

## A. G. KEGLER

MR. PRESIDENT: Your committee appointed to prepare resolutions commemorating the life, character, and public services of Senator A. G. Kegler, late of Jackson County, Iowa, begs leave to submit the following report:

August George Kegler was the son of Christian and Barbara Kegler and was born at Elbingen, Nassau, Germany, on June 17, 1843. He came to America with his parents when a lad of ten years and they located on a farm in Jackson county, this state, where he grew to young manhood.

In 1863 he began his mercantile career and clerked in stores at Sabula and Davenport. In 1873 he engaged in the dry goods business in Bellevue in which he was very successful and continued in active business for a period of forty years. He retired in 1911 to enjoy a competence gained by fair and square methods of dealing with his customers.

Mr. Kegler was married to Catherine Lemkuhl in 1869 and they were the parents of one child, Sister M. Judicia of Sparta, Wis. His second marriage was to Anna Katherine Herbst on October 28, 1873. He is survived by his wife, one son, W. C. Kegler of Cincinnati, Ohio, and four daughters, Mrs. Paul Kempter and Miss Mariela Kegler of Bellevue, Mrs. W. A. Nelson of Cedar Rapids, and Sister M. Rafaelita of Kansas City, Mo. Harry C., Minnie, August T. Kegler and Mrs. Fred B. Hoeye preceded their father in death. He also leaves nine grandchildren.

Mr. Kegler was elected State Senator from Jackson county and served in the Twenty-second and Twenty-third General Assemblies with credit to himself and honor to the state. He was a pronounced democrat until the free silver issue became paramount in 1896, since which time he affiliated with the republican party. He was a great admirer and supporter of the late Theodore Roosevelt.

Mr. Kegler also served as County Supervisor, Township Clerk, Councilman and Mayor of Bellevue and his public career was without spot or blemish. He performed every duty incumbent upon him with ability and fidelity.

He was a man of high moral character and strong convictions. He stood fearlessly and courageously for the things he believed to be right and led an honorable, upright, Christian life. His community and the state lost an influential and public spirited citizen and his family a devoted husband and father when he was called upon to lay down the burdens of this life. Mr. Kegler died at his home at Bellevue, Iowa, July 5, 1923.

*Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved* By the Senate of the Forty-first General Assembly of Iowa, that in the death of August George Kegler the state and the 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.

CHAS. S. BROWNE

W. E. MCLELAND

G. S. HARTMAN *Committee.*

Senator Browne spoke in part as follows on the life and character of Senator Kegler:

MR. PRESIDENT, and SENATORS: I want to say a few words about Senator Kegler. It was not my good fortune to be acquainted with the Senator, but I find in looking up the record it is a good record and that the state and community in which he lived have suffered a great loss.

He was a pioneer merchant of Bellevue, Jackson county, and for nearly sixty years was a successful business man in one place.

He was a man of decided opinions and believed in what was right, he was broad in view as to religious relations and considerate for those of other creeds.

In the Senate he fostered many reform bills and aided Senator Lafe Young in many of his.

He was an ardent admirer of Theodore Roosevelt, and reared and educated a large family, and I am sure that those who are left behind realize the loss they have sustained in the passing of Senator A. G. Kegler.

The resolution was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

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#### THOMAS D. LAMBERT

MR. PRESIDENT: Your committee appointed to prepare resolutions commemorating the life, character, and public services of Thomas Lambert, late of Sabula, Iowa, begs leave to submit the following report:

Thomas Lambert, son of Thomas D. Lambert and Sarah Guenther Lambert, was born near Sabula, Iowa, February 13, 1853. In 1880 he became part owner of the Sabula Gazette, later owning and running it and also the Bellevue Herald in partnership with Mr. Brandt, and continued in the newspaper business for many years.

He served as County Recorder four times and as Mayor for eight consecutive times; was justice of the peace for about twenty years; was elected secretary of the school board and held the office continuously until his resignation in 1909 when his appointment to the State Board of Education required his absence from the city.

His political affiliations were always with the democratic party; he attended the national convention at St. Louis that nominated Grover Cleveland and Allen G. Thurman. He was a member of the House of Representatives in the Twenty-sixth General Assembly, the extra session of the Twenty-sixth, and the Twenty-seventh; and in the Senate during the sessions of the Twenty-eighth, Twenty-ninth, Thirtieth, Thirty-first and Thirty-second General Assemblies.

In the Thirty-first General Assembly, Mr. Lambert was appointed one of a committee to sit during the interval between sessions and make a thorough investigation into the needs of the three educational institutions of the state, the University, the Agricultural College, and the State Normal School. He was afterward made a member of the finance committee of these schools and devoted himself to these duties until the year of his death.

Mr. Lambert also held many offices in the various lodges of which he was a member, the Odd Fellows, the Modern Woodmen of America, the