

pal and necessary stockyards and the refrigerator and other private car lines and icing stations in the United States, as recommended by the federal trade commission and favored by live stock producers of this and other states; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution, properly attested by the presiding officer of each house, be forwarded to each of the senators and representatives from this state in the congress of the United States, and that as soon as the congress is in session duly attested copies of this joint resolution be transmitted to the presiding officers of each house.

[Jt. Res. No. 116, A.]

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 69.

Relating to the public services and death of Honorable Lucien B. Caswell.

WHEREAS, Lucien B. Caswell, a member of the Wisconsin assembly in 1863, 1872 and 1874, and chairman of the committee on state affairs during the session of 1872, having died April 26, 1919, at the great age of ninety-one years, the legislature now pauses respectfully to pay tribute to his memory.

Mr. Caswell, a notable citizen of the commonwealth and worthy contemporary and near neighbor for sixty-five years of the late William D. Hoard at Fort Atkinson, was born at Swanton, Vermont, November 27, 1827. He came to Wisconsin in the fall of 1837 at ten years of age, the family passing the winter with Solomon Juneau at his trading post on the site where Milwaukee now stands. The following spring the family moved to the Rock river where it located on Lake Koshkonong in Rock county, remaining there until 1854, the boy meantime supplementing his common school education by studies at Milton Academy and Beloit College. He read law at Beloit in the office of that great lawyer and senator, Matthew H. Carpenter, and in 1851 was admitted to the bar. In 1852, sixty-seven years ago, he established himself in Fort Atkinson and practiced there continuously to the time of his death—sixty-seven years actively at the bar, and winning a high reputation for honorable methods and successful results.

In 1853 Mr. Caswell was elected to his first office as a member of the Fort Atkinson school board where he achieved the truly remarkable record of serving for nearly sixty-five years. In connection therewith it is interesting to note that he engaged for his first teacher Miss Elizabeth May, who afterwards, in 1855, became his wife.

Mr. Caswell, always a republican, served one term as district

attorney of Jefferson county and, as noted previously, three terms in the assembly. At the time of the civil war he acted as commissioner of enrollment, with headquarters at Janesville, recruiting volunteers and helping to make provision for families of soldiers at the front. About this time he had a sad experience, being with the party that accompanied Governor L. P. Harvey on his mission of mercy to deliver a consignment of hospital goods for Wisconsin soldiers after the battle at Pittsburg Landing. On this trip Governor Harvey, stepping from one boat to another in the darkness of a rainy night, fell between and was drowned.

In 1875 Mr. Caswell was chosen to represent the second district in the forty-fourth congress and thence forward for sixteen years the history of his career is closely interwoven with that of the nation. At various times his district embraced the counties of Columbia, Dane, Jefferson, Kenosha, Racine, Rock, Sauk and Walworth. During the trying years of the reconstruction after the civil war, his sterling character and pre-eminent talents won for him a place on the committee on claims and also on the judiciary committee, then the two most important committees of the house of representatives.

As congressman he was in favor of extending the franchise to women; he was the author of the bill reducing postage from three to two cents; he introduced the bill, which became a law, by which the states were refunded many millions of dollars as repayment for a direct tax levied during the civil war and of which Wisconsin's portion was four hundred forty-four thousand dollars; he had charge of the bill in the house creating the United States court of appeals; he was a member of the committee on the reorganization of the Northern Pacific railroad; and was on the committee which reported on the foundation plan of the congressional library at Washington which, completed, entailed an expenditure of six and a quarter million dollars.

Mr. Caswell was a man of sound judgment which gave his opinions much weight in the formation of public sentiment on questions affecting the interests of nation, state and community. He was honest with himself and with others and in his national career as well as within the confines of his own home town he commanded the admiration of all by the integrity and candor he exhibited both in public and in private life. It has been well said of him that "in poise, self-control, calmness of spirit, evenness of disposition and manifest good will, he seemed to have fallen little short of the perfect mark."

Resolved by the Assembly, the Senate concurring, That as a

mark of respect to the memory of Mr. Caswell this resolution be spread upon the journal of each house and that a suitable copy thereof, duly attested by the presiding officers and the chief clerks of the assembly and senate be transmitted to the family of the deceased.

[Jt. Res. No. 38, S.]

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 70.

To amend section 3 of article XI of the constitution, relating to powers of cities and villages.

*Resolved by the Senate, the Assembly concurring, That section 3 of article XI of the constitution be amended to read: (Article XI) Section 3. Cities and villages organized pursuant to state law * * * are hereby empowered, to determine their local affairs and government subject only to this constitution and to such enactments of the legislature of state-wide concern as shall with uniformity affect every city or village. The method of such determination shall be prescribed by the legislature. * * *. No county, city, town, village, school district, or other municipal corporation shall * * * become indebted * * * to any amount, including existing indebtedness, in the aggregate exceeding five per centum on the value of the taxable property therein, to be ascertained by the last assessment for state and county taxes previous to the incurring of such indebtedness, except that for the purpose of acquiring public service properties an additional indebtedness may be incurred not exceeding another five per centum. Any county, city, town, village, school district or other municipal corporation incurring any indebtedness as aforesaid, shall, before or at the time of doing so, provide for the collection of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the interest on such debt as it falls due, and also to pay and discharge the principal thereof within twenty years from the time of contracting the same; except that when such indebtedness is incurred in the acquisition of lands by any city * * * or by any county * * * having a population of one hundred fifty thousand or over, for public, municipal purposes, or for the permanent improvement thereof, the city or county incurring the same shall, before or at the time of so doing, provide for the collection of a direct annual tax, sufficient to pay the interest on such debt as it falls due, and also to pay and discharge the principal thereof within a period not exceeding fifty years from the time of contracting the same.*