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From front,  
L. C. Hawk.

*U. S. House of Representatives*

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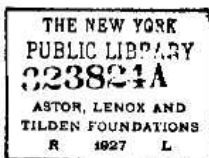
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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO PRINT THE EULOGIES UPON LEONIDAS CAMPBELL HOUK.

*Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring),* That there be printed, of the eulogies delivered in Congress upon LEONIDAS C. HOUK, late a Representative from the State of Tennessee, eight thousand copies, of which number two thousand copies shall be delivered to the Senators and Representatives of the State of Tennessee, which shall include fifty copies to be bound in full morocco to be delivered to the family of the deceased; and of those remaining two thousand shall be for the use of the Senate, and four thousand for the use of the House of Representatives, and the Secretary of the Treasury is directed to have printed a portrait of the said LEONIDAS C. HOUK to accompany said eulogies.

Agreed to in the House of Representatives March 23, 1892.

Agreed to in the Senate March 22, 1892.

PROY W  
CLERK  
MARSH

## DEATH OF REPRESENTATIVE HOUK.

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### ACCOUNT OF THE SAD ACCIDENT.

The angel of death has taken away from Knoxville one of its brightest, most prominent, and illustrious residents. Congressman L. C. HOUK has departed this life; his soul took flight yesterday morning at 6:23 o'clock.

Judge HOUK had been in the best of health, and as late as Sunday afternoon was out walking with his wife. A few minutes after 5 o'clock Judge HOUK left his residence and went to the drug store of A. Allen DePue, at the corner of Park and Crozier streets.

After buying some cigars he went to the front of the store and engaged in conversation with some gentlemen. A little while afterward he asked Mr. Lobenhoffer, the prescription clerk, for a glass of water. Mr. HOUK followed him back of the prescription desk.

Facing the front of the store, back of this desk at the left, is a short counter, on which was a solution of arsenic in a glass, which was in a basin half full of water over a small oil stove. Mr. Lobenhoffer drew a glass of water and placed it upon this counter. Mr. HOUK drank the water.



Then Mr. Lobenhoffer went to the front of the store, and when he returned Mr. HOUK said to him: "What is that stuff in that glass?" (pointing to the solution of arsenic).

"That glass contained poison enough to kill a dozen men. You didn't drink that, did you?" said the clerk. Mr. HOUK said he had, and as its contents were told him he became greatly excited. An emetic was at once given him and medical aid summoned. He vomited profusely and it helped him greatly.

As soon as Drs. Price and Cawood arrived he was taken to his home and put to bed. From that time until 10 o'clock he rested very comfortably; in fact, he rested so easily then that the physicians left his bedside. Elmer Houk, his son, sat by the bed, watching his father.

The patient soon fell asleep, and at 1 o'clock yesterday morning, when Dr. Price called, he was still sleeping. At 3 o'clock he awoke, but soon fell asleep again, and this continued until about 6 o'clock, when he awoke.

Elmer had been called to breakfast and Mrs. McClellan, a cousin of Judge HOUK, took her post at the bedside. It was while Elmer was at breakfast that Mrs. McClellan rushed into the dining room and told Elmer that his father was worse. Hastening to the sick chamber, Elmer found his father gasping for breath. He at once gave some medicine, but it was of no avail, and at 6:20 o'clock Judge HOUK was dead.

Coroner Murphy held the inquest over the remains. His jury of inquest consisted of Charles Nelson, James H. Cruze, Rush Strong, Wm. Epps, R. J. Lane, Dr. S. R. Rogers, and Dr. J. M. Harbison. The verdict was that death resulted from poison accidentally administered.—[*Knoxville Daily Journal*, May 26, 1891.]

## THE FUNERAL CEREMONIES.

### SENATORIAL COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO ATTEND REPRESENTATIVE HOUK'S FUNERAL.

NEW YORK, *May 27, 1891.*

TO B. R. STRONG,  
*Knoxville, Tenn.:*

Senate committee arranged, and includes Senators Harris, Callom, Stewart, Gorman, Pettigrew, and Daniel.

LEVI P. MORTON,  
*Vice-President.*

### COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WASHINGTON, D. C., *May 26, 1891.*

TO JOHN C. HOUK,  
*Knoxville, Tenn.:*

The following committee has been appointed and ratified: Taylor of Tennessee, Enloe, McMillin, Dalzell, Wilson of Kentucky, and Crisp.

THOS. CAVANAUGH,  
*Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms.*

### THE FLAG LOWERED.

WASHINGTON, D. C., *May 27, 1891.*

*Superintendent National Cemetery, Knoxville, Tenn.:*

Lower flag at cemetery to half-mast until after funeral of Hon. Leonidas C. Houk.

BATCHELDER,  
*Q. M. Gen., U. S. A.*

### OBSEQUIES.

At 2 o'clock on Thursday, May 28, 1891, the funeral obsequies of Representative L. C. HOUK occurred at the Clinch Street Methodist Church in Knoxville, Tenn. All along the streets

there stood a dense mass of people, who pressed even to the gates of the church. Nor was it a matter of mere idle curiosity which drew hither so great a throng, but there were very many hearts in that vast concourse which beat with deepest feelings of respect to the memory of the departed statesman, and with truest sympathy for those his nearest and dearest, who, in this life, should never look upon his face again.

#### THE FUNERAL PROCESSION.

About 1 o'clock the funeral procession left the home on Fifth avenue, and its slow and solemn course through the streets was viewed by many hundreds of people of all classes and conditions with the sincere feelings of sorrow that this was the last scene of all in the history of a man who has so long been a prominent and widely esteemed citizen and leader in the State. The order of the procession was as follows: The hearse, preceded by the carriages of the officiating ministers, the active pall-bearers and honorary pall-bearers.

Active pall-bearers: J. H. Cruze, John W. Conner, John E. Chapman, G. M. Harrill, William Caswell, J. R. York, W. F. Gibbs, and M. L. Ross.

Honorary pall-bearers: Perez Dickinson, B. R. Strong, William Rule, R. N. Hood, J. C. Chiles, J. W. Sneed, J. L. Hudiburg, W. A. Henderson, D. K. Young, W. W. Woodruff, W. L. Ledgerwood, O. P. Temple, J. C. Luttrell, H. R. Gibson, Thomas L. Williams, Peter Kern, H. B. Lindsay, William M. Baxter, J. C. J. Williams, James M. Meek, of Knox County; J. C. Ellis, of Sevier County; J. A. Brown, of Anderson County; W. C. Chumlea, of Blount County; William Allen, of Campbell County; M. L. Mourfield, of London County; W. D. Wright, of Morgan County; J. F. Tarwater, of Roane County; J. C. Parker, of Scott County; E. B. Morton, of Union County; C. E. Harris, of Jefferson County.