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MEMORIAL EXERCISES IN HONOR OF LATE SENATORS

House and Senate in Joint Session Listen to Tributes.

The Senate and House met in joint session yesterday to hold memorial exercises in honor of the late Senators Mallory and Bryan, under a resolution which was spread upon the journal and adopted.

Many eloquent speeches were made by members of each House.

SPEECH OF MR. HUDSON, PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE.

Mr. Speaker, and fellow members of the Legislature:

It is always fitting that we should do honor to a worthy public servant, and it is especially appropriate today that we, the members of the Florida Legislature, representing the sovereign people of the State, should cease from our toil for a few moments to pay this tribute to the memory of our distinguished fellow citizens who died in the service of the State and whose memory we are here today to honor, to whose lives we are assembled here together today to do some measure of justice and whose deaths we are here to mourn.

Of the life work of Senator Mallory I shall leave to others to speak who knew him better than I, but of the life and character of William J. Bryan I feel that I must utter a few words of his endowments bestowed by Providence.

Of his noble life and character we all knew, but to what extent he used the talents that were bestowed upon him, and to what extent his success in the short period of his life was due to forces from within, rather than to the endowments of nature and of Providence, perhaps not so many are informed.

From my knowledge of the man I believe that his success in life was due, not so much to his natural endowments, not so much to the gifts bestowed upon him by Providence, as to the manner in which he used these talents.

We have learned in the old story of the parable of the talents, and we have it impressed upon us by our own experiences and observation, that it is not the gift of the talents that means success, but the use that the recipient of them shall make.

It can be said of William J. Bryan, when he comes before the Giver of all talents, that he has faithfully used the talents bestowed upon him and returns them to his Maker with usury.

First and highest I would place in the character of this man, as the great element of his success, that highborn nobility and unflinching integrity, which stooped to no act of meanness and which looked over to that which was noblest and highest; and second, I would attribute his success to that earnest endeavor which knew no flagging and no ceasing.

During the time that Senator Bryan was lying ill at Washington, when it was unknown whether the result would be life or death, his brother told me that he had noticed above all the traits in the young Senator his industry and his unflinching zeal in whatever cause he undertook. It was his habit even, when he was engaged in important work, to sit up all night, not stopping for want of sleep before he came to the crisis of battle.

As to the wisdom of this we may entertain our individual opinions, because we know that no man can pursue that course without physical wreck, but as to the zeal and earnestness and the high-minded purposes which prompted it there can be no difference of opinion.

I would say, then, that unquestionably the two greatest elements in the character of this young man, whose success at the age of 31 was so great as to attract the attention of the people of our own State and the entire United States, were, first, the element of high character, and second, the element of earnestness and unceasing endeavor.

These two, built upon the natural endowments which he

MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING

Motto for This Session is N. D.—Which Means—Nothing Doing—Not Yet.

It is hard to remember any Legislature as far back as the recollection of the journalist can be stretched (and you know nothing can be stretched farther than a newspaper man's memory except a politician's conscience), a time of sixty days "indurance," wherein more was done that was exciting and less that was vital.

There have been almost hundreds of bills introduced pertaining to local matters and a goodly number have been passed, but do you know that only one general bill has actually become a law? Did you get, that Mr. Speaker and Mr. President? I said, only ONE general law has been passed.

And that one is a measure "regulating osteopaths and osteopathy," which is practically a local measure in spirit or in bone, since it only pertains to a dozen or more "bone rubbers" and meat manipulators scattered around the State.

Seventeen more days left (and you've got to start this morning to get in the seventeenth) in which to do SOME BUSINESS with the eighty-odd pages of the house calendar alone.

Nothing like an election law or a textbook law, which would be of interest to everybody, has been passed upon. Lots of fun and fighting and more scandal and gossip than three sewing circles; but NOTHING DOING.

And it looked the other morning as if they didn't WANT to do anything when Mr. Light put in a House Resolution prohibiting any member speaking more than ONE time, of five minutes each, upon any subject, and they KILLED it DEAD.

If they came to make speeches instead of laws, it suits the yellow journals just fine; but what will We—"The People"—say about it.

received at the hands of Providence, constituted him a man of whom we may say, and truthfully say, that he is one of our great men.

REPRESENTATIVE RICHBOURG'S SPEECH.

