

lic auction large tracts of land in Green, Lafayette, Grant, and Iowa counties in this State, and soon added other large purchases in those counties, and in Rock, making altogether about ten thousand acres. They proved a fortune to him. In 1850, he removed to Janesville. Politics and office-seeking were not congenial to his tastes, yet for many years he filled the positions of alderman and county commissioner. He was a man of pure and exemplary character.

Hon. David Noggle died at Janesville July 18th, in his sixty-ninth year. He was born in Franklin, Penn., Oct. 9th, 1809, and early removed to Ohio. After residing awhile in Madison Co., N. Y., he removed, in 1840, to Winnebago Co., Ill., where, while doing full work on his farm he prepared himself for the profession of the law, without spending a day in a lawyer's office or a law school. He was admitted to the bar of the supreme court of Illinois in 1838; and selling his farm the next year, he settled at Beloit, where he soon secured a large legal practice. He was a member of the Democratic party, and was, in 1840, appointed postmaster of Beloit; and having removed to Janesville in 1846, he was that year chosen a member of the first constitutional convention in which body he took a conspicuous part. He was a delegate to the national Democratic conventions of 1844 and 1852, which nominated Presidents Polk and Pierce; and in 1854 and 1857, he served in the assembly. He aided in the elevation of Judge Doolittle to the U. S. senate, and became an ardent Republican. He was chosen judge of his circuit in 1858, serving till 1866, when he removed for a brief period to Iowa. In 1869 he was appointed by President Grant chief justice of Idaho Territory, which position he resigned in 1874 on account of ill-health. He was a man of great natural capacity, and of uncommon force and will of character, and a powerful advocate before a jury.

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Hon. Charles Henry Phillips died at Lake Mills, Jan. 1st. He was born in Westmoreland, Oneida County, N. Y., Feb. 24th, 1824, and received a common school education. In 1849, he removed to Wisconsin, settling at Lake Mills, Jefferson County, where he became a successful stock farmer. He served in the Wisconsin assembly in 1870, 1876, and 1877; and in Nov., 1878, he was chosen State senator for his district, but did not live to take his seat. He was a man of superior common sense, much practical experience, and a useful member of society.

Hon. John B. Smith died in Milwaukee, Jan. 3d. Born at Oldtown, Maine, Sept. 11th, 1811, he settled in Milwaukee in the fall of 1843, and engaged in the lumber business. In 1848, he was elected to the State senate, serving a term of two years, during which he proposed an anti-liquor law, which created much excitement at the time—very naturally making some friends, and probably more enemies. In his absence, a reckless mob injured his house and furniture, which the city, as in duty bound, made good to him. His extreme views rendered him unpopular; but he was a man of business affairs