

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

traveled up the Mississippi River to Davenport which was then only a village.

Mr. Hurst's father died in 1856. The son was but five years of age when the family came to America and nine years old when his father died.

He was but a boy when the civil war broke out, but he enlisted and served during the war, returning to St. Louis where he engaged in steamboating on the upper Mississippi, continuing until 1866 when he returned to Davenport with the object of learning the trade of mason and bricklayer. He worked in Davenport until 1871 and that year he went to Maquoketa and founded his present lime business which has developed into one of the large industries of the state, the product of his lime kilns being sold in practically every state in the Union. During the development of his industry Mr. Hurst has also found time for raising, feeding and shipping stock.

In 1888, Senator Hurst organized the Maquoketa, Hurstville and Du-
buque Railway Company and constructed the railway from Maquoketa to Hurstville.

On December 12, 1873, Mr. Hurst was married to Sarah Large, a native of Virginia. To this union six children were born, all of whom survive: Charles F. Hurst, Mrs. L. L. Riggs, Alfred A. Hurst, Alice A. Hurst, Mrs. D. B. Hunter and Harry Hurst.

Mr. Hurst was a democrat in politics and in 1886 was elected a member of the board of supervisors of Jackson county. He served four years and was re-elected and in 1894 he was elected state senator by a majority of 1,400. He was also re-elected to the upper house of the Iowa legislature, and when he retired he was recognized as one of the most influential statesmen in Iowa.

Mr. Hurst was seventy-four years of age at the time of his death and was one of the most splendid types of the early Iowan. He was a self made man in every sense of the word, by perseverance, genius and business sagacity building his own fortune, not forgetting in the meantime the practice of charity. Many poor families owe debts of gratitude to Mr. Hurst. He was a member of the Masons, Odd Fellows and Knights of Pythias.

He was a man who delighted to mingle with the people. He was honest and upright in all his dealings and had the confidence of all who knew him. He had a wide acquaintance and was loved by his friends throughout the state of Iowa.

While firm in his convictions he was a broad-minded, liberal man in every respect. The community in which he lived and the state of Iowa have sustained a great loss in his death. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon the Journal of the Senate, and that the Secretary of the Senate be directed to forward engrossed copies of these resolutions to the family of the deceased.

G. E. HILSINGEE,
FREDERIC LARRABEE,
F. P. HAGEMANN,

Committee.

The resolutions were adopted unanimously by a rising vote,