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of Secretary of State in the 1946 Republican primary, but his passing away required another nomination a week later by the Republican state convention to fill the vacancy upon the state ticket; was a member of Masonic bodies, the Odd Fellows, the Moose, the Elks, Norden Singers, and Conopus-Exchange club; was married to Ruby West of Kellogg January 9, 1924, who survives him.

THOMAS L. CURRAN, veterinarian, soldier and public official, died at Ottumwa, Iowa, August 27, 1946; born in Ottumwa February 27, 1883, the son of Dennis and Ellen Curran; educated in the rural and parochial schools and St. Joseph College, St. Joseph, Missouri, where he received a degree in veterinary medicine; practiced as a veterinarian; widely traveled and served with the U. S. department of interior as agricultural instructor; also as adviser in animal industry two years to Vincent Gomez, president of Venezuela, Central America; served with Troop "G" United States cavalry, also with General John Pershing in the Philippines for three years during the Moro uprising, and in Europe during World War I; elected secretary of agriculture in Iowa in 1936 with the Democratic administration; a charter member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars post at Ottumwa, a member of the General Shields council, Knights of Columbus, of St. Mary's Catholic church and the Holy Name society there; since 1944 had lived near Silver City, New Mexico, where he was interested in gold mining, and became an unsuccessful candidate for the Democratic nomination for congress; had been residing in Kansas City since returning from the west several months previous to his death; survived by two sisters and a niece, and was preceded in death by his parents and four brothers. He was not married.

JOHN L. WILSON, SR., farmer and legislator, died at his home in Clinton, Iowa, August 31, 1946; born in Elk township near Almont, in Clinton county, Iowa, October 25, 1857, son of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Wilson, who were early Iowa pioneers from Pennsylvania; educated in the rural schools and business college at Clinton, graduating in 1876; his life-long occupation being that of farming; married Susie E. Cook on December 15, 1880, and resided on the old Wilson farm until retirement in 1916, when they removed to Clinton; served as state representative in 1893 and re-elected in 1895; elected as senator in 1897 and remained in the senate until 1914, his legislative tenure extending through eleven successive sessions; a member of the Masonic bodies, president of the Clinton county old settlers association and a Democrat.

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