

In Memoriam

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Rensselaer R. Bigelow

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Born February 28, 1848

Died February 18, 1907

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Thomas H. Hawley

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Born July 18, 1830

Died October 17, 1907

**Proceedings**  
in the  
**Supreme Court of the State of Nevada**

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MONDAY, December 2, 1907.

Present: Hon. G. F. TALBOT, Chief Justice,  
Hon. F. H. NORCROSS, } Associate Justices,  
Hon. J. G. SWEENEY, }

and officers of the court and several members of the bar.

The committees heretofore appointed to draft suitable resolutions expressing the sorrow of the court and bar resulting from the deaths of the Hon. RENSSELAER R. BIGELOW and the Hon. THOMAS P. HAWLEY, each of whom was formerly a Chief Justice of this court, presented the following memorials:

**REGARDING JUSTICE BIGELOW:**

"RENSSELAER R. BIGELOW was born on the 28th day of February, 1848, in Essex County, State of New York. He was married to Roxanna C. Gooding on the 5th day of January, 1876. Two children were the issue of this marriage—a daughter, Harriet E. Bigelow, who died some years ago; and a son, Earl G. Bigelow, now living.

"Judge BIGELOW died at the City and County of San Francisco, on the 18th day of February, 1907.

"Judge BIGELOW was admitted to the bar in the State of Nevada on the 4th day of September, 1872, and practiced his profession in Elko, Nevada, until 1882, in which year he was appointed District Judge to fill the vacancy caused by the death of J. H. FLACK. He was subsequently elected District Judge and served in that capacity until 1890. On the 2d day of December, 1890, he was appointed Justice of the Supreme Court of this State to fill the vacancy occasioned

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Hon. Thomas P. Hawley.

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by the resignation of the Hon. THOMAS P. HAWLEY. Prior to this appointment, on the 4th day of November, 1890, he had been elected a Justice of the Supreme Court of this State, for the term commencing in January, 1891. He served the full term as Justice of the Supreme Court of Nevada, and upon the expiration thereof, in January, 1897, removed to San Francisco, and was there engaged in the practice of his profession until April 18, 1906, when, by reason of failing health, he was compelled to retire therefrom.

"Judge BIGELOW in his professional and private life exemplified the highest type of patriotic citizenship, of the skilled and honest lawyer; in his official life, of the able and upright judge; and in his domestic life, of the loving husband and father.

"*Therefore, Be It Resolved*, That in testimony of the esteem and respect of the bench and bar of this State, the Supreme Court thereof be requested to cause this memorial to be spread upon the records of the court; that a copy thereof be published in the 29th volume of the Nevada Reports; and that a certified copy thereof be forwarded to his widow and family by the clerk of said court.

"W. A. MASSEY,

"M. A. MURPHY,

"C. E. MACK."

#### REGARDING JUSTICE HAWLEY:

"WHEREAS, In the fullness of years, and with the laurels of his judicial fame still unfaded upon his brow, the Honorable THOMAS P. HAWLEY, for so many long years an honored member of the Supreme Court of Nevada, and later for more than a decade and a half a distinguished member of the Federal Judiciary, has fallen into that slumber which is the earthly end of every human life; and

"WHEREAS, We feel that the passing of so conspicuous,

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Response of Chief Justice.

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able, and universally respected a jurist forever from the sphere of human affairs into the domain of our judicial history, State and National, should be fittingly recognized;

"*Be It Resolved*, That we most deeply deplore the death of one who was not only our professional brother, but a just, upright, and able judge, worthy in every way of our honor, respect, and esteem.

"*Resolved*, That while keenly sensible of the loss we have sustained, we nevertheless feel a mournful pleasure in knowing that our deceased brother and friend had more than lived out the allotted age of man, and that, although he has personally gone from our midst, both his private life and his public career will be a source of inspiration and a beacon star of hope for untold generations yet to come.

"*Resolved*, That these resolutions be entered at length upon the records of this court, and that a copy thereof, under the seal of the court, be forwarded to each of the children of our deceased friend and brother.

"C. H. BELKNAP,

"M. A. MURPHY,

"A. L. FITZGERALD,

"R. C. STODDARD,

"H. F. BARTINE."

Hon. M. A. MURPHY, Hon. H. F. BARTINE, Hon. C. H. BELKNAP, ALFRED CHARTZ, Esq., and others, in well-chosen and extended remarks, addressed the court, expressing the profound respect and admiration of themselves and the bar for the deceased jurists.

The Chief Justice responded:

"The court joins the members of the bar in deploring the loss of the two distinguished brothers in the profession. As with loved ones in our immediate families, we are never ready to lose our eminent citizens who must go as inevi-