Mr. Speaker, I am glad to-day I have the opportunity of saying something in honor of those splendid men, namely, S. R. Mallory and W. J. Bryan, who kept their hands on the throttle of Justice, and their eyes on the raft of human rights.

Their work is done—their active limbs are still, their influential and instructive tongues are hushed; yet, their influence lives. They left a monument of memory in the hearts of those they loved and those who loved them more preferable than crown of monarch.

Mr. Speaker, we remember the chilling blast of winter comes, disrobes nature of her beautiful foliage, and she recedes back into her wintry tomb, and there slumbers and sleeps until the beautiful springtime, 'Tis then she comes forth from her wintry tomb, puts on her beautiful robe, smiling, laughing, singing, telling to the world, the greatness of a great God, and the reality of a glorious resurrection.

So it is with these splendid men, their mortal frame, now laid low by the chilling blast of death, their bodies consigned to the tomb, there to sleep, sleep till the bright morning of the resurrection, when they shall come forth clothed in immortal beauty, and through the belief, we have in the mercy of God, their souls will bloom in eternal spring.

SPEECH OF REPRESENTATIVE NEELEY.

Mr. Neely spoke in part as follows:

In the brief time allotted to me this morning it would be impossible to recount William James Bryan's successes in the drama of life, how his splendid eloquence stirred men's hearts, as he drove home his clear, profound thoughts; witness his speech of some two or three years since on the

THE WAILES CLAIM AGAIN

Governor Makes Recommendations Looking Toward Final Disposition.

The Governor yesterday sent a special message to the legislature recommending that the law be amended so that the twenty-five thousand dollars heretofore awarded by the legislature can be drawn by S. I. Wailes, as the State has nothing to do with any settlement between Wailes and the heirs.

If the legislature assumes that it is its duty to protect the claim of the heirs of Beard, it is then recommended that the act be amended so that Wailes may draw twelve thousand five hundred dollars, half the amount heretofore appropriated, the remaining twelve thousand five hundred to be placed in the hands of a trustee to be paid subject to mutual agreement between Wailes and the heirs of Beard or to be paid subject to the orders and decrees of a court of competent jurisdiction, adjudicating the respective rights of Wailes and the Beard estate therein.

occasion of General Lee's birthday. The Jacksonville papers of that date published his speech and described its effect on the audience. I have talked with those who were present and listened to their enthusiastic comment. I have read the speech, and it is one that not only every Confederate Veteran in this State should read, but it should be read by every lover of the lost cause and those who fought that fight.

True to every trust imposed in him, his brilliant record in the office his people had called him to was in keeping with all of the other acts of his life.

Looking back over his splendid career it is not strange that a great State throbbed with pride when her brilliant young son was called to take up the duties of a Federal Senator; can you wonder that with bated breath we waited for the triumphs that we knew were sure to come; that we marked the Senate's favorable consideration of his first request; that we believed a mighty Dreadnought would plough the deep bearing the magic name of Florida because he had asked for it.

Remembering his zeal in behalf of his beloved State in the past, knowing his ambition to make her a great Senator, what must have been the joy of his soul as he contemplated the vast field of human endeavor now stretched before him.

He had sown early; he had labored faithfully. Ay, how faithfully he knew not, for already while we thought it was yet morning, a day's labor had been done, and a life's work achieved.

Day by day the struggle waged, inch by inch the battle was fought, until at last the pain-racked form could resist no further, the wasted hand was lifted by his heartbroken love, and as he tried to whisper her that last sentence, death's cold palm intervening touched his fevered brow and then after a tireless, active life a young Floridian sleeps beneath the soil of the State he loved so well and for which he had labored with such fiery zeal and such brilliant success. Never was the memory of a Son held tendered.

SENATOR BROOME'S SPEECH.

Mr. Speaker of the House, Fellow members of the Legislature, Ladies and Gentlemen;

Having been appointed by the President of the Senate on the joint committee to draft resolutions upon the death of Florida's distinguished Senators, Hon. S. R. Mallory and Hon. W. J. Bryan, my own inclination, as well as a sense of duty, tells me I should at this time, in the presence of this Legislative body, drop a flower to the memory of our honored dead. It was my privilege to know these gentleman well, and, to me, pleasing indeed it is to add my testimony to the sublimity of their genius and declare the splendor of their moral and intellectual worth.

These able statesmen strictly regarded "public office a

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