

during the civil war, attaining the rank of Captain. For many years he engaged in banking. I recollect his coming to my desk one day during the Thirty-first General Assembly and saying, "It is just thirty years ago today that I became cashier of a bank at Washington and I have served in the bank ever since." I understand that his son is now the manager of that bank and that he has a grandson who is cashier of a national bank at Arlington, Iowa. They are a family of bankers. He was the grandfather of Norman Hall, the renowned aviator and author.

Senator Young was an able and conscientious legislator. He was the author of the first anti-discrimination law enacted in this state, which applied to petroleum and its products. This law has since been extended, constituting the present law.

Iowa in his death lost a most worthy and useful citizen.

ALVA C. HAGER

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

Mr. Hager was born in Chautauqua county, New York, October 29, 1849, and when he was ten years of age moved with his parents to Iowa where they farmed in Jackson county. Six years later they moved to Jones county where Mr. Hager received his high school education in the Monticello and Anamosa High Schools.

In the year 1874 he entered the law department of the University of Iowa, receiving his degree a year later. After passing the state bar examination he started his law practice at Greenfield, Iowa.

He was presiding officer of the Republican state convention in 1892. Was elected a member of the state senate, in 1893, and was re-elected the next term but resigned to go to Congress in 1894. He was Congressman from Iowa for three terms, from 1894 to 1900, representing the ninth district.

In 1900 he returned to Greenfield, and in 1901 moved to Des Moines where he entered a partnership with O. R. Patrick, later with Charles L. Powell. He had his office in the Iowa National bank building.

He was a member of the Des Moines Club and golf and country club and was active in many civic organizations. During the war he was a leader of liberty loan drives and was in much demand as a speaker.

From 1911 to 1918 he was president of the Commercial Savings Bank, and at the time of his death was also a director of the Des Moines Silo Company.

He had been in ill health for many months, and on January 18th was taken to Iowa Lutheran hospital, where he died January 30, 1923.

He is survived by a widow, two daughters and five grandchildren.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, By the Senate of the Fortieth General Assembly of Iowa, that in the death of Alva C. Hager, the state and community where he lived, have suffered the loss of an influential and honorable citizen; and

Be It Further Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon

the journal of the Senate and that the secretary be directed to send an engrossed copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

ED M. SMITH,
LLOYD THURSTON,
C. J. FULTON.

Senator Goodwin spoke as follows:

Just a word in regard to Senator Hager. I did not know Mr. Hager when he was in the Senate, nor at the time he was in Congress. I first came in contact with him during the presidential campaign in 1912. Those were stirring times, if you will remember. The great Republican party was divided and while we differed with Mr. Hager we always respected his opinion, as he was very earnest in what he thought.

Mr. Hager at that time was not a young man, in fact he was over sixty years of age.

When the war came on Mr. Hager took a large part in the City of Des Moines, in heading all the public welfare and bond drives. Not only at that time was he in great demand here, but after the war he was chairman of the drive for public welfare.

A year or so before he died he headed one of the large drives which raised a quarter of a million dollars. This would not be a hard matter for a young man, but they were arduous times for a man of that age, and I feel that I should acknowledge it and express the gratitude which the people of Des Moines and the State of Iowa feel for him.

Senator Smith spoke as follows:

MR. PRESIDENT AND SENATORS—The resolutions just read concerning the life of Alva C. Hager indicate that he was born in the state of New York and came to Iowa when a boy. After completing his course at the State University of Iowa he moved to Greenfield, Adair county, and was there engaged in the practice of law.

It is rather peculiar, I think, that the counties of Adair and Madison, while bound together in the senatorial district, never have been united by railroad, and I am compelled to say that I never, to my recollection, met Mr. Hager.

He was active in public life while he was yet a boy, and his services in the Iowa Senate and also in the halls of the national Congress were meritorious.

I think it is proper at this time that you who were permitted to be associated with him in this body should have the opportunity of commenting on the life and service of Alva C. Hager.

I move, Mr. President, that these resolutions be adopted, that they be engrossed and a copy thereof sent to the widow of Mr. Hager.

The resolutions were adopted unanimously.

JAMES ELERICK

MR. PRESIDENT—Your committee named to prepare a fitting memorial to commemorate the service of Captain James Elerick to this state and this nation reports as follows: