

he worked his way down the Ohio, thence to New Orleans and finally to St. Paul in 1881. He worked as a farm laborer near Brownston, Minnesota, attended school evenings and during the winter and secured a certificate to teach school. After several years of teaching in rural schools, he attended the Normal School at Mankato and became school principal at Springfield.

His ambition however was law and after much study and work in several law offices, was admitted to the bar in 1891.

He was a member of the Masonic Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias, and Modern Woodmen.

He passed away at Redwood Falls, March 25, 1952, and was buried from the Presbyterian Church there. He is survived by his wife.

And so ends the life of this Great American. His service as teacher, County Attorney, Legislator, District Judge and Congressman attest to his interest in his fellow men. His country, state, community and we, his friends, are richer because he lived."

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

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

On October 21, 1952, Fred Kelton Gage was killed in an automobile accident, which also took the life of Mrs. Gage and injured other members of the Gage family.

Fred Kelton Gage was born on December 9, 1902, at Cottage Grove, Minnesota. He spent the early years of his life on his father's farm in Washington County. He graduated from high school at Hastings, Minnesota, and he studied law at the Minnesota Law School, graduating and being admitted to the Minnesota Bar in 1925, Mr. Gage commenced the practice of law in Minneapolis and later moved to Fairfax, Minnesota, from whence he moved to Hector, Minnesota. After a tour of duty in the United States Navy during World War II, he resumed the practice of law in Minneapolis in 1945 and continued his professional activity in that city. In 1950 he organized a law partnership with Angus McQueen under the firm name of Gage & McQueen and continued to practice in that firm until his death.

During his practice in the rural areas, Fred became a leading force in the successful effort to save and rebuild the Minneapolis St. Louis Railroad. He promoted and represented a large committee of interested citizens in the fight to prevent the dismember-

ment of the Railroad. Without minimizing the value of the work and service of any other person or group, it can be said that Fred Gage made a material contribution to the effort that kept the railroad intact.

While he lived at Hector, Minnesota, he was elected to the Minnesota Senate from the 23rd legislative district, and served as such for eight years. He was Chairman of the Aviation Committee of the Senate. His earnest study and interest in this developing field of law gave him special training which caused him to be looked upon as a specialist in the field of Aviation Law, and his services on aviation matters were being sought after, after his retirement from the Minnesota Senate.

Fred K. Gage was a hard worker and a good student. He was a hard fighter in litigation on behalf of his clients' interest. He took a natural delight in argument and looked upon the trial portion of law practice as the most interesting.

His civic life was full and interesting and he found considerable time to devote to his church, the Como Avenue Congregational Church. He served as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of his church and on occasion took the pulpit in relief of his pastor. He gave freely of his time to other civic enterprises and on two occasions he became a candidate for public office in the City of Minneapolis.

He was a member of the Hennepin County and Minnesota Bar Associations, and took an active interest in the welfare and betterment of his profession. Mr. Gage also was very active in many of the bodies of the Masonic Fraternity.

His tragic death would be considered untimely, except such a conclusion requires the wisdom and the understanding of the Divine Intelligence, and, further, that into his less than forty-nine years, he crammed much living, much civic activity and public service, much professional work and interest, and the making of innumerable friends, who were his friends at the time of his death".

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

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

It is fitting for us to pause today to pay tribute to the memory of our deceased colleagues who have shared with us the honor of representing the people of Minnesota in making the laws and giving leadership to our state government. The memory of those who have given dignity and nobility to their task, the