

from which he graduated with a Master's Degree of Law. He later took a post-graduate course in Columbia University Law School and was admitted to the practice of law in the United States courts. After the death of his father, he engaged in farming and stock raising in Mahaska county, on his farm which was known as Mitchell Meadows. He was a member of the Iowa state Senate during the thirty-seventh and thirty-eighth sessions. His death occurred March 17th, 1924, on his farm near New Sharon, Mahaska county, Iowa.

*Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved,* By the Senate of the Forty-second General Assembly of Iowa, that in the death of Elmer E. Mitchell 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 be directed to send an engrossed copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

F. C. STANLEY,  
OSCAR ULSTAD,  
F. M. BEATTY,

*Committee.*

Senator Stanley spoke as follows:

I was not personally acquainted with Senator Mitchell but have learned of his life and work from those who knew him.

He was born on a large farm in Mahaska county near New Sharon, Iowa. His early life was spent on the farm. He was schooled at the district school and the public schools of his community. Later he secured the equivalent of one or two years of college work. At that time this amount of education was above that secured by the average young person. He taught school in the country schools of his county. Later he secured an appointment in the government printing office at Washington, D. C. While in that position he made use of his spare time in attending the law school from which he later graduated and was admitted to the practice of law, not only in the lower courts but also in the higher courts of the United States.

His interest in public affairs is shown by the fact that he later became a candidate for the position of state Senator from Mahaska county. In this campaign he was successful and served two sessions in the General Assembly of Iowa. In many respects Senator Mitchell was an eccentric character but a view of his activities through life shows that he was a man interested in the constructive things. He gained as much education as was available to him. He always took an interest in the civic affairs of his community, of the state and of the United States and at the time of his death was contemplating becoming a candidate again for the position of Senator from Mahaska county.

The resolution was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.