

1915, her death being the occasion of deep and widespread regret throughout the community.

Mr. Burns is a democrat in politics and has been quite active as a leader in the local ranks of the party. He served as a member of the town council for nine years and for a similar period was a member of the school board, taking keen interest in the development and improvement of the school system of the town. He is a member of Howard Lodge, No. 214, A. F. & A. M., and served as master for five years, while he and his four daughters are all members of Utopia Chapter, No. 379, O. E. S. Mr. Burns is serving as worthy patron, while his daughter, Mrs. Gladys M. Horton, is worthy matron. Mr. Burns also belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America. Mr. Burns and his family are consistent members of the Presbyterian church and their aid and influence are always given on the side of right, progress and improvement. He justly deserves mention among the representative and worthy citizens of Howard county.

HON. D. A. LYONS.

Hon. D. A. Lyons has left the impress of his individuality upon the history of Iowa as a member of the state senate during the twenty-seventh, twenty-eighth, twenty-ninth, thirtieth and thirty-first sessions of the general assembly. His influence in public affairs has been a potent one and the results of his labors have been far-reaching and beneficial. He is now living retired in Cresco, enjoying in well earned rest the fruits of an active business life, characterized by sound judgment and enterprise.

Mr. Lyons is a native of Chicago, Illinois, born September 8, 1851, his parents being Jeremiah and Ellen (Whalen) Lyons, both of whom were natives of County Waterford, Ireland, where they were reared and married. In 1847 they came to the United States, first settling in Poughkeepsie, New York, which was then a farming district, and the father gave his attention to agricultural pursuits there for three years. In 1850 he made his way westward to Chicago, where he engaged in teaming and in grading work, taking contracts for such work. He continued a resident of Chicago for eighteen years, or until 1868, when he came to Iowa and made investment in a farm in Burr Oak township, Winneshiek county. With characteristic energy he began the development and further improvement of that property and resided thereon for a period of about twenty years. He sold the place in 1880 and removed to Madison, South Dakota, where he lived retired to the time of his death, which occurred about 1892 or 1893. He had for a short period survived his wife, who died in 1890.

D. A. Lyons whose name introduces this review was reared upon the home farm and acquired his early education in the Chicago schools and in the graded schools of Burr Oak township, Winneshiek county, Iowa, following the removal of the family to this state. On attaining his majority in 1872 he came to Cresco, where he entered the implement business and for seven years represented the firm of Strother & Conklin as a traveling salesman upon the road. In 1879 he established an implement business of his own in Cresco and in 1880 entered into partnership with R. J. McHugh, organizing the firm of McHugh & Lyons, which business relationship was maintained until 1894, when Mr. McHugh passed away and Mr. Lyons purchased his interest in the business. He then continued to operate independently as an implement dealer until 1911, when he sold the business to the firm of McHugh & Lusson and has since given his attention to the management of his landed holdings. He owns three different farms, comprising five hundred and fifty acres of land, all in Howard county. His investments are judiciously made and in all of his business affairs he has displayed sound judgment and enterprise, leading to the attainment of substantial success.

On the 25th of September, 1876, Mr. Lyons was married to Miss Catherine Fitzgerald, of Winneshiek county, a daughter of Patrick Fitzgerald, one of the early