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Senator Stokes No More.

At the convening of the special session of the legislature, Senator Stokes was in his seat and ready for the duties devolving upon a law-maker, although worn out from the fatigue of a strenuous campaign and on the verge of an illness of a fatal termination, as later and sorrowful developments attest. Senator Stokes was a martyr to duty. His friends felt that he needed rest and so advised him, but Stokes felt that his time belonged first to the people and to himself afterwards. He could not be induced to leave his desk when important legislation was pending that required his attention, his approval or disapproval as the case might be. But no man can long master his physical being and there comes a time when the strongest will power is outdone. His nerves shattered, his brain racked and the hot, feverish breath that foreboded ill already upon him, he was compelled to take to his bed and it was only a few days until his condition was given out as serious. He was conveyed from Austin to a sanitarium at San Antonio, where the best skill known to the medical profession could be availed of, but the fever would not be cooled, the pallor forestalled nor the fatal malady successfully combatted. ~~Crockett was advised by wife Thursday~~ night that Senator Stokes' life was despaired of. Dr. E. B. Stokes of this city, a brother of the senator, left immediately by train for San Antonio, but before he reached his destination the end of a life full of righteous ambition and loyal courage had come and Senator Stokes was no more except in the memory of those who loved and admired him. With him at the time of his death were his wife and his sister, Mrs. Hattie Cunyus of this city. The remains were prepared for burial and shipped to Austin, where arrangements were made to have the body lie in state in the senate chamber Friday afternoon. All members of the senate, the officers of the senate and many members of the house were at the Austin station to receive the body and escort it to the senate chamber, where many tributes were paid to

the memory of the departed senator. His desk was draped in mourning and when the senate adjourned for the day it was out of respect for the departed member. A committee from the senate, composed of Senators Rathff, Kellie, Adams and Perkins, was appointed by the presiding officer to accompany the remains to Crockett. The speaker of the house appointed also a committee, composed of the following representatives, Chester H. Terrell, Porter, Luce, Geo. B. Terrell, Fuller and Strickland, to accompany the remains to Crockett. Leaving Austin Friday night the party reached Crockett Saturday morning and the funeral occurred from the late home of Senator Stokes Saturday afternoon at 5 o'clock. The ministers paying tribute to the memory of the deceased were Rev. S. F. Tenney of the Presbyterian church and Rev. F. M. Boyles of the Methodist church. Following the ministers Representative Terrell of San Antonio and Senator Per... of the high regard in... was held, his... body and... to the... sist

Crockett, resided to manhood in here Crockett and he resided, with the exception of the time spent at Austin and previously in school, until his death. He was 36 years of age. A few years ago he had the misfortune to lose his first wife, who was Miss Etta Adams. His surviving wife was Miss Hillier of Austin. He is also survived by his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Stokes, two brothers, Dr. E. B. and R. C. Stokes, and three sisters, Mrs. Hattie Cunyus, Mrs. T. R. Deupree and Miss Annie Stokes. He was a leader in the Methodist church and taught a class in the Methodist Sunday school. His life was one truly worthy of emulation by young men and no doubt the example he set will have a good effect for many years to come. As a public citizen his ideals were the highest and as a personal friend he was grateful and true. His death has cast a gloom wherever he was known.