

takes away as rugged, well-poised and public-spirited an American as recent days have seen.

*Republic.* The good that he has done can hardly be measured. As an influence for an early permanency of homesteads the planting of trees has been potent. As a memorial to a man whose hope was in the West, the trees are an enduring evidence.

*Star.* Mr. Morton's greatest achievement, and without doubt the event of his life that will perpetuate forever his memory, was the establishment of Arbor Day, for today millions of trees throughout the commonwealth stand as living monuments to his perseverance and sagacity.

#### KANSAS CITY.

*Star.* It is said that the grief of J. Sterling Morton over the death of his youngest son, a year ago, hastened his own death. This capacity for feeling was not at all inconsistent with the nature of a man who became so noted as a lover of trees.

#### ST. JOSEPH.

*News.* The death of J. Sterling Morton, Father of Arbor Day, removes one of the most prominent builders of western history.

*Gazette.* He lived a useful life and he wrought well for mankind, but his greatest achievement was Arbor Day. Let it be perpetuated in his honor.

#### SEDALIA.

*Capital.* The death of J. Sterling Morton takes away a well-poised and public-spirited American. He had the high regard of his countrymen of all parties and all sections.

#### MARYSVILLE.

*Republican.* A courageous, robust and thoroughly balanced personality passes off the stage of affairs in the death of J. Sterling Morton.

#### KANSAS.

##### ATCHISON.

*Globe.* J. Sterling Morton was a well-balanced man. He was intensely interested in agricultural matters and was always fair, practical and sensible in his work as he was in bringing up his sons and building up his home. Very few men leave behind them a record as clean and satisfactory as J. Sterling Morton.

##### LEAVENWORTH.

*Times.* The death of J. Sterling Morton removes one of the ablest men of the West. He was a man of decided opinion, and once having formed one, maintained it with vigor.

##### LAWRENCE.

*Journal.* He was far different from the others. For while he worked with his hands, his brain too was busy. He made a success of farming, he made a success of everything he tried, for he was industrious and persistent.

#### MARYLAND.

##### CUMBERLAND.

*News.* Mr. Morton found the agricultural department nerveless and boneless, the sport of cranks and a refuge for influential incapacity; he left it a highly-organized and efficient institution, the vast public benefits of which

have been continuously increased by the development of his system of administration.

#### BALTIMORE.

*News.* As the Father of Arbor Day and a life-long advocate of the planting of trees, and of forest preservation, he did a work of great and lasting benefit.

#### RHODE ISLAND.

##### WOONSOCKET.

*Call.* Lacking the gift for spectacularity and the blowing of his own horn, much has been attributed to others for which Mr. Morton was responsible.

#### PROVIDENCE.

*Telegram.* Where best known he was personally highly regarded, and enjoyed a business reputation of credit and honor.

#### SOUTH DAKOTA.

##### YANKTON.

*Gazette.* He was a man, strong, sturdy and steady of purpose like the forest giants he admired so much, and these qualities which he possessed in so high a degree will be missed in the nation for which he worked so strenuously through life.

##### SIoux FALLS.

*Press.* Having his home in the prairie state of Nebraska, Mr. Morton knew the value of trees. He was a practical farmer and dealt practically with the subjects while he was at the head of the agricultural department.

#### VIRGINIA.

##### RICHMOND.

*Dispatch.* He enjoyed the reputation of being a man of honest convictions and having the courage to stand up for them, no matter what the cost.

*Times.* The whole country sustains a loss in the death of J. Sterling Morton. He was a man of good sense and much learning, but better still, he was a man of character.

##### STAUNTON.

*News.* As the originator of Arbor Day and an apostle of tree-planting and culture, he will be remembered by posterity as a man who did much to advance the material interests of the whole country.

##### JACKSONVILLE, FLA.

*Times.* J. Sterling Morton did the country notable service, and died a martyr, since he contracted the fatal illness while speaking for the good of his country.

##### LARAMIE, WYOMING.

*Republican.* The people of America will mourn the loss of J. Sterling Morton. His given name indicated his character, for he was sterling to the core.

##### GRAND FORKS, NORTH DAKOTA.

*Herald.* He did successfully what many other men have tried to do and failed; he erected for himself in his lifetime a monument which will endure long after any marble slab has crumbled into dust, and like all works that endure his memorial was not planned for purposes of self-glorification, but for the good of the people.

##### TRENTON, NEW JERSEY.

*Times.* The yearly celebration of Arbor Day throughout the land, and the consequent love of trees and flowers and birds which has been inspired into the life of the younger generation, are bound to work a wonderful benefit to the country.

##### SHREVEPORT, LA.

*Times.* Long before his connection with national affairs, he was regarded as one of the most vigorous men of the West, and had earned undying fame as an exponent of advanced methods of cultivating the soil.

##### LOS ANGELES, CAL.

*Express.* In the death of J. Sterling Morton Nebraska has lost its greatest citizen, and the country one of its truest statesmen. Mr. Morton's abilities and personal character were such that he was always highly esteemed by the best citizens in most parts of the country.

##### SALT LAKE, UTAH.

*Herald.* It is as the originator of the beautiful Arbor Day custom that he will long be held in affectionate remembrance by thousands of American citizens. It is a custom that will never grow old, and will result in beautifying the land as nothing else could.

#### THE MORTON ARBORETUM.

A more delicate and fitting token of filial respect and affection could not be thought of than the proposition of the sons of J. Sterling Morton—who was buried yesterday at Nebraska City—to convert Arbor Lodge, his late home, into an arboretum—that is, a place for the cultivation of all varieties of plant life—large and small—which the soil and climate will maintain. Such an undertaking has been brought to perfection in Boston, and among all of the rare features of interest in that city of extraordinary attractions none invites more flattering attention than the Arboretum.

The fitness of such a memorial in the case of J. Sterling Morton is especially pronounced. It will glorify his achievements as a friend and lover of trees as nothing else could do. It will be in the highest degree educative and instructive. It will draw to the home which he himself greatly beautified a multitude of visitors. It will be an attraction that will be noted throughout the land.

It is the intention of Mr. Morton's sons to provide for the permanent maintenance of the arboretum which they will create and to make it an enduring testimonial to the memory of their beloved and lamented father.

The conception is most admirable and praiseworthy and the ability and resources to perfect it will not be lacking. The very best memorials that can be reared to honor the dead are those which are of use and value to the living.—Kansas City Star.