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## In Memoriam

### Justice Chester A. Fowler

Chester A. Fowler was an outstanding citizen and a courageous, distinguished and able jurist. For more than forty-four years he served his native state, first as circuit judge and then for the last eighteen years of his life as a justice of the supreme court. Born on a farm, educated in the country schools, from the age of eighteen he devoted himself to acquiring an advanced education and to entering upon the practice of law.

He studied law in an office and entered upon the practice of the law at Omaha, Nebraska, in 1889. Returning to Portage in 1894, in 1905 he was elected judge of the eighteenth judicial circuit, and in 1929 became a member of the Supreme Court and served until his death. While Judge Fowler could not be characterized as emotional he had a broad sympathetic understanding of the problems of the common man which was one of the qualities that made him a humane judge.

With him the law was always a means to an end and not an end in and of itself. His dominant interest was in the law. He devoted himself completely and wholly to judicial labor. He passed away peacefully on the morning of April 8, 1948, and thus was closed a long, faithful and distinguished service to the people of the state.

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