

town's incorporation? He was appointed treasurer of the Independent School District of Sabula in 1865 and elected treasurer of the city in 1863, holding both positions continuously until death removed him from office.

He was a consistent Republican, casting his first vote for John C. Fremont for President in 1856; was chairman of the Republican county central committee for many years, a member of the State central committee several times and a delegate to the National Republican Convention in 1884.

Mr. Hilsinger was also prominent in the social and fraternal organizations of Iowa. In 1874-5 he was Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, A. F. and A. M., and Grand Master of the A. O. U. W. of Iowa in 1886 and 1887. He was elected Grand Treasurer of the Iowa Legion of Honor in 1885 and had an unbroken record in that office up to the day of his death.

While always prominent in public life, he was never an "office seeker"—never once in his long career being a self-constituted candidate, but with the true spirit of American citizenship, yielded to the wishes of his friends, when they desired to call him to a position of trust and responsibility. He was never defeated for any office for which he was a candidate. He was always honest, efficient and faithful in the discharge of every duty, public or private—a devoted husband, a kind and indulgent father, a broad-minded and useful citizen; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we extend to his bereaved family our most sincere sympathy in this, their hour of sadness and sorrow; and

Resolved, That these resolutions be entered in the Journal of the Senate and that an engrossed copy be presented to the family of the deceased, by Secretary of the Senate.

THOS. LAMBERT,
W. P. WHIPPLE,
J. H. JACKSON,
Committee.

Senator Lambert moved the adoption of the report and Resolution.

Adopted unanimously by a rising vote.

Senator Lambert spoke as follows:

MR. PRESIDENT:—My personal acquaintance with Hon. John Hilsinger has been, with me, the acquaintance of a life-time. I was but three years old when Mr. Hilsinger came to my native town, so that, boy and man, I have intimately known and associated with him for almost half a century, and our relations have always been such that I do not feel that I can, either in justice to myself or to the memory of the departed, permit this occasion to pass without offering my humble tribute of respect to his memory.

In years long past, I have frequently listened with interest to sketches of his early life, as they fell from his own lips and will plead guilty of having sometimes received a new inspiration and an increased ambition from those personal reminiscences and the wise conclusions that were invariably a part thereof. His was a rough and rugged road in early life, yet, by his own

indomitable will and energy, supplemented by a broad and analytical mind he carved for himself a name and a place in life that endeared him to his fellow man and is handed down as a rich and priceless heritage to those who must take up the burden where his tired body sank to rest.

He was a self-made man, in the fullest meaning of the words; one who knew not the taste of the bread of idleness and was ever ready to extend a helping hand to the deserving young man, who was struggling amidst adverse circumstances, similar to those surrounding his own early life. He was naturally of a retiring and unassuming disposition, and of his own volition, would probably never have sought public preferment, but in his case, the people recognized his sturdy character, and broad liberal, yet keenly analytical mind, unswerving integrity and inflexible duty to every trust, sought, *the man*, and it is given to but few men to enjoy public confidence to a greater extent than did the subject of these remarks.

It was in the Senate of the Tenth and Eleventh General Assemblies of Iowa that he left the impress of his well stored mind and keen intellect upon the statutes of our State, and I have been told by those who sat in this body with him, that he was generally recognized as one of the safest and most valuable members of that body. It was not with the flowery tongued oration that he did his work, but from his well stored and powerful intellect, trained in legal lore, came thoughts and ideas of far greater value to his colleagues, than a mere flow of words. His advice and opinions were eagerly sought and were almost always good.

As a friend, he was unswerving in his fidelity and as an adversary, he commanded respect. He was a strong, representative man in every walk of life and guarded well the interests intrusted to his keeping. The best efforts of his great mind were given to the performance of his public duties, and his reward was the unwavering trust of his constituents. He had passed the meridian of life, yet up to the time of his last illness, his intellect was as keen, his mind as alert and his interest in public affairs as intense, as at any time during his long and useful career.

It is only natural for those old in years to pass away, yet none the less mysterious are the councils of death, and were it not for that bright star of hope, which enables us to look beyond the clouds of sorrow and suffering, and see the light of better days, it would be indeed gloomy. A good man has passed to his reward, and let us hope that,

"The eye that shuts in a dying hour,
Will open the next in bliss;
The welcome will sound in the heavenly world,
Ere the farewell sounds in this."

Senator Whipple moved that remarks made by Senator Lambert be printed in the Journal.

Carried.

The President announced that he had signed in the presence of the Senate, Senate files Nos. 13, 239, 249, 126, 268, 276, 100 30 and House files Nos. 11, 100, 175, 196, 280, 299, 375, 39, 146 286, 206, 299.