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DELOS M. COSGROVE

The death of Delos M. Cosgrove in Watertown Saturday evening, after a brief illness, takes out of the midst of the North Country a man whom it can ill afford to let go at this or any time. He was an outpost on the fighting line in the battle for the development of a great project visioned for years by men of wisdom and foresight—He lead the van—With fight almost won he is called away and another must carry on, if other can carry on where this man stood as a host in the midst of battle—Like the ancient Hebrew he spied from the mountain the land of promise, but never entered therein.

Delos Cosgrove was a man of deep and abiding faith in men and things. It is interesting that he was born in the little community of Redwood, Jefferson County, which was the home of the Cosgrove family. He attended and graduated from Potsdam State Normal, taught school, studied law and rose from youthful country lawyer, pleading his cause with diffidence, to a commanding position as an attorney throughout the state. Were one to ask who the leading two or three or four lawyers of Northern New York are, the responding list would always contain the name of Delos M. Cosgrove.

Delos M. Cosgrove was very well known in Canton. He appeared here many times in court, he had at times Canton clients, and always the client rested in confidence, before the trial, that his cause would have able presentation and a just adjudication. Delos Cosgrove never deserted a client at the hour of need, he saw the battle through. He was a knightly soul who never broke lance with the phantom foe. A Democrat, he might have sought with success public office. He preferred his practice of the law, he preferred the service he had been performing for the power development of the North Country—He attended political conventions, always in the interests of men of the party whom he believed would, if elected, served their state and country well. He was in late years a close friend and advocate for the election of Alfred E. Smith as president. He held the entire confidence of Franklin D. Roosevelt as Governor and President. Here was a man to tie to and hold to, Delos Marshall Cosgrove—His going is indeed a loss!

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WELL KNOWN RESIDENT OF NORTH PASSES
Funeral of Delos M. Cosgrove to be Held in Watertown Today.

WATERTOWN, July 2.—Residents of this city Sunday mourned the death of Delos M. Cosgrove, foremost citizen of Watertown, who died at his home, 143 Winthrop street, after a brief illness. The flag on the public square staff was at half mast in tribute to him as was the flag at the Jefferson County Golf club.

Funeral Tomorrow

The funeral will be Tuesday afternoon. Prayer services will be held at the home, Rev. Dr. Harry Westbrook Reed, pastor of the All Souls church, officiating. The church service will be at 2:30 o'clock at All Souls church, of which Mr. Cosgrove was a member. Burial will be in Brookside cemetery. The active and honorary bearers had not been selected Sunday night.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt was informed Sunday by Attorney A. R. Cornwall, president of the Jefferson County Bar association, of the death of Mr. Cosgrove. Gov. Herbert H. Lehman was also informed by Mr. Cornwall and stated that while the press of state affairs would not permit him to attend the funeral, he would have a personal representative here.

Both President Roosevelt and Governor Lehman were personal friends of Mr. Cosgrove. So was former Gov. Alfred E. Smith and to Mr. Smith a message of Mr. Cosgrove's death was transmitted by George R. Van Namee.

Members of the New York state power authority of which Mr. Cosgrove was vice chairman, will come here in a body for the funeral. So will men prominent in various walks of life. Supreme Court Justice E. H. Lewis of Syracuse and Judge E. S. K. Merrill of Lowville will be among those present.

A large delegation of attorneys will be present from points throughout the fifth judicial district.

The Jefferson County Bar association will at its meeting Monday night make arrangements for attending the funeral in a body.

Among the telegrams of sympathy that came Sunday was one from President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Ill Four Days

Mr. Cosgrove's death followed but [only] a four day illness for he was at his office last Tuesday afternoon, and had been coming to the office for some days prior to that time for a brief bit of work.

But Tuesday night he developed head pains, and an infection, centering in the intestinal tract, developed. On Friday spinal meningitis and pneumonia came on and it was then apparent that the end was near.

Earlier this spring Mr. Cosgrove had undergone nasal and sinus operations and after these had developed erysipelas. Only recently had he

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recovered from this attack and been able to be about and at his office for a brief time daily.

Mr. Cosgrove in the past few years had given much of his time to his work as vice chairman of the power authority of New York and had worked unceasingly for the St. Lawrence power development and seaway.

Mr. Cosgrove had lived here since 1899, when he came here from his native village of Redwood to study law in the office of George H. Cobb, afterward his law partner.

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