

and esteem of everyone with whom he came in contact, either in his practice as a lawyer or in his other daily life. He had the admiration of his fellow lawyers and the trust of his fellow senators, and, greater than all, the everlasting love, confidence, and esteem of those who knew him best, his fellow citizens.

Senator M. D. Carey of this body, now representing the legislative district formerly represented by Senator Putnam, requested particularly that his own personal tribute to Senator Putnam be included in this memorial. Senator Carey instructed me to express for him the admiration and respect that he had for Senator Putnam. He said that he knew of no other man who so completely possessed the love, honor, and respect of his fellow citizens. That his death was a distinct loss not only to his home community and district but to the entire state.

In conclusion, we of the Senate of the State of Minnesota today pay tribute to the life and worth of our former member, Frank E. Putnam. We honor his memory, and we extend our deepest sympathy to his sorrowing family for the great loss which they and we have sustained."

The President of the Senate then recognized the Senator from St. Louis, Mr. Carr, who offered the following tribute and addressed the Senate as follows:

*"Mr. President, Fellow Members of the Senate, and Honored Guests:*

Again we are called upon to set aside a few moments of our time to remember those with whom we have served and who now have answered the call of He who doeth all things well.

I have been asked to say a few words in memory of one who served in this body before I had the honor to become a member. I knew our former member, Senator Bessette, for many years—not in the sense of a personal friend, but as one who, like I, was interested in the problems of our state and especially of our beautiful north country. We differed in our economic and political philosophy, but to his credit, which is typical of a true American, this difference of opinion was unimportant. He represented the Iron Range as a Senator from the 61st District. He fought for the interests of the Range and especially was interested in the problem of our depleted forest resources. Of recent years he represented the Timber Producers Association as Secretary. Those who knew him best can testify to his courtesy and honesty of purpose. Quiet spoken, he always had a smile and a kindly word of greeting. We respected his opinion, as he respected those who disagreed with him. What more could any one say? Such tolerance is the greatest safeguard of democracy. We need more citizens like Fred Bessette. He gave of his best and our section of the state will long remember him as one of our most respected citizens. To give of one's self to the best of our ability in the homely duties of citizenship is the best monument that can be erected to the memory of any man. In the hearts of his friends he will live. To his memory they can say 'Well done, thou good and faithful servant. Well done.'

I know, you who served with him, will join with me in extending to his family our deepest sympathy at the loss of a loved one, and

recall to them the Promise of a reward far greater than we can give, for a duty well and faithfully performed.

Fred Bessette did not live in vain."

The President of the Senate then recognized the Senator from Polk, Mr. Solstad, who offered the following tribute and addressed the Senate as follows:

*"Mr. President, Members of the Senate and Honored Guests:*

One of the nine men we meet in tribute to, Andrew D. Stephens represented Polk County in this Senate for eight years beginning with the 1903 session. He passed away on January 13th, 1945, nearly ninety years of age.

Mr. Stephens was born on a small farm in Carver County in 1855 before Minnesota became a state. He received his education in the rural schools of Carver County and Gustavus Adolphus College at St. Peter. As a young man he clerked in a store and worked as a traveling salesman. In 1880 the call to the farthest north frontier of, those days, the Red River Valley became strong and that year he settled at Fisher, where he operated a small store. Fisher was a frontier town where the railroad ended and connected with the steamboat traffic on the Red River and Red Lake River.

Mr. Stephens in 1884 moved to Crookston and engaged in the real estate and banking business. He was very successful and in 1891 became owner of a bank and by 1900 was head of six banks and interested in several more including one in Minneapolis.

Mr. Stephens had a deep interest in questions of government. He served two terms as mayor of Crookston. Was surveyor general of logs and lumber in the old district setup. He served on the State Board of Emigration and in 1902 was elected State Senator and re-elected in 1906. His service in the Senate indicates outstanding ability and devotion to the work of the body. One session he was chairman of the Committee on Banking and in the session of 1909 he was chairman of the Finance Committee.

Outstanding among his public services was when he interested the late James J. Hill to donate the large tract of land to the state, where over 35 years ago the Northwest School of Agriculture and experiment station was located. Mr. Stephens sponsored the first appropriation for the school. Seventy five per cent of the thousands of farm boys and girls who attended this institution, over the years, have returned to the farm and exemplified the best in community and home life, and have outstanding records for successful farming methods.

During his service in the Senate Mr. Stephens sponsored a bill which incorporated the new doctrine, but very humanitarian principle, of allowing prisoners at the Minnesota State Prison small wages while serving sentence, to be paid upon their release from prison.

As indicated Mr. Stephens prospered as few men. In the depression of early 1920's he sacrificed nearly his entire personal fortune to save the depositors of his large banking institution at Crookston from loss.

During these trials and sacrifices Mr. Stephens remained calm, cheerful and uncomplaining. This evoked in the hearts of all his fellow citizens deep respect, good will and friendship.