

until his death. He was an ardent supporter of early republican principles and remained loyal to his party until his death. In 1860 he was elected supervisor of Jones county, becoming chairman of the board. In 1864 he enlisted in the civil war, serving until its close. He was elected to the House of Representatives in the Ninth, Tenth, Eleventh and Thirteenth General Assemblies and was elected Speaker of the Thirteenth General Assembly. In 1871 he was elected Auditor of State and served two terms. He was elected Senator from the 24th district, serving the Eighteenth and Nineteenth General Assemblies. When Congress gave to Iowa the land grant now used by the Iowa State Agricultural College, the Hon. John Russell was elected chairman of the Board of Trustees of the college. It is through his energetic and vigorous methods that we now have the institution at Ames. It was during his administration and largely through his efforts that the law placing permanent school funds in the hands of the county and making the county liable to the State for the interest thereon, was enacted. The law for the regulation of the savings banks was also enacted during his term of office, and to him belongs a great deal of the credit for the law as it then existed.

Mr. Russell died at his home in Onslow, Jones county, October 10, 1908.

Resolved, By the Senate of the Thirty-third General Assembly, that in the death of Hon. John Russell the State mourns the loss of an efficient and honored statesman.

Be it Further Resolved, that a copy of this Resolution be printed in the Journal of the Senate and that the Secretary of the Senate be directed to send an enrolled copy to Margaret Russell at Onslow.

H. R. CHAPMAN,
Chairman.

JOHN FOLEY,

H. C. BURGESS,
Committee.

Adopted.

The resolutions were adopted by a rising vote.

Senator De Armand, from the Special Committee appointed to prepare suitable resolutions commemorative of the life of the late Hon. William O. Schmidt, submitted the following report and moved its adoption:

Mr. President—Your committee appointed to prepare and present resolutions commemorative of the life and services to the State of the late Hon. Wm. O. Schmidt, of Scott county, desire to present the following report:

Whereas, Since the close of the Thirty-second General Assembly death has claimed the Hon. William O. Schmidt, of Davenport, Scott county, therefore be it

Resolved, 'that the Senate of the State of Iowa has learned with profound sorrow and regret of the death of a former member of this body and a distinguished citizen of the State.

Hon. William O. Schmidt was a citizen of the highest ideals, and ever ready with generous purse and kindly hand to advance the welfare of his countrymen and fellows.

As a public servant he was ever faithful to the high trusts reposed in him and at the shrine of duty he was ever a faithful devotee.

In his native city, Davenport, he contributed freely of his time and money to advance every worthy cause for bettering the conditions of the people and substantial evidences of faith in his native city remain as monuments to his judgment and love for the beautiful and the good.

Be it Further Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread on the records of the Senate.

J. A. DE ARMAND,

E. P. McMANUS,

L. B. PARSHALL,

Committee.

Adopted.

Senator De Armand moved the adoption of resolutions and said:

When a man devotes the best years of his life to the services of his city and his State he comes pretty near being a humanitarian. When he leaves behind him when his earthly pilgrimage is at an end as monuments of his life, the gratitude of a devoted people, he leaves that which will last longer than monuments of stone and tablets of brass. William O. Schmidt devoted the too few years of his life to the welfare of the people and the city of his birth and all his energies were bent to make people happy by making them independent and proud of the heritage of freedom and the opportunity to add to the happiness of others. He builded business blocks to give substantial growth to the city of his home and to the associations having for their purpose the growth of the city he gave of his time and money without stint. He was foremost in works of charity and in his social circle he was a prince. In his profession he was an honor and in his private life he contributed to the happiness of others by being the friend of truth and justice and in his untimely death no man left more sincere mourners. He was the soul of honor and in his ambitions he builded upon no man's downfall but gave freely of that wealth of wisdom and good cheer which made his success the pride of those who came in contact with him. His life was an inspiration and his death was a State's loss.

The resolutions were adopted unanionusly by a rising vote.

Senator De Armand, from the Special Committee appointed to prepare suitable resolutions commemorative of the life of the late Hon. W. A. Foster, submitted the following report and moved its adoption: