

REMARKS BY MR. FRUDDEN.

MR. SPEAKER—It is not my intention to take up much of the valuable time of this House, but permit me to say a few words in behalf of the deceased, as his life of usefulness to his county and State should not be passed without some little comment, besides, a number of us who are here today landed under like circumstances on this side of the Atlantic, and it might refresh the memory of our earlier days.

Among the beautiful hills of France, in the little village of Thill, there was born on the 25th day of November, A. D. 1833, Jean Baptiste Longueville. Here among some of the most picturesque scenery in the world he was reared until nine years of age, when the family moved to the old maternal home at Niederkorn, in the Grand Duchy of Luxemburg.

While living here the parents heard and read much of the "Land of the Free" and the great opportunities the United States of America afforded to the people of other countries. They finally decided to make the trip and endure the hardships of the long and tedious voyage.

Through the Rev. Bishop Loras they had heard of Dubuque, which then was in its infancy, and concluded that this was the place to go and grow up with the country. They finally landed at their destination on the 1d day of September, 1846. Three weeks after their arrival the father died.

In the summer of 1847 the mother bought a piece of land in Mosalem township, Dubuque county, and thereon erected the old log house which afterwards became known all over this and the surrounding counties as one of the most hospitable homes in the country. After moving onto the farm the struggle for existence, incident to a pioneer life began, and John, being the oldest in the family, much of the burden of providing for the family fell on him. Here he grew to manhood, and near the spot where stood the old log house he breathed his last breath on Monday, September 7, 1902, being nearly seventy years of age, after an illness of over five years duration.

John had many friends and shortly after arriving of age he was elected Justice of the Peace which office he held continuously for over thirty years. Few cases were ever tried before him. His mode of procedure was simple and yet effective. It is known that if anyone made complaint to him against his neighbor he would set a time when to come back. He then would send word to the other party to be at his house at the appointed time and would then listen to their statements, and if the parties were disposed to quarrel he would let them have their way, but to put them in a good and a different humor he would tell a story or sing a song appropriate to the occasion. Being both a good story teller and a singer he very seldom failed to put them in good humor and to bring about an amicable settlement, and to show his good intentions never taxed up any costs.

In the early sixties he was elected a member of the board of supervisors which office he filled until the end of 1867, in which year he was elected representative to the Legislature from his county, and sat in the Twelfth General Assembly serving to the end of his term, after which he sought no further political honors, but devoted his time to the cultivation of his farm near the foot of Flint Hill.

Generous almost to a fault, he never turned a deaf ear to those who applied to him for assistance, and no traveler, not even a tramp, was ever turned away when seeking shelter.

Through his death there has passed away one of the old landmarks of his county, one of the sturdy pioneers who assisted in making of the wilderness a land of plenty, covered with beautiful farms and comfortable homes.

HON. WILLIAM McCORMICK.

MR. SPEAKER—Your committee, appointed to draft resolutions of respect to the memory of Hon. William McCormick, respectfully submit the following:

WHEREAS, The life and character of the deceased was such as to command our respect and esteem, and his public services to the State of such distinction as to command the gratitude of his fellow citizens; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the State has lost an able, conscientious citizen; a man who has suffered the inconveniences of pioneer life, and that we extend to his children our sincere sympathy.

Resolved, That these resolutions be entered at length in the Journal of the House and the Chief Clerk be instructed to present an engrossed copy of these resolutions to the family of the deceased.

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H. H. WILLSON,

Committee.

Adopted February 5th.

REMARKS BY MR. BUCHANAN.

Wm. McCormick was born in Gallatin county, January 13, 1814; died at Highland Center, Wapello county, Iowa, September 8, 1902. He removed from Gallatin county, Kentucky, to Wapello county, Iowa, in 1848, settling in Highland township.

He held various township offices and was a member of the Seventh General Assembly of the State of Iowa. It is said of him that he never had a law suit and never sat upon a jury. He was a member of the Baptist Church. His political affiliations were Democratic, although he was not a strong partisan nor was he swayed by strong party feeling.

Most of his life was spent as a humble citizen. He was a kind neighbor; many came to him for counsel, and none were turned away unaided. There was never a flaw or taint of suspicion of evil in his private life, and certainly none in his public life. He was a never-failing friend. The clasp of his hand was always warm.

His business was always that of a farmer. He came to Iowa in the early pioneer days, when the life of a farmer was not to be envied. He was sturdy, industrious and economical, and attained a goodly amount of property. He reared a large family who are prominent in business and social