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DES MOINES, IOWA, APRIL 10, 1911.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment, at 7:30 o'clock, P. M., President Pro Tem, James A. Smith, presiding.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

Senator Bennett, from a special committee, submitted the following report and moved its adoption:

Mr. President: Your committee appointed to draft resolutions commemorative of the life, character and services of ex-Senator Elbert Warren Clark, begs leave to submit the following report:

"Elbert Warren Clark was born in Glover, Orleans County, Vermont, February 22, 1842, of Scotch-American parentage. In 1854 he removed to Bureau County, Illinois, where he attended the district school, finishing with a course in the high school at Kewanee, Illinois. Choosing the medical profession as the field in which he should accomplish his life work, he entered Rush Medical College at Chicago, in 1866. He graduated from that institution in February, 1871. The following May he settled in Grinnell, and engaged in the active duties of his profession.

In 1874, he was united in marriage to Martha C. Brainard, of Grinnell. To them was born one son, E. W. Clark, Jr., who resides in Grinnell.

Dr. Clark was an active member of the city council of Grinnell for fifteen years, and was mayor of that city from 1893 to 1897, during which time a complete system of water works and sewers was installed.

For six years he was president of the school board of Grinnell. He was trustee of Iowa College for twelve years, and also of the Stewart free public library. During the year 1907, he was president of the Iowa State Medical Society, of which he was an honored member during his professional life. For many years he was surgeon of the Rock Island railroad, and attained more than local fame as a successful surgeon.

He represented Poweshiek County in the Thirty-first General Assembly. He was elected senator from the twelfth district in 1906, and served in the Thirty-second and Thirty-third General Assemblies. He was a man of undoubted integrity and spotless character. A man loved and honored by all who knew him.

On February 16, 1910, he passed peacefully away at his home in Grinnell, where he had lived continuously for thirty-nine years.

Resolved, That in the death of this noble man the State lost a worthy citizen and statesman, and the Senate a loved and honored member.

Be it further Resolved, That these resolutions be printed in the Journal, and an engrossed copy, signed by the president and secretary, be sent to the family of the deceased."

T. W. BENNETT,
H. W. SPAULDING,
JOHN L. WILSON,

Committee.

The resolutions were adopted unanimously by a rising vote.

Senator Legel, from a special committee, submitted the following report and moved its adoption:

Mr. President: Your committee appointed to draft resolutions commemorating the life and services of the Honorable Robert G. Reiniger, late of Charles City, Iowa, beg leave to submit the following report:

Few of us of the present age or generation realize or give a thought to the debt we owe to those early settlers of our state, who risked their all and did so much to make this commonwealth what it is.

The subject of this sketch was one of those pioneers, who as a young man of twenty-two years left his native state and hopefully facing the setting sun journeyed westward until he came to what is now Charles City, Iowa. At that time Charles City was still a frontier village surrounded by a wilderness. Here he cast his lot and was soon a vital force and continued to be such, in his community until he was called to the great beyond.

Honorable Robert G. Reiniger, familiarly known as Judge Reiniger, was born in Seneca County, Ohio, April 12, 1835, and was a son of Gustavus and Rosa (Durr) Reiniger, natives of Wurtemberg, Germany, who emigrated to this country, after they were married in 1832, settling in the above named county upon a farm. Here the subject of this sketch attended school, at the age of seventeen he commenced the study of law, at Tiffin, Ohio. At the same time attending college. He was admitted to the bar in September, 1856, and in March, 1857, he came west and settled in Charles City, where he formed a partnership with his elder brother, G. G. Reiniger, in the practice of law and in real estate exchange, and insurance business. In 1858 Irving W. Card was admitted in partnership, and the firm of Reiniger, Card & Reiniger, continued until January 1, 1861.

In May, 1861, Mr. Reiniger enlisted for the war entering the army in July, as First Lieutenant of Company B, Seventh Iowa Infantry, which company was engaged in the battles of Belmont, Missouri, Fort Henry, Fort Donelson, Shiloh, Cornith, Iuka, second battle of Cornith, the campaign against Atlanta, under Sherman, ending with the battle of Jonesboro, when Atlanta was evacuated.

In 1862, Mr. Reiniger was promoted to be Captain. In 1864, shortly after the surrender of Atlanta, he returned home and resumed the practice of his profession.

October 10, 1870, the Governor appointed him judge of the twelfth circuit, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Judge Ruddick, who