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California Legislature—Thirtieth Session  
COMMEMORATIVE OF  
JAMES G. BLAINE.

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In the Senate Chamber, on Friday, January 27, 1893, Senator MCGOWAN offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The sad intelligence has reached us that death has claimed, as its last noted mark, that peerless and incomparable American, James G. Blaine; and whereas, we desire to pay the tribute of our admiration and respect to the worth and ability of that popular statesman, whose public labors and matchless eloquence accomplished so much for California in her struggle for the permanency and supremacy of Caucasian civilization; and whereas, we recognize in the loss of James G. Blaine a statesman of broad views, practical statesmanship, transcendent ability, and strict integrity; and whereas, we desire to give permanent form to the high regard and esteem in which the honored name of James G. Blaine is justly held by the grateful people of California; therefore, be it

*Resolved,* That the Senate do now adjourn out of respect to the memory of James G. Blaine; that these resolutions, expressive of our intense sorrow at this death, be spread upon the Journal of the Senate, and that a copy thereof be forwarded to the family of our deceased statesman.

In moving the adoption of the resolution by a rising vote, Senator MCGOWAN spoke as follows:

One by one the great statesmen and soldiers whose patriotism and ability lent honor to the American name, and saved from destruction our popular Government, are passing away in death. Death, ever loving a shining mark, continues in its tireless work. The heroes who manifested their devotion in the trying hours of the republic are following to the other shore Lincoln, Sumner, and Garfield. And now our own matchless Blaine is numbered with the dead. In spirit form he holds high communion with Sherman, whose mortal remains sleep in the land he helped to make free; with Logan, whose consecrated dust is hallowed by the affection of a grateful people; and Grant, around whose name will ever live a halo of glory. Only a few days ago another statesman of the republic passed away. Looking at death's sad havoc, well may we say—

“One woe doth tread upon another's heels,  
So fast they follow.”

There is one action in the political life of James G. Blaine that makes him beloved by the people of California, and for which we, as a people, have ever been grateful. At one time in the past it was extremely dangerous to the political fortunes of Eastern statesmen to advocate the cause of California in her effort to maintain our civilization against the invasion of an inferior race. Sentimentalists, ignorant of our condition, were asserting that California was radical and un-American in her demand against Chinese immigration. At every risk political

to himself, disregarding all adverse writers, James G. Blaine, in the Senate of the United States, became the advocate of free white labor and the champion of California. He then struck the keynote of the whole situation by telling the world that it was the struggle of the American cottage against the Chinese hovel. He stood like a giant, like an American knight, as he always was, to battle back the hordes of Chinese whose presence threatened the destruction of the best interests of our American commonwealth. California, gratefully looking to him for all he has done for her, now pays in sorrow the tribute of love to this great American, whose name in future ages will add luster to the pages of American history, and rank with the names of Washington, Webster, Clay, and Lincoln.

Aside from the regard in which California held him, he possessed a characteristic, manifested in all his public life, that especially endeared him to the American people: for in all he ever did or said James G. Blaine was progressively an American. He believed this nation was the grandest and greatest nation; that our people are patriotic and intelligent; that our nation is first in the race of civilization. Believing all this at all times, it was his doctrine, from which he never departed, that this Government should not abandon any right in the face of any foreign Government on the face of the earth. His name became the watchword on this principle, and he became the enthusiastic champion of all that is loved by American hearts. We are to be congratulated, as Americans, that there are times, in the face of a national sorrow, when we can forget party passion and prejudice, when we can rise above the commonplace in life, and, forgetting the past, clasp hands over the funeral bier of a great American, to feel in common the pang of sorrow in our hearts. Sorrowfully, with tear-stained eyes, a nation to-day mourns the loss of James G. Blaine, and the Senate of California, desiring to express the sorrow we feel, is asked to adopt the resolutions by a rising vote.

Senator GOUCHER, who generally leads the Democrats in the Senate, arose and seconded Senator MCGOWAN'S motion. He said he desired to do so as an American. In paying a tribute to so great an American as Blaine, politics are forgotten. Senator GOUCHER eulogized the dead statesman in a few well chosen remarks.

Senator BURKE, another Democrat, also paid tribute to the departed diplomat.

President REDDICK then put the motion, and the entire Senate rose silently.

