

He was extensively engaged in settling up estates and probate matters. For many years he was president of the Norwegian Mutual Insurance Association of Winneshiek county. He took great interest in the preservation of the pioneer history of the state, and he did considerable writing on this subject, both in the English and Norwegian languages. Being a man of mind and action he was also both a theoretical and practical farmer. His farm was up to date in every respect, but he was always willing to impart his knowledge and experience to others. He was for the last fifteen years of his life editor of the "Practical Farmer's" department of Decorah Posten, a leading Norwegian newspaper.

Whereas, The Hon. Abraham Jacobsen, member of the Thirtieth and Thirty-first General Assemblies, departed this life on the 15th day of May, 1910, at his home near Decorah, Iowa, and,

Whereas, The life and character of the deceased were such as to entitle him to the respect and esteem of all who knew him—a man beloved by all for his generous and kindly heart, his sterling integrity and uprightness of life; therefore be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives take this occasion to express its high regards 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 enrolled copy to the family of the deceased.

L. M. ENGER,
THOS. HICKENLOOPER,
G. W. KOONTZ,

Committee.

Adopted.

HON. JAMES B. STUCKEY.

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee appointed to prepare and present suitable resolutions respecting the life, character and public services of the Honorable James B. Stuckey, late a member of the House of Representatives of the Sixteenth General Assembly of Iowa, beg leave to report the following:

The subject of this memorial was born November 7, 1834, and departed this life at his home in Moulton, Appanoose County, Iowa, on the first day of December, 1909. He was engaged in the occupation of farming and stock raising from the time he came to Appanoose county, a number of years ago, up to a few years ago, when he retired from this occupation and moved to the town of Moulton.

Mr. Stuckey was a man who was loved and respected by all who knew him. He was an active member of the Methodist church and took an interest in all matters pertaining to the welfare of that organization.

He was identified with the democratic party, and active in the councils of his party. He was elected to the office of Representative from Appanoose county to the Sixteenth General Assembly of Iowa,

retirement did not mean, however, his retirement from the activities of life, for on down to the time of his death he was actively engaged and served the people of his county in a faithful and capable manner, which reflected credit upon himself and those he was called upon to represent.

The life, character and public services of Mr. Stuckey were such as to command the respect and admiration of all who knew him; therefore, be it

Resolved, That in his death the state has lost a citizen of worth and whose every act was above reproach; and be it further

Resolved, That we extend to his family and friends our sincere sympathy and that a copy of these resolutions be entered upon the Journal of the House and that a copy of the same be forwarded to the bereaved family of the deceased.

W. T. DANIELS,
C. W. HUNT,
THOS. HICKENLOOPER,
Committee.

Adopted.

HON. MAHLON J. DAVIS.

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee appointed to draft resolutions commemorative of the life, public services and character of Hon. Mahlon J. Davis, a former member of this House, respectfully submits the following:

Hon. Mahlon J. Davis was born in Juniata county, Pennsylvania, on the 27th day of October, 1837, and closed his earthly labors, and went to his reward, at Lewis, Iowa, on the 2nd day of February, 1908.

As a young man, the subject of this sketch laid well the foundation for his chosen profession, that of medicine, by attending Airy View Academy for two years, and Kishacoquillas Seminary for three years, after which he spent two years in the study of medicine under Dr. D. M. Crawford, at Millerstown, Pennsylvania, and thereafter took a course at the Medical University, New York City, from which institution he was graduated in March, 1862. After having thus become so admirably equipped as a physician, he enlisted in the defense of his country's flag, and was at once assigned to hospital duty in the city of Washington, where, after two years service, he was appointed surgeon of the Second New York Artillery. During 1864-5, he was surgeon-in-chief to the second corps on General Hazard's staff, where he remained in faithful service until the grand review at Washington.

After the restoration of peace, Dr. Davis returned to his native state, and resumed the practice of his profession, having located at Newport, in Perry county. He was united in marriage in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, December 27th, 1864, to Priscilla K. Shuman, who with his three sons, William B. Davis, Lewis, Iowa, Brode B. Davis, Chicago, Illinois, and Charles P. Davis, Chicago, Illinois, survive him to mourn the loss of an indulgent and devoted husband and father.

In 1866 he removed to Lewis, Iowa, where he remained in the practice of medicine as an honored and skilled physician, until the year 1881, when he retired from the activities of his profession. This retirement did not mean, however, his retirement from the activities