

JOHN McCULLOCH GOBBLE.

John McCulloch Gobble was born at Abingdon, Jefferson county, Iowa, October 10, 1849, and died at Muscatine, Iowa, June 9, 1914. He was the son of Thomas Wilson Gobble, and moved from Jefferson county, Iowa, to Muscatine, November 1, 1880. He was an active and influential man from the time he arrived at his maturity, in all the fields of useful endeavor. He served the city of Muscatine as mayor during the years 1886, 1887, 1888, 1889, and 1893. He carried great strength in his political influence, and in the election of 1889 swept the Muscatine-Louisa district from its republican moorings of twenty years, and took his seat in the Iowa state senate, serving through the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth General Assemblies. He was appointed by Lieutenant Governor Poyneer, in the Twenty-third General Assembly, to the membership on the committees of Appropriations, Cities and Towns, Commerce, Constitutional Amendments, and Highways. In the Twenty-fourth General Assembly he was appointed by Lieutenant Governor Bestow as chairman of the committee on Cities and Towns, and to membership on the committees on Suppression of Intemperance, Congressional and Judicial Districts, Highways, Constitutional Amendments and Suffrage, and Commerce.

After Mr. Gobble located in Muscatine he engaged in the wholesale grocery business and by his strict attention to his business and by his fair dealings, built up one of the largest and most successful wholesale businesses in eastern Iowa. He was a man whom it was a pleasure to meet, always genial and friendly, and one who made friends and kept them, and he was also a friend in the true sense of the word.

He was a business man of recognized high standing wherever known, and always gave his affairs his personal attention and direction, and as a result of his efforts, amassed a most comfortable competency. His strict attention to his business affairs undoubtedly contributed to his demise, as he was in a frail and weakened condition at the time his last illness overtook him. The city of Muscatine and the state of Iowa have lost a good and honest citizen, in the passing away of ex-Senator John M. Gobble.

F. W. EVERSMEYER,

N. J. SCHRUP,

F. P. HAGEMANN,

Committee.

The resolutions were adopted unanimously by a rising vote.

Senator G. E. Hilsinger from a special committee submitted the following report and moved its adoption.

MR. PRESIDENT—Your committee appointed to prepare resolutions commemorating the life, character and public services of Alfred Hurst beg leave to submit the following report:

ALFRED HURST.

Alfred Hurst was born in Lincolnshire, England, in 1841, and died in Maquoketa, Iowa, on March 25, 1915. In 1852 his father brought his family to America, landing at New Orleans. From New Orleans the family