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Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That there be printed of the eulogies delivered in Congress upon the Hon. GEORGE HEARST, late a Senator from the State of California, 8,000 copies, of which 2,000 copies shall be delivered to the Senators and Representatives of that State; and of the remaining number 2,000 shall be for the use of the Senate, and 4,000 copies for the use of the House; and of the quota of the Senate the Public Printer shall set aside 50 copies, which he shall have bound in full morocco with gilt edges, the same to be delivered, when completed, to the family of the deceased; and the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby directed to have engraved and printed, at as early a date as practicable, the portrait of the deceased to accompany said eulogies.

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH.

GEORGE HEARST, a Senator from California, died at his residence, 1400 New Hampshire avenue, Washington, D. C., after a protracted illness, at 9:10 p. m. Saturday, February 28, 1891.

The outlines of his career, as given in the Congressional Directory, are as follows:

GEORGE HEARST, of San Francisco, was born in Franklin County, Mo., September 3, 1820, one year after his father, a South Carolinian, had emigrated there; he received a public school education; passed his early manhood on his father's farm; in 1850 went to California, where he worked in the mines and located and purchased mining property until his Pacific coast mines and mills gave employment to 2,000 men and his quartz mills crushed 1,000 tons of ore daily; he has ever since been engaged in mining, stock-raising, and farming; in 1865 he was elected to the California State legislature; in 1882 was a candidate for governor before the San José convention; in 1885 the Democrats, who were in the minority in the State legislature, gave him their unanimous vote for United States Senator, and on March 23, 1886, he was appointed United States Senator, as a Democrat, by Governor Stoneman, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of John F. Miller; was elected to the United States Senate to succeed Abram P. Williams, Republican, and took his seat March 4, 1887. His term of service will expire March 3, 1893.

He did not live to complete the term—two years of it remained unexpired at his death.

The estimates formed by his associates in Congress of the character of GEORGE HEARST will be found in the memorial addresses contained in this volume.

In California the death of Mr. HEARST was sincerely mourned. "The public life of the dead Senator," says one writer, "may, perhaps, be less generally remembered than his private life. Thousands will think of him as the kindly, genial, whole-souled friend who never forgot or had a harsh word for any one. What he was in his youth, when he was directing his men in his shirt sleeves at the mines, that he remained after he became a millionaire and counted his acres by the hundreds of thousands. Long after he became the Hon. GEORGE HEARST, United States Senator, to the world at large, he remained plain George to the hard-fisted, red-shirted miners of Nevada County. For them neither his name nor his heart ever changed. To them his hand and purse were always open. Not one who worked in the fifties in old Nevada ever applied in vain to Mr. HEARST."

Says another :

GEORGE HEARST is gone from the world, and it has been the lot of but few men to be mourned with a sorrow so general and deep. Thousands will feel the grief of personal friends; for though his long life was passed in the hot strife of competition for fortune he possessed in rich measure qualities which inspired affection.

He held a large space in the field of business, and his departure must have widely felt effects. For thirty years and more GEORGE HEARST has been one of the vital men of the West—one of those peculiarly potent individual forces that have inspired and given direction to that swift and vast development of its resources which stands forward among the material miracles of the century.

Change of fortune made no change in the man. As a millionaire, as a Senator of the United States, he remained the same simple, straightforward, unaffected, clear-headed and warm-hearted GEORGE HEARST who