

Senator Lewis, from the committee on Elections, submitted the following report.

MR. PRESIDENT—Your committee on Elections, to whom was referred House file No. 387, a bill for an act to amend sections two (2) and five (5) of chapter forty (40) of the acts of the Thirtieth General Assembly, relating to primary elections, beg leave to report that they have had the same under consideration and have instructed me to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that the same do pass.

L. W. LEWIS,
Chairman.

Adopted.

The President announced the following committee to draft suitable resolutions relating to the death of J. L. McCormack, late of Marion County, Iowa; Senators Warren, Crossley and Lyons.

Senator Wilson of Fayette, from the committee appointed to draft suitable resolutions respecting the death of the late Hon. Harvey S. Brunson of Fayette County, Iowa, submitted the following report and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTIONS.

MR. PRESIDENT—Your committee appointed to draft resolutions on the death of Harvey S. Brunson, late of Fayette county, Iowa, beg leave to submit the following report:

Rev. Harvey S. Brunson, late of Fayette, Iowa, was born at Euclid near Cleveland, Ohio, May 10, 1814. About 1840 he moved to the state of Illinois in which year he entered the ministry, uniting with the Rock River Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In 1850, he came with his family and settled in Fayette County, Iowa, in which county he resided continuously up to the time of his death, which occurred December 8, 1905, having attained the advanced age of ninety-one years. After coming to Iowa he continued in the ministry for many years and at one time was presiding Elder, when his district included the larger part of North-eastern Iowa. He afterwards engaged in industrial and commercial pursuits.

He was a member of this Senate in the Ninth and Tenth General Assemblies in 1862 and 1864, representing Fayette County as his district. He possessed a clear analytical mind, up to the time of his death. He was a logical, forceful speaker, an able preacher, an efficient legislator, a devoted husband and father and a worthy citizen.

Therefore, in recognition of the life and character and worthy services of the deceased, be it

Resolved, That we extend to his family our sincere sympathy in their bereavement.

Resolved, That these resolutions be entered on the Journal of the Senate and that an engrossed copy be presented to the family of the deceased by the Secretary of the Senate.

A. C. WILSON,
B. W. NEWBERRY,
L. L. TAYLOR,

Committee.

Senator Newberry, spoke as follows

MR. PRESIDENT—I knew Hon. Harvey S. Brunson for many years. He did not have the advantages of a collegiate education. He was educated in a like school as our friend the Senator from Black Hawk, in what he terms the school of "hard knocks". But let me suggest that many of our most successful men in the whole realm of human endeavor are graduates of that school, which is an educational institution that asks no appropriations, is not concerned for a "board of control", but which insists on the requirements of pluck, perseverance, industry and a sufficient equipment of common sense.

Recognizing the need of advanced education available to the youth of his part of the state, Mr. Brunson suggested, fifty years ago the project of locating at his home town of Fayette a denominational college, known as the Upper Iowa University. And for more than forty years he was a member of its board of trustees.

Mr. Brunson was a self-made man. He possessed a clear, logical mind. He was of a kind, genial nature, tolerant with those who differed with him but at all times had the courage of his convictions. He was an able and successful minister of the gospel. As a logician and debater he had but few superiors. He served many years as an itinerant Methodist minister, enduring with fortitude, the trials and privations of a pioneer preacher, a class of resolute men who very materially assisted in laying the foundations of our commonwealth on the broad principles of justice, righteousness and equality, and who wielded a potent influence in the uplifting of humanity, and the upbuilding of society.

Mr. Brunson always took an active interest in public affairs, whether affecting his own community or society at large. He was instrumental, perhaps, more than any one else in having the first railroad located and built in Fayette county. He occupied numerous positions of trust and responsibility and filled them with fidelity.

During the Civil War he was a member of this Senate and did all in his power to aid the "Old War Governor", Samuel J. Kirkwood, in his efforts to sustain the Union.

He was a plain unassuming man who shrank from fulsome eulogy.

I cannot forbear reading a letter that was found among his papers after his death, addressed to his family and which was read at his funeral, which will disclose to this Senate better than any words I can give the characteristics of this true, noble, christian man who has gone to his reward.