

Wisconsin line, where he engaged in law and the real estate business, and later became interested in politics.

He was elected a member of the Illinois legislature during the sessions 1872 and 1874, becoming a leader of his party in the lower house. It was here that he was christened with the cognomen "Long" by which he was familiarly known through the rest of his eventful career in political and civil life, he being a man of remarkable height of stature.

Mr. Jones held the offices, successively, of penitentiary commissioner, internal revenue collector, and United States marshal. He was for twelve years chairman of the Illinois republican state central committee, and was effective in procuring the election of Maj. Gen. John A. Logan to the United States senate. At the republican national convention in Minneapolis in 1892 he had charge of President Harrison's forces.

In 1885 Mr. Jones moved to Wisconsin, locating at Waukesha. Just as he had taken a great interest in the republican party in Illinois he became interested in that party in Wisconsin. He was elected to the state senate from the thirty-third district in 1898, and served one term.

He was a man of indomitable persistence, and aggressive energy, at once commanding, and a true fidelity ever characterized him in the pursuit of what he believed right. His career as a citizen, public servant, and civil official proved him worthy of the enduring remembrance of his fellowmen; now therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, the Assembly concurring, That as an evidence of respect this memorial be entered upon the journals of both houses and that an engrossed copy of the same properly attested by the presiding officers be conveyed to the family of Alfred M. Jones, deceased.

[No. 30, A.]

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 76.

Memorializing congress in regard to the establishment of a parcels post.

WHEREAS, Parcels post, where established in foreign countries, has proven to be promotive of the best interests of the people, and at the same time financially advantageous to the country, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly, the Senate concurring, That we respectfully memorialize congress to enact such a law as will remedy the evils of the present system of mail classification

and mail carrying, and which shall provide for the ownership by the federal government of its own mail cars for the carrying of mail and express, and that compensation to the railroads therefor be fixed by the interstate commerce commission upon the basis of mileage for hauling of such mail and express cars instead of upon the basis of weight of the mails, and providing for the carrying of mail and express thereby under a complete parcels post system, and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent by the secretary of state to the president of the United States the postmaster general, and to each senator and representative in congress from this state.

[No. 100, S.]

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 77.

Relating to the death of Robert J. McGeehan.

Robert J. McGeehan, of Depere, was born in Canada August 26, 1854. He received a common school education, came to Wisconsin in 1870, and settled at Wrightstown. A few years afterward he moved to the city of Depere, at which place he continued to reside until his death on July 9, 1911. He served as alderman of his home city for many years and was subsequently mayor of the city for several terms. He was a member of the assembly from Brown county for the years 1889-1890 and 1891-1892. In the fall of 1892 he was elected state senator for the second district, serving in the sessions of 1893, 1895 and special session of 1896. He was also a member of the county board of Brown county for four years, and afterward a member of the board of trustees of the county asylum for five years.

In all of these public offices he discharged the duties pertaining to them with ability and unquestioned integrity. He had large business interests in his home city, to which he gave his close attention, but when opportunity presented itself he was always ready to extend his influence toward the uplift of his community. Nothing that we can say here will add to or detract from his sterling qualities as a husband, father and citizen, and well may we again recite the selection so often quoted on occasions of this kind:

“Can storied urn, or animated bust,
Back to its mansion call the fleeting breath;
Can Honor’s voice provoke the silent dust,
Or flattery soothe the cold still ear of death.”

Therefore, as a mark of respect to his memory, by the senate, the assembly concurring,