Aid for Hungarian Settlers
Writers have told of the deep and abiding personal attachments that adorned the life of this man—of his gentle and loving character, of his exceptional talent and brilliance—all traits and accomplishments of a notable public figure that Iowa has loved and honored. There was always a deep, strong and determined side of his life. It was one that so many failed to recognize, that emerged to the open in the tempest and strain of those last years, and in the grueling months of raging storm of battle in the senate, sustained him and marked his greatness.

His was a consistent course. His thoughts, his purposes and his plans were not pinned upon his coat sleeve to be read by all men. While the manner of their revelation upset the calculations of many in public life with whom he had associated, and they were wont to call him “the new Dolliver,” it was the steadfast purpose of his training and his life that rose to challenge them in the culmination of his strength and power.

AID FOR HUNGARIAN SETTLERS

Gov. Stephen Hempstead: The distinguished Hungarian patriot, Gov. L. Ujhazy, with a considerable number of his associates, driven from Hungary by the merciless persecution and aggression of the Austrian and Russian governments, in consequence of their gallant defense of the liberties of their country, have settled in the county of Decatur, in this state, with the determination of making that place their home, and as I am informed have petitioned congress to grant them the land upon which they have thus settled.

For the purpose of aiding those brave and worthy men in their application, and securing to them a home where they can enjoy that liberty for which they exposed their lives and sacrificed their fortunes, I respectfully recommend that the general assembly memorialize congress to grant them the land which they have asked.—Message to the Iowa General Assembly, December 14, 1850.