

Red Cross drives. He gave unselfishly of his time and energy for the good of the community.

In 1896 he was married to Blanche Desmond, who survives him. There are five children—Mark, Russell, Harriet, Frances and Faith.

Senator Madigan served in the House in the sessions of 1915 and 1917. In 1918, he was elected Senator and re-elected in 1922 and 1926.

James E. Madigan has passed. He was a gentleman, a good citizen, unselfish, honest; he is missed in this community, as he is missed in this body.

He was modest and democratic in his manner and bearing. He was considerate and generous in his dealings with his fellow men. He did not stand on ceremony and was always ready to listen to the views of others. We seldom called him Mr. Madigan. He was known as Jim. This was because of his democratic manner and was the way he would have it. As a lawyer he was fair, honest, always ready to consider a compromise rather than have the case come to trial. His word could always be depended on. If it was necessary to battle for a client in court, he did so ably and faithfully.


He was public spirited, willing to lend a helping hand in the affairs of the village, school, church and other local activities.

He retained to the end his keen interest in athletic affairs. His fairness is attested by the fact that if he was present at local ball games, he was generally asked to be the umpire. He was an enthusiast on football in particular.

When one has departed, it is often asked, "How much did he leave?" Senator Madigan had no ambition to acquire material things. He did much work for which he was never paid. He was too modest to insist on payment or to enforce collection. But success in life is not to be measured merely by the number of dollars acquired. All of that must be left behind. If being a kind husband and father, a good neighbor, a useful citizen and public servant means anything, then the life of James E. Madigan was a success; a life well lived, a record of service to be cherished and remembered by family and friends, and even more lasting than material wealth.

*Be It Therefore Resolved* by the Senate of the State of Minnesota that in the death of James E. Madigan, the State has lost a good citizen, a devoted public servant; that the people of the State and his community will long remember his faithful and loyal service.

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The President of the Senate then recognized the Senator from Wirona, Mr. Rollins, who presented and read the following Memorial Resolution: 

*Whereas*, In the passing of Senator Steen on July 27th, 1928, this body has lost an honored member, the state a loyal citizen, and his home community a friendly spirit who sought, ever, its highest and best interests.

Henry Steen was born September 9th, 1858, at Biri, Herred town-

ship, Norway. At the age of twelve, he with other members of the family, emigrated to America, settling on a farm near Rushford, Fillmore County, Minnesota. He lived there until reaching the age of young manhood when he removed to Winona, Minnesota, where he was employed in the clothing business for many years.

Henry Steen took an active interest in all municipal affairs of his home city, Winona. He held many offices of public trust and was an outstanding figure in the Labor Councils of that city for many years.

He was always found on the progressive side in advancing education, the public schools, and economic measures promoting the welfare of Winona.

He was keenly interested in inland waterways and the establishment of a terminal to handle western grain at Winona.

Mr. Steen was a member of the House in the years 1913-1915, the Extra Session of 1916, and 1917 Sessions.

He was a member of the 1927 Session of the Senate from the second district.

His kindly, genial disposition, won for him a warm spot in the hearts of his conferees and his home people. Fortunate, indeed, is he in public life, who can command the respect of both to the extent that Senator Steen did both publicly and privately.

It is men of this type who are outstanding figures in the public weal, men who stabilize the wheel of legislative efforts, in co-ordinating the affairs of man for the betterment of humanity, which should be the end result of all legislation.

I like best to think of Henry Steen as one so aptly portrayed by Sam Walter Foss in his masterpiece, "The House by the Side of the Road," as one "who lived by the side of the road and was a friend to man."

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The President of the Senate then recognized the Senator from Ramsey, Mr. Orr, who presented and read the following resolution:

*To the Honorable State Senate of the State of Minnesota:*

Your special Committee, appointed for the purpose of preparing a memorial resolution commemorative of the life and service of the late Honorable Peter H. VanHoven of Ramsey County, who was a former member of the Senate of the State of Minnesota, respectfully submits the following:

Peter H. VanHoven, a member of this body for three terms, died the 11th day of October, 1927, at his home in Saint Paul, age seventy-two.

Senator VanHoven was born in Oost, Eysden, in the Providence of Limburg, Holland, on March 7th, 1855. He was educated in the college of Hassalt, Belgium. While in this college he formed a desire to go to the United States and finally in 1874 his father consented, and gave him a thousand dollars with which to embark. While in New York, certain men obtained all of his money and disappeared, and without funds young VanHoven had to work his way back to Holland on a boat. With-