

Mr. Coburn was very active in all the interests of his community, both civic and social. He belonged to the Chamber of Commerce of Marcus, also was a member of the Masonic Lodge of that place. He was a member of the House of Representatives in the Twenty-eighth, Twenty-ninth, Thirtieth and Thirty-first General Assemblies. He was a member of the Iowa Senate in the Thirty-seventh and Thirty-eighth General Assemblies. Mr. Coburn was a respected and influential participant in the affairs of republican politics in northwest Iowa.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Forty-third General Assembly of Iowa, That in the death of George Franklin Coburn the state and the community where he lived have suffered the loss of an influential and honorable citizen; and,

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 send an engrossed copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

LEW MACDONALD,
F. C. GILCHRIST,
B. M. STODDARD,

Committee.

Senator MacDonald spoke as follows:

MR. PRESIDENT: My acquaintance with George F. Coburn was limited entirely to a few visits and associations with him in rural life. I knew nothing of him and his work here in the General Assembly. There are Senators in this chamber who were intimately associated with Senator Coburn in his state work, and two of these members of our present Assembly are my colleagues, Senators Gilchrist and Stoddard, who will say a few words.

Senator Stoddard spoke as follows:

MR. PRESIDENT: Senator Coburn was another one of the men here in the Senate during the Thirty-eighth General Assembly, and I believe that he occupied the seat now ably occupied by the Senator from Tama. I remember very well the first day I came down here. He took a great deal of interest in telling me many things about how legislation was accomplished here on the hill.

He was always kind, was intelligent, and always in a good humor, and was always interested in things going on, not only in the chamber but everything that had to do with the construction of legislation.

I always enjoyed my association with Senator Coburn here in the Senate. I have also stopped at his home on his invitation and it has always been a great pleasure, as he was a man who made you feel that you were twice welcome.

He was a real farmer in every sense of the word; a successful man, not only as a citizen of his community but as a legislator.

Senator Gilchrist spoke as follows:

MR. PRESIDENT: When I first had any experience in legislative work, it was in the hall across from this chamber, and I came there first in the Twenty-ninth General Assembly. It was then that I met George Coburn,

who was then representing Cherokee county in that chamber. I have known him at all times since, until his death, through a time that is marked commonly as one generation of men. I met him sometimes in a political way and sometimes in a social way and once in a business way, and I learned to appreciate the kindness of his soul, and the intelligence and fidelity which always marked his conduct.

It was Tennyson who called attention to the things that are really worth while in life when he said:

"Kind hearts are more than coronets,
And simple faith than Norman blood."

It is not a question of whether you amass a fortune, or of political or business distinction which may come to you, but in that last final counting the question is, "Do you have charity? Have you fought well, faithfully and kindly? Has your life increased the great fold of human happiness? Has your conduct been such as to receive the respect of those who follow you?" Judged by this standard, I know of no person who is entitled more to our respect and reverence here this afternoon, than is the subject of this resolution; for he certainly had a great human heart, actuated always by the most kind intentions, by charity, by respect and love for his fellows and by those principles of honesty and integrity which shall always mark the intelligent. I am proud this afternoon to be able to have numbered him among my friends and to speak a few words in his memory. May his kindness, his character and his Christian virtue always be revered.

The resolution was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

DAVID J. PALMER

MR. PRESIDENT: Your committee appointed to prepare resolutions commemorating the life, character and public service of Col. David J. Palmer of Washington, Washington county, Iowa, begs leave to submit the following report:

David James Palmer was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, November 15, 1839, and died in Washington, Iowa, November 19, 1928. He was with his parents, Samuel R. and Margaret (Munce) Palmer, in their removal to Carrol county, Ohio, in 1842 and to Washington county, Iowa, in 1856, where they located on a farm near the town of Washington. He attended public school in Ohio and in Iowa, and helped on his father's farm. He attended United Presbyterian College in Washington in 1859 and 1860, and taught school in 1860 and 1861.

On July 10, 1861, he enlisted as a private in Company C, Eighth Iowa Infantry, and was promoted to corporal September 9, 1861. On April 6, 1862, at the Battle of Shiloh he was severely wounded and left on the field for dead, captured by the enemy, his wounds neglected for two days, when in the maneuvers of the battle he found himself as near his comrades as his captors, crawled to the Union lines, where he was cared for, and weeks afterwards was sent home. When the Twenty-fifth Iowa Infantry was organized that summer Corporal Palmer, who had organized Company A of that regiment while his arm was in a sling, was