

he was able to invest his love of botany and music, and also his civic and business interests, in a manner which was reflected in his character in an unselfish and friendly regard for his fellowmen.

He lived to witness a countryside transform from a pathless grassland to a populous city. A portion of virgin woodland he preserved in the form of a park of eighty acres, which bears his name, Oleson Park, located within the city limits. This is one of several park areas given by Mr. Oleson to Fort Dodge.

There is a finality about death that seems to respect the life that appears to be fully spent. If this were prepared as a eulogy instead of a simple biographical sketch designed to commemorate Mr. Oleson's services to Fort Dodge and to Iowa, there are many items that could be mentioned with propriety concerning him.

Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Fifty-first General Assembly, That in the passing of the Honorable Olaf Martin Oleson of Fort Dodge, Iowa, the state has lost a valuable and honorable citizen, and an honest statesman.

Be It Further Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread on the Journal of the Senate, and that the Secretary of the Senate be directed to forward an enrolled copy to the wife of the deceased.

C. V. FINDLAY,
A. J. SHAW,
G. R. HILL,
RALPH E. BENSON,
J. G. LUCAS,

Committee.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

FRANK PELZER

MR. PRESIDENT: Your committee, appointed to prepare suitable resolutions commemorating the life, character and public service of the late Honorable Frank Pelzer of Marne, Iowa, begs leave to submit the following:

Frank Pelzer was the son of Henry and Sophia Wolenhaus Pelzer, and was born January 27, 1876, in Noble township, Cass county, near Griswold, Iowa, and grew to manhood in that vicinity. He was married there June 20, 1900, to Mary Louise Borth and the couple farmed in Noble township until 1909 when they purchased the home three miles north of Marne, at which place he died suddenly August 28, 1944, as the result of a heart attack. He is survived by his widow, six sons and one daughter.

Mr. Pelzer was a member of the Cass county board of supervisors for six years, and the board of education ten years; a member of the Methodist church and the Masonic Lodge. He was a farmer, stockman and breeder of purebred hogs for forty-two years, specializing in Shorthorn cattle and Spotted Poland China hogs.

Mr. Pelzer represented the eighteenth senatorial district, composed of Cass and Shelby counties, in the Forty-seventh, Forty-eighth, Forty-

ninth and Fiftieth General Assemblies. He was a capable, conscientious and honest citizen and his death is a great loss to the citizens of his state and his community. His unswerving loyalty to his country, his fidelity to duty, and his faithfulness to every public and private trust, was an inspiration to all with whom he came in contact.

Therefore Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Fifty-first General Assembly of Iowa, That in the passing of Senator Pelzer the state mourns the loss of an honored citizen, a man of strong and excellent character, a public servant of the highest type, and that by this resolution the Senate of Iowa extends its sympathy to his family.

Be It Further Resolved, That this resolution be spread upon the records of the Journal of the Senate of the Fifty-first General Assembly of Iowa, and that enrolled copies thereof be transmitted to the members of his family.

ED. S. WHITE,
DE VERE WATSON,
AI MILLER,
RALPH E. BENSON,
O. N. HULTMAN,

Committee.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

CHESTER W. WHITMORE

MR. PRESIDENT: Your committee, appointed to prepare suitable resolutions commemorating the life, character and public service of the late Honorable Chester W. Whitmore of Ottumwa, begs leave to submit the following:

Chester W. Whitmore was born in Burlington, Iowa, January 11, 1869. He attended Lake Forest University in Illinois and the Chicago Law College, receiving a Bachelor of Law degree. He also was affiliated with the Phi Delta Phi Law Fraternity.

In 1896 he was admitted to the Illinois bar and practiced law in Chicago until 1900, when he was admitted to practice in Iowa and immediately established a law office in Ottumwa, Iowa. He also was admitted to practice before the U. S. Supreme Court in 1913.

In politics he was a Republican and took an active and responsible place in the party of his choice. He was elected Senator in 1914, representing Wapello county in the Thirty-sixth, Thirty-seventh, Thirty-eighth and Thirty-ninth General Assemblies of the State of Iowa. He also served for four years in Company G, 54th Regiment of the Iowa National Guard.

Senator Whitmore, shortly before his death, retired from the practice of law and sold his law office in Ottumwa, Iowa, preparatory to retiring in California. He died on December 4, 1943, in San Francisco, California, four days after his arrival there from his home in Ottumwa, Iowa.

He is survived by his widow; by two sons, Lt. Hobart Whitmore of the U. S. Army, and Kenneth Whitmore, and a step-son, Frank Hook, besides one sister and one brother.

Therefore Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Fifty-first General