

ANNOUNCEMENT OF SENATOR PENROSE'S DEATH.

At the meeting of the Supreme Court at Philadelphia on January 3, 1922, the death of Senator Penrose was formally announced by John Hampton Barnes, Esq.

Mr. Barnes said:

May it please your Honors: It is a painful duty to formally announce to this Court officially the death of Honorable Boise Penrose, which occurred Saturday last in the City of Washington. This is not an occasion for eulogy, but it is altogether fitting that from this Bar and in this Court there should be recognition—in solemn and due manner—of his passing away. Graduated from Harvard University at the early age of twenty-one, just forty years ago last spring, the degrees which his university conferred upon him signified its appreciation of his brilliant intellectual capacity; reading law at the Bar in this city, where he was born, in the office of Mr. Wayne MacVeagh and Mr. George Tucker Bispham, and associating himself thereafter with two dearly beloved and now deceased members of this Bar, Mr. S. Davis Page and Mr. Edward P. Allinson, he practiced his profession for some time. Drawn thereafter into the more active field of politics at a very early age, he gained distinction in the state Legislature, and from there passed to the broader field of national affairs. I need not pause here to pay tribute to the great benefit he was to his country during one of its gravest periods; by his stabilizing influence and the conservative exercise of his powers he did as much as any man of our time to protect the substantial liberties of the country; and of what this State owes to him in the protection of its industries and great commercial interests others will, in other places, and in larger spheres, properly speak. When we turn to him, as we may here, in relation to his membership of

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the Bar, and to the days of personal association with him, those who had the privilege of his friendship recall the loyalty to them, his frank and fearless nature and the charm of his conversation. These are the things which mark the man among men and among his friends, and establish those permanent memorials which alone remain to them when one has gone out from the happy intercourse of life.

I move that your Honors direct a minute to be made of this event upon the record of your Honors' Court.

The Chief Justice replied :

We hear with grief of the death of the Honorable Boies Penrose, our senior United States Senator and a member of the Bar of this Court. Senator Penrose came of old Pennsylvania stock, many of his family having figured in the public and legal life of the State, the last of these to shine as a jurist being his uncle, the late distinguished President Judge of the Orphans' Court of Philadelphia Co. The senator himself, while possessing a good legal mind, early drifted from the practice of the law into public life, where, as all know, he had a useful and notable career. His chief characteristics were bravery, humor, simplicity of manner and absolute candor. In a life full of strife and contest, he fought fairly, and was almost never the aggressor, the majority of his battles being for vindication or self-preservation. He achieved great power, which, be it said to his credit, he never used for individual gain or personal aggrandizement; finally, he was singularly free from vanity, and, above all, harbored no malice. When, almost a year ago, he told me of his decision to return to the national capital, I suggested the work he would encounter might prove beyond his limited strength. The reply reflects the man; it was, "Live or die, a soldier's place is on the battle line, and I am a soldier." Then, with grim humor, he added: "I would rather die of work than be bored to death." He was a typical Pennsylvanian, who knew and on many

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occasions served his State well. We direct an appropriate minute, expressing our sorrow at his going, be placed on record.

This Court will now adjourn out of respect to his memory.