

Senator Bennett spoke as follows:

I consider it a great privilege indeed to be able to make a few remarks in this memorial in regard to my fellow townsman, Senator E. L. Crow. He served his state and district so credibly in the Thirty-fourth and the Thirty-fifth General Assemblies. Senator Crow was a man of most unusual personality. He radiated good fellowship. He was possessed of most unusual energy. He always stood for the finer things in life. He was always a leader, did much to improve his town and his community, and above all to meet him would give you cheer and inspiration. He was always friendly, full of fun and had a forward-looking view of things always which gave courage to his fellow men who had the slightest contact with him. He was an excellent father and husband and his was a life of sacrifice, and splendid unstinting service. While he was a member of a different political party from myself, that did not in any way interfere with our fine friendship for each other, for he was always fair and considerate and forgiving. I feel that in the passing of Senator Crow I have lost a fine and wonderful friend, and that his community and the state have lost a man of strong character, sterling worth and of distinguished service to his community and the state.

The resolution was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

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JOHN F. WEBBER

MR. PRESIDENT: Your committee which was appointed to report resolutions commemorating the life, character and services of the late Hon. John F. Webber, beg leave to submit the following report and move its adoption:

John F. Webber, prominent citizen of Ottumwa, who was shot to death at his home, 133 E. Court Street, Saturday night, April 7, 1928, was born in Ferris, Illinois, September 26, 1874. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Webber.

He gained his early education in the public schools of Hancock county, Illinois, and in the meantime helped his father on the farm on which the family lived. He pursued an academic course in Carthage College, Carthage, Illinois, and later entered the law college of the State University at Iowa City and finished the law course there. After leaving school he traveled for three years for a nationally known farm implement company. In 1902 he entered upon the practice of law, opening an office in Ottumwa. Later he became interested in the Ottumwa National Bank and the Wapello County Savings Bank. A Democrat in politics, he became a candidate for State Senator in 1910 and was elected. He was a member of the Ways and Means Committee, Appropriations Committee, Judiciary and other important legislative committees. He was recognized as one of the leaders in the legislature of that day, on matters pertaining to taxation, and laws governing public utilities. He was one of the authors of the workmen's compensation law, passed by the Thirty-fifth General Assembly, and was one of the measure's most ardent supporters.

During the latter days of his life he acquired numerous land holdings