

and unbridled ambition, guiding all to labor earnestly for the interests of our entire people and the welfare of our beloved state.

The resolutions were adopted by a rising vote.

Senator Bonson presented the following resolutions on the death of the late Senator Isaac W. Baldwin:

WHEREAS, Hon. Isaac W. Baldwin, late Senator from the Twenty-fifth senatorial district, died at his home in Cascade, Iowa, February 9, 1895; and

WHEREAS, The character and public service of the deceased are worthy of public recognition; therefore,

Resolved, That it is with sincere regret that this body learned of his death; and

Resolved, That in the death of Senator Isaac W. Baldwin, we mourn the loss of an able and conscientious member, who in his official capacity was faithful to the obligations imposed upon him and rendered conscientious and efficient services.

Resolved, That for ourselves and the Senate, we express to his family our most sincere sympathy in the loss of a devoted husband and kind parent.

Resolved, That these resolutions be entered on the Journal of the Senate, and the Secretary of the Senate be instructed to send an engrossed copy of these resolutions to the family of the late Senator Baldwin.

ROBT. BONSON,
A. B. FUNK,
D. J. PALMER.

In moving their adoption

SENATOR ROBERT BONSON,

of the Thirty-fifth district, spoke as follows:

We have met to-day to do honor to the memory of the Senators who died while serving as members of this body. As the successor of the late Senator Baldwin, I feel that it is proper for me to say a few words concerning his life and character.

Isaac W. Baldwin was born at Blair, Waterloo county, Ontario, in January, 1835. While yet a boy, in 1847, he moved with his parents to Saginaw, Mich., where his father erected and operated a large tannery. He was educated at Union College, Leoni, Mich., and graduated from that institution. In 1853 his parents again moved and came to Galena, Ill. Here Isaac W. Baldwin learned the tannery trade, and worked in the same shop with the immortal Ulysses S. Grant, and afterwards accepted the position made vacant by his resignation, when he joined the Union forces for the preservation of the Union. He was assistant postmaster of Galena during Lincoln's administration. At the close of the war he found himself penniless, and he set forth with his young family to seek better fields, and finally settled at Cascade, Iowa. Here he followed various business pursuits for several years with but varying financial success, until in 1877 he entered the journalistic field and became proprietor of the Cascade Pioneer, a weekly paper devoted principally to the interests of county

affairs. It was through this paper that he gained political prominence. A fearless writer in the cause of truth, he attacked political wrongs and advocated municipal reforms to such an extent that great political weight was given to his utterances.

When his home town was incorporated he was chosen as its first mayor. Subsequently in 1883 and again in 1885 he represented Dubuque county as Representative in the State Legislature of Iowa, and in 1893 he was elected on a reform ticket to represent the same county in the State Senate.

At the close of the session of the Legislature in 1894 the first symptoms of the disease that called him to the great beyond made its appearance, and although he fought bravely he could not battle against the inevitable, and he died of dropsy, February 9, 1895. He was twice married and leaves a widow and eight children to mourn his loss.

As a man he was courteous, kind and honest. In his official capacity he was faithful to the obligations imposed upon him and rendered conscientious and efficient services. He had many political battles, but in them all he buried his antipathies with the counting of the ballots, and no political foe can say that he was venomous or vindictive. His purpose was lofty and patriotic. He was not animated by the desire for public applause. He was simple in his manner, dress and habit. He lived for truth, not party, and he had the courage to fight against wrong and wrong doing, no matter where found. Such men are to be admired. I wish the world had more of them.

Senator A. B. Funk, of the Thirty-seventh district, Senator H. L. Waterman, of the Thirteenth district, and Senator G. W. Henderson, of the Fifteenth district, each made eloquent and eulogistic remarks relative to the high character and worth of the deceased Senator.

The resolutions were adopted by a rising vote.

The Journals of Wednesday and Thursday were taken up, read, corrected and approved.

Senator Upton moved that the Senate do now adjourn until 10 o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

Carried.

Senate adjourned.