

HON. OWEN BROMLEY.

MR. SPEAKER: Your Committee appointed to prepare a memorial fittingly to commemorate the life and public service of the Honorable Owen Bromley, submit the following report:

In a coal miner's cabin in Denbighshire, Wales, on May 20, 1825, there was born a child to bear the name, Owen Bromley. There was nothing in the time or place to indicate that his life was to differ in any essential particular from the lives of those about him. A dreary future opened before him. He belonged to the poor and oppressed. He was denied both the playtime which should belong by right to all children, and the little opportunity for schooling the community afforded, for when but eight years old he began daily tasks in the mines to secure a bare subsistence. This was his lot until he grew to manhood.

But if fate was cruel in assigning him these untoward circumstances, nature was kind in endowing him with an active and receptive mind. By his own efforts, wholly untaught, he mastered both Welsh and English. He was fond of reading and study. The great reform agitation in England attracted him to politics and led him to become an ardent disciple of John Bright, whose teachings strongly influenced him at a later period.

At the age of twenty-seven, he turned his back on the home of his fathers and set out for America, where he arrived in July, 1852. He settled in Pennsylvania and engaged in mining. He was married in 1854, in Philadelphia, to Miss Sarah R. Davis, who also was a native of Wales. Falling under the observation of some wealthy men who were impressed with his good judgment, he was sent by them in 1857 to investigate and report upon the coal resources of the new state of Iowa. The beauty of the prairies charmed him. In 1860 he brought his family west and located near Salina, in Jefferson county.

In the political campaign of 1860, he espoused the cause of republicanism and of human liberty. He was an effective speaker, for he spoke from the fullness of his heart. When rebellion resulted from Lincoln's election, he promptly responded to the call for troops. He enlisted at Fairfield on May 6, 1861, as a private in Company "E", Second Iowa Infantry. It was an act of devotion to his adopted country. With a young family to provide for, it was no small sacrifice for him or for them. Having experience as a nurse, he was detailed for hospital duty. After serving one year and three months, he was discharged in August, 1862, for disability.

In 1863 he was chosen by the electors of Jefferson county to serve as one of their representatives in the Tenth General Assembly. In this body he was ever watchful of the honor and of the interests of the soldiers. At his instance, a concurrent resolution was adopted recommending "That discharged soldiers who have been disabled by wounds or diseases in the service of their country, should have the preference, as far as they are competent, in being employed in all the positions within the gift of the Federal and State Governments"

thus anticipating for forty years the act of the Thirtieth General Assembly.

He removed to Des Moines in 1874. In 1880 and again in 1882, he was elected sergeant-at-arms of the House of Representatives. From 1892 to 1896, he was Secretary of the State Board of Mine inspectors. He served faithfully and acceptably in these positions.

In civil and in public life he performed his work with perfect fidelity. Whether miner or official, always he was a self-respecting and respected gentleman. His last days were spent in the Home for the Aged, in the city of Des Moines, where on Friday, August 9, 1907, he peacefully passed away.

To honor his memory, it is therefore

Resolved, That this minute of Owen Bromley's life be spread upon the records of this House and that a copy of them be presented to his surviving children.

C. J. FULTON,
FRANK SHANKLAND,
U. G. WHITNEY,

Committee.

Adopted.

HON. LEVI HUBBELL.

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee appointed to prepare suitable resolutions commemorating the life, character and public service of Hon. Levi Hubbell, an honored member of this House, beg leave to submit the following report:

Levi Hubbell was born in Sherman, Fairfield County, Connecticut, July 14, 1821. His father was Levi Hubbell, son of David Hubbell, who with his brother were pioneer settlers in Fairfield county, Connecticut, and descendants of the original Hubbell family, tracing their lineage directly back to the kingdom of Wales. For a number of years he lived on a farm, getting his early education in the public schools. At the age of nineteen years he entered Oneide Institute at Whitesboro, N. Y., of which Beriah Green, the noted abolitionist, was president, and where Mr. Hubbell imbibed those political principles which characterized all his later life. Leaving Whitesboro he taught school for five years in Dutchess county, N. Y., and then returned to Connecticut and established a school at Gaylor's Bridge, in the famed Housatonic Valley. In 1857 he came to Iowa, locating at Bradford, Chickasaw county, where he engaged in mercantile pursuits. On the 12th of September, 1860 Mr. Hubbell was united in marriage with Miss Jane E. Witted, and immediately after that event settled upon the farm in Winneshiek county which he had entered and which is known today as the Hubbell farm. In 1897 the family moved to Waukon, where Mr. Hubbell engaged in the creamery business, and which business he conducted for a number of years. Mr. Hubbell served in the 18th and 19th General Assemblies in the Iowa State Legislature as Representative from Winneshiek county. In his early life he was a member of the Episcopal church, but later on became an adherent of the Presbyterian church; he was also a member of the Masonic Fraternity, and later in life became an