

Prayer by the Rev. Orlando Clark.

Journal of yesterday read and approved.

Mr. Hall, by leave, introduced House File No 3: A Joint Resolution for the purpose of protecting the citizens, and keeping the peace in Counties bordering on the line of the State of Missouri, which was read a first and second time and referred to the Committee on Federal Relations.

Mr. Hall, by leave, introduced the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved: That the Committee on Federal Relations, be and they are hereby instructed to prepare and report a bill to this House fully carrying out the purposes and objects set forth in the joint resolution this day referred to them in relation to the protection of the border citizens residing near the line dividing the State of Iowa from the State of Missouri.

Mr. Tompkins, by leave presented a petition praying for the relief of the securities of the School Fund Commissioner of Tama County, asking that it be referred to a Special Committee.

Mr. Caldwell moved to lay the petition on the table, which motion did not prevail.

Mr. Baker moved its reference to the Committee on Schools and State University. Carried.

The Speaker presented a communication to the House on the same subject, which was referred to the same committee.

Mr. Clagett announced the death of Hon Calvin J. Price, late member from Lee County, in the following remarks, which on motion of Mr. Beal, were ordered to be spread upon the Journal:

MR. SPEAKER—I have been selected by my colleagues on this floor, to perform the painful duty of announcing to this House, the death of Calvin J. Price, late a Representative here from the County of Lee.

But a few short months ago, sir, when this body was in session my late colleague was among us, engaged in the duties which his constituents had with so much confidence entrusted to his care; we, sir, can bear witness to his fidelity in the discharge of that trust; for although he was suffering during the whole session, great mental depression arising from misfortunes, which, his too confiding and generous nature had brought upon him; yet sir, at the opening of this House, and each day afterward his seat was never found vacant.

His urbanity and uniform kindness toward the members of this House are well known to us all and treasured up in our hearts. These traits of his character which did so greatly distinguish the man were not the adventitious circumstances of a cold, unmeaning, courtly association, but the natural outpouring of a noble and generous nature which led him as if by instinct to seek the happiness of others, even at the sacrifice of his own. As a member of the

Legislature, Mr. Price's mind evinced that solid character for usefulness rather than ornament, which gave him such a hold on the confidence of his constituents. He but rarely took part in the discussions of this body, but when he did so his remarks were characterized by prudence, sound judgment, and a clear appreciation of the merits of the subject under consideration. No member of this House more sincerely desired to reflect the will of his constituents than Mr. Price, no selfish motive ever influenced him in the discharge of his official duties, and no Representative was ever more beloved and trusted by his constituents than he. And his death has left a vacancy in this House which is not easily filled. We his late colleagues, who had the best means of knowing and appreciating his nobleness of character, more keenly feel his loss, as our counselor and friend upon whose sound judgment and disinterested advice we could confidently rely.

Mr. Price was a native of the State of North Carolina, but had resided in the Territory and State of Iowa for the last twenty-four years. He was a member of the first Territorial Legislature, member of the Council, and was frequently elected to both branches of the State Legislature.

In early life he was without fortune and had to depend on his own exertions for the means of support, and nobly did he perform his duty in that respect. He was the architect of his own fortune, and by the labor of his hands on his own acres, he had accumulated a handsome fortune for the comfortable maintenance of himself and family in his declining years; but which was lately greatly impaired by those who took advantage of his too generous and confiding nature.

This misfortune pressed heavily on the mind of our deceased friend and hastened him to an untimely grave. Mr. Price, was at the time of his death in the sixty-first year of his age, and has left a wife, and a large family of children, to whom he was devotedly attached, to mourn the irreparable loss of a loving husband and kind father. May he who tempers the wind to the shorn lamb, guard and protect the disconsolate widow and fatherless children of our deceased friend, whose memory will ever be cherished by the members of this House, with whom he was so lately associated.

And may this sad bereavement have the effect of reminding each one of us that in the midst of life we are in death, and of the necessity of so ordering our conduct, that when we shall be called hence from our labors, we may be able to exclaim, we are ready to depart for that land from which no traveler ever returns.

I move sir that a committee of five be appointed by the chair for the purpose of drafting resolutions suitable for the occasion to be presented to this House for its adoption, and that J. C. Hall of Des Moines, be Chairman of said Committee.

Mr. Clagett moved that a committee of five be appointed of