

He lived fifty years in Cedar Township, Van Buren County, on one of the best farms in Iowa, devoting his time to stock raising, feeding and shipping. Mr. Keck possessed far more than average ability as a man of affairs, his talents being demanded in many offices of public service. He was Township Trustee, Justice of the Peace, and for two years was the President of the Van Buren County Agricultural Society. This was one of the most useful and honorable positions in the county, having been held by such men as ex-Senator George G. Wright, George W. Games, Dr. George S. Guernsey, J. B. Bleakmore, George C. Duffield, Colonel H. Blackledge, B. S. Ream and others. It is needless to say the affairs under his administration were successful. He was also interested in the Bentonsport Milling Company for some time. He recruited and drilled a Home Guard Militia Company, known as the "Bonaparte Guards," under authority of chapter thirty-five, Ninth General Assembly, and was elected its Captain.

He represented Van Buren County in the Twenty-eighth General Assembly, discharging the duties of the office with honesty and fidelity to his constituents and the public, and was at all times and under all circumstances an honest, sincere and faithful public servant. He would have been re-elected for another term had he not been absent from the state when the nominating convention was held. Therefore be it

Resolved, That in his death the state and county has lost a worthy and honorable citizen, and we hereby extend to the relatives and friends our tribute of respect; and be it further

Resolved, That these resolutions of respect be printed in the Journal of the House and the Chief Clerk be directed to forward an engrossed copy to the family of the deceased.

S. H. BAUMAN,
J. W. BLACKFORD,
C. C. CANNON,

Committee.

Adopted April 3, 1913.

HON. WILLIAM GIDEON CROW.

MR. SPEAKER—Your committee appointed to prepare and present suitable resolutions of respect to the life, character and public service of the late William Gideon Crow, a member of the Twenty-fifth and Twenty-sixth General Assemblies, beg leave to report the following:

The subject of this sketch was born in Tennessee, July 2, 1837, and removed to Appanoose County, Iowa, in 1856. In 1872 he removed to Eldon, Wapello County, where he resided until his death. At the age of twenty-seven years he enlisted in Company D of the Sixth Iowa Infantry, and was wounded at the battle of Kenesaw Mountain

in 1864. On May 1, 1865, he was promoted to the office of Seventh Corporal and mustered out of service at Louisville, Kentucky, on July 27th of the same year.

He was an active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and took a great interest in church and Sunday school work, serving as Sunday School Superintendent for many years. He was a Republican in politics, and an uncompromising worker for the temperance cause. He leaves surviving him a wife, who still lives in Eldon, and one stepson, William R. Russell, of Ottumwa, Iowa.

From 1872 until 1882 he was a locomotive engineer on the C. R. I. & P. R. R., and in the latter year he engaged in the mercantile business in Eldon, continuing in this business until 1890. He was elected in 1891 as a member of the Twenty-fifth General Assembly, and re-elected in 1893 as a member of the Twenty-sixth General Assembly, also serving in the extra session of that Assembly.

He was one of the organizers of the Eldon District Fair, known as the "Big Four," and through his efforts made it a great success, serving as its president for years. He was progressive and aggressive in all of his work, and did much for the advancement of home and state. He was very popular as a speaker, and was much in demand for addresses at Soldiers' Reunions and Farmers' Institutes, and was always a leader in patriotic and moral movements. Therefore be it

Resolved, That the state and county in which Mr. Crow resided lost a worthy and upright citizen and a conscientious and honorable man, and that we extend to his relatives and friends our sympathy in their sorrow; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the Journal of the House, and the Chief Clerk be instructed to forward an engrossed copy to the wife of the deceased.

E. J. BRADLEY,

WM. F. STIPE,

S. H. BAUMAN,

Committee.

Adopted April 4, 1913.

HON. DANIEL ALEXANDER LA FORCE.

MR. SPEAKER—Your committee appointed to draft suitable resolutions of respect to the memory of Hon. Daniel Alexander La Force respectfully submit the following: