

all of Crookston; the Kem Temple Shrine at Grand Forks and the Scottish Rite.

Mr. Spokely was a charter member of the Crookston Eagles Lodge and also belonged to the Elks Lodge.

Surviving are his widow, Minnie; a son Rolland; one brother, Alex; and one sister, Sophie; both of Nielsville; and three grandchildren; Four sisters and five brothers preceded him in death.

Members of the Minnesota State Senate from Northwestern Minnesota served as honorary pallbearers at the funeral.

The President of the Senate then recognized the Senator from Mille Lacs, Kanabec and Sherburne, Mr. Mitchell, who offered the following tribute and addressed the Senate as follows:

IN MEMORIAM

(FAY CRAVENS)

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

Fay Cravens died at Milaca, Minnesota, on the 14th day of February, 1955, at the age of eighty-two years. He was born at Princeton, Minnesota, on November 20, 1872. Mr. Cravens was the son of William J. Cravens and Lucinda McFadden Cravens. He spent his boyhood years at Princeton and received his early education in the Princeton school. During the years of 1887 and 1894 he operated his father's farm in that area and from 1894 to 1895 he was a printer on the Mille Lacs County Times at Milaca, Minnesota. In that same year he became editor and publisher of the Mille-Lacs County Times and held that position until 1943.

On September 20, 1894, Mr. Cravens was married to Amanda Plude. He is survived by two sons, Guy Cravens and Albert Cravens, both of Milaca, and a daughter, Mrs. Thomas Davies of San Rafael, California.

From 1915 to 1922 Mr. Cravens was a member of the National Guard and served with the Guard in the Mexican Border war in 1916. He was a member of the Minnesota House of Representatives in the session of 1933, and was elected state senator from the 55th legislative district for the four-year term from 1935 to 1939. Mr. Cravens was a member of the Minnesota Editorial Association and had the distinction of being a member of the 50-Year Editors Club. In 1943 Mr. Cravens disposed of his interests in the Mille Lacs County Times to his son Albert, but he continued his love of newspaper work by writing various articles for publication. He was not only active in state political circles but took an active interest in community affairs. He was a member of the Milaca Chamber of Commerce and charter member of the Milaca Fire Department which he served many years. Mr. Cravens was also a member of the Masonic Order.

During his term in the Senate, Mr. Cravens served with high

honor and distinction. He sponsored considerable legislation in the interests of agriculture and dairying, and was noted for his strong opposition to measures tending to promote the sale and use of butter substitutes. His colleagues knew him as a very capable and conscientious legislator.

This bare and incomplete recital no more describes the life of Fay Cravens than a silhouette could picture his colorful and vital personality. In mind and in heart, in imagination, fancy, sentiment and friendship he was ever young, but with the wisdom which comes of knowledge, experience and years. He was a fine example of a man who had himself strictly in hand and in steering his course through the sea of life never deviated from what he believed was the right course. He leaves a fine record of accomplishments in which all who knew him will always take much pride. In his death the community in which he lived and the state as a whole has sustained the loss of an honorable and useful citizen.

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

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

It is indeed an honor for me on this day to pay tribute to one of my predecessors in this body, the Honorable Richard Gardner, of Staples.

He was elected to the State Senate in 1930, representing Todd and Wadena Counties, and served in that capacity until October 1st, 1943, when he resigned to take a position as referee in bankruptcy with the federal government and served in that capacity until his resignation and retirement July 1st, 1951.

Richard Gardner was born in Northampton, Massachusetts, September 11th, 1882, the son of William and Martha Gardner. When a young man his family moved to Minnesota, settling at St. Cloud. It was while a resident there that Mr. Gardner studied law at the University of Minnesota, graduating from the Law School in 1906.

In 1907 the family moved to Staples and Mr. Gardner purchased the law business of the late Arthur B. Church and continued to practice law in this city until 1943.

During his residence in Staples he served for fourteen years as city attorney; was a member and president of the Staples school board for many years; was a past president of the Staples Rotary Club, which he helped to found. He assisted with the organization of the Staples Cooperative Creamery and served as its president for eighteen years. He organized the Peoples State Bank, now the Staples State Bank, and served as its president continuously until the time of his death.

Mr. Gardner was a member of the Congregational Church,

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