

[Cole, John Calvin]

Death's Call—A Prominent Citizen Expires Suddenly This Morning.

The community was surprised this morning by the announcement that John C. Cole, of the firm of Cipperly, Cole & Haslehurst, was dead. Mr. Cole died at his residence, No. 2 St. Paul's place, at 5 o'clock this morning, after a brief illness. Last Friday Mr. Cole was at the office of the firm, No. 11 First street, and in the afternoon he attended a meeting of the board of underwriters, of which he was the vice-president. He went home at the close of the meeting and did not again leave the house. The attack was of the nature of gastric fever, and the immediate cause of death was heart failure. Mr. Cole was much worse yesterday afternoon, but it was not thought that death was so near. This morning, just before 5 o'clock, he appeared to be sinking fast, and Mrs. Cole hastened to summon the attending physician. When she returned, and before the physician arrived, Mr. Cole was dead.

John Calvin Cole was born at Oxford, N.Y., fifty-four years ago. He was a son of Calvin Cole. He removed to Troy in 1854, and [on] March 25 of that year he entered the insurance office of his uncle, Spencer Cole, as a clerk. The next year he was admitted to partnership with his uncle, the firm name being S. & J. C. Cole. The firm was dissolved in 1856, and John C. Cole continued business at No. 253 River street. In 1865 the firm of Cipperly & Cole was formed, John W. Cipperly becoming the senior member of the firm, which in 1868 removed to No. 11 First street. In 1870 the firm purchased the business of Allen & Rogers, and in 1874 Theodore E. Haslehurst was admitted to the firm, which has since been Cipperly, Cole & Haslehurst.

Mr. Cole was twice married. His first wife was Miss Lydia Tomlinson, a sister of Mrs. William Madden of this city. The fruit of this marriage was one son, Irving C. Cole, who graduated from Williams college a year ago and is now a teacher in a school near Hartford, Conn. Mr. Cole's first wife died, and he subsequently married Miss Emma M. Smiley of Germantown, Penn., who survives him. He is also survived by two brothers, Augustus Cole of Oconto, Wis., and Henry Cole of Omaha, Neb.

Mr. Cole was a member of the Universalist church of this city. He was treasurer of the church for eight or ten years, and a member of the board of trustees for sixteen years. He was a member of the Mount Zion lodge, F. & A.M., and president of the Empire button-hole machine company. He served a term in the Volunteers steamer company.

Mr. Cole was a quiet and conservative gentleman, of regular habits, and had always been in good health. His sudden death was a surprise even to his business partners and his family. Mr. Cole was highly esteemed and respected by all. He was, with perhaps one exception, the senior insurance agent in the city. His character was exemplary, and by his death Troy loses an excellent citizen.

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