

back to Mason City and was engaged in the growing and jobbing of fruit and raising registered Duroc-Jersey swine, moving to Rockford, Iowa, in 1910. He held township and town offices, and was elected representative in 1914.

Mr. Purdy was a republican in politics, a member of the Congregational church, and was a member of the Masonic lodge, the Order of the Eastern Star and of the Knights of Pythias. He died at Mason City on the 19th day of April, 1915.

Mr. Purdy was a man of honor and integrity and stood high in the confidence and esteem of his associates. He was kind, considerate, generous, and served well in every capacity in which he was engaged; therefore, be it

Resolved, that in the death of Hon. Geo. H. Purdy, the state has lost a worth yand influential citizen, and that we extend to his relatives and friends our sincere sympathy; and be it further

Resolved, that this resolution of respect and appreciation be printed in the journal of the House and that the Chief Clerk be directed to forward an engrossed copy to the family of the deceased.

GEO. H. DUNKELBERG,

J. C. GRASON,

B. J. HORCHEM.

Committee.

Adopted January 30, 1917.

HON. JOHN FOX.

MR. SPEAKER—Your committee, appointed to present resolutions with respect to the life and service of John Fox, late of Dallas county, Iowa, begs leave to submit the following:

John Fox, late of Dallas county, Iowa, was born in Yorkshire, England, January 24 1841. He was one of that great company that have come to America from the old world seeking here the opportunity that is the crowning gift of a democracy. He grew to young manhood among the hills of Pennsylvannia. In his twenty-first year, when about to enter upon full American citizenship, he gave proof of his appreciation of the land of his adoption by volunteering for its defense. He enlisted as a member of Company G 20th Ohio Volunteers in September 1861, and was honorably discharged in 1864. He came to Iowa in 1869 as a part of that wonderful home-loving and home-seeking movement of the fifties and sixties. He was seeking and found a home upon the virgin soil of Dallas county, where he long lived, contributing his full share in the development of the state. He represented Dallas county as a member of the House of Representatives in the 32nd (regular and special sessions) and 33rd general assemblies, serving with credit upon many important committees. On all moral questions especially he was a strong champion of the right. He was a faithful member of the Methodist church, an active worker in the Grand Army of the Republic and a prominent

member of the Masonic order for forty years. He died in Dallas Center, May 27, 1916.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the 37th General Assembly:

That in the death of John Fox there passed from the life of the state an adopted son of the nation, one of that great company that has made America indeed the melting-pot of the world; that in the offer of his youth upon the altar of the Nation's need he proved his right to all that she could in turn offer him in American citizenship; that in his service to the state in the halls of legislation and his later honorable life we recognize but another justification of the claims of democracy, and we hereby offer to those who survive him this expression of the appreciation and sympathy of the state.

And Be It Further Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be printed in the journal of the House and that the Chief Clerk of the House be directed to forward an engrossed copy of the same to the family of the deceased.

JAMES PETERS,
JAMES B. WEAVER,
REUBEN A. LENOCKER,
Committee.

Adopted January 30, 1917.

HON. CHARLES F. CROSE.

MR. SPEAKER—Your committee appointed to prepare resolutions commemorating the life, character and public services of the late Hon. Charles F. Crose, a member of the House of Representatives in the thirtieth and thirty-first general assemblies, beg leave to submit the following as their report:

Hon. Charles F. Crose was born March 16, 1856, at Sidney, Iowa, in a log cabin, when the Indians still roamed over this region and his mother once hid him from a roving band of redskins.

As a boy, he clerked for his brother, R. B. Crose, at Manti, before Shenandoah was started; when the new town was born, the Croses put their mercantile effects in wagons and moved over, establishing one of the first stores in Shenandoah. Mr. Crose continued with this firm as clerk or a partner for nearly forty years, with the exception of one year when he studied medicine, and one year in which he took a business course with the Bryant & Stratton college in Chicago.

On June 2, 1880, he was united in marriage to Miss Nina Nixon of Afton, Iowa; to this union one daughter was born. He was a member of the Congregational church, had served as trustee and was chairman of the board of ushers in his local church. He was a past patron of the Eastern Star, and held a membership in the Blue lodge, Knights Templar, the Shriners, Elks and Odd Fellows. He lived a beautiful and useful life, full to overflowing with activity in every direction.