

William H. M. Pusey

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years. Mr. Upham grew up in *The Jamestown Journal* office of Adolphus Fletcher, where Horace Greeley and Frank W. Palmer wrought as apprentices or as journeymen in the olden time. Palmer and Upham became proprietors of *The Journal* and published it several years. Coming west, however, in 1859, they first purchased and for a time published *The Dubuque Daily Times*. Mr. Palmer was elected State printer just before the outbreak of the war, and coming to Des Moines purchased *The Register*, then a weekly paper. He started the daily issue in April, 1861, from which time the business grew rapidly. Later on Mr. Palmer and Mr. Upham were connected with *The Inter Ocean* and *Industrial World* of Chicago. Altogether they were associated in business for more than thirty years. Mr. Upham was a popular and successful business manager, and as such became widely known in the middle west. He was a genial, excellent gentleman, enjoying a high measure of esteem and confidence.

WILLIAM CHARLES HARRIS was born at Bristol, England, November 2, 1830; he died at Nevada, Iowa, October 5, 1900. His early life was quite an adventurous one. He ran away and went to sea at the age of fourteen, where he remained two years. He afterwards enlisted in the English army, where he served ten years. During this service he went to South Africa and also into India, and was for a while in garrison in Canada. When a detail from each regiment was sent to London to attend the funeral of the Duke of Wellington, he was one of this Guard of Honor. He was also in the Crimean War and was one of the Light Brigade which made the celebrated charge at Balaklava. He was undoubtedly one of the last survivors of that disastrous affair. He returned to England soon after this last service, and migrated to America. He crossed the plains with a wagon train, passing through the city of Des Moines. After various travels, he returned to Iowa and settled near Nevada, Story county, in 1874. His career from that time forward was uneventful. The Nevada papers characterized him as a quiet and peaceful Iowa farmer, whose life was in all respects highly praiseworthy.

WILLIAM H. M. PUSEY was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, July 29, 1826; he died at Clarinda, Iowa, November 15, 1900. He was a graduate of Washington and Jefferson College, Washington, Pennsylvania, in 1847. He removed to Iowa and settled in Council Bluffs in 1856. He had studied law in Springfield, Illinois, where he made the acquaintance of Abraham Lincoln. In after years he became Mr. Lincoln's agent in sundry business transactions in this State. Soon after coming to Council Bluffs he entered into a co-partnership with his brother-in-law, Mr. Thomas Officer, as private bankers. From that time until the death of Mr. Officer a few months since, their house was one of the most prominent in western Iowa. Mr. Pusey was elected State Senator in 1857 from a pioneer district embracing twenty-two counties. He served in the sessions of 1858-60. He was chosen to Congress in 1882, serving one term. Few Iowa men have ever enjoyed a higher degree of confidence than that reposed in Mr. Pusey for over forty years.

MISS FLORA WRIGHT, whose death occurred on November 8, 1900, was the youngest and only surviving child of the late General Ed Wright. She was born in Cedar county, Iowa, in 1857, and came to Des Moines with her parents when her father assumed the office of Secretary of State in 1867. On the death of her mother in 1877 Miss Wright took charge of her father's household, and during his long service for the State of Iowa and for the city of Des Moines she was his most efficient helper. In the later years of her life she had the care of her deceased sister's children, to whom she stood both as a guardian and as a mother. The immediate cause of Miss

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