

[Duffy, John]

FORT PLAIN LOSES PROMINENT CITIZEN

John Duffy, Manufacturer, Victim of Typhoid-Pneumonia
Head of Silk Factory and One of Village's Chief Boosters for Many Years Succumbs
After Brief Illness—An Optimist Who Did Much for the Benefit of the Community

Fort Plain, Dec. 19.—John Duffy, aged nearly 54 years, died at 10 o'clock last night at the Duffy home on Reid street. About ten days ago Mr. Duffy complained of not feeling well, and his ailment gradually developed into typhoid fever. All that was possible was done to relieve his sufferings but two or three days ago he was attacked with pneumonia. Since that time his case had been practically hopeless. As a last resort Dr. Hun of Albany was yesterday summoned but was unable to bring relief to the sufferer and he gradually grew worse until the end.

Mr. Duffy was one of the best known and most popular men in Fort Plain. He was always a "booster" and his optimism had made a success of many things that others feared to try. He was very enthusiastic over the Congress of Nations and had spent much time and money in perfecting the organization, which has been as big an entertainment enterprise as was ever given in this village. The old Duffy Drum corps was one of the organizations which had the hand of the deceased back of it, and it is a fact that with Mr. Duffy's shoulder to the wheel all his organizations were successful. He was a member of the Champion Hook & Ladder company and had assisted in conducting its affairs for many years.

In early life Mr. Duffy came to Fort Plain with his parents from New York. For some time he was an employe[e] of the Fort Plain Spring & Axle Works. He later conducted a machine shop at which he was very successful. In the neighborhood of twenty years ago the Duffy Silk company was established in this village, Mr. Duffy and his brothers being the members of the concern which proved to be so much of a success that mills were later established at Buffalo and Phoenix.

Always ready to lend a hand as well as give his money to a worthy cause, the many friends of Mr. Duffy will deeply regret his departure.

He is survived by three brothers, Charles and Bernard of Buffalo and George of this village; also one sister, Mrs. William J. [Julia] Diefendorf of Fort Plain.

The funeral will be held Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home and the burial will be in the Fort Plain cemetery.

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Dec. 22.—The funeral of John Duffy was largely attended yesterday afternoon at his home. The members of the Champion hook and ladder company, of which he was a member, attended in a body. The Rev. L. [Lewis] J. Richards, of Stoughton. Mass., a former pastor of the Universalist church of this village, officiated.

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