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Tributes To A Noble Life

LOUIS BLOCK, Attorney—I lost legal circles will miss him most, as the the last of the Mohicans had left us for the happy hunting grounds. But what a glorious record he has left behind him! A record of unquestioned integrity, of a keen sense of justice, of daring courage and direct dealing, a mind that would waste no time on non-essentials, side-issues, and irritations, but always went straight to the point, and bore to the line. No greater patriot ever lived in our midst. He was not afraid of what so many empty heads call the "mire of politics." He knew that the only way to make a government of the people live was to take an active part in that government and he did all his life time, thus leaving a shining example for the rest of us to follow.

JUDGE W. F. MAINES—The passing of Joe R. Lane has removed from our midst the city's most representative citizen. His leadership at the bar was unquestioned. Wise in counsel, sterling in judgment, resourceful in the trial of a case he seldom failed to win a victory for his client. In his death the community has suffered an irreparable loss.

GEORGE M. RECHTEL, President of Geo. M. Rechtel Co., —I have of no man whose passing leaves such a void as does the passing of Joe R. Lane. As a man, a citizen and a patriot he lived up to the highest ideals. We have no fewer men of his caliber that we can ill afford to lose him.

JUDGE WM. W. SCOTT—It would be difficult indeed to exaggerate the life of Joe R. Lane. His death, while expected, is a shock to all of us. Personally I have had a very good friend, the community has lost a leading citizen, and the bar one of its oldest active members. Aside from his family perhaps we in

LUIS BLOCK, Attorney—Each succeeding one of 15 years of acquaintance with Mr. Lane served to purify and increase our respect and admiration for him. This was true although he and I were never on the same side of a lawsuit, but from the first year of my practice we were many times on opposite sides. He was a great lawyer, but more than that he was a great man and no one ever begrudged him, nor even because he generated the full measure of it. It was abetted by a fine combination of genius, soul and integrity.

PETER N. JACOBSEN—Joe R. Lane was a man of first-class in a million as the saying goes. He was a giant in business and financial circles, as well as the law, a combination found in but few men. I have never known a man possessing so much human energy as he did when he was in his prime. He was a city builder, politician and public spirited. Fearless and courageous in all things, he, in a conservative way, probably did more for Davenport than any other citizen. To know him was to love and admire him. A leader in all public affairs, his death will come as a great loss not only to his large

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