

At the very zenith of his powers, in love with life and life's work, he has heard the last great call, and,

"Like the stag, sun struck,
He tops the bounds and dies."

We who knew him best and loved him most, in this short hour set apart to his memory, bow in grief. But we are glad to offer to this Senate of which he was so long and so recently a member, the following resolution:

Be It, Therefore, Resolved, By the Senate of the State of Minnesota, that by the death of James Denis Denegre, the State and Nation has lost a wise counselor, a devoted public servant and a true and loyal citizen. That the people of the State which he served with courage and fidelity will long remember and honor him and mourn his loss.

Be It Further Resolved, That we hereby express and convey to his sorrowing family the sympathy which we feel for the great loss which they and we have sustained.

Be It Further Resolved, That a copy of these Resolutions be spread upon the Journal of Senate, and that an engrossed copy thereof be transmitted to Mrs. Denegre.

CHARLES N. ORR,
CHARLES E. ADAMS,
WM. F. BROOKS,
J. D. SULLIVAN,
CONRAD OLSON,
Committee.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS—CONTINUED.

Mr. Orr moved the adoption of the foregoing Memorial Resolution. Appropriate remarks eulogizing the late Senator James D. Denegre, were made by Messrs. Orr, Brooks, Olson and Hausler.

Which Memorial Resolution was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the Senate.

Mr. Landby then moved that the Senate proceed to the memorial exercises for the late Senator Oscar A. Naplin.

Which motion prevailed.

Mr. Lawson then presented and read the following Memorial Resolution:

MEMORIAL

To the Late

SENATOR O. A. NAPLIN.

The opening weeks of this session of the Legislature were saddened by the fatal illness and death of Senator O. A. Naplin of Thief River Falls. He was present when the oath of office was administered to the Senators-elect by Chief Justice Wilson on January 3. While leaving the capitol shortly thereafter, he was stricken with apoplexy and passed away on Saturday, January 15, at the Miller Hospital. The funeral services took place at Thief River Falls on January 17 and interment was made in the Black River Lutheran cemetery at Wylie. Senators Lee, Landby, Bessette, Sharpe and L. P. Lund were appointed by Lieutenant Governor Nolan to represent the Senate on this solemn occasion.

Oscar A. Naplin was born in Vastergotland, Sweden, May 2, 1876. When four years of age the boy accompanied his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Swan Naplin, to America and located on the Minnesota frontier in Black River township near Wylie, at that time in Polk County. Here his boyhood and youthful days were spent. Of studious bent, he made the most of his opportunities. He taught country school, attended the Gustavus Adolphus College, graduating in 1905. He taught at the Red Wing Seminary and later became high school principal at Carlton. He took the law course of the University of North Dakota and was admitted to the bar in 1910. He located for practice at Thief River Falls. He served as city attorney, and became active with cooperative and banking enterprises.

The late Senator Naplin was a progressive in his political views and attained a high standing in the Ninth District and the State, and usually could be counted upon to attend the state gatherings when called. He served as State Senator from Pennington, Red Lake and Clearwater counties in the sessions of 1919 and 1921. He was again elected to this position last fall. In 1924 he was a candidate for associate justice of the Supreme Court of Minnesota.

The deceased was a devoted member of his church, the Augustana Lutheran. He served the local congregation as secretary, was a member of the Synodical Board of Education and a life member of the North Star College corporation of Warren.

The late Senator is survived by his wife, Mrs. Laura (Johnson) Naplin, who was later elected by the people of the district to succeed her husband as a member of this Senate; a daughter, Arloine, 5 years; his aged father, 82; three brothers, John, Gustaf and Charles Naplin, and two sisters, Miss Anna Naplin and Mrs. O. G. Johnson—who will ever cherish the memory of the departed husband, father, son and brother with thankful hearts for what he has been to them.

Beautiful tributes to the life and work of Senator O. A. Naplin have been given expression by the newspapers of his district, the alumni association of the G. A. C., the clergy of his home city and elsewhere, the bar of his district, and his fellow citizens generally. He was one of God's noblemen in the truest sense—generous, manly and honest. His friendships were sacred to him. His public spirited activities in his home community life were unselfishly given and will be greatly missed. His was a strong character, loyal and sincere. He upheld what he believed to be right. Peace to his memory!

Messrs. VICTOR A. LAWSON,
IVER J. LEE,
HENRY ARENS,
CHARLES A. HAUSLER,
L. P. LUND,
A. N. LANDBY.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS—CONTINUED.

Mr. Landby moved that the foregoing Memorial Resolution be adopted, spread upon the records of the Journal and a copy thereof be transmitted to Mrs. Naplin.

Appropriate remarks eulogizing Mr. Naplin were made by Messrs. Lee, Arens, Hausler and Lund, L. P.

Which Memorial Resolution was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the Senate.

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