

## JOHN G. LEGEL

MR. PRESIDENT: Your committee which was appointed to report resolutions commemorating the life, character and public services of the late John G. Legel, begs leave to submit the following report, and moves its adoption:

John G. Legel was born in St. Louis, Missouri, May 26, 1859, and died at his home in Charles City, Iowa, December 17, 1930.

He moved with his parents to Dubuque and later graduated from the Dubuque High School. In 1877, at the age of nineteen, he moved to Charles City, Iowa. For a time, he worked on a farm and taught school; following this, he entered the employ of Ed. Berg as a druggist's clerk and became a registered pharmacist. In 1884, on the death of Mr. Berg, he and a partner purchased the store and later he became sole proprietor and continued in the business until the time of the death. Mr. Legel was an active member of the Lutheran church, in which he served as an official in various capacities. He served as councilman and mayor of his town and was a member of the city library board for many years. Mr. Legel was a trustee of the Cedar Valley hospital for several years. He took an active part in all of the affairs of the community. On September 16, 1884, he was united in marriage with Miss Bertha C. Dinkel who, with one son, survives him. He was an active member of the various fraternal and civic societies of his town and worked untiringly for the good of his community and state. He traveled extensively and brought home with him a wealth of information and knowledge which contributed much to the public welfare. In 1910 he was elected to the State Senate and served in the Thirty-fourth and Thirty-fifth sessions.

In politics Mr. Legel was a staunch Democrat and was elected as such in a strong Republican district. As a citizen and legislator his services were not bound by party lines but he supported all measures from the standpoint of right and justice.

*Therefore, Be It Resolved,* That in the passing of the Honorable John G. Legel the state has lost a valuable and honored citizen, a man of strong character and sterling worth, and the Senate of Iowa would tender by this resolution its sympathy to the widow, son and sisters, who survive.

*Be It Further Resolved,* That a copy of these resolutions be printed in the Journal of the Senate as an expression of the life and worth of the deceased, and an engrossed copy hereof be transmitted to the widow and son.

LAFE HILL,  
GEO. W. CHRISTOPHEL,  
WM. H. KLEMME,  
*Committee.*

The resolution was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

Senator Hill spoke as follows:

MR. PRESIDENT: I rise to say a few words concerning the life and services of John G. Legel, a former member of this body and a citizen of the district which I have the honor to represent.

Senator Legel belonged to that great body of Americans, the bulwark

of our civilization. He was progressive but not destructive; he was conservative but not reactionary. As a young man with no capital except his hands and a determination to succeed, he built for himself a successful business and an envious place in his community. To any worthy cause, however small, he gave his personal attention; no question was too large or too difficult.

Matters of state and national importance likewise received his careful consideration. He recognized it as a patriotic duty to hold office when his electors demanded his services. He served as councilman, school director and mayor of his city. For half a century this man went about doing good, encouraging his neighbors by his example of thrift and kindness.

In 1910 he was elected to the State Senate in which he served with honor to himself and credit to his district. He was kind and willing to lend a helping hand; he carried much of the responsibility of his community. His life work is done, but his influence for good and righteousness lives. As a citizen, as a friend, he walked among his neighbors doing good.

"Life is like a mountain railway  
With an engineer that's brave.  
We can make the run successful  
From the cradle to the grave.  
Watch the fills, the curves, the tunnels,  
Never falter, never quail  
With your hand upon the throttle  
And your eye upon the rail."

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#### ORLANDO BILLINGS COURTRIGHT

MR. PRESIDENT: Your committee which was appointed to report resolutions commemorating the life, character and services of the late Orlando B. Courtright, begs leave to submit the following report and moves its adoption:

Orlando Billings Courtright was born in Pawgrove, near Rockford, Ill., November 11, 1849, the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Courtright. When he was nine years old, he came with his parents to Grundy county and settled on a farm near Parkersburg. At that time the Courtright home was the only house between Parkersburg and Grundy Center.

Judge Courtright received his primary education in the country schools of Grundy county, after which he attended the Rockford Academy at Rockford, Illinois, from 1868 to 1870. He then went to Nebraska and spent two years there as a pioneer farmer. He married Miss Clara Whiting at Red Cloud, Nebraska, November 27, 1872, and soon thereafter moved to Ackley, Iowa, and purchased a newspaper, the Ackley Enterprise.

He practiced law at Parkersburg, Iowa, until 1894, at which time, having formed a partnership with J. W. Arbuckle, he moved to Waterloo. Here he continued in the practice of law until the date of his death on January 13, 1930.