

inheritance of thrift and frugality Mr. Tripp added a correct business judgment and a large capacity for business through which he was able to accumulate a fortune of over a half million dollars. For years he had decided generally on some plan of beneficence to his fellow men, finally devising the grand scheme embodied in his will that practically his entire fortune should be devoted to the upbuilding and usefulness of the University of Wisconsin. Thus the results of all his labors finally go and are devoted to the good of his fellow men. And it is not from what he has bestowed, alone, that mankind may hope to profit by his example. To all possessors of great wealth he has pointed out the way and said: "Go thou and do likewise". His memory will be cherished as long as our institutions shall endure and his labors and sacrifices will serve as a constant influence for "better thoughts, better words and better deeds to the generations who shall share in his bounty and move forward upon the beneficent foundations he has so generously provided". Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, the Assembly concurring, That in the death of Honorable J. Stephens Tripp the state has lost one of its most useful and respected citizens and a man whose example and career may well be an inspiration to others and which will ever remain a cherished memory to his family and many friends; and be it further

Resolved, That this resolution be spread upon the journals of each house and that a suitable copy engrossed, signed by the presiding officers and the chief clerks of the two houses, be forwarded to the family of the deceased.

[Jt. Res. No. 94, S.]

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 30.

Relating to the death of Dr. Hans Heinrich Forkmann.

WHEREAS, in his beloved Mayville where he had resided and worked for the last twenty-five years, Dr. Hans Heinrich Forkmann died on Sunday last, the eighth of August, 1915. Removed suddenly and all too early from his sphere of work that had become so dear to him. he who was ever full of joy and energy now lies upon "the lone couch of his everlasting sleep". His devoted wife is bowed down in grief and with her all Mayville mourns the loss of its most striking figure and one of its most beloved and influential citizens.

This profound sense of loss is not confined, however, to the little city of Mayville. In the entire state of Wisconsin, and far beyond its boundaries, wherever in this great land of ours there are German singers and turners, American patriots and good and true men, sorrow will fill many a heart at the thought that Hans Forkmann is no more.

Born on April 5, 1868, in historic Wuerzburg in Bavaria, he enjoyed all the advantages of a broad and thorough education in the gymnasium and later in the university of his native city, receiving finally, in 1890, the degree of Doctor of Law at the famous University of Munich. The following year he landed on the shores of our country and soon found his way to Mayville where for over fifteen years he was active in the schools of that city as a teacher of Latin and German of unusual breadth and depth of training. In 1907 he assumed the editorial control of the Dodge County Banner and by dint of hard and enthusiastic labor soon raised this local paper to a position of influence among an ever widening circle of readers.

Though free from political aspirations for himself, he wielded influence, by pen and speech, as an independent democrat. He was a staunch and enthusiastic supporter of President Woodrow Wilson.

His best and most fruitful labor was done for the city which he loved so well and among the German-Americans of Wisconsin who learned to see in him one of their spokesmen and leaders. He was the personal center of the intellectual life of his city which, in comparison with many a larger city of the state, may point with pride to the success with which it has kept alive many of the best traditions of the Fatherland. The German Press of Wisconsin loses in him one of its ablest and most amiable representatives. The political, intellectual and social life of the large German element of our state will long miss in him one of the best embodiments of the true union of German character and best American citizenship. In the memories of those who knew him personally he will live on as a champion without fear or blemish, joyous, open hearted, honest, brave and undaunted, endowed with the noble gift of song, enamored of everything beautiful and noble, a splendid friend and companion, the honored and beloved teacher of both young and old, a worthy representative of genuine German-American citizenship; and

WHEREAS, The state of Wisconsin has thus lost in Hans Heinrich Forkmann a citizen of distinction and of wide and beneficial influence; therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate, the Assembly concurring, That this memorial be made a part of the record of this day in recognition

of the character and services of Dr. Hans Heinrich Forkmann and as an expression of profound sorrow at his loss and of sincere sympathy for his family; and be it further

Resolved, That an engrossed copy of these resolutions, attested by the presiding officers and chief clerks of the senate and assembly, be transmitted to Mrs. Forkmann, widow of the deceased, at the city of Mayville.

[Jt. Res. No. 95, S.]

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 31.

Relating to the death of Honorable M. C. Ring of Neillsville, Wisconsin.

Merritt C. Ring was born at Milton, Wisconsin, October 30, 1850, and died at Neillsville, Wisconsin, July 21, 1915. In 1856 he removed to Madison and thence to Sparta, where he was educated and grew to manhood. After teaching public school for a time he entered the law department of the University of Wisconsin, graduating in 1873. Shortly thereafter he went to Neillsville and opened his law office. He attained splendid success in his profession and was identified with important litigation.

Early in his career as a lawyer Mr. Ring took an active interest in politics, becoming one of the local leaders of the republican party. He was elected to the state senate in 1885 and to the assembly in 1889 and served on important committees in each body. In 1892 he was special statistical agent for the United States department of agriculture for Europe, with headquarters at London, and while there he also acted as deputy consul-general at London. In 1895 he received the appointment of attorney for the Chicago and Northwestern Railway Company, which position he held for several years. During his later years he was greatly interested in agriculture, carrying on a large stock farm. He was also very active in promoting the educational and social advancement of his community.

He is survived by his widow and three daughters.

Mr. Ring was a man of great strength of mind and in his prime exerted a wide influence throughout the state. His intellect was penetrating and his power as a public speaker gave him wide power. Naturally courageous and conservative he came into vigorous contact with opponents. He never shrank from a conflict to defend or extend his views. In his later years he developed a kindly philosophy of life and old political strife had long been forgotten.