

Thirtieth, Thirty-first, Thirty-second and Thirty-second Extra sessions of the General Assembly, representing Monroe county, and was speaker of the House of Representatives for the Thirty-second and Thirty-second Extra Sessions.

In 1908 he was elected to Congress from the Sixth District of Iowa, where he promptly took rank as an orator and debater, and served as a member in the Sixty-first and Sixty-second Congress.

Mr. Kendall was elected Governor in 1920 and served two terms, from 1921 to 1925 inclusive. His record as Chief Executive of the State met with the hearty approval of the general citizenry. On completion of his second term, he retired from active participation in politics; however, he took an active interest in the affairs of State and Nation, at all times, up until the date of his death.

On June 28, 1928, he was married to the widow of William F. Bonnell of Cleveland, Ohio, the former Miss Mabel Fry.

Mr. Kendall was a man of generous impulses and made various gifts, notably his gift of over 7,000 volumes of his private library to the city of Albia, together with the funds for the enlargement of the library to twice its previous capacity. He likewise presented the Monroe County Bar Association with his law library when he closed his law office at Albia in 1925.

He was one of the most brilliant orators in the history of the state. His career was the fruit of a keen mind, a gift for oratory, ceaseless reading and study of history, and worthy ambition; therefore

Be It Resolved, That in the passing of the Honorable Nathan E. Kendall Iowa mourns the loss of an outstanding citizen, a brilliant orator, and one who served the state and nation with fidelity and marked distinction.

Be It Further Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be printed in the Journal of the Senate as a commemoration of the life of one of Iowa's most distinguished citizens, and that enrolled copies hereof be transmitted to the members of his family.

HUGH W. LUNDY,
H. V. LEVIS,
HUGH G. GUERNSEY,

Committee.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

Senator Lundy spoke as follows:

MR. PRESIDENT, MEMBERS OF THE SENATE: May I add just a few words concerning the late Nathan E. Kendall, who was affectionately known as "Nate" by his friends of Monroe county.

The oft-time saying, "a man is not without honor save in his own country", is not apropos in this instance. Governor Kendall's friends and neighbors recognized his fine presence, genial personality, his ability as a statesman, as an orator, and as a splendid lawyer. Our "Nate" loved his home town, retaining his legal residence there until the time of his death. He was always interested in the doings of the "folks back home". It was only natural that he should request that his ashes be

buried on the lawn of his former home in Albia, now the property of the Albia Woman's Club, through the generosity of Governor and Mrs. Kendall.

Time does not permit me to present many of the intimate incidents of our lamented, distinguished citizen. Governor Kendall was interested in fundamentals. He believed in education from a practical standpoint. He often emphasized the importance of the three R's, and urged that good literature, history, and art should comprise an important part of the public school curriculum. While not unmindful of the many advantages of our schools today, yet he was loathe to depart from some of the great lessons presented in McGuffey's Readers.

He never claimed to be a politician, and pointed to the fact that some of his friends often criticized him for political blunders. He preferred a broad acquaintance, a sincerity of purpose, a desire to honestly serve his state and nation, to off-set such alleged political imperfections. His record reveals the correctness of his analysis.

Therefore, Mr. President, in behalf of his many friends and acquaintances back home, I commend his memory to the members of the Senate and to the citizens of our great state. His life is a challenge to the young manhood of our state—an illustration of preeminence that is possible to youth in America, who have the brains, the ambition, the character, the ability to work, out of which success Democracy is born.

JOHN HAMMILL

MR. PRESIDENT: Your committee appointed to prepare resolutions commemorating the life and services of the late Honorable John Hammill of Britt, Iowa, begs leave to submit the following:

John Hammill was born October 14, 1875, at Linden, Wisconsin, and died April 6, 1936, at Minneapolis, Minnesota. He came to Iowa with his parents, John and Mary Hammill, and they located at Britt in Hancock county in 1889. Being only a youth of tender years when he first set foot on Iowa soil, the parents did not in their fondest dreams realize that they were bringing to this state a boy who would be one of Iowa's most illustrious sons.

John Hammill spent all of his life after moving to Britt in that community except during the time that he was in Des Moines as a public servant.

He graduated from the Britt High School and later from the law department of the State University of Iowa and entered the practice of his chosen profession at Britt in 1897. In June, 1899, he was united in marriage to Miss Fannie Richards of Garner, Iowa.

John Hammill was always deeply interested in public affairs and was elected to the office of County Attorney in 1902 and held that office for a period of four years. In 1908 he was elected as State Senator from the 43rd Senatorial District, holding that office for one term. He was elected as Lieutenant Governor in 1920 and re-elected in 1922, serving with credit and distinction as President of the Senate. During his