

No man in Southern Iowa contributed more than he to the erection of schools. In all the avenues of activity in which he was engaged, his labor was conscientiously performed and every confidence reposed in him was faithfully redeemed.

In the year 1899 he moved to Beaver county, Oklahoma. He departed this life January 21, 1909, at Liberal, Kansas, and in compliance with an oft-expressed wish, he was buried at Ochiltree, Texas. Therefore be it

Resolved: That the foregoing memorial be entered upon the Journal of the House and that an enrolled transcript thereof be presented to the bereaved family of the deceased.

W. P. ALLRED,
GEO. W. SWAN,
C. F. SWIFT,

Committee.

HON. NATHAN POTTER.

MR. SPEAKER—Your committee appointed to draft proper resolutions of respect in honor of the Honorable Nathan Potter, respectfully submit the following:

WHEREAS, The Hon. Nathan Potter was born in Hartford, Licking county, Ohio, on October 26, 1835, and died in Olin, Jones county, Iowa, on November 30, 1908, having arrived at the age of seventy-three years, one month and four days. In 1844, Nathan Potter came with his parents to Jackson county, Iowa, where he grew to manhood. He experienced all the hardships of a pioneer life, and by self-application and study at home he was enabled to teach in the common schools. On January, 1860, he was married to Clementine Demoss of Canton, Jackson county, Iowa. To this union, two children were born. In 1865, he moved to Jones county, near Anamosa, where he bought a farm and built a comfortable home, where he and his wife lived happily together until June 19, 1894, when Mrs. Potter died. Two years after his wife died he moved to Olin, where he has since resided. On November 9, 1899, Nathan Potter was united in marriage to Mrs. W. D. Hutton. The union proved to be a very happy one until the separation by death of Mr. Potter. Nathan Potter was converted to the Christian faith when a young man and took up the ministerial work near the time of his conversion. He was regularly ordained as a minister of the Christian Church in Clayton county, Iowa, in 1863, and continued in this profession until the time of his death. When he settled in Jackson township, Jones county, Antioch Church was in an unfinished condition and he did as much as any other to complete its structure. He held different township offices and was elected mayor of the city of Olin. He was elected as a member of the Twenty-fourth General Assembly and was an able and painstaking man who served his county and state with honor to himself and to his constituents. In politics as in religion, he was always the same broad-minded man and always respected the opinions of others. But when once convinced that he was right, or that the welfare of society or humanity was at stake, he never hesitated to assert his convictions. Mr. Potter was a Master Mason from 1869 up to

within a short time of his death and had been recently made a member of Mount Olivet Commandery of Anamosa. He was a man of great physical fiber but when the end came, it was sudden, and he died of paralysis without a moment's warning. So ends the life of an esteemed friend and an eminent citizen; such a life we should emulate.

Resolved: That in the death of Mr. Potter, the state and county in which he resided loses a worthy, honored and upright citizen, and that we extend to his bereaved wife and relatives our sincere sorrow and sympathy in their great loss and that an engrossed copy of these resolutions be spread upon the Journal of the House and that a copy be sent to bereaved family.

W. M. BYERLY,
JAMES W. ELLIS,
V. W. KENDALL,
Committee.

HON. JESSE KENNEDY.

MR. SPEAKER—Your special committee to prepare appropriate resolutions to commemorate the life, character and public services of the Hon. Jesse Kennedy, beg leave to submit the following report:

Jesse Kennedy was born in the year 1824 in Perry county, Pennsylvania. He grew to manhood in his native state. So far as we can learn he had no college education, but succeeded by his own efforts in obtaining a common school education that fitted him to take an active and influential part in the public life and development of each community in which he lived.

In 1861 he was a member of the Pennsylvania State Legislature, representing the counties of Perry and Cumberland. He was an Assistant Internal Revenue Collector under President Lincoln, and for more than ten years he was principal of the State Orphans' School at Mount Joy, Pennsylvania.

In 1876, Mr. Kennedy came west and invested in Iowa land, locating in Ida county, and two years later he moved his family and settled on a large tract of land south of Ida Grove, which soon became known far and wide as the Kennedy ranch.

Ida county at that time was almost an unbroken prairie without a railroad in the county, and he thus became identified with the real pioneers of this part of our great state. Mr. Kennedy at once rose to prominence, took an active part in all that stands for good government. He was active in church and religious life, and took a leading part in the public life of the community.

In 1884 he was elected to the State Legislature from the seventy-fifth representative district, consisting of Ida and Buena Vista counties. In this body he was chairman of the Committee on Normal Schools, and gave good service to the state, especially along moral and educational lines. He was the author of the prohibitory law that was passed at that session.

In his home life he was above reproach, a good husband, a kind and loving father, and in every way a man of whom it may be said he did nobly his part to make for good in the community in which he lived.