

Mr. Greene of Madison offered the following resolution, and moved that the rules be suspended and the resolution be adopted:

Resolved, By the House, the Senate concurring: That the secretary of state be directed to furnish to the first assistant clerk of the House and to the first assistant secretary of the Senate a copy of the code and of the session laws of the Twenty-seventh and Twenty-eighth General Assemblies.

Carried, and the resolution was adopted.

Mr. Kerr of Grundy moved that the House adjourn until 2 o'clock this afternoon.

Carried.

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The House reconvened at 2 P. M., pursuant to adjournment, with Speaker Eaton in the chair.

Mr. Boysen offered the following resolution, and moved its adoption:

Resolved, That the democratic minority be permitted to select one clerk in addition to one clerk now assigned to the committee on Fish and Game.

Adopted.

Mr. Kendall of Monroe offered the following

REPORT OF COMMITTEE:

MR. SPEAKER—Your committee, appointed to present appropriate resolutions respecting the life, character and public services of the late Hon. James Hilton, of Monroe county, beg leave to submit the following report:

WHEREAS, The Hon. James Hilton an honored and distinguished member of the Fourteenth General Assembly, departed his life at his home at Hilton, Monroe county, Iowa, on January 9, 1902; therefore, be it

Resolved, That in his death his children are bereaved of an affectionate father, the community of a kind and generous neighbor and the state of a useful, capable and patriotic citizen.

Resolved, That we extend to his children our sincere sympathy in their sorrow and affliction, and the clerk of the House is hereby instructed to

mail an engrossed copy of these resolutions to them and to enter the same upon the Journal of the House.

N. E. KENDALL,
S. A. MOORE,
M. L. TEMPLE,
Committee.

On motion the report was adopted.

Mr. Kendall, in presenting his report, spoke feelingly in tribute to the deceased as follows, the speech being ordered printed in the Journal on motion of Mr. Sweet:

MR. SPEAKER—In reporting the resolutions which are now submitted for consideration, I entreat the brief indulgence of the House while I pronounce an humble tribute to the departed.

James Hilton was born in Orange county, New York, on July 15, 1816, and died in Monroe county, Iowa, on January 9, 1902. More than four score and five years were the length of his days upon earth and among men. With no capital but conscience and character, with no assets but intelligence, integrity and industry, with no adventitious advantages but a clear brain, a clean heart and a willing hand, he abandoned the ease and luxury of eastern life more than sixty years ago, and adopting the memorable suggestion of Horace Greeley before it was offered, he came to contribute his share toward the establishment of an empire west of the Mississippi river. From New York City, then, as now, on this continent, the center of wealth and influence, he removed to the unbroken prairies, the unexplored forests of primitive Iowa. What a transition! We, of this generation, sparingly appreciate, for we scantily understand, the tremendous obligation we owe to the stalwart pioneers who, with undaunted courage and intrepid spirit, endured the perils of privation and adventure necessary to subdue the savagery of the wilderness, and to appropriate its natural resources to the purposes of civilization. There were giants in those irreclaimable days, and one of the worthiest of the worthy was the modest but heroic personality who is the subject of the resolutions now presented. He emigrated to Iowa in 1841, three years after it was organized as a territory and five years before it was admitted as a state, and he remained its honored citizen until his death. He witnessed its development from a few feeble and scattered frontier settlements into the proudest commonwealth in all the sisterhood of American states. He saw its population, its wealth, its manufactures, its mining industries, its agricultural products, its educational facilities, multiply and remultiply into colossal magnitude, and his latest glance at the beloved state with whose history he was so proudly and intimately connected revealed her at the very climax of her national prestige and power.

Judge Hilton never aspired to official station, but his countrymen speedily recognized his exceptional qualifications for public service. As county judge in 1857, as a member of this body in the Fourteenth General Assembly his duties were always discharged with unqualified acceptability to all his constituents. His religion was too wholesome and expansive to be comprehended within the narrow definitions of any written creed, but it