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United States senatorship from Montana. Personally, he was a quiet, modest, highly intelligent gentleman, who became very popular with the pioneers in the territories of Nevada and Montana.

HARVEY WILLIS was born in Wayne county, Ind., April 15, 1831; he died in Perry, Iowa, April 27, 1891. In 1859 he removed to Iowa, settling in Dallas county near the present site of the town of Perry, where he became a large land owner. In 1868 he laid out the town of Perry. Mr. Willis had quite an adventurous career. He went out to California in 1850, making the overland trip of over 2,000 miles. His party consisted of six others as adventurous as himself. Their means of locomotion were six yokes of oxen and two wagons. They started on their long journey just as the grass began to look green in April, going by the way of St. Joseph on the Missouri. He became a miner, but his health failed and he returned to his eastern home, where he resided until his migration to Iowa. The newspapers of his town and the correspondents of Des Moines papers spoke of him at length upon the occasion of his decease, and in terms of high compliment and appreciation.

THOMAS KIMBALL was born at East North Andover, Mass., January 20, 1846; he died at La Moille, Marshall county, Iowa, May 30, 1901. Mr. Kimball settled in La Moille in 1869, and entered into active business as a general merchant and dealer in lumber, coal and live stock. His capital at the start was only \$600, his savings at the end of five years of hard work in a Boston machine shop. His business in Marshall county became at once, and continued until his death, to be very prosperous. At the election of 1899 he was chosen to the Iowa house of representatives for the current term, and served during the session of 1900. He stood high in the confidence of the people, and it is the best evidence of this general regard to say, that he was elected without opposition. His health had been gradually declining since a severe attack of pneumonia in 1896.

EZRA VAN FOSSEN was born in Allegheny county, Pa., May 28, 1817; he died at Adel, Iowa, April 26, 1901. He studied medicine in Columbiana county, Ohio, whither his parents had removed, but finished his studies at Rush Medical college, Chicago, about the year 1850. In 1852 he removed to Adel where he settled permanently. As a pioneer physician he had visited the homes of most of the early settlers in the region of Adel, to whom he had proved a friend in many a time of trial and distress. He was a man of generous impulses and his life had been a pure and useful one. He represented Polk, Dallas and Guthrie counties in the Fifth general assembly (1854-56).

HENRY H. DAY was born in Washington, Ohio, February 8, 1824; he died in Chariton, Iowa, August 24, 1901. He removed to Lucas county, settling in Jackson township, in 1857, and for the ensuing forty-four years was identified closely with the progress of the county. In 1863 he was elected as a representative in the Tenth general assembly, where he served one term. He was also a member of the board of county supervisors with which body he served twelve years. In 1866 he was chosen chairman of the board.

JAMES D. MCKAY died at Frankville, Winneshiek county, Iowa, in April or May last, at the age of 87 years. He served as prosecuting attorney of the county or district sometime in the early fifties, and was the first Republican representative in the State legislature (1854-56) from the counties of Allamakee and Winneshiek.

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