

Obituary of Nathaniel Huntington
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Death of Nat Huntington

The Ex-Speaker of the House Passes Away at Noon Yesterday

For the past two weeks The Sun has chronicled the serious illness of Hon. Nat Huntington, the ex-speaker of the house of representatives, who was quite ill at the Inter-Ocean hotel. The announcement of his death at noon yesterday, though expected for some days, caused profound sorrow among his many friends, who sincerely deplore his sudden death.

Mr. Huntington was born near Terre Haute, Ind, fifty-eight years ago, and in early days he studied law at the Indiana University, and for a season practiced law at Laporte. During the gold fever of '49 he abandoned the law and followed the tide westward, and he has resided in the west ever since. About six years ago he moved to Johnson county and engaged in the stock business. He applied himself diligently in looking after the affairs of his ranch and his first trip away from his new home was to take his seat in the house. He leaves a wife and three sons to mourn his death.

The committee having charge of the funeral have decided to have the members meet at the Inter Ocean at 2 o'clock and escort the body to the Presbyterian church, where Dr. Rafter, assisted by Rev Mr. Fields, will deliver the services at 2:30 o'clock. The body will then be interred. The pall bearers selected for the occasion will be the Hons.J.L Patton, William Summers, Thomas Hooper, LeRoy Grant, Willis VanDevanter, and W.D. Carrier, while the balance of the members of the house will act as honorary bearers and wear the usual mourning badges.

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VETOES And FLUSHES

The Announcement of the Death of Ex-Speaker Huntington causes Both
Branches to Adjourn Until To-morrow Morning

Mr. Hooper, in a resolution, announced the death of Hon. Nat Huntington, member from Johnson county, and after arranging, as far as possible, to attend the funeral as a body, the house, out of respect for the late member, adjourned until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

The council was notified of the death of Hon. Nat Huntington, and out of respect adjourned until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

HOUSE-MORNING SESSION

Mr. Hooper presented the following resolution
House Resolution NO. 10

WHEREAS:--It has pleased an all wise Providence to remove from our midst another of our old and respected citizens, Hon. Nat Huntington, of Johnson County, one of the oldest and most respected citizens of our Territory, and

WHEREAS:--We, the members of the house of representatives of the Tenth legislative assembly of Wyoming territory, desiring to acknowledge the appreciation of his many sterling qualities, and our deep regret at his death, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the house of representatives of the territory of Wyoming.

That in the death of Hon. Nat Huntington, we recognize the loss to our territory of a patriotic and able citizen.

RESOLVED, That in the unselfish devotion of his talents, and untiring efforts to the service of this territory, he has left a rich inheritance of example to be always copied after by the coming generation.

RESOLVED, That we here hereby express our sincere sorrow at his untimely death, and tender to his bereaved family our deep and lasting sympathy.

RESOLVED, That a copy of these resolutions be engrossed and transmitted to the family of the respected deceased, and spread upon the journal of the house.

RESOLVED, That this house do now adjourn until Thursday, February 16, 1888, at 10 o'clock a.m.

By unanimous consent the resolution was read the first time, and, under a suspension of the rules, read a second and third time and then unanimously adopted.

The Speaker appointed Messrs. Adams and Blydenburg as a committee, with himself as chairman, as instructed by the house to do.

On motion of Mr. Vandevanter the house resolved to attend the funeral of the Hon. Nat Huntington in a body and to request the attendance of the honorable council.

On motion of Mr. Blydenberg the house adjourned until Thursday, February 16, at 10 a.m.

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HON. NAT HUNTINGTON DIES
The Ex-Speaker of the House Succumbs
to Pneumonia

Hon. Nat Huntington, of Dayton, Johnson county, ex-speaker of the house of representatives of the tenth legislative assembly, died at the Inter Ocean hotel in this city at noon yesterday of pneumonia.

