

state committees, and served his district as State Senator in the Forty-third General Assembly by appointment of the governor. He was a charter member and the first president of the Grundy Center Rotary Club; a past grand chancellor of the Knights of Pythias of Iowa, a member of the I.O.O.F., O.E.S., A.F. and A.M., Shrine, a 32 Degree Scottish Rite, and a member of the First Presbyterian Church.

On June 12, 1889, he was married to Gertrude Edna Moffett who preceded him in death. Two sons were born to them, Lawrence Ervein, also deceased, and Robert Moffett Rogers of Kansas City, Missouri.

Mr. Rogers was a capable, conscientious and honest citizen and a man who devoted many years of his life to community service.

Therefore Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Fifty-second General Assembly of Iowa, That in the passing of Senator Rogers, Iowa has lost a distinguished citizen whose life symbolized integrity and honesty in affairs of the state.

Be It Further Resolved, That this resolution be spread upon the records of the Journal of the Senate of the Fifty-second General Assembly of Iowa, and that an enrolled copy thereof be transmitted to his son, Robert Moffett Rogers, of Kansas City, Missouri.

JOHN BERG,

IRVING D. LONG,

ROBERT A. ROCKHILL,

Committee.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

BERTEL M. STODDARD

MR. PRESIDENT: Your committee, appointed to prepare a suitable memorial commemorating the life, character, and public service of the late Honorable Bertel M. Stoddard of Sloan, Iowa, begs leave to submit the following report:

Bertel M. Stoddard was born at Minonk, Illinois, on January 21, 1871. His boyhood was spent at Minonk. Later he attended Illinois College, Jacksonville, from which he was graduated in 1891. For the next seven years he was engaged in the grain business at Toluca, Illinois.

He was married in 1897 to Wilhelmina E. Simater, and to this union were born two children, a son, Bela M., and a daughter, Jane M.

In 1901 Bertel M. Stoddard removed to Sloan, Iowa. Here he was most active in community affairs, serving as a member of the Sloan school board for twenty-five years, as a member of the county board of supervisors, and as county chairman for Red Cross and Y.M.C.A. drives and war loan campaigns.

Senator Stoddard with his son operated grain elevators at Sloan and Owego, Iowa, as well as engaging in farming and stock raising.

Senator Stoddard's record in the Iowa legislature was long and distinguished. After first serving in the House of Representatives he represented Woodbury county in the Iowa Senate from 1918 until 1934. He was prominent in securing road legislation and ranked high upon com-

mittees. He was aggressive in public affairs and a Republican in politics.

Senator Stoddard passed away on April 18, 1946, at his boyhood home of Minonk, Illinois.

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Fifty-second General Assembly of Iowa, That in the passing of Senator Stoddard the state mourns the loss of a valuable and honored citizen; a man who devoted many years of his life to public service.

Be It Further Resolved, That a copy of this memorial resolution be printed in the Journal of the Senate and that the Secretary be directed to send enrolled copies to the members of the family of the deceased.

A. D. CLEM,
J. T. DYKHOUSE,
E. C. MYRLAND,

Committee.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

HOWARD SPICER VAN ALSTINE

MR. PRESIDENT: Your committee, appointed to prepare suitable resolutions commemorating the life, character and public service of the late Honorable Howard Spicer Van Alstine, begs leave to submit the following:

Howard Spicer Van Alstine, banker and legislator, died at the Lutheran Hospital at Fort Dodge, Iowa, August 5, 1945; born at Poplar Grove, Illinois, May 16, 1869, son of Sewell Van Alstine and Ellen Hawley Van Alstine, who came to Iowa in 1870 and settled in Pocahontas county on the virgin prairie two miles northwest of the present town of Gilmore City, where Mr. Van Alstine has lived the most of his life and resided at the time of his demise. A post office was established at the Van Alstine farm home, known as the Blooming Prairie Post Office, and the mother was named postmistress; its operation continued until after 1880 when the railroad was built and the town of Gilmore City established by the elder Van Alstine. The school opened near the farm homestead which he attended and obtained his only formal education in four terms, which he supplemented by reading and study during hours engaged in herding cattle on the prairie. In 1889 he joined with his brother, L. H. Van Alstine, in a partnership establishing the Gilmore Exchange Bank.

In 1896 Mr. Van Alstine married Mary Bertha Beers of Gilmore City, who with two sons and two daughters survive him; one son, Howard Dana Van Alstine, died in 1928. He was one of the three last survivors of the original settlers of Gilmore City. With his brother he was a leader in the movement resulting in the drainage of thousands of acres of Pocahontas county slough bottoms long before the first drainage ditch was established in the county under the provisions of law. The bank extended its financial operations throughout the county and obtained valuable eastern loan connections which were utilized in developing the wild prairie into productive farms. Later in the depth of the depression the shrinkage of deposits from a high of \$1,800,000 to \$308,000, occasioned the decision of the Van Alstines to close the bank and it was liquidated be-