

In 1892 he entered the employ of Dennis & Son, bankers, and was affiliated with the State Bank of Bode until the same was dissolved in 1913, serving in the capacity of cashier and director.

In 1914, he was elected president of the State Savings Bank, which position he held until his death. He was also president of the Rural Union Telephone Company.

He was the first mayor of Bode, and also held the office in 1912 and 1913. For thirteen years he served as one of the school directors.

In 1906, he was elected representative to the Iowa legislature and served as the representative of Humboldt county in the Thirty-second and Thirty-third General Assemblies. In the year 1913 he was talked of as a candidate for congress from the Tenth congressional district of Iowa, but on account of his health and love for home declined to enter the race. In politics he was always a republican and took an active part, having served as chairman of the republican county central committee.

From 1910 on, he served as a member of the church council of the Norwegian Lutheran Synod Church of America, and from 1912 on, he served as a member of the board of visitors of Luther college. He was a staunch Lutheran and was always an active attendant in the church work and died as he had lived in its faith.

Mr. Hanson died at his home in Bode on Monday morning, February 8, 1915, of anemia, at the age of 55 years, 7 months and 24 days, after a sickness of thirteen months of which the last five weeks were passed in bed.

Although Mr. Hanson's death was not unexpected it nevertheless came as a shock and we all knew that a good man and kind father had passed to that realm from which no traveler returns. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That in his death the state has lost a most worthy citizen, a conscientious and an honorable man, and we hereby extend our sympathy to the surviving family who have lost a devoted husband and father, and be it further

Resolved, That the chief clerk is instructed to send an engrossed copy of these resolutions to the surviving wife and family, and that the same be spread upon the Journal of the House.

R. J. JOHNSTON,
PETER HADLEY,
LARS O. WIGDAHL,

Committee.

Adopted unanimously.

HON. M. F. LEROY.

MR. SPEAKER—Your committee, appointed to prepare resolutions commemorating the life, character and public service of the Hon. M. F. LeRoy of Manchester, Delaware county, late a member of the House of the Thirty-fifth General Assembly, beg leave to submit the following report:

M. F. LeRoy was born in Manchester, Indiana, January 16, 1850, and died at Hinsdale, Illinois, February 21, 1914, after an illness of less than one week's duration. The family moved to Morris, Illinois, and here Mr. LeRoy spent his boyhood years and received a high school education. He, afterwards, attended Clarke's seminary of Aurora, Illinois, and completed his collegiate education at Moore's Hill college, Indiana, where he graduated with the degree of bachelor of science. In the spring of 1870, he was graduated from the State University of Iowa with the degree of bachelor of laws.

In 1873, he moved to Manchester, Iowa, and formed a law partnership with the Hon. Charles E. Bronson and in 1884 the firm became Bronson, Carr & LeRoy. In 1890, he became cashier of the First National Bank of Manchester and was made president of the same after the death of A. R. Loomis, which position he held until the time of his death. June 2, 1874, Mr. LeRoy was united in marriage with Miss Jennie Loomis and to this union were born two daughters and one son.

Mr. LeRoy had long been prominently and helpfully identified with the business, social, religious and educational interests of Manchester. He was for two years mayor, his administration being without doubt the most progressive and beneficial the city has ever enjoyed. He gave long and faithful service as a member of the school board, was active in the organization of the Manchester and Oneida Railway Company, and was allied with many of the important concerns financed with local capital. In 1912, he was elected representative from Delaware county in the general assembly, and for some time had held a position on the executive committee of the Fraternal Union of America, a flourishing insurance society, with headquarters at Denver. In all of these relations, his service was unstinted and unselfish.

Mr. LeRoy was a member of the various Masonic orders, both the York and Scottish rites, and was a past eminent commander of Nazareth commandery, No. 33, Knights of Templar. He was also affiliated with Hyperion lodge, No. 186, K. of P., and had long been a leader in Iowa Odd Fellow circles, having been honored by the post of commander of the Patriarchs Militant, the highest position in the gift of the order. In earlier life he was a communicant of the Methodist Episcopal church, later transferring his membership to the Congregational society.

Personally, Mr. LeRoy was a helper of the unfortunate and distressed, who gave unsparingly and without expectation of return. A record of his unseen kindnesses would tell the story of renewed courage and hope to many a man who came to him in an hour of need and found, not merely temporary aid, but lasting friendship,

Therefore, Be It Resolved, That in the death of M. F. LeRoy, the state and county in which he resided lost a worthy and upright citizen and an honorable man and we hereby extend to the bereaved family and friends our sincere sympathy.

And Be It Further Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be printed in the Journal of the House and that the chief clerk of the

House be directed to forward an engrossed copy of the same to the wife and family of the deceased.

A. B. HOLBERT,
D. C. STEELSMITH,
H. C. RING,

Committee.

Adopted unanimously.

HON. DR. WILLIAM W. HAWK.

MR. SPEAKER—Your committee appointed to draft and present resolutions commemorating the life, character, and services of the Honorable Dr. William W. Hawk, late a member of the House of Representatives in the Twenty-eighth and Twenty-ninth General Assemblies, beg leave to submit the following report:

Dr. William W. Hawk was born in Ohio, November 26, 1843, and died at the home of his daughter, Nellie (Mrs. O. H. Witmer), in Newton, September 15, 1914.

In 1870 he married Miss Eleanor J. Johnson, who died in February, 1913. To them two children were born,—Charles, who died in 1895, and Nellie, who survives him. He is survived by three brothers, Dr. J. W. of Green River, Wyoming; Z. T. of Denison, Iowa, and J. T. of What Cheer, Iowa, and three sisters, Mrs. Elizabeth Maleby, of Los Angeles, Cal.; Mrs. Emma H. Dugger, and Mrs. Susie B. Fair, both of Denver, Colo., and by four grandchildren.

He lived a beautiful and useful life, full to the overflowing with activity in every direction. Coming to Iowa with his parents when quite young, he worked hard to secure an education and fit himself for his life's work. At the age of eighteen he heard the call of his country and enlisted in Co. E, 33d Iowa Inf. He served three years and during those years showed the spirit of a good soldier and a true patriot.

All his life he was a lover of his flag and with his beloved wife did much to fasten the spirit of patriotism among the younger people. He was a faithful member of the Grand Army, and one of the most touching sights at his funeral was the escort of his old comrades which met his body at the station, at Colfax, accompanying it to the church and afterwards to the cemetery. Returning from the war, he taught school, thus securing funds with which to pursue his professional studies. He entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons in Keokuk, and graduated after a full course. He then began a life of beneficence and tender ministry which proved a blessing and help to all with whom he came in contact. He settled in Jasper county and in 1876 commenced his career. For forty years he was considered the friend and physician of almost the whole northern part of the county and there are hundreds who remember him as a skillful and conscientious physician. He attained eminence in his profession and won a high place in the regard of his fellow practitioners. In 1890, he settled in Colfax and took his place as a leading citizen and physician there. He was a friend of all and those who knew him as their doctor knew him also as their warm and trusted friend. Old and