

American citizen and we shall ever cherish the recollections of his manly life.

Resolved, That this body extend to the sorrowing wife and to the family, our sincere sympathy and respect.

Resolved, That these resolutions to printed in the Senate Journal and the Secretary is hereby instructed to mail an engrossed copy of the same to the widow of the deceased.

J. L. WILSON,
E. H. HOYT,
CHARLES GATES,
Committee.

Adopted.

Senator Wilson in moving the adoption of the resolutions spoke as follows:

MR. PRESIDENT—Honorable Silas Wright Gardnier was born at Mt. Carroll, Illinois, August 20, 1846 and came to Clinton in 1867 and entered the employ of C. Lamb & Sons (Lumberman). In 1877 with his father and brother he entered the lumber firm of Gardnier Batchelder and Welles at Lyons, Iowa. In 1890 the two brothers and their brother-in-law L. C. Eashman bought extensive timber tracks at Laurel, Mississippi, and Eashman Gardnier & Co. has become one of the great lumber Co.'s of the country. He was married to Miss Henkle and four children was the result of that union, one son and three daughters, namely Phillip, Mrs. Cox, Mrs. Wisnor and Margerette, the latter at home. He was a member of the Episcopal Church and also 33rd honorary member Scottish Rite Mason and died June 17, 1907, at his home in the city of Clinton, Iowa.

In these days, when men are multiplying the complexities of life, engaging in vain and varied pursuits of the phantom of fame, and raising strange new standards of living, the life of a citizen like Silas W. Gardnier may well be held up as a model for the youth of Iowa. He lived simply and he had no selfish personal ambition to satisfy, but he was content to serve others. He believed in the dignity of plain citizenship, and he preferred it to prompt and circumstance of public office. He believed in the homely virtues of life in gentleness, in devotion to his home, in loyalty to his friends, in patriotism for his country, in the faithful fulfillments of all obligations in the beauty service and duty of usefulness. He not merely believed in these things but practiced them and when he went from this sphere of life he went not empty handed, but leaving a golden harvest of good deeds, Silas W. Gardnier can never be forgotten.

There is sorrow in Silas W. Gardnier's death, but there is far greater rejoicing that he lived and labored among us.

He died June 17, 1907, age 60 years, 10 months, 27 days.

The resolutions were unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

Senator Larrabee, from the Special Committee appointed to draft suitable resolutions commemorating the life of the Hon. Thomas