Deceased belonged to an old and respected Indiana family. He was born in Vigo county, that state, about fifty-eight years ago. Mr. Huntington was a graduate of the law university of his native state, and bid fair to become a member of Indiana's bright circle of attorneys when ill health, coupled with a desire to explore unknown fields, caused him to follow one of the first tides of immigration which flowed toward the West. He was an argonaut and spent nearly forty years in the West, alternating mining, practicing law, farming and engaging in the live stock business.

At his horse ranch in Johnson county, stocked upon his settlement in the territory some six years since, are to be found the finest horses in Wyoming. After struggling with the world for more than fifty years deceased was well on the road to affluence when stricken down. Three sons, two on the verge of manhood, and a loving wife mourn the loss of the kind father and dutiful husband.

Deceased was a man whom nature endowed with that blessed faculty of making steadfast friends rapidly. No man who ever visited Cheyenne has made such a good impression in so short a time. Like the true open hearted pioneer that he was, he had a pleasant word and a smile for all. Educated and erudite, with vast experience and sense of observation well developed, he would converse intelligently on any subject broached with fluency.

In private life Mr Huntington was the considerate gentleman, and in the political arena, where he scored many a victory, he never forgot that he was a man.

The following joint resolution by Mr. Hooper was adopted by the house yesterday and will be concurred in by the council upon the reconvening of the legislature. to-morrow.

(here followed the same resolutions included earlier)

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The remains of deceased will be interred from the Presbyterian church at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon. Rev Dr Rafter, chaplain of the house will conduct the service, assisted by Rev. R. E. Field. The pall bearers selected by Messers. Pease, Adams and Blydenburgh, the arrangement committee are: Messrs. Patton, Pease, Hooper, Grant, Van Devanter and Carrier.

Each member of the house will wear a crape badge; and Mr. Huntington's chair will be draped in mourning the remainder of the session.

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SAD NEWS

Before the members had left the room after the noonday adjournment news of the demise of ex-Speaker Huntington at the Inter Ocean reached the capitol. Though anticipated, the announcement was none the less unwelcome. Hr. Huntington was very popular with his associates and a warm personal friendship had been formed between the gentleman from Johnson county and the other members of the house.

OFFICIAL ACTION

In the afternoon a resolution on the death of Mr. Huntington, published elsewhere in this issue, was adopted by the house. Messrs. Pease, Adams and Blydenburgh were appointed a committee to superintend the interment at 2:30 o'clock to-day, and the council was requested to join the house in attendance upon the funeral.

Funeral Notice
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THE FUNERAL

Remains of Hon. Nat Huntington Followed by a
Large Concourse.

At 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon the members and officers of the tenth legislative assembly, the governor and a number of prominent citizens assembled at the Inter Ocean to follow to the grave all that remained mortal of Hon. Nat Huntington of Johnson county, ex-speaker of the present house of representatives.

At 2:30 o'clock the bell in the tower of the Presbyterian church commenced to toll and pall bearers, Messrs. Patten, Summers, Hooper, Grant, Carrier and Van Devanter, placed the rosewood casket in which the remains had been deposited in the hearse and the cortege proceeded on Sixteenth and Ferguson streets to the church. Rev. Dr. Rafter, chaplain of the house, conducted the services, and was assisted by the Revs. Field and Williams. The Episcopal rector read the impressive service in clear, solemn tones and was followed by Rev. Field, who delivered a brief and fitting eulogy on deceased supplemented by words of comfort and advice to the weeping widow and sorrowful friends and associates. Rev. Williams then made a fervent and appropriate prayer. Mrs. Glover, Messrs. Whitcomb and Inman and Miss Lizzie Whitcomb composed the choir which did the singing for the occasion. Mr. Glover sang a beautiful solo most feelingly. Prof. Pasmore presided at the organ. The large auditorium of the church was well filled.

A wreath, anchor and bouquet, fashioned with beautiful exotics, comprised the floral offerings. In the march to the cemetery members of the legislature proceeded the hearse, which was followed by a number of carriages. At the grave Rev. Dr. Rafter concluded the ceremonies.

