

bly, being the first Whig ever so chosen, and it is thought his death removes from earth the last survivor of the membership of the Fourth General Assembly, which Assembly was the last to meet at Iowa City before the Capitol was removed to Des Moines. For seventeen years he was president of the Fairfield Township School Board. He was for nine years a member of the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors, eight of which he held the place of Chairman. In 1886 he was again elected to membership in the House of Representatives and was elected Temporary Speaker.

Mr. Mitchell was one of the founders of the Iowa State Agricultural Society, which held its first two fairs at Fairfield. He also helped organize the Jefferson County Fair Association and was for fifteen years its president. A man of the highest integrity, he was also one of the most useful men the community, where his home was so long, has known. To those who were less fortunate than himself he was always a friend. His counsel was always sought when good advice was needed. He passed from this earth at the home of his daughter, Mrs. U. B. Rogers, at Fairfield, Iowa, June 2, 1912. He carried with him the esteem of every man with whom he had transactions of any kind, for he did his utmost to make life worth living for those about him.

Resolved, That the House of Representatives directs that a memorial be entered on its records, attesting our appreciation of the man, and while the mournful fact is presented to us of his departure from earth, yet there is a measure of gratification that one so well deserving our commendation was so long permitted to remain to bless the community and state; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy hereof duly attested be transmitted to the family of the departed pioneer.

S. A. POWER,

J. T. HAZEN,

H. C. RING,

Committee.

Adopted April 16, 1913.

HON. DAVID J. PATTEE.

MR. SPEAKER—Your committee appointed to draft resolutions commemorating the life, character and public services of the Honorable David J. Pattee of Okoboji, Iowa, a late member of the House of Representatives, begs leave to report the following memorial:

David J. Pattee was born December 22, 1839, in the county of Chittenden, state of Vermont, and died at his summer home at Okoboji, Iowa, July 19, 1912, at the age of seventy-three years. He was educated in the public schools of Vermont in his native county of

Chittenden, afterward clerking in a store until a call for troops to preserve the union came, and David answered the call, as had his ancestors in the war of the Revolution. The young man enlisted in the Ninth Vermont, and took part in the battles of that regiment, being captured at Harper's Ferry. While on parole he was discharged for disability. He then came to Des Moines, where he again took a position as clerk. While here he again entered the military service, this time in the Forty-seventh Iowa. Shortly after his re-enlistment he was made Lieutenant and later Captain of his company. Upon his return from the army he became a partner in the business where he had been clerking, and where his position had been kept open for him while he was serving his country.

In 1867 he went to the new town of Perry, where he engaged in the mercantile business, and afterwards the realty and loan business, and in 1883 in company with another he opened a private bank. Later the firm purchased the controlling interest in the First National Bank of Perry, and he became President, a position which he held until the last.

After serving as Supervisor of the county a year, Mayor of the city three years and Postmaster thirteen years, Captain Pattee was elected in 1883 and 1885 to the House of Representatives. He was Chairman of Municipal Corporations and a member of several other important committees. Mr. Pattee was an active member. It is said of him by those who ought to be familiar with his work that no man has done more for the town where he lives than Captain Pattee. In 1903 he gave to the city a tract of twenty acres for a park.

When death came the city felt his loss keenly, and on the day of his funeral nearly every business house in the city was closed during the services, and everywhere there seemed to be a feeling that the community had sustained a great loss.

Captain Pattee was married in 1872 to Miss Belle Moore, daughter of Mr. John H. Moore, also a pioneer of the town of Perry. They were the parents of six children, one of whom with the mother passed away before the father. Therefore be it

Resolved, That in the death of David J. Pattee the state and nation has been called upon to mourn the departure of a worthy, upright citizen, a great statesman and an honorable man; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be printed in the Journal of the House.

HENRY BRADY,
F. S. SHANKLAND,
J. W. JACOBS,

Committee.

Adopted April 16, 1913.