

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread at length in the Journal of this Senate and an engrossed copy be furnished the family of the deceased by the Secretary of the Senate.

J. B. CLASSEN,
L. C. BLANCHARD,
CLAUDE R. PORTER,
Committee.

On motion of Senator Classen the resolution was adopted unanimously by a rising vote.

Senator Townsend moved that the remarks of Senator Classen be printed in full in the Journal.

Carried.

Senator Classen spoke as follows:

Hon. P. M. Sutton was a remarkable man in many respects. We find him teaching school at Normal, Illinois, at the age of sixteen years, and one year thereafter he had charge of a department in the Iowa Lutheran College at Albion, Marshall county, Iowa. At eighteen years of age he shouldered his musket and made a valued soldier for the union cause. When he returned from the war he located in Marshalltown, which has been his home ever since and up to the time of his death. When he gained his majority he was elected as a member of the school board and chosen president thereof immediately afterwards. At the age of twenty-eight he was elected clerk of courts of Marshall county, and while occupying this position he read law with one of the leading firms of the city. He held the office of clerk of the courts of Marshall county for four years, and was admitted to the bar upon his retirement from the office and at once became one of the leading criminal lawyers of the state. He was also elected city solicitor.

Mr. Sutton then aspired to higher honors and was elected to the state senate, which position he filled for four years and served on the leading committees of that body, and in his second session he distinguished himself by the great fight he made for the Iowa Soldiers' Home and its location. It was largely through his efforts that the Soldiers' Home was located at Marshalltown. We find him here as elsewhere, whatever he undertook he done with all his might and knew no such word as "fail." All this, Senator Sutton achieved without ever attending college or law school of any kind whatever. By his death Marshall county has lost one of its brightest men and the state of Iowa one of its best citizens.

President Herriott resumed the chair at 11:20 o'clock A. M.

THIRD READING OF BILLS.

On motion of Senator Trewin, Senate file No. 1, a bill for an act to provide for the compilation of the laws of the Twenty-