Mr. Rummel, deceased's colleague, escorted Mrs. Huntington.

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DUST TO DUST

The Funeral of Hon. Nat. Huntington Yesterday

The Remains of the Ex-Speaker of the House Consigned to Their Last Resting Place by the Kind Hands of His late Associates

Under the bright sun and azure sky of yesterday, the remains of Hon. Nat Huntington was consigned to the silent tomb. There at the open grave, surrounded by the weeping widow, his late associates of the Tenth legislative assembly and a few personal friends, the remains were lowered into the narrow grave, the future of all mortals, and left to await the final summons.

The programme, as published in yesterday's issue of The sun, was carried out as far as possible. A few minutes after 2 o'clock, the pall bearers, selected from the members of the house, carried the casket down the stairs of the Inter ocean and placed it in the hearse. On the top of the casket were a large cross, a sickle of flowers, the traditional sheaf of wheat, and a large bunch of beautiful lilies, the sickle and cross being gifts from the members and the lilies from Chief Clerk Glafeke.

The pall-bearers then took their places around the hearse, then the other members of the house and council followed by the carriages containing the friends. The chaplain of the house, assisted by Revs. Mr. Fields and Williams, met the cortege at the door and escorted the body to the foot of the pulpit, the chaplain chanting, "I am the resurrection and the life." As soon as all were seated the choir sang the beautiful chant for the dead, and then Dr. Rafter read the fifteenth chapter of Paul's First Epistle to the Corinthians, beginning with the twentieth verse-"But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept." The choir then sang, "Lead, Kindly Light," and the creed and the repeating of the Lord's Prayer followed. "Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day" was then sung by those present, and Mr. Fields then made his address. He said that often on a bright, sunny day a flash of lightning was seen and crash of thunder was heard, and it caused all to gather together and wonder what would come next. It was this same way that God sent the angel of death to us. Man then huddled close to fellow man, and all were moved by the sense of common mortality. It was this feeling that drew all around the casket, and then all felt that all must die, and some, perhaps, very soon. Then others would perform the same service. All present had felt the curse of sin and the chill brought by the angel of death, and all rally around the other when death comes. Many have stood when death has taken child, father or others, and were grateful for the sympathy of friends, the silent pressure of the hand and a kind, sympathetic look from the moistened eye. This sympathy speaks volumes and is always appreciated, but this sympathy like the sea, has a boundary. With the sea it is, perhaps, a bleak, ragged cliff, with sympathy it is something of a similar nature, and we are told to bear each other's burdens. Can these boundaries be overstepped? And then comes the Divine answer that in your sorrow the Divine hand, the Divine arm, is extended, and the Divine whisper is all that inspires you. The pagans often leave the dying and never take any care of the

dead; but this custom, when compared with the Christian death, shows that the latter is the teaching of God.

It has been claimed that death ended all; but, if such is the case, why are these beautiful floral tributes here? Why are we taught to thus pay this reverence to one who has put on immortality? I regret that I did not know the deceased, but those who did have fully attested his true disposition and made known the fact. To my dear friend here who, when she returns to her home never more to see the face and form of her husband, let her be comforted with the thought that he awaits her in the realm of immortality--that he has only gone before; and that, when it pleases God, she may follow him.

Miss Lizzie Whitcomb sang a beautiful solo and the Rev. A. W. Williams pronounced the benediction. The lid of the coffin was removed and friends took a last look at the face of the deceased. The casket was then carried to the hearse and the march to the cemetery began.

At the grounds the legislature opened ranks and allowed the hearse to pass between, and then they proceeded to the grave. Dr. Rafter then read the beautiful burial services of the Episcopalian church in a feeling manner, and at "dust to dust," the dirt fell lightly on the casket. Thus were the last sad duties performed, and the mourners and friends returned to their homes, and the remains of the ex-speaker were left alone in the silent city of the dead.