In the Assembly Chamber, on the same day, the following resolutions, proposed by Mr. KAHN, were unanimously adopted by a rising vote:

WHEREAS, We have learned with profound sorrow that the great statesman and illustrious American, Hon. James G. Blaine, has this morning departed this life; and whereas, in his life and public career we recognize a patriotic devotion to our country, and a continued effort for her supremacy and the advancement of her interests; and whereas, in the offices of the nation that he filled with such distinguished honor and eminent ability he proved himself a statesman of the highest order; and whereas, he ever has been the firm and constant friend of California and the champion of the rights of her citizens; be it therefore

*Resolved*, That we join the nation in sympathy and sorrow over the loss of her illustrious son; and be it further

*Resolved*, That we do now adjourn out of respect to the memory of the Hon. James G. Blaine; and be it further

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be immediately telegraphed to his bereaved family at Washington, to whom we tender our sincere and heartfelt sympathy.



Previous to the adoption of the above resolutions, Mr. DODGE offered the following concurrent resolution, which was carried:

*Resolved by the Assembly, the Senate concurring,* That a special time be set apart for a memorial address, to be delivered in joint session of the Senate and Assembly, in honor of the memory, life, and services of the Hon. James G. Blaine, and that a committee of six, three to be appointed by the President of the Senate and three by the Speaker of the Assembly, be appointed to select the time of and speaker for such occasion.

The Senate concurred in the resolution, and Senators MAHER, FLINT, and GESFORD were appointed by the President of the Senate, and Assemblymen FINLAYSON, LYNCH, and BUCKLEY were appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly, as the Joint Committee of Arrangements.

The Joint Committee fixed upon February 22, 1893 (Washington's Birthday), at ten o'clock and thirty minutes A. M., in the Assembly Chamber, as the time and place for holding the memorial services.

The Chamber, on the day set apart, was appropriately draped.

At the appointed time, the Senators, Assemblymen, and State officers entered the Assembly Chamber in a body, the orchestra playing Chopin's funeral march.

HON. R. B. CARPENTER, President pro tem. of the Senate, presided.

The Joint Convention was called to order, and the following exercises were had:

1. Reading and adoption of memorial resolutions, as reported by the Joint Committee:

WHEREAS, The people of California have heard with profound regret the announcement of the death of that illustrious American citizen, the Hon. James G. Blaine; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the members of the Legislature of this commonwealth, in joint convention assembled, do express their sense of the national loss sustained and their estimate of the private character and public service of the peerless statesman in this tribute to his memory. James G. Blaine was the ideal American statesman. His mental grasp of public questions was unequaled, and his sympathies, like his patriotism, were ever broad and responsive. In thirty-seven years of almost continuous public life, embracing, in its measure, the duties of a legislator in the State of Maine, service in both houses of Congress, and positions in the Cabinet of the United States, his consistent and able support of every leading proposition, tending to the advancement of this country to the highest position among the renowned nations of the world, won for him a recognition reserved only for the greatest of men. Diligent study, ample resources of intellect, and, above all, an alert sense of patriotism, enabled him to comprehend, long before the clay was removed from the eyes of other statesmen, that unrestricted immigration from Asia to this land would inevitably degrade American labor on the Pacific Coast, and with the ready courage of his conviction, he fought in the minority for the industrial supremacy of the Caucasian race. His superb service, rendered in that recent struggle for human civilization, will ever be remembered by a grateful people in California. Voicing the sentiments of the people of California, we express our profound regret over the loss of this illustrious American

statesman, and express the hope that his example of fidelity to free institutions will speak to future generations.

To the family of the lamented statesman, we tender sincere sympathy in their bereavement, and as an expression of our feeling, it is directed that a copy of the memorial be transmitted to Mrs. Blaine.

2. "Not Dead, but Sleepeth" (*White*). Bass solo, by W. H. KINROSS; male chorus of eighteen members from the Sacramento Choral Society, accompanied by the Orchestra.

3. Invocation. By Rabbi J. LEONARD LEVY, of the congregation B'nai Israel, of Sacramento.

4. "Traumerei" (*Schumann*). By the Orchestra.

5. Poem. By RUTH E. NEWLAND, M.D.

6. "Sleep On, Beloved" (*Bliss*). By the Chorus, unaccompanied.

7. Address. By Senator G. G. GOUCHER, of Fresno County.

8. "Rest, Spirit, Rest" (*White*). By the Chorus and Orchestra.

9. Benediction. By Rabbi J. LEONARD LEVY.

10. "Solitude" (*Czibulka*). By the Orchestra.