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BY DAVID C. MOTT, Secretary

The Twentieth Session of the Pioneer Lawmakers' Association of Iowa met in the Portrait Gallery of the Historical, Memorial and Art Department, Des Moines, on February 23, at 10:00 A. M., President A. B. Funk in the chair. Invocation was made by Reverend Charles Blanchard of the Christian Church. Governor Hammill delivered an eloquent address of welcome, which was responded to extemporaneously by former Senator George M. Titus of Muscatine in which he dwelt on the wonderful advance in civilization, science, and invention during the last quarter of a century. President A. B. Funk then delivered the following address:

THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

BY A. B. FUNK

The old almanac in its weather prognostication used occasionally to say, "About this time look out for frost." It seems to have become the settled policy of our program makers to note in their announcement, "About this time look out for a speech by the president." On this occasion the president has no message of importance to deliver, but out of respect to tradition and usage it seems necessary for you to possess your souls in patience while he shall comply with a custom which you may have reason to feel might have been "more honored in the breach than in the observance."

The span of life covered by the members of our association is by large odds the most eventful, if not the most important, of any like period since the making of history had its beginning. From a subordinate place in world organization the United States has advanced to unquestioned pre-eminence among the nations of the earth. From a station well down in the list of states, Iowa is now supreme in agricultural importance and well forward in other essentials of actual greatness.

Compared with the complex and tempestuous character of American

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