

“Night came,
Releasing him from labor,
When a hand as from the darkness
Touched him—and he slept.”

Senator De Armand moved the adoption of the resolutions and said:

When a man dies who has lifted himself above his fellows and in the battle of life deserved the right to lead, all people bow the head and the grief is general. William A. Foster was an intellectual giant and in his professional career he crossed swords with the best that the west afforded and from judge and the great jury of common people he was crowned a king of legal kings. He was a student who loved his profession and in the effort to master it he sought the largest field and only when the hand of disease lay its mighty weight upon him did he falter at the head of the column. In the western metropolis he sought and found a field equal to his ambition and for nearly a quarter of a century he sat in the councils of the great men of his profession as the idol of the learned and as orator whose eloquence was famed from ocean to ocean. When he felt the approach of the grim monster he came home to the State of his earlier successes and in the evening of his life he put aside the burdens he had borne so illustriously and wrapping the drapery of his couch about him he lay down to eternal sleep, leaving behind him a record of such renown as belongs to few men. He was a tireless worker and a devoted student. He knew no barriers to success but in the books of his profession and in the keen knowledge of human nature made possible by his study of human thought and human action he found his way to the hearts and in his pleas for his clients he secured that “tempering of justice with mercy” to many who in less skillful hands might have been lost in the maelstrom behind barred doors. From a country boy to one of the first criminal lawyers of the west is the record he left behind when his eyes closed in dreamless sleep.

The resolutions were adopted by a rising vote.

Senator Moon, from the Special Committee appointed to draft suitable resolutions commemorating the life of the late Hon. W. A. McIntire, submitted the following report and moved its adoption:

MR. PRESIDENT—Your committee appointed to draft resolutions commemorative of the life and public services of the late W. A. McIntire, formerly a member of the Senate for Wapello County, beg leave to submit the following resolutions and recommend their adoption.

E. G. MOON,
JOHN T. CLARKSON,
JOHN L. WILSON,
Committee.

Adopted.