

Hon. James H. Knowlton died in Chicago Jan. 29th, at the age of nearly sixty-five years. He was born in Canandaigua, N. Y., Feb. 20th, 1814, and was raised on a farm, living several years near Lockport, N. Y. He early studied medicine, but gave it up, and became a lawyer. He settled at Janesville in 1843, removing in 1847 to Shullsburg. He served as county judge, and represented his district in the legislature in 1856. Returning to Janesville, he represented that city in the legislature; and was chairman of the committee to investigate the frauds in the disposition of the land grant in 1856. In the spring of 1862, he was an unsuccessful candidate for associate justice of the supreme court. He subsequently removed to Chicago. Though somewhat eccentric, he was a man of fine legal ability, and of strict integrity of character.

Hon. John Potter Jr., died at Madison, while serving as a member of the legislature, Jan. 29th, in his fifty-eighth year. He was born at Potter's Mills, Penn., May 10th, 1821, descending from Gen. James Potter of that State, who distinguished himself in the old French and Indian War, and in commanding a brigade in the Revolution. Mr. Potter was a lawyer—settled in Wisconsin in 1850; held several local offices, and was chosen to the assembly in 1878, and was re-elected for the session of 1879. He made an active and useful member of the legislature.

Hon. Levi B. Vilas, died at Madison, Feb. 6th, when nearly sixty-eight years of age. He was born at Sterling, Lamoille Co., Vt., Feb. 25th, 1811. He early studied law, and was admitted to the bar at St. Albans, Vt., in 1833; and in 1834, he was appointed postmaster at Morrisville; but soon after removing to Johnson in that State, he was chosen a member of the constitutional convention in 1835, and to the State legislature in 1836, and 1837; and removing to Chelsea, Orange County, he represented that town in the legislature, for three years, commencing in 1840, and each year was the Democratic candidate for speaker, and in 1845-46, served as State senator from Orange County, and was unanimously elected president pro tem. of the senate. During his residence in Vermont, he was once a candidate for Congress; held the office of register of probate, and was probate judge of Orange County for three years; and was, for a time one of the commissioners of the Deaf, Dumb, and Blind Institute of Vermont, and a candidate for presidential elector, and a delegate to the Baltimore Democratic national convention. In 1848, he was complimented with the Democratic vote in the legislature as United States senator.

In 1851, he settled at Madison; and 1855, 1868, and 1873, he represented the Capital City in the legislature, and was chosen mayor of Madison in 1861. He was twelve years regent of the State University, a draft commissioner in 1862, and candidate for secretary of state in 1865. In all these numerous and diversified services, he was faithful, honest, and patriotic; and in private life, he was a liberal benefactor to every good work, and benevolent to the poor.

Edward McGraw, born in County Fermanagh, Ireland, in March, 1785, died