

In Memoriam

.. of ..

Hon. R. S. Smith,

Late Senator, 39th District,

Who Died at Iowa Falls, Iowa,

August 29th, 1893.



The Resolutions Adopted, and the Speeches Made,

By his Colleagues,

February 6th, 1894.

The special order being resolutions relative to the death of Hon. R. S. Smith, Senator from the Thirty-ninth District in the Twenty-fourth General Assembly, Senator Craig offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, On August 27, 1893, Hon. R. S. Smith, a member of the Twenty-fourth General Assembly, died at Iowa Falls, Iowa, while on his return home from the Democratic State Convention, and was buried at Cedar Falls, Iowa, August 29, 1893; therefore,

*Resolved*, That in the death of Senator Smith we mourn the loss of an able and conscientious member of the Legislature, one devoted to the best interests of his constituents and the people of the State, whom he served with such signal ability on the floor of this Senate. We remember the kindly qualities of his generous heart, the noble attributes of his manhood, and shall ever cherish with fond and sincere recollection our departed friend and brother.

*Resolved*, That these resolutions be entered on the journal of this Senate.

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate be instructed to send an engrossed copy of these resolutions to the family of the late Senator Smith.

GEO. M. CRAIG,  
JOHN EVERALL,  
J. D. YEOMANS,

*Committee.*

In moving the adoption of the resolution

SENATOR GEORGE M. CRAIG.

of the Thirty-ninth district, spoke as follows:

MR. PRESIDENT—I shall not attempt to pronounce an elaborate eulogy on, or an extended biographical notice of the life of the late Senator Smith, nor shall I indulge in fulsome adulation, but I desire to simply make a truthful portraiture of a life largely devoted to the humbler pursuits.

Senator Smith was born April 14, 1844, in Bradford, Penn., and with his parents came to Cedar Falls, Iowa, in 1856. He was educated at Corning, N. Y., and Beloit, Wis., and after leaving school taught school for a while in Butler county, Iowa.

At the age of twenty-three he entered the mercantile business at Rock Grove, Iowa, where he met Miss Martha M. Heisz, to whom he was married December 18, 1869. These two moved directly to a farm near Parkersburg, Iowa, where the late Senator resided until his death.

He was suddenly stricken down in the prime of life and the full vigor of manhood, and the announcement of his death came like a thunder-bolt from a cloudless sky, casting a pall of mourning over his friends and the constituents he so ably represented on this floor.

I had the pleasure of forming his acquaintance when we were young men, which ripened into a warm personal friendship which lasted until his death.

In manners he was simple, modest and retiring, and it was only among his family and friends, where he was perfectly free and unre-