

JOSEPH MATTES

MR. PRESIDENT: Your committee appointed to prepare resolutions commemorating the life and public service of the Hon. Joseph Mattes, a former member of the General Assembly, who died at his home in Odebolt, Iowa, on April 17, 1925, begs leave to submit the following:

Joseph Mattes was born at Camanche, Clinton county, Iowa, October 1, 1855. His parents later moved to Lyons, where in his early youth he attended the public schools, and afterwards the high school at Clinton.

In 1879 he went to Sac county, where he started a small hardware store at Odebolt, which, under his careful management, developed into a flourishing and successful business, and which he continued to manage until 1915, when, in order to devote his time to banking, he turned the hardware business over to his son, George. He was connected with the First National Bank at Odebolt for many years and later the Kiron State Bank, and was president of both of these banks when he died.

He was married in May, 1879, at Lyons, to Miss Catherine E. Shelley. Four children were born to this union, three of whom are living. Mrs. Mattes passed away in March, 1912.

He was a staunch republican and served Sac county in the House of Representatives during the Twenty-ninth, Thirtieth and Thirty-first General Assemblies, followed by election to the Senate to represent the Forty-eighth Senatorial district, consisting of Carroll, Greene and Sac counties, in the Thirty-second, regular and extra, the Thirty-third, Thirty-fourth and Thirty-fifth sessions, a continuous legislative service of fourteen years. He was twice chairman of the appropriation committee in the House and was accorded the same honor during the last two sessions in the Senate. He was greatly in favor of the Capitol extension plan which came up in 1913, and did all he could to further it.

He took an active interest in the affairs of the community where he lived and centered his efforts on better schools, the public library and the volunteer fire department. He was affiliated with the Masons, the O. E. S., Knights of Pythias, and the Modern Woodmen of the World, and for many years was a trustee of the Presbyterian church at Odebolt.

His keen business ability and integrity were recognized by Governor N. E. Kendall in 1924, when he appointed him as a member of the budget appeal board, which position he held at the time of his death.

In September, 1914, he married Elizabeth Platt of Des Moines, who survives him. He also leaves a daughter, Mrs. Grace Young of Bellevue, Iowa, and two sons, Howard Mattes of Reardon, Washington, and George Mattes of Odebolt, Iowa.

Therefore, Be It Resolved, That in the death of Joseph Mattes the state has lost a valuable and honored citizen, whose faithful and unselfish devotion to duty in public and private life is worthy of commemoration and recognition, and the Senate of the Forty-second General Assembly of Iowa takes this occasion to express its appreciation of his high character and public services to the state of Iowa, and to extend to his family sincere sympathy in their bereavement.

Be It Further Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the Journal of this Senate and that copies thereof be transmitted to the members of his family.

J. G. MERRITT,
ED. H. CAMPBELL,
B. M. STODDARD,
Committee.

The resolution was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

JAMES H. TREWIN

MR. PRESIDENT: Your committee appointed to prepare resolutions commemorating the life, character and public service of James H. Trewin, late of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, beg leave to submit the following:

We feel that we can do no better than to repeat here what appeared in one of his home papers:

"As he realized that death approached, Senator Trewin penned an unique letter to a lifetime friend, asking him to write his obituary, which Mr. Trewin desired to be 'truthful, not fulsome.' That request was complied with as follows:

"Trewin, James Henry, lawyer, born Bloomingdale, Du Page county, Illinois, November 29, 1858, son of Henry and Mary Ann Trewin; educated at Bradford Academy, Cedar Valley Seminary and Lennox College, Iowa; married Martha E. Rector of Earlville, Delaware county, Iowa, April 14, 1883 (she died in 1911); one son, Harold Rector; was married to Nellie S. Hatton of Cedar Rapids, April 17, 1915. Taught school 1874-80; admitted to Iowa bar 1883; practiced at Earlville, 1883-89, Lansing 1889-1900, since at Cedar Rapids; member of firm of Trewin, Simmons and Trewin since 1916. Owns farms in Iowa and takes a great interest in agriculture. Member of the Iowa House of Representatives 1894-96, Senate 1896-1904; member of Iowa Commission St. Louis Exposition 1904; member Iowa state board of education 1909-15; president 1909-14; chairman of the committee to codify laws 1919-24; state director of education in Principles of American Government. Member of the United States commission on uniform legislation. Republican. Presbyterian. Member Iowa and American Bar Associations. Mason (32nd, K. T.). Member of Country Club."

Such is the brief outline of the high points in the life of Hon. James Henry Trewin as set forth in the 1927 edition of "Who's Who in America." Even this outline indicates a life "full, rich and abundant."

Now that he has passed into the great silence, it is more than fitting—it is just—that something more than an epitome of his life should be set out before his fellowmen. We, who attempt to do this at his request, made in a touching letter written as he felt the end drawing near, would fain do it as he said he thought he would. "You will," he wrote, "be truthful, not fulsome."

Let us consider his long and useful life, under several heads: