

in Iowa and Illinois and became known for his stock feeding enterprises. He was intensely interested in the economics of agriculture and was a keen student of farm conditions. A short time following the economic slump which struck the middle west, after the so-called inflation period had passed, Webber and others appeared before the Executive Committee in the State House at Des Moines, and, due largely to his efforts and those who supported him, land values as between farm land and city property were adjusted. This effected a saving of thousands of dollars to the farmers of Iowa.

In 1919 he became president of the Ottumwa National Bank and retained that position until January 1, 1928, though previously he submitted his resignation from that office to the directors, due to his burden of other business duties. He was also president of the Wapello County Savings Bank, an institution which he headed at the time of his death.

Senator Webber was one of the outstanding figures in the good roads movement in his county and state. During the road campaign here in the early part of 1926, he made numerous speeches throughout the county in behalf of the proposed bond issue. He was also a member of the board of directors of the Iowa Good Roads Association. He was a member of the Wapello Club and a charter member of the Ottumwa Country Club.

He was prominently mentioned recently in connection with being a candidate on the Democrat ticket to run for Congress from the Sixth District.

On October 2, 1900, he was united in marriage to Miss Estella L. Bailey of Ferris, Illinois, who with two sons, John Francis Jr., and Bailey C., survive him. He is also survived by his mother, Mrs. Mary Webber Lambert of Carthage, Illinois, and one brother, Charles A. Webber, of Ferris, Illinois.

FRANK SHANE,  
W. A. CLARK,  
F. M. BEATTY,

*Committee.*

Senator Shane spoke as follows:

I was a member of the House of Representatives during part of Mr. Webber's service in the Senate and our relations at that time were very close. During the years following we had many pleasant business contacts. I knew him intimately and admired him greatly.

He was one of the outstanding men of southeastern Iowa—kind, genial, yet possessed of wonderful business ability. His passing was a distinct loss, both to his community and to the state. "May he rest in peace."

I move the adoption of the report.

The resolution was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

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GEORGE S. ALLYN

MR. PRESIDENT: Your committee appointed to prepare resolutions in commemoration of the life, character and services of the Honorable George S. Allyn, begs leave to submit the following report:

George S. Allyn, son of the Rev. and Mrs. Henry Allyn, was born March 9, 1847, at Clinton, DeWitt county, Illinois, and departed this life at his home in Mount Ayr, Iowa, July 17, 1928, at the age of 81 years, four months and eight days. Surviving him are his devoted wife, daughters, Madge and Georgia, sons, Earle K., Clare G., and Clinton D., residents of Ringgold county; a sister, Angie M., of Waverly, Illinois, the only brother, John H. of Lincoln, Nebraska, and his six grandchildren.

As the son of a Methodist circuit rider, Mr. Allyn's first years were spent in many Illinois communities, for a circuit rider's efforts in the betterment of mankind called for continuous and constant travel. Death ended the early mission of this family by claiming Mr. Allyn's father in 1855, leaving the loyal mother and the five small children to face life's battles alone. Realizing the family's serious predicament, the subject of this sketch assumed a portion of the family's financial responsibility by becoming a wage earner at the tender age of nine. His recompense was only \$1.50 per week, and the employment was in the rural communities. The majority of these employers were just, but a few were very harsh and inconsiderate.

At the outbreak of the Civil War, this thirteen-year-old boy was denied a drummer's commission through failure to secure his mother's consent. His inability to serve his country at this time was a lifelong regret.

In 1866, George Allyn with brother, youngest sister and mother emigrated to Ringgold county by covered wagon and team, and settled on a farm south of Blockton where with the help of generous neighbors a crude home was constructed for the venturesome newcomers. Here, with winter approaching and the family's finances exhausted, Mr. Allyn's training in a minister's home again served him to good purpose, for it had indirectly fitted him for school teaching, and schoolmasters were scarce on this frontier. He was elected teacher of the home school and in this capacity he began his long career as a faithful public servant.

Occupied with teaching during the winter months and farming throughout the summer, Mr. Allyn lived in Clinton township until 1872, when he moved to Mount Ayr to assume the duties of clerk of the district court. While in this office, he was united in marriage to Miss Mary V. Kinsell, June 21, 1876. After three terms in the clerk's office, he was appointed and served as postmaster of Mount Ayr for two years under the Hayes administration, when he resigned to enter the banking and real estate business with C. B. Morris in the year 1880. This partnership was terminated in 1886 with the entry of John H. Allyn, and the firm of Allyn Brothers came into existence and served the people in a faithful manner for years.

Mr. Allyn was honored through election to the Twenty-sixth, Twenty-seventh, Twenty-eighth and Twenty-ninth General Assemblies as State Senator, and was returned to the Thirty-eighth and Thirty-ninth General Assemblies as Representative of the people of Ringgold county. He was appointed trustee of the Agricultural College at Ames, and filled this appointment for the term. His unique official record is with the local board of education, for his activities with this body have been in the capacity of president for fifty-two consecutive years.

In 1915, Mr. Allyn retired from active business duties and had since

resided on his acreage adjoining Mount Ayr, where he delighted in garden and flower culture; his restful moments were spent in wholesome reading. In this manner he retained a youthful and entertaining mind to the end of his life.

Membership in the Methodist Episcopal church came at a very early age, the baptismal rite being performed by the Rev. Peter Cartright, a compatriot of the Rev. Henry Allyn. Interest in the church's welfare and the church's activities was always in his mind; his devotion was conscientious; his time, talents and money were unsparingly donated as occasion demanded. Loyalty to the Sunday School of his church is best evidenced through the fulfillment of the superintendent's duties for a period of some twenty-five years.

No higher tribute can be paid Mr. Allyn than to say he was a consistent Christian, honest and true, mild-mannered and fair, tolerant and cheerful, passionately devoted to his family and his home, a consecrated worker in the "vineyard of his Lord." The memory of his worthy life will ever prove a priceless heritage to his beloved wife, his children and his grandchildren. He has fought a good fight, he has finished his course, he has kept the faith. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

*Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Forty-third General Assembly, That in the passing of the Honorable George S. Allyn, the state has lost an honored and valuable citizen, a man of high ideals in Christian living and useful citizenship.*

*Be It Further Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the journal of the Senate and that the Secretary be directed to forward an enrolled copy to the relatives of the deceased.*

F. D. ICKIS,  
GEO. A. WILSON,  
OSCAR ULSTAD,

*Committee.*

The resolution was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

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#### F. M. MOLSBERRY

**MR. PRESIDENT:** Your committee appointed to prepare resolutions commemorating the life, character and public service of F. M. Molsberry of Columbus Junction, Louisa county, Iowa, begs leave to submit the following report:

F. M. Molsberry was born at Plymouth, Iowa, May 22, 1866, being a son of Joseph M. and Jemina Jane (Pitman) Molsberry. His father was a farmer and on the farm the son spent his early life and grew to manhood. After attending the district school, he entered the University at Iowa City, devoting his attention to the study of law, graduating in May, 1892, with the degree of LL.B. Immediately after leaving the University, he began the practice of law in Columbus Junction, Iowa.

On August 15, 1893, he was united in marriage to Miss Cora Oliver of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. One daughter was born to this union, namely, Mrs. H. M. Patton.