

Mr. Montgomery saw the development of this county and the state from primitive pioneer days up to the high type of modernity existing today. He farmed the virgin prairies of the state with oxen instead of with horses or tractor. His was a rich life in toil, social experience and progress, and his reminiscences were most interesting.

He was married to Miss Mary Mellon in Pennsylvania in 1864, his bride being a cousin of Andrew Mellon, recent secretary of the national treasury. After coming to Fayette county two children were born to them and their home was not invaded by death until the passing of Mrs. Montgomery.

Mr. Montgomery served one term in the state legislature, being elected in 1885. He has twice represented the Dubuque presbytery in its general assemblies and has held membership in this denomination for more than 66 years.

He was a great lover of the beautiful and enjoyed his garden which he tended carefully as long as he was able. He enjoyed visiting with his fellow men and his last years were pleasant ones as he traveled down the hillside of life with quiet dignity. Independent as long as physical strength was given him to do for himself, he enjoyed life to a degree not attained by all. There are many old friends of many years standing who will recall his memory for helpful deeds rendered during Mr. Montgomery's active years in the community and mourn with his children the passing of this patriarch of Fayette county.

The funeral was held at the Presbyterian church, conducted by the pastor, the Rev. George DeF. Fisher, burial following by the side of his late wife in the West Union cemetery.

*Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Forty-sixth General Assembly, That the foregoing memorial be adopted as its appreciation of the life and character and public service of the Honorable J. K. Montgomery. Everywhere he was known as a man honored and trusted, a man of sterling quality and irreproachable character.*

*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 forward an enrolled copy to the children of the deceased.*

GEORGE L. SCOTT,  
H. H. SORG,  
OVE T. ROE,

*Committee.*

Unanimously adopted, April 18, 1935.

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HONORABLE GEORGE W. SPEER

**MR. SPEAKER:** Your committee which was appointed to prepare suitable resolutions commemorating the life, character, and services of the Honorable George W. Speer, beg leave to submit the following report:

George W. Speer was born in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, November 18, 1855, of American parentage of Scotch Irish descent. Both parents were also born in Pennsylvania. He died February 4, 1935.

He was reared on a farm and received a common school education. In the spring of 1887 he removed to Indianola, Warren county, Iowa, where

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he engaged in the abstract, real estate, loan and insurance business, which he continued until his final sickness.

Mr. Speer was married in 1905 to Miss Ethelda U. Nixon, of Page county, Iowa, who survives him and resides at Indianola. Mr. Speer has served his community two terms as city alderman, and many terms as notary public. He was elected as state representative in 1910, and served one term with distinct credit to himself and his county.

*Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Forty-sixth General Assembly, That in the passing of the Honorable George W. Speer the state has lost a faithful servant and valuable citizen, a man of high ideals in living and citizenship, 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 forward an enrolled copy to the family of the deceased.*

VICTOR FELTER,  
J. R. CAMPBELL,  
A. R. WEED,

*Committee.*

Unanimously adopted, April 18, 1935.

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#### HONORABLE GEORGE C. STANZEL

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee appointed to prepare resolutions commemorative of the life, character and public services of the late George C. Stanzel, of Sac county, Iowa, beg leave to submit the following report:

George C. Stanzel was born in Clinton county, Iowa, on August 31, 1865. He moved to Sac county with his parents in the year 1876 and was educated in the public schools of that county. He passed away at his home in Sac City on April 18, 1935, after a lingering illness of several months.

He was united in marriage on February 19, 1894, to Miss Carrie Fulcher, who with their three children, Mrs. Florence M. Laudon, George A. Stanzel, and Fred E. Stanzel, mourn the death of their beloved husband and father.

Mr. Stanzel's interests have been primarily those of farming and although he retired from active farm work a number of years ago, he owns considerable Sac county land and gave it his individual attention.

In politics Mr. Stanzel was a republican and served as representative from Sac county in the Forty-fourth and Forty-fifth General Assemblies and in the Forty-fifth Extra Session. He also served as treasurer of the school board of Sac City, was a member of the city council, and a member of the K. P. Lodge.

Mr. Stanzel took an active interest in community affairs and held the highest regard and esteem of his fellowmen. He was a faithful public servant, always giving the best he had for the good of the greatest number of people. He was a kind and loving husband and father, devoted to making the home life as comfortable and as happy as possible for those dependent upon him. He was an attendant of the Methodist church and gave of his time and substance unstintingly.

*Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Forty-*