

Judge Evans' Address

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their love for state and country, that greatness and devotion were derived from love of home.

So I present as guests, first these lawmakers, these public associates. Then the families who were more in life's meanings to these four men. Of the family of Senator Dolliver here are his companion, his son and namesake, and his two daughters. Of Senator Young's, his two sons, one his namesake whose own son's name is "Lafayette Young III." Of Governor Garst's, his daughter who painted his portrait. Of Senator Cummins, here are his daughter and her son, and four of the five surviving sisters of the Senator. The presence of all these inspire us, and even under deep emotion they are inspired we hope, by this occasion.

And finally, Judge Evans, I place these canvases with the sanction of these lawmakers and approval of these relatives and friends in your keeping. Mementoes they are of four noble lives, tokens of their common love of Iowa, they are appropriate monuments to their lasting fame.

JUDGE EVANS' ADDRESS

The duty devolving upon me at this moment as trustee ex officio of the Historical, Memorial and Art Department of Iowa, is to me a great personal privilege. My heart leaps to these inspiring tributes that have been delivered to this great Iowa quartet. These men were the representatives for an age; they were the leaders of an epoch. The epoch has passed; its day and its work is done. It was the epoch of the pioneer. I note that none of these great men, save Senator Young, was born in Iowa; and the Senator was born, so to speak, "on the trail." They came from somewhere else. The pioneer was migrant. He came from somewhere. His urge was for a "better country." Sometimes he abode in it, when he found it; sometimes he pushed further on. God made the pioneer and equipped him with some of the attributes of the super-man. The ways of his going were pathless; whither he went, he broke his own road. Bridgeless rivers barred his way; but he crossed them. Great steep, unscaled and unscalable, frowned down upon him; but he scaled them.

In his going he was the captain of the covered wagon; and in his abiding, he was the rugged conqueror of the impossible. To my mind he was the personification of the poet's vision of that Youth, who climbed the mountain to its top; that

"Youth who bore mid snow and ice
A banner with the strange device
Excelsior."

I look about these walls, and the exclamation of my soul is: What a galaxy! Here is the gallery of the Pioneer. There he is; and there he is. Our brushes have painted him on the canvas and our chisels

have carved him in the stone. But portrait and statue are aloof. They have no embrace, nor grasp of hand. They have come into being out of the longing soul of the living, and are essentially the evidences of the deep seriousness with which the living cling to the personalities of the dead.

And so in obedience to this mysterious law of the soul, whereby the dead are embalmed in the affections of the living, and whereby death and life join hands in frindly clasp, I accept from your hands these precious memorials and I pledge you my sincere trust that the immortal State will appraise them and will preserve them in its gallery, as a sacred treasure forevermore.

February 24 the association met at 10:00 A. M. Secretary Mott read a number of letters from members who regretted not being able to attend. Among them were Leslie M. Shaw, J. C. Milliman, Frank F. Merriam, R. M. Wright, Milton K. Campbell, John H. Darrah, T. E. Johns, Henry Dayton, William G. Kerr, J. J. Crossley, F. P. Greenlee, D. D. Webster, F. O. Ellison, Oley Nelson, David L. Lyons, I. P. Bowdish, John L. Wilson, S T. Messervey, John E. Craig, Edward Boling, Irving B. Richman, J. F. Clyde, John McAllister, H. L. Spaulding, Scott Skinner, John R. Cooper, E. M. Cassady, W. G. Ray, J. H. Trewin, David J. Palmer, A. N. Alberson, J. C. Beem, L. F. Potter, James E. Bruce, George E. Roberts, and E. W. Weeks.

Letters were also received from the following who indicated their intention of attending, but who failed to come: Scott M. Ladd, George T. Baker, J. O. Kasa, Edwin Anderson, E. G. Moon, C. N. Jepson, George W. Crozier, and A. C. Hotchkiss.

Secretary Mott then read the following list of members who have died during the past two years:

Charles Fletcher Bailey, Sioux Co., Repr., 26, 27 G. A.
 Washington I. Babb, Washington Co., Repr., 20 G. A.
 John Heron, Jefferson Co., Repr., 17 G. A.
 Dennis A. Lyons, Howard Co., Sen., 27, 28, 29, 30, 31 G. A.
 Joseph Mattes, Sac County, Repr., 29, 30, 31; Sen., 32, 33, 34, 35 G. A.
 Jacob Nabstedt, Scott County, Repr., 27 G. A.
 Joseph R. Reed, Pottawattamic Co., Sen. from Dallas Co., 11, 12 G. A.
 John B. Sullivan, Polk Co., Repr., 32, 33; Sen., 34, 35 G. A.
 C. A. Voelker, Dubuque Co., Repr., 26 G. A.
 Charles H. Wilson, Washington Co., Repr., 14 G. A.
 James L. Warren, Marion Co., Repr., 28, 29; Sen., 30, 31, 32 G. A.

A. J. Chantry Page Co., Repr., 15 G. A.; Mills Co., Repr., 22, 23 G. A., Sen., 24, 25 G. A.

William S. Allen, Van Buren Co., Repr., 25, 26 G. A.; Jefferson Co. and Van Buren Co., Sen., 33, 34 G. A.

Theo C. Blume, Crawford Co., Repr., 27, 28, 40 G. A.

Henry C. Brandes, Pottawattamie Co., Repr., 32, 33 G. A.

A. L. Brooks, Audubon Co., Repr., 24 G. A.

A. B. Cummins, Polk Co., Repr., 22 G. A.

Wm. G. Dows, Linn Co., Repr., 27, 28 G. A.

Robert A. Greene, Madison Co., Repr., 29, 30, 31 G. A.

James D. Gamble, Marion Co., Repr., 11 G. A.

Parley Finch, Humboldt Co., Repr., 25, 26; Sen., 27, 28 G. A.

E. M. Hertert, Shelby Co., Repr., 29 G. A.

Lorin N. Hays, Marion Co., Repr., 18 G. A.

D. K. Harbert, Benton Co., Repr., 27, 28 G. A.

J. F. Lavender, Calhoun Co., Repr., 26, 27 G. A.

W. R. Lewis, Poweshiek Co., Sen., 27, 28 G. A.

Cyrus L. Stratton, Montgomery Co., Repr., 28, 29 G. A.

John R. Smith, Wright Co., Repr., 32, 33 G. A.

Geo. W. Schee, O'Brien Co., Repr., 20, 21, 33, 34 G. A.

R. W. Tirrill, Delaware Co., Sen., 18, 19 G. A.

H. H. Willson, Washington Co., Repr., 30, 31 G. A.

Charles A. Wise, Black Hawk Co., Repr., 28, 29, 30, 31 G. A.

The following addresses were then delivered:

THE PART OF THE LEGISLATOR IN THE BUILDING OF THE
COMMONWEALTH
BY SHIRLEY GILLILAND

I am proud and glad to be welcomed to membership in your honorable body. To me service in the Senate was an exceedingly enjoyable experience. In my first two sessions, the Thirtieth and Thirty-first, while we were changing from the annual to biennial elections, the personnel of the Senate remained the same. We quite naturally became more than usually intimate and learned to be

“Toward each other’s faults a little blind
And toward each other’s virtues very kind.”

In the session of 1906 I was selected by Governor Herriott to address the Pioneer Lawmakers on behalf of the Senate. My subject at that time was, “The Commonwealth of Iowa.” I said among other things:

“The problem of the best government involves the construction of such a system as will most effectually provide for the common defense and promote the general welfare with the least infringement of individual convenience, such an adjustment of the governmental machinery

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