

law issue, it was because he would "rather be right than be governor." His viewpoint of yesterday is ours of today.

While we would not minimize our profound obligation to him on this patriotic score, yet we feel that we owe him most for what he did to dignify and uplift agriculture. In the days following the civil war when the fertility of Wisconsin soil was impoverished by wheat growing, he used every available means to impress upon our farmers the need of live stock husbandry, especially dairying.

To his foresight and genius preëminently we are indebted for the organizations that have so effectively promoted agriculture in Wisconsin. While he rejoiced in the material returns from improved methods, he more particularly emphasized the desirability of the restoration of soil fertility, of comfort in farm homes, of the duties and opportunities of farm citizenship.

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, that we desire here to record our deep appreciation of his patriotic vision, of his leadership in the evolution of agriculture, notably dairying, and of his incomparably valuable services to the state thereby. We recognize with deep gratefulness his course as a soldier in the civil war, his honorable activities as governor and his great usefulness as a conscientious and inspiring regent of the university.

We recommend the plan now well advanced for the erection by his friends and admirers throughout the nation of a permanent memorial in his honor, and we believe that in so doing they are perpetuating his worth and adding to the glory of our commonwealth.

Resolved further, that we extend to the bereaved family our sincere sympathy; and that to it be transmitted an engrossed copy of this tribute.

[Jt. Res. No. 5, A.]

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5.

Relating to a committee of the legislature for the investigation of the cessation of public utility service and public utilities in general.

WHEREAS, On New Year's Day, 1919, a cessation of street railway service existed in the city of Milwaukee, thereby shutting down all operations of street cars, and, at the same time, it was threatened to further extend said cessation to all of the public utility service given by the Milwaukee Electric Railway & Light Company to the city of Milwaukee and immediate vicinity receiving said service, and

WHEREAS, a temporary adjustment of the causes for said cessation of service in the city of Milwaukee has been reached effective until February 1, 1919, and

WHEREAS, an investigation and adjustment of this matter is sought to be made by a joint committee representing the Association of Commerce of Milwaukee, the railroad commission and representatives of the above company and officials of the city of Milwaukee, hearings by said committee to commence on January 21, 1919, and

WHEREAS, an effective cessation of public utility service extending over a period of time would seriously interfere with the business and life of any community affected thereby, as well as in a more or less degree of the state and the country at large, and

WHEREAS, it can be safely assumed that legislation will be offered at this session concerning the operation of street car service, of public utilities in general and their operation, and the cessation of said service which may occur in the future in this state, and the railroad commission, and in disposing of such legislation it will be well for the legislature to have all information possible on the subject.

Now, therefore be it resolved by the Assembly, the Senate concurring, That a joint committee be appointed by the presiding officer of each house, respectively, to consist of three members of the assembly and two members of the senate, which committee shall attend the above hearings referred to in this matter and gather at any other time during the session such other information in the broadest scope as may be desirable in the premises; that said committee have the power to employ counsel, if necessary, and such clerical assistance as may be needed, and that the members of said committee be paid their actual transportation and hotel expenses while absent from the city of Madison in the performance of their duties; that said committee shall possess all general powers of a duly appointed legislative committee and that it make such report of its work to the legislature as it may deem necessary.

[Jt. Res. No. 12, A.]

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 6.

Relating to the death and public services of Honorable
Norman L. James.

Honorable Norman L. James, manufacturer, business man and agriculturist, died at Richland Center, November 25, 1918.

Mr. James was born in Deerfield, Rockingham County, New