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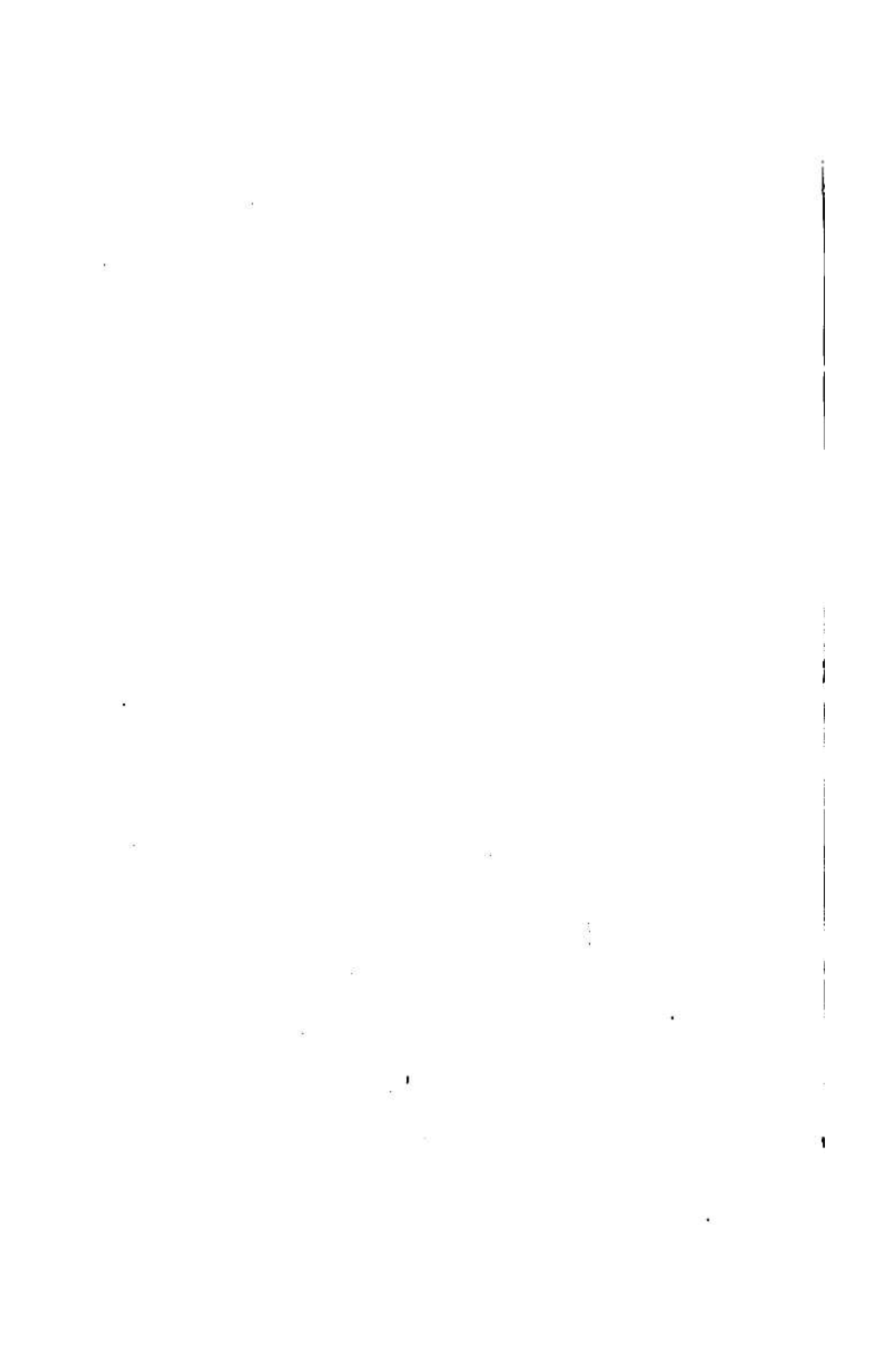
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DEATH OF CHARLES O'NEILL

PROCEEDINGS IN THE HOUSE.

DECEMBER 4, 1893.

MR. BINGHAM. Mr. Speaker, the sad and painful duty devolves upon me, at the request of the delegation from the State of Pennsylvania, to announce to the House of Representatives, in the accepted formal way, the death of our loved and honored colleague, CHARLES O'NEILL, a Representative from the State of Pennsylvania, who died at his home in the city of Philadelphia on the 25th day of November last.

His death was not unexpected. Those of us who saw and heard him administer the oath of office—almost his last official act—to the distinguished Speaker of this Congress felt that the shadows of death were already encompassing him thick and fast, and that "the father of the House" would soon be called to join his late associates Kelley and Randall, with whom he had earnestly labored, with equal fidelity, for more than a quarter of a century.

But one Representative remains in this House who was associated with him in the consummation of the patriotic, loyal, magnificent, and masterful legislation during the terrible and anxious years of the war of the rebellion. Happy, indeed, was my colleague that it was given to him to see his country reunited and to know that his labors had

contributed to the peace, prosperity, and happiness of his fellow-countrymen. As we saw him here in this Hall, day by day for many years, faithful, earnest, watchful, and true, so he was always and everywhere.

Surrounded by a loving but broken-hearted family, attended by devoted friends, and accompanied by many of his associates of this House, we saw him but a few days since carried to his last earthly resting place. The benediction has followed the prayer, and the requiem has been sung; "ashes to ashes, dust to dust;" Christ accept him, God receive him. He died as he had lived—loved and loving, at peace with all men.

At some future time I shall ask the House to devote a day when the members may express their feelings in memory of our deceased associate. For the present I offer the resolutions which I send to the Clerk's desk.

The Clerk read as follows:

Resolved, That the House has heard with deep regret and profound sorrow of the death of Hon. CHARLES O'NEILL, late a Representative from the State of Pennsylvania.

Resolved, That the Clerk of the House be directed to communicate these resolutions to the Senate, and to send a duly attested copy to the family of the deceased.

The resolutions were adopted.

MEMORIAL ADDRESSES.

MARCH 31, 1894.

The SPEAKER. The Clerk will report the special order for to-day.

The Clerk read as follows:

Resolved, That Saturday, March 31, beginning at 1 o'clock p. m., be set apart for eulogies to the late Hon. CHARLES O'NEILL.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. Wolverton in the chair).
The Clerk will now report the pending resolutions.

The Clerk read as follows:

Resolved, That the business of the House be now suspended that opportunity may be given for tributes to the memory of the Hon. CHARLES O'NEILL, late a Representative from the State of Pennsylvania.

Resolved, That as a particular mark of respect to the memory of the deceased, and in recognition of his eminent abilities as a distinguished public servant, the House at the conclusion of these memorial proceedings shall stand adjourned.

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate these proceedings to the Senate.

Resolved, That the Clerk be instructed to send a copy of these resolutions to the family of the deceased.

The resolutions were unanimously adopted.