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CAPT. THOMAS SEELEY, a pioneer settler in Guthrie county, Iowa, died at Guthrie, Oklahoma Territory, November 13, 1896. He was born in Wayne county, New York, October 1, 1821, and was 75 years of age. His parents came out early and settled in Michigan where he grew to manhood. He was well educated and taught school for some years. In 1853 he came to Iowa and settled at Bear Grove, Guthrie county, in 1859, making himself a permanent home near Guthrie Center, where he lived until the opening of Oklahoma territory to settlement, when he removed thither. Captain Seeley bore an important part as a pioneer settler and a man of affairs. He was county surveyor of Guthrie county in 1854, and a member of the Convention of 1857 which framed the present constitution of our State. He was a member of the National Convention which nominated Abraham Lincoln for the Presidency in 1860. He aided in raising a company for General G. M. Dodge's Fourth Iowa Infantry, serving several months as Captain, when ill health necessitated his resignation. In 1854 he was appointed register of the U. S. Land Office at Des Moines, holding the position three years. He was elected to the 17th general assembly in which body he was a prominent and well-remembered member. During his life-time he held many other positions of less importance. A township and creek in Guthrie county bear his name. One of his sons, Mr. Horace Seeley, now a resident of Des Moines, has risen to a prominent position among the railroad men of Iowa. Captain Seeley was a man of large information, especially in respect to State affairs, enterprising, progressive, active and useful, always influential and respected in the community where he spent the greater portion of his life.

THE REV. JAMES MARSHALL, D. D., President of Coe College, at Cedar Rapids, died suddenly from pneumonia, on the 11th of September. He was born in the town of Grove, Allegany county, New York, of Scotch-Irish parentage, October 4, 1834. His grandfather was a soldier of the Revolution, and his father of the war of 1812. Through hard work early in life, and by teaching later on, young Marshall succeeded in obtaining his education, graduating at Yale College in 1857. Entering the military service in 1862, he served four years as army chaplain. After the war he went abroad, studying in Edinburg, Berlin, Heidelberg, Paris and London. Returning, he entered upon his calling as a clergyman at Troy, N. Y., in 1869, continuing in ministerial and charitable work up to 1887. He then accepted the Presidency of Coe College, where he remained until his death. Under his administration this institution was rapidly growing in public confidence, bidding fair to become one of the important seats of learning in Iowa.

C. P. ROGERS was born in Delaware county Ohio, June 22, 1844, and died in Marshalltown, August 22nd, 1896. He entered the Ohio Wesleyan University, but before graduating enlisted in Company E, 145th Volunteer Infantry from that State. This command served out its period of enlistment—one hundred days—near Washington D. C. His father's family soon afterward came west and settled near Canton, Missouri, from which time Mr. Rogers attended the Iowa State University, graduating in June, 1896. He served as Principal of Schools in Iowa City and Marengo, until 1874, when he was called to Marshalltown and placed at the head of the schools of that city. In this capacity he not only rose rapidly in the confidence of the community in which he resided, but attained a reputation as one of the foremost Iowa educators. He was elected President of the State Teacher's Association in 1876.

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