

Mr. Hahn met his wife Lena Fois of Lester Prairie and from this union there were three daughters and one son. The son still operates his store at Belle Plaine.

In addition to the many associations and service clubs to which he belonged, Mr. Hahn advanced to the 32nd Degree in the Masonic Lodge. He was a Shriner and a Knights Templar.

Beginning his politics as a Councilman on the Belle Plaine City Council, Mr. Hahn advanced to the position as State Senator from Scott and Carver Counties. He served two sessions in this capacity, striving diligently for the laws that would help his people at home and our entire state.

When his health no longer permitted him to travel, he retired to his lake cottage at Waconia where he thoroughly enjoyed Mother Nature's gift of birds, animals, lovely weather with cool, balmy evenings.

With his body spent, but his mind clear, he loved having his many friends call and discuss community and state problems—politics. He often relived his years in the Senate, mentioning the names of many of his friends that helped him with legislation.

Mr. Hahn was kind, personable and generous. His friends were many, and his services to his community innumerable. His pleasant smile and kindly disposition will long be remembered. May he rest in peace.

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

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

I have the honor today to pay tribute to Dr. Victor E. Lawson who was born on March 24, 1871 at Paxton, Illinois.

When he was a mere lad the family moved to New London, Minnesota, in 1880. As a boy on the home farm his hobby was printing. No surprise then that at the age of 17 years he became editor of the New London Times and some years later was the founder of the Willmar Tribune, the forerunner of the present West Central Daily Tribune. As an editor he was the champion of the common man, was of liberal political philosophy, was a crusader for temperance and good morals and an upholder of the Christian faith.

With a meagre country schooling of a few early years he, through self study, was some years ago recognized by a great college when Gustavus Adolphus College bestowed upon him the Degree of Doctor of Humane Letters.

As an American of Swedish extraction his contribution to the culture of both nations was notably recognized when the late King Gustav of Sweden conferred upon him Knighthood in the Order of Vasa.

Educationally he rose to places of eminence as president of the Willmar Board of Education and a member of the Board of Directors of Gustavus Adolphus College.

He served his home city of Willmar as mayor for several terms.

In the political realm he was one of the builders of the liberal movement in Minnesota, served as State Senator from 1927 to 1939—was a candidate for Governor and the choice of the late Governor Floyd B. Olson for United States Senator.

He was also great as a churchman. In the Bethel Lutheran congregation he held positions as deacon and trustee, was president of the Minnesota Brotherhood, served on the Board of Directors of the Augustana Book Concern.

As a journalist he became president of the Associated Press of Minnesota and was the last of the pioneer editors of the West Central area.

He was a born historian. Note his authorship of the Illustrated History of Kandiyohi County, the outstanding county history in Minnesota, his presidency and life membership in the Minnesota Historical Society and the one credited with acquiring the State Society Building at the Capitol.

Mr. Lawson married Minnie Nelson of New London in 1894 but the young wife passed away seven years later. In 1908 he married Julia Shellstrom who was his great helpmate until her demise in 1947. There were no children by either marriage.

He retired as head of the Tribune in 1947, assuming the position of the Chairman of the Board of the Tribune Company but continuing his interest in the affairs of the newspaper he founded 65 years ago. Ill health came to him during the past decade but such maladies never dimmed the latent interests that were always his.

He passed away quietly at his home in Willmar Saturday evening, March 19, 1960 on practically the eve of his 89th birthday.

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

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

Among the outstanding leaders who have served in the Minnesota Senate is Sumner T. McKnight. Mr. McKnight served for only one session in the Senate, but his public service includes three terms in the House of Representatives and fifty two years as a business leader in Minneapolis and Minnesota.

Mr. McKnight was born in Milwaukee. He entered the Minneapolis business community upon his graduation from Yale University in 1907. In 1908 he became president of the S. T. McKnight Co. He remained as president of that real estate company