

Senator Newberry said in part:

I desire to say regarding Senator Sweney that he was a good presiding officer, a good lawyer. I happened to be in the convention when he was nominated to Congress. It was a very hot contest. There were three candidates. Colonel Sweney was selected by one-sixteenth of one vote. He served a term in Congress. He was a very capable man and when he came back, I think, being a man of considerable means, did not engage in his practice in law at Osage to any great extent.

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JOHN C. VOORHEES.

Senator Nelson, from a special committee, submitted the following report and moved its adoption:

MR. PRESIDENT—Your committee appointed to prepare resolutions to commemorate the life, character and public services of the Honorable John Crammer Voorhees, late of Anita, Cass County, Iowa, and a former member of the General Assembly of the State of Iowa, beg leave to submit the following report:

John Crammer Voorhees was born at White House, New Jersey, May 18, 1865, and died at his home at Anita, Iowa, on November 21st, 1918, at the age of fifty-three. He lived at White House, New Jersey, until sixteen years of age and removed to Anita, Iowa, where he has resided until his death. He was a member of the Thirty-sixth and Thirty-seventh General Assemblies.

Besides being a banker he was engaged extensively in farming, operating two large farms near Anita. He was also interested in oil lands in Oklahoma; and had extensive land interest in different parts of the United States. As a business man he made a wonderful success, being reputed the richest man in Cass County. When Mr. Voorhees came to Iowa he had nothing, and went to work and took a great deal of interest in his hardware, implement and furniture business and built up one of the largest businesses of this kind in southwestern Iowa.

On October 1st, 1884, in Atlantic, Iowa, he was united in marriage to Miss Ottumwa E. Gaylord, the Rev. E. S. Hill performing the ceremony. Mrs. Voorhees passed from this world only a few months preceding her husband. They left one son, Leon Voorhees, surviving.

Mr. Voorhees was a member of the Knights of Pythias, the Masons, the Elks of Atlantic, and the Chapter and Commandery of Masons in Atlantic. In 1914 he was elected to the state Senate from the Cass-Shelby district. His career in politics was a success. One of his strongest characteristics was his happy, sunny disposition.

*Therefore Be It Resolved*, That in his death, the state of Iowa and the nation lost a worthy and upright citizen, an honest able and fearless man and an advocate of all things for the betterment of his country and state, and we hereby extend to the bereaved family and friends, our sincere sympathy, and

*Be It Further Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be printed in the journal of the Senate and that the secretary of the Senate be directed to forward an engrossed copy to the family of the deceased.

J. A. NELSON,  
B. J. HORCHEM,  
C. W. WILTMORE.

The resolutions were adopted unanimously by a rising vote.

In moving the adoption of the resolutions Senator Nelson spoke in part as follows:

It was not my pleasure to be very well acquainted with ex-Senator Voorhees. He was a sterling character and a real business man. He set an example before the young people of today of what may be accomplished today in this land of ours. He was a man thrown out on the cold business world early in life and advanced steadily and gradually, showing what can be accomplished in this life and as such I commend him to the people of the state of Iowa. He was a man of good business qualities, and much energy. His life was composed of deeds not words. He died early in life, yet having lived a complete life, so to say.

Senator Wilson spoke as follows:

To my mind there is no occasion of such real profit in our senatorial careers as are these memorial occasions. It is with a peculiar sense of sadness that I say anything in reference to Senator Voorhees. During the Thirty-sixth General Assembly, among all the associates I have had in the six years—four sessions, none tied themselves to me with quite the firmness as does the association of Senator Voorhees. His sunny smile, his genial manner, his hearty handclasp are things that can never be forgotten; and after all, those are the things that make for success in life, not the accumulation of wealth, not the attainment of fame, but the fact that a man is right at heart is the only thing, fellow senators, that we take with us.

When you or I die, a few tears will be shed and soon it is all forgotten. Struggle against it as we will, how sadly true it is! May it be said of us as of our brother from Cass that as we enter the river of death we have as our pilot the captain of our salvation, may we hear not only the heavens ringing hallelujahs but the still small voice saying, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

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#### FREDERICK TOWNSEND.

Senator Price, from a special committee, submitted the following report and moved its adoption:

Frederick Townsend was born in Albia, Iowa, July 1, 1863, and departed this life November 13, 1918. He was the son of distinguished parents and pioneers of the state of Iowa. His father, the late John S. Townsend of Albia, Iowa, was judge of the district court of Iowa from 1853 to 1863 and