

SENATOR M'LAUGHLIN.

**Death of the Dodge County Senator Yesterday Morning—Resolutions of the Senate—
A sketch of the Career of the Deceased.**

The senate was surprised and shocked yesterday to learn of the death of Senator James McLaughlin, which occurred at the Sherman house at 9 o'clock yesterday morning, of pneumonia, after a brief illness. As soon as the sad intelligence reached the capitol it was whispered around among the senators and Senator Wilson immediately drafted the following preamble and resolutions and sent them to the president's desk:

WHEREAS, It has pleased an allwise Providence to remove by death the Honorable James McLaughlin, an honored citizen of this state and a most respected member of the senate, therefore be it

Resolved, That out of respect for the memory of the deceased the senate now adjourn.

Resolved further, That a committee of three be appointed by the president of the senate to attend to the funeral and to make such arrangements as may be appropriate in the premises.

The resolution was unanimously adopted by a rising vote, and ordered spread upon the journal.

The lieutenant governor announced the appointment of Senators Clement, Hickman and Morrison as such committee.

The death of Senator McLaughlin is the first of a senator while the senate was in session that has occurred in the history of Minnesota, and the solemn announcement was listened to with impressive silence by his colleagues, among whom he was held in the highest respect and esteem. His illness was of brief duration, and his death, calm and painless. He was in his seat in the senate on Saturday last and went down to the skating rink on Saturday evening. On Sunday morning he took a bath, and it is thought took cold at that time. On Monday morning he became somewhat concerned regarding his condition and sent for Dr. Talbot Jones, a physician with whom he had been acquainted some years, and in whom he reposed great confidence. When Dr. Jones called upon him he at once recognized that he was suffering from pneumonia, and being aware that for some time he had been a sufferer from kidney troubles, he considered his case a serious one, the patient being sixty-six years of age, and warned him to avoid all excitement. Notwithstanding the grave character of the disease his condition was not considered alarming until yesterday, when the physician found that his pulse had risen from seventy-eight to 120, which the senator explained by saying that he had been interviewed by members of the legislature concerning some measure pending there, and that he had also received some business telegrams. Wednesday night he grew rapidly worse and at 9 o'clock yesterday morning he calmly and painlessly passed away.

None of the senator's near relatives were with him during his sickness except his nephew, Mr. C. N. McLaughlin, who having heard of his uncle's illness from a newspaper item as he was passing through the city, stopped and rendered him such assistance as was possible. Mr. C. N. McLaughlin speaks in the highest praise of the treatment the senator received at the hands of the landlord of the Sherman house and his kind-hearted wife, and he says the late senator, before his death, had expressed to him his appreciation of the acts of kindness and consideration that had been extended to him. He did not wish to send for his wife, who was at Fargo, D. T., because she is in feeble health, and he did not wish to impose upon her the fatigue of a long journey, so long as he did not consider his condition dangerous. She has been telegraphed for and will arrive in St. Paul this morning.

Senator McLaughlin was a resident of Mantorville, Dodge county, and was elected a senator on the Republican ticket from the Seventeenth district two years ago, the present being the second session of the senate he has attended. He was born near Londonderry in the north of Ireland in 1817, and was at the time of his death sixty-six years of age. He came with his parents to the United States while a boy, and settled with them in Coshocton county, Ohio, and taught school in that locality a portion of his time for a number of years. He began the study of medicine in the office of Dr. Lorenzo James, in Coshocton, in 1844, attended his first course of medical lectures in 1848 at the Cleveland Medical college, and began the practice of medicine

the same spring, taking his second lecture course and graduating from the same institution in 1851 and 1852. Dr. McLaughlin practiced his profession some years in southern Michigan, removed to Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, from which place he came to Mantorville in 1866. He has held several minor offices, such as member of the city council, member of the county board of supervisors, member of school boards, etc., etc. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity and also of the Methodist Episcopal church. His excellent wife survives him, but he has no living children. He has one brother, who resides at Grand Forks, and other relatives living at Fargo and Owatonna.

As a senator he was quiet and unobtrusive, not given to speech making, but was always found voting on the right side when measures of importance were pending.

He leaves a comfortable property, which he was about to dispose of when death overtook him. He sent his nephew Wednesday to request Governor Davis to call upon him yesterday to draw his will, but he died before the hour appointed.