

early education in the graded schools of that township. On attaining his majority, he represented an implement firm of Cresco as a traveling salesman in their territory for a period of seven years. In 1879 he established an implement business of his own in Cresco, which he conducted successfully for thirty-one years. In 1910 he retired to give personal supervision to the upbuilding and management of his farms in Howard and Winneshiek counties.

The close relationship of the implement business, in which Mr. Lyons was engaged so many years, to the agricultural development of the country adjacent to Cresco, and his later activities, have recorded his name indelibly as one of the prominent and constructive builders of the community. His life's record of service and accomplishments may well serve as an example to budding generations. His political allegiance was with the democratic party. He served as Mayor of Cresco for four years. In 1897 he was elected to the office of State Senator, his district comprising two counties which carried at that time a normal republican majority of twenty-four hundred. He was re-elected for two succeeding terms, a fact which stands as an unmistakable proof of his capability and devotion to the welfare of both community and commonwealth.

Through his senatorial service he thus left the impress of his individuality upon the history of Iowa as a member of the State Senate during the Twenty-seventh, Twenty-eighth, Twenty-ninth, Thirtieth and Thirty-first sessions of the General Assembly. His influence in public affairs, heightened by his outstanding personality, has been a potent one and the results of his labors have been far reaching and beneficial. He was a statesman of broad views and high principles.

Mr. Lyons passed to his reward on March 24, 1925, survived by his wife, two daughters and four sons and their immediate families. His death was deeply regretted by a large circle of relatives and friends. They knew him but to love and honor him. They will revere his memory and hold him forever in their hearts.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved By the Senate of the Forty-first General Assembly of Iowa, that in the death of D. A. Lyons 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 of the Senate be directed to send an engrossed copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

CARL W. REED
B. J. HORCHEM
H. C. WHITE

Committee.

Senator Horchem spoke in part as follows:

MR. PRESIDENT: I did not know Senator Lyons personally, only through what I have read and heard about him, and the short interview I had with Senator Reed today.

Senator Lyons was a man most needed. He had the qualities that really create community spirit, and that make for greater things, and lift the general public upward and forward.

He was a simple, honest man who spoke the truth, who paid his debts, and did his work thoroughly and was satisfied with what he earned.

A descendant of the old stock of Ireland who fought against oppression is bound to be free at any cost. He hated tyranny in any form. The poet says:

"I honor the man who is ready to sink
Half his present repute for the freedom to think;
And when he is through, be his thought strong or weak,
Will sink t'other half for the freedom to speak,
Caring naught for what vengeance the mob has in store—
Let that mob be the upper ten thousand, or lower."

That was the spirit of a typical Senator. That is the spirit that is needed now. Never has it been needed more than it is today—to guard our land against the oppression of the demagogue.

While such a man lives, his fellowship is a blessing and when he dies his memory is sacred.

The resolution was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

NICHOLAS J. SCHRUP

MR. PRESIDENT: Your committee which was appointed to report a resolution commemorating the life, character and services of the late Nicholas J. Schrup, begs leave to submit the following report and moves its adoption:

The death of Hon. Nicholas J. Schrup deprived Iowa of one of the valued pioneer citizens, whose career is typical of the unwavering purposefulness of the early settlers of mid-western America.

Nicholas J. Schrup was born in Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, August 23, 1853. Two years later his parents emigrated to America and settled on a farm in Mosalem township. Here their son was brought up and here he spent his youth. At seventeen he entered the St. Francis Normal School, Milwaukee, from which he was graduated in 1874. For a time he followed the profession of teaching, first at Cascade, Iowa, later at Mattoon, Illinois. This was to be but a stepping-stone, however, to the business career for which he was eminently fitted, and of which he made a marked success. It was during his leisure hours at this time that he began writing insurance for the Old German Insurance Company of Freeport, Illinois, thus laying the corner stone of his future business career. In 1883 he resigned the lucrative post of Deputy County Auditor to organize the Dubuque Fire and Marine Insurance Company.

In 1884, Mr. Schrup was married to Mary A. Kransz, a pioneer of the North Side of Chicago. Four children were born to them, Charles J., Lillian M., Rosalyn M., and Oliver—all of whom are still living.

Although Mr. Schrup was pre-eminently the business man, rather than the statesman, he found time to serve the community in various capacities, first as a member, then as president of the Board of Education. Later, in 1910, he became State Senator from Dubuque county, an office to which he was re-elected in 1914. To his public service Mr. Schrup