvis was born in Muscatine, Iowa, June 10, 1861, and died in that city December 30, 1928. His parents were John and Mary Reuling Narvis. He was early left an orphan, attended public school and in 1879 entered the office of the *Muscatine Journal* as "printers devil." He remained with the *Journal* until 1884 when he became city editor of the *Muscatine Tribune*. When it was sold in 1889 he went

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