

Capt. Whaley was a leading republican all his life and for many years was well known and honored in the councils of his party. In 1877, he was elected to represent Butler county in the Iowa legislature and was returned to the same office in 1879. On the death of Senator W. B. Gaylord, he was chosen to represent the forty-sixth senatorial district, which included Butler, Floyd and Mitchell counties, for the unexpired term, being also re-elected for the second term.

He was chairman of the committee on military affairs of the Senate and also chairman of the Senate committee which selected Marshalltown, Iowa, as the location for the Iowa soldiers' home.

He again re-entered politics when on the election of President McKinley, he was made postmaster at Aplington, an office which he held until a few years ago.

He was a member of the Presbyterian church of Aplington and for over twenty years was an elder in the church, being sent to represent the church in the Presbytery and being sent in 1898 to the general assembly as representative of the Waterloo Presbytery.

He was a member of the Masonic lodge of Parkersburg, having been honored as a Knight Templar and as a member of the Mystic Shrine. He was also a member of the John Bradley G. A. R. post at Parkersburg.

Mr. Whaley was married on October 17, 1871, to Jane Hull Smith, daughter of George B. Smith, one of the oldest leading residents of Aplington. She passed away a year ago last July. Four sons are left to mourn their father's death.

Resolved, That in the death of this noble man the state has lost a worthy citizen, soldier and statesman and the House and Senate a loved and honored member, and be it further

Resolved, That these sentiments be entered upon the House Journal and a copy be sent to the bereaved family of the deceased.

W. I. ATKINSON,
M. F. LEROY,
GEO. W. CROZIER,

Committee.

Adopted April 10, 1913.

HON. JAMES SKILLEN.

MR. SPEAKER—Your committee appointed to draft proper resolutions of respect in honor of the Honorable James A. Skillen, a former member of this body respectfully submit the following:

The Honorable James A. Skillen was born at Cherry Valley, New York, February 26, 1832. He passed out of this life at the home of his daughter, Mrs. D. A. Long, in Waverly, Iowa, November 7, 1912, being in his eighty-first year.

At four years of age Mr. Skillen moved with his parents to Greene, Chenango county, New York, where he continued to reside about twenty years, or until 1856. The next two years were spent in Waverly, Iowa, where he worked with W. P. Harmon, the founder of that town, returning at the end of the two years to his boyhood home. Here he again lived until after his marriage to Miss Lucinda Adams, which occurred October 2, 1862. Immediately after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Skillen came to Iowa to the then new West, settling on a farm which Mr. Skillen purchased near Tripoli. Here they resided some thirty years, until Mrs. Skillen's death May 12, 1892. Two years later Mr. Skillen came to Waverly, where he continued to reside till the time of his death. During the last eight years of his life he had made his home with his daughter, Mrs. D. A. Long.

There were born to Mr. and Mrs. Skillen two daughters. The elder died in infancy. The younger, Mrs. D. A. Long, of Waverly, with the one grandson, Herbert Long, and two brothers, Robert Skillen of Waterloo and Hugh Skillen of Virginia, constitute the surviving members of his own and his father's family. His nephew and wife, Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Fitch, of Tripoli, were also counted as members of his family.

James A. Skillen was of a family of thirteen children, being of Scotch-Irish parentage. He was a man of strict integrity, honored, respected and trusted not only by his fellow townsmen, but by the citizens of Bremer county, who sent him to represent them in 1872-3 in the Fourteenth Iowa Assembly. C. C. Carpenter was Governor at that time. During his legislative term he served on the committee on highways and was an influential member of that body. He voted for the abolition of capital punishment and was an earnest advocate of progress in educational affairs, advocating among other things an act establishing public libraries in the townships and independent school districts of the state. He also had a large part in the formulation and success of a measure in making the state historical society the valuable institution that it is today.

For six years prior to his death Mr. Skillen was president of the Waverly Savings Bank. He had the confidence of the people of his county in a remarkable degree, and both in public and private matters was true to every trust that was reposed in his hands. As his record as a legislator was without a blemish so was his private life without stain. Therefore be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives take this occasion to express its high regard and appreciation of his character and public services, and at this time extend to his family its sincere sympathy in their sorrow; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the Journal of the House and that the chief clerk be directed to send an engrossed copy to the family of the deceased.

C. W. MILLER,
W. I. ATKINSON,
GEO. W. KOONTZ,
Committee.

Adopted April 10, 1913.

HON. JOHN HOMRIGHAUS.

MR. SPEAKER—Your committee appointed to draft proper resolutions of respect in honor of the Honorable John Homrighaus, a former member of this body, respectfully submit the following:

The Honorable John Homrighaus was born November 16, 1844, in Tuscarawas county, Ohio, of German parents. In 1850 he was brought by his parents to Cook county, Illinois, where he received his education in the public schools. In 1863 he moved to Iowa and settled in Bremner county, where he has ever since resided. He was engaged as a contractor and builder and was also the proprietor of a wagon and blacksmith shop. In 1872 he retired from business on account of health; and made an extensive visit to Germany and other European countries. On his return to Iowa he engaged in farming. He was justice of the peace for six years. In 1880 he read law and 1882 was elected county supervisor. In 1888 he was elected state representative from his county to the Iowa legislature and in this the Twenty-second General Assembly he introduced and carried through three important bills, the insurance bill, a revenue bill, and a bill to enhance the usefulness of the Iowa agricultural college. During this Assembly he was chairman of the agricultural committee, a member of the committee on ways and means, committee on elections and compensation of public officers and one of the committee on representative districts. He received the re-election to the Twenty-fifth General Assembly, and while a member of that House he introduced the oleomargarine bill which became a law that is of inestimable value to the farmers of this state. This is one of the most important bills passed by that legislature and Mr. Homrighaus received much honorable mention at the time as he had solved in a simple way a problem that had been perplexing the friends of the dairy interests for many years. This Iowa law was immediately copied by other states and finally adopted as a federal statute, applying to every section of the country.