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February 19, 1942

A special meeting of the Franklin County Bar Association was held in the Courtroom at Chambersburg, Pa., on Thursday, the 19th of February, 1942.

Those present were:- Hon. Watson R. Davison, Edwin D. Strice, George Stenger, William C. Haylett, J. Stewart Glenn, Benj. L. Keefner, H. P. Keller, John R. Jackson, Stenger Diehl, Arthur St. Gillan, Thos. K. Scheller, P. J. Minehart, J. Glenn Benedict, Chauncey M. Depuy, James Strice, Albert Strice, D. Edward Long, John Mc D. Sharpe, A. J. St. Kuttan, N. Blair Minick.

Edwin D. Strice, Vice-president, presiding, called the meeting to order.

Mr. Strice stated that the meeting was called for the purpose of paying our respect to the late John St. Kabe, who died on February 16th. Mr. Strice stated that Edmund C. Stenger, President of the Association, was unable to be present at the meeting because it was necessary for him to appear for some commission sitting in Baltimore, and that his presence in Baltimore for the day was necessary.

The Vice-president stated that a committee consisting of D. Edward Long, Chairman, Hon. Watson R. Davison, P. J. Minehart, Arthur St. Gillan and Stenger Diehl had been appointed to prepare appropriate resolutions in the death of Mr. Kabe, and called upon Mr. Long to present the resolutions of his committee. Mr. Long read the proposed resolution and moved its adoption. The resolution is as follows:-

"Senator John St. Kabe, churchman, journalist, legislator and attorney-at-law, died at his home, 673 Philadelphia Avenue,

Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, at 12:50 P.M., on Monday, February 16, 1942. Mr. Kake was in his 76th year and had been in delicate health for several years prior to his death. Mr. Kake was one of the sons of Henry Elias and Harriett Stenger Kake. The Kake family has been well and favorably known in Franklin County for several generations. Mr. Kake's mother was a native of Franklin County and a member of the well-known and distinguished Stenger family.

Mr. Kake's preparation and training for his life's work was secured by attending the public schools of the Borough of Chambersburg, the former Chambersburg Academy and Lafayette College from which he graduated in 1890. He then prepared for admission to the Bar and in 1893 was admitted to the Bar of Franklin County. He did not immediately become a full time attorney but associated himself with the Franklin Repository as news editor. In 1900 he became part owner and editor of the Public Opinion newspaper, which at that time was a weekly but which was established by Mr. Kake in 1901 as a daily. In 1905 he sold his interest in the Public Opinion newspaper and relinquished his editorship. From that time he gave his entire attention to his profession, to some extent to politics and always showed a keen interest in the civic affairs of the Borough and County.

As newspaper man and editor his outstanding service to the taxpayers and citizens of Chambersburg was his stand against the sale of the electric light plant. In the early stages of the negotiations for the sale of the plant to private interests, the Public Opinion newspaper favored disposing of the plant.

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 his stand and he and his paper became the
 most ardent and effective antagonists of the
 "far sale" proponents.

The contest was bitter and persistent
 among the citizens of the city and between
 the two leading newspapers. Public Opinion's
 editorial support undauntedly turned the
 tide in favor of the retention of the
 electric light plant by the Borough.
 Subsequent events have established the
 correctness of Mr. Kake's judgment. It has
 a boon and revenue producer the electric
 light plant has been for the Borough.

Future historians of the Borough
 will not fail to give Mr. Kake due credit
 and commendation for the masterly and
 courageous services he gave to the Borough
 during the electric light plant contest.

Mr. Kake served with ability and
 distinction as District Attorney of Franklin
 County during 1899-1901. In 1904 he was
 elected to the State House of Representatives and
 served in the regular session of 1905 and in
 the special session of 1906. In 1912 he was
 elected to the State Senate and served
 during the 1913-1914 session and 1915-1916
 session. Mr. Kake was a capable, diligent,
 and conscientious legislator in the House and
 in the Senate.

During World War I Mr. Kake was
 chairman of the Local Speakers' Bureau and
 had charge of all speaking activities in the
 community during said war. Much progress
 was made in the schools of the Borough of
 Chambersburg during the many years that
 Mr. Kake was solicitor for the School District.

Mr. Wake was a director of the Pannettsburg National Bank, member of the Free and Accepted Masons, Knights of Cythias, Knights of Malta and the P. O. S. of A.

In religion Mr. Wake was a Presbyterian and a member of the Central Presbyterian Church. He was very active in connection with the affairs of the church and was very much interested in the rebuilding and enlargement of the church after the fire of several years ago.

Mr. Wake was a member of the Franklin County Bar for forty-nine years. By reason of his ability, his efficiency, his energy and his expeditious handling of any legal business brought to his office, he enjoyed a lucrative and loyal clientele.

Senator Wake's public and official services to his country, state, county and borough were such as to bring him distinction and mark him as one of our foremost citizens. Therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Bar Association of Franklin County, in special meeting assembled, give expression to the loss it has sustained by the death of our late colleague and friend, whose qualities of heart and mind brought to him prominence and respect and endeared him to all.

Resolved, that in Senator Wake we found a high example of good citizenship, an ethical attorney-at-law and a Christian gentleman.

Resolved, that we extend to his family a bereaved faithful wife, a daughter and several grandchildren - our sincere sympathy and pray for them that consolation that can come only

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we join with them in the satisfaction they
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Let us all remember the facts so
aptly expressed in the following lines,
"When the One Great Score comes,

No write against your name,
He writes not if you won or lost,
But how you played the game."

Resolved, that a copy of this minute
and resolutions be sent to the widow of
Senator John H. Kake.

Walter A. Davison
R. Z. Minehart
Arthur H. Gillan
Stenger Diehl
D. E. Long

Judge Davison seconded the motion
to adopt the resolution and recalled the
day when he and Mr. Kake were students
at law. He referred to the day when Mr. Kake
was admitted to the Bar and the intimate
association and acquaintance he had with
Mr. Kake during the forty-nine years that
Mr. Kake was a member of the Bar. He
pointed out that Mr. Kake had been an
excellent lawyer and public official and a
man who had the greatest devotion for his
family and his home.

John McR. Sharpe recalled his
experience with Mr. Kake in the trial of
several important cases and spoke of Mr.
Kake as a neighbor and close friend.

Arthur H. Gillan spoke briefly of
his respect for Mr. Kake's many qualities and
ability as a lawyer and public official.

R. Z. Minehart recalled the days when

He and Mr. Kabe were students at law and spoke of his intimate acquaintance with Mr. Kabe to the day of his death.

Thomas H. Scheller, Esq., emphasized some of the many virtues of Mr. Kabe.

Motion to adopt the resolution was put and carried unanimously.

On motion, meeting adjourned.

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