

**REMARKS OF MR. McALLISTER ON THE LIFE AND CHARACTER
OF THE HONORABLE A. J. FUHRMEISTER.**

A. J. Fuhrmeister was born in Germany, August 29, 1832, and died in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, December 13, 1905.

His father being a warm friend of Andrew Jackson, President of the United States at the time of his birth, named the boy Andrew Jackson. He came to this country when a child.

Mr. Fuhrmeister was a member of the Twenty-fourth General Assembly from Linn County, Iowa. He held all the various offices of his township and was at the time of his death a member of the Board of Supervisors of Linn County. His popularity was such that at the last election, although a Democrat, he was elected as Supervisor over his competitor, a Republican, in spite of the fact that the Republicans were greatly in the majority. His death was hastened by an accident which he sustained in examining a sewer, about two weeks prior to his death.

The greater part of his life was devoted to farming and stock raising and in that line of business, he was eminently successful. In all his public life he transacted his public business with the same scrupulous exactness with which he carried on his private affairs. His public record, and private also, is above suspicion. Mr. Fuhrmeister was a man who faithfully performed the duties of the offices to which he was elected.

He was a man loved and respected by all with whom he came in contact, being a man of the highest moral character. As a husband and father, he shone out more brightly than in his political career. As a member of the Lutheran Church, Mr. Fuhrmeister was always consistent and contributed largely to its support.

He will be greatly missed by his friends who are legion. In his death his state has lost a public spirited citizen, his community, a valuable member and his family, a loving husband and father.

HON. CHAS. STANLEY.

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee appointed to draft resolutions relative to the Hon. Charles Stanley, late of Mahaska county, beg leave to report the following:

WHEREAS, The Hon. Charles Stanley, an honored member of the House in the Twelfth General Assembly departed this life on June 7, 1904, at Oskaloosa, Iowa, and

WHEREAS, His private and public life were such as to command our respect and esteem and his services to the Nation, his State and the community in which he lived, which now mourns his loss, as an honest upright and patriotic citizen, while his family feel the great loss of a loving father and husband, therefore be it

Resolved, That we extend to the sorrowing wife and children our sympathy in their loss, and hereby express our high appreciation of his public services to his State and Nation; and the clerk of the House is hereby instructed to mail an engrossed copy of these resolutions to the family of the deceased and to enter the same upon the Journal of the House.

A. F. N. HAMBLETON,
JOHN F. OFFILL,
J. S. PRITCHARD,

Committee.

Adopted Feb. 7, 1906.

REMARKS OF MR. HAMBLETON.

MR. SPEAKER: I crave the indulgence of the House to add a few words commemorative of the life of a man whose wide experience, strong patriotism, now called to his reward, should command our respect.

Born in 1828 in Westminster Co., N. Y., and early left an orphan with but the rudiments of an education he began at the age of ten years driving mules on the canal, and at the age of seventeen he shipped from New York City on a whaler with the Azores as its destination. Rounding Cape Horn the Sandwich Islands were reached where the news of the Mexican War was made known.

On the route home, Kamchatka, Chili, New Zealand, and Cape of Good Hope were visited.

Seven years later in further maritime service he was engaged with a transport for troops from Vera Cruz, New Orleans, and Old Point Comfort and later in the Cotton Trade between southern points and from Liverpool to the Baltic Sea and between New York and Havana with numerous voyages.

After a winter teaching school in New York in 1852 he located in Cleveland, and later helped build the first bridge over the Mississippi river, and in 1856 he settled in Mahaska County, Iowa, being engaged at first to build the bridge spanning the Des Moines river at Eddyville.

He was united in marriage with Emily Ballenger, and commenced with others the development of Iowa's great agricultural resources. With the early call for volunteers in the Civil War, inspired then as ever, with the true spirit of love for country, and heeding the warning which came in the effort to overthrow our nation he responded by enlisting in Co. K. of the 18th Iowa Infantry, being soon made Sargeant. He was with his regiment in six hard fought engagements in Missouri being mustered out with a Captain's commission.

Retiring again to private life in agricultural pursuits, he was honored by election as a member of the House of the Twelfth General Assembly of Iowa in which he served with faithfulness to his constituency and honor to himself.

That session being one of importance in the re-adjustment of industrial and civil affairs somewhat demoralized by the civil strife and its consequences.