

July 11, 1885, a special meeting of the Council was held for the purpose of taking action in reference to the death of Col. Dominick Welter. Alderman Burke, announcing the death of Col. Welter, offered the following preamble and resolutions which, on his motion, were adopted by a unanimous rising vote :

WHEREAS, This Council has learned with profound regret of the sudden death of Colonel Dominick Welter, late Inspector and Secretary of the Police Department of the city of Chicago ; therefore

*Resolved*, That we do hereby adopt the following memorial, and order the same published and a copy thereof engrossed and sent by the City Clerk to the family of the deceased.

#### MEMORIAL:

Dominick Welter was born in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, January 27, 1839, and came to this country with his parents in 1850. In 1856-57, he served as a private in the Seventh United States Infantry. During the war of the rebellion he was a member of the Fourth Ohio Cavalry, and a prisoner of war at Libby prison and at Columbia, South Carolina. By his intrepid courage and daring he rose during the war to the rank of Major, commanding his regiment. Returning to Chicago when the war was over, he engaged in business here up to December, 1882. In 1877, during the riots, Major Welter was made commander of Company A of the local cavalry and was subsequently promoted to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel. In November, 1882, he was appointed Inspector and Secretary of Police, which position he held up to the time of his death. To the untiring zeal and excellent drill of Col. Welter is to be ascribed in a very large degree the efficiency of our present police. To his duties he brought a practical experience and knowledge, which rendered him invaluable to the force. His advice and counsel were always in demand, and was ever found to be safe, conservative and wise. The city of Chicago is largely indebted to Col. Welter for the good work he has done, and it is but just and right that these obligations should be acknowledged. In his private character he was all that is admirable ever genial and courteous in his intercourse with men, he was both respected and loved by those who knew him; a staunch friend, an able and a faithful officer; a brave man, his death is a loss to the entire community. We place on record this acknowledgment of our appreciation of his character as an official and as a man, and tender to his family our sincere sympathy upon the great loss which they have sustained.

The Chair appointed Aldermen Burke, Eisfeldt and Simons a Committee of Arrangements to make preparations for the funeral, which took the form of a public demonstration, with civic and military honors.