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DEATH OF WALLACE D. HARDY

The death of Wallace D. Hardy at his home, corner of Main and Morton streets, Monday afternoon, was no surprise to his many friends who have watched his steady decline for the past two years. It came at last as relief from suffering from an incurable disease which he had fought heroically and hopefully month after month but without avail. There was no escape from a fatal termination—no respite from increasing feebleness. He is at rest now from all earthly sufferings but, as he believed, is still with us in spirit, having but changed conditions and not the place of his abode. He was a firm believer in spiritualism and its various manifestations, and in health and sickness was accustomed to spend his summer vacations at Queen City Park, where he came in contact with the most celebrated mediums. Mr. Hardy had a severe attack of the grippe about two years ago, while actively conducting the livery business of Roby & Hardy at the stand now occupied by D. J. McKenna, and, after recovering so as to be about, failed to recuperate and entered into a decline resembling that which comes with pernicious anaemia. He himself at that time attributed his weakness to the grippe attack, but intimate friends believed it to be the result of an injury received some time previous. A year ago he spent the winter in the South with the hope that a change of climate would help him recuperate, but if he received benefit it was not apparent nor permanent. For the past 15 weeks he had been constantly confined to his bed.

Mr. Hardy was a citizen of unusual frankness and integrity and will be deeply missed by the community. He was a man of positive opinions and never hesitated to express them, though careful and considerate and not inclined to impose them upon others. There was nothing covered up in his make-up and his entire career was a most honorable one. Of sound judgment, intuitive fairness, rugged honesty and gentlemanly demeanor, his death deprives our village of one of its best citizens. He was a man of grit and courage, strong in his likes and dislikes, sociable and companionable to those whom he respected and exceedingly loyal to his friends. He was born in Westville but nearly all his life had been spent in Malone, where for many years he was actively engaged in business, first as a druggist in copartnership with his brother-in-law R. McC. Miller, at the Briggs store on Harrison Place, and afterwards in the livery business at the L. J. Folsom stand. The firm of Miller & Hardy entered business about Jan. 1st, 1873 and continued for about six years, removing toward the end of this period to the store now occupied by A. W. Stickney where, after a few months, Mr. Miller bought out Mr. Hardy's interest and for a number of years continued the business. Mr. Hardy then engaged for a time in farming, finally removing to California where he remained for about a year, returning on account of the

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failing health of his father. He entered the firm of Roby, Drake & Co. in the conduct of the well-known livery on Harrison Place in 1891, and continued to be identified with the business at this well-known stand under the firm names of Hardy & Mayne and Roby & Hardy until the fall of 1901, when failing health forced him to retire and the business succeeded to D. A. Tyo and is now conducted by D. J. McKenna.

Mr. Hardy was a thoroughgoing Republican but never sought office. Notwithstanding this fact, he was sought out by his fellow citizens and made a village trustee, which office he filled most creditably for a number of years. So long as the old Universalist Church was served with a pastor he was one of its reliable supporters. He was for many years an honored member of Neshoba Lodge, I. O. O. F., and of Northern Constellation Lodge F. & A. M. and had belonged to the Malone Tent K. of M. since its organization.

The deceased leaves surviving his wife, whose maiden name was Miss Alice Drake, a daughter of the late James B. Drake, four sisters and one brother, all save one of whom reside in this town. They are Mrs. N. W. Warner, Mrs. Mary A. Leighton, Mrs. R. McC. Miller and John D. Hardy, of Malone, and Mrs. J. P. McCreedy, of Chicago. The funeral occurs from his late residence Wednesday afternoon under the auspices of the Masonic fraternity, Rev. Mr. Brown officiating, and on Thursday his remains will be taken to Montreal for cremation, pursuant to his dying request. His age was 53 years.

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