

the general welfare. As a lawyer he devoted to his client's cause all his ability and learning, but was ever courteous to court and counsel. As a citizen, he was of the fine type that recognizes and takes duty seriously. He was justly proud of an ancestry that had contributed to the foundations of this great state and he sought to build on that foundation a structure that would endure.

*Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Forty-second General Assembly of Iowa, That in the death of William S. Allen the state and the community where he lived have suffered the loss of an excellent and high-minded citizen, and be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the journal of the Senate, and that the secretary of the Senate be directed to send an engrossed copy thereof to his family.*

C. J. FULTON,  
J. R. FRAILEY,  
WILLIAM CARDEN,  
*Committee.*

The resolution was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

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JOHN F. REAM

MR. PRESIDENT: Your committee which was appointed to prepare resolutions commemorating the life, character, and services of the late John F. Ream of Mahaska county Iowa, beg leave to submit the following:

John F. Ream was born near New Castle, Pennsylvania, September 16, 1854, and died at the Mercy Hospital, Oskaloosa, Iowa, Saturday, February 26, 1927. His father and mother were both born in Pennsylvania, his father being of German descent and his mother of English descent. His parents moved to Mahaska county in May, 1855, where he made his home until the time of his death. He entered the coal mines in Beacon, Iowa, when he was sixteen years of age and spent many years in the coal mining business. He served as mayor of the town of Beacon, was nine years a member of the school board and was elected for a number of terms as justice of the peace. He was President of the Iowa District of United Mine Workers of America for two years, ending his services in that position in March, 1900. He was chosen as Iowa's representative on the National Executive Board of United Mine Workers and held the office for three years. He possessed a common school education.

Mr. Ream was elected Senator in 1908 and again in 1912. He was the first democrat to be elected to the State Senate from Mahaska county after the Civil War. Senator Ream was always interested in public affairs and by hard labor and judicious management attained success in private and public life.

*Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Forty-second General Assembly of Iowa, That in the death of John F. Ream 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,  
A. J. SHINN,  
E. E. CAVANAUGH,  
*Committee.*

Senator Stanley spoke as follows:

I am to speak of the life and work of John F. Ream who served as Senator from Mahaska county during the Thirty-third, Thirty-fourth, Thirty-fifth and Thirty-sixth General Assemblies.

I did not know Senator Ream intimately but the information which I have gained from those who knew of his life and from the biography which appears in the Iowa Official Register, shows that Senator Ream was one of those men who rose through his own efforts. His parents were among those early pioneers from Pennsylvania who came out to Iowa before it was admitted as a state and settled in the little mining town of Beacon, near Oskaloosa. At an early age he entered the coal mines and continued throughout most of his life as a mine operator or dealer in coal. His education was limited to the common schools of his community. Regardless of his limited educational facilities, his life shows that he was a man who was interested in all of the good things which upbuild a community. He entered into the civic life of the city, was interested in building up the schools of his district and finally was elected as Senator from his county, though he was a democrat and his district was always strongly republican. Through all of the activities of his life he has shown those characteristics of the rank and file of the early pioneers, upon which our present civilization is built. He was conscientious in his belief, unswerving in his position, always doing the thing which he thought to be right.

In the loss of Senator Ream the community and state have lost a valuable citizen.

The resolution was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

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#### WILLIAM BELL TALMAN

MR. PRESIDENT: Your committee which was appointed to report resolutions commemorating the life, character, and services of the late William Bell Talman, beg leave to submit the following:

William Bell Talman, son of Thomas B. Talman and Frances Gillespie Talman, was born at Point Pleasant, now in West Virginia, January 10, 1848. He died at Osceola, Iowa, October 27, 1926.

He came to Iowa with his parents in 1851. The family with all its worldly possessions floated down the Ohio river to Cairo, Illinois, on a raft of logs and from Cairo the raft was towed up the Mississippi to Keokuk. In 1869 he moved with his parents by covered wagon to Clarke