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a delegate at large to the Republican national conventions of 1912 and 1916. He was a lover of the fine arts of good printing and engraving, as well as of good literature, and was a collector of first editions, rare bindings, and of engravings. His collection of the writings of Leigh Hunt, the English poet and essayist, drew more than national attention from book lovers. He wrote and published several delightful brochures on literary subjects, and in 1910 published a *History of Linn County*.

HARRY OTIS WEAVER WAS born in Marshall Township, Louisa County, Iowa, April 20, 1866, and died in Wapello May 27, 1933. Burial was in the Wapello Cemetery. His parents were Erastus and Mary (Marshall) Weaver. His boyhood was spent on his father's farm and in attendance of public school at the nearby village of Cairo. He attended the Eastern Iowa Normal School at Columbus Junction for one year, taught a term of school in Muscatine County, and attended the State University of Iowa for six years, obtaining his A. B. degree in 1891 and LL. B. in 1892. Soon thereafter he opened a law office in Wapello and devoted most of his life to that profession. He was elected representative in 1893, was re-elected two years later, and served in the Twenty-fifth and Twenty-sixth general assemblies. Beginning in 1893 he was for ten years the First District member of the Republican State Central Committee. There were then political campaigns each year. For two of these years he was state chairman, 1899 and 1900. In 1902 he was appointed by President Theodore Roosevelt collector of internal revenue for the Fourth Revenue District with headquarters at Burlington, which position he held for eleven years. In 1920 he was a delegate at large to the Republican National Convention. He was a delegate from the First Congressional District to the convention in 1924, and again a delegate at large to the convention in 1928. For many years Mr. Weaver was the owner and operator of large real estate holdings. At one time he owned one of the best Shorthorn herds in Iowa. On December 12, 1917, he became a director of the State Department of Agriculture, which body in 1923 became the State Fair Board, and served continuously in that position for fifteen years. To all these public functions he brought talent, industry, and the spirit of co-operation. He was one of the most affable of men, cheery and optimistic. His acquaintance was large and his friends were innumerable.

Frank S. Payne was born near Mount Pleasant, Iowa, August 16, 1869, and died in Centerville April 13, 1933. Burial was in Oakland Cemetery, Centerville. His parents were Charles W. and Margaret (Patton) Payne. He grew up in the farm home of his parents, attended country school, was graduated in liberal arts from Wesleyan University, Mount Pleasant, in 1892 and in law from Northwestern University, Chicago, in 1894. He was admitted to the bar in Iowa the same year and began practice in Centerville. In 1899 he was elected representative, was re-elected in 1901 and served in the Twenty-eighth and Twenty-ninth general assemblies. He soon became so engrossed in law prac-

tice and gradually in his extensive business interests that, although he was frequently urged to accept important political honors, he declined, but never lost interest in politics. In 1924 he was a delegate to the Republican National Convention. In 1902 he became president of the Citizens Electric Light and Gas Company. The company acquired the local horse car line, developed it into an electric line and gradually extended traction and electric lines over much of southern Iowa. In 1916 the business became the Southern Utilities Company. In his later years Mr. Payne was vice president and general counsel of the company, which grew to operate over twenty-five counties and in 120 towns. He was largely instrumental in 1924 in effecting the consolidation of three banks in Centerville which formed the Centerville National of which he became president. He was president of the Pure Ice Company, and of the Centerville Clay Products Company. For many years he was local counsel for the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad. His many-sided tastes and talents and his social instincts led him into many activities and services for individuals as well as for his city and state.

HELEN LOUISE SHAW was born at Langworthy, Jones County, Iowa, June 8, 1855, and died at Viareggio, Italy, August 19, 1932. Burial was at Florence, Italy. Her parents were Colonel William T. and Helen Crane Shaw. She was educated at Lee Seminary (Dubuque), Iowa College (Grinnell) which she attended in 1871-72, and Northwestern University, Chicago. She became proficient in French, German and Italian languages. She made her home in Anamosa the most of her life where she was a leader in many civic activities. She founded the local chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and her leadership and efforts were largely responsible for the erection of the local Public Library building and establishment of the library. She traveled extensively, making many trips to Europe and in 1912 went around the world. At one time she owned the original Shaw home at Steuben, Maine, where her father was born, and took up her residence there where she spent many summers. Before our country entered the World War she furnished materials and assisted friends in getting supplies for the Queen's Hospital at Rome. After this country joined the Allies all her time was given to Red Cross work. She was chairman of the Jones County Red Cross Association. Throughout her life she devoted much time to art and has left a number of original paintings and excellent copies of pictures by eminent artists. She spent considerable time in Europe and in 1920 took up her residence in Italy.

WILLIAM S. BAIRD was born in Council Bluffs, Iowa, June 3, 1863, and died in the city of his birth May 12, 1933. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery, Council Bluffs. His father was the Rev. Samuel Baird, a minister of the Methodist Episcopal church, and the mother, Matilda Hanks (Akers) Baird. He was graduated from Council Bluffs High School in 1880 and from Cornell College, Mount Vernon, in 1884. For

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