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Upon the death of his father he returned to his home in Mahaska county and entered into the avocation in which he has since been engaged; farming and stock raising. Since then he has resided on his farm which is known throughout the country as "Mitchell Meadows."

He had never held an office until elected senator from his county in 1916 by the republican party, a political faith espoused by his father before him and the party to which he has given his life-long allegiance.