

[Kelhi, Michael R.]

Ex-Supervisor Kelhi Found Dead in Bed This Morning.

About 9:30 this morning ex-Supervisor M. R. Kelhi, of Fort Plain, was found dead in bed at the Girvan House, Little Falls. The cause of death was heart disease. Mr. Kelhi was 36 years of age, and was very well known in Montgomery and Herkimer counties. His occupation was that of a cheese and produce buyer. He served as supervisor from the town of Minden for five terms, and was chairman of the board in 1883 and 1884. His wife [Mary E.], who died two years ago, was a daughter of Adam Lipe. No children survive him. He was secretary of Fort Plain Lodge, No. 433, F. & A.M., and belonged also to Little Falls commandery, the Knights of Pythias and the Odd Fellows. Last fall he was prominently mentioned as a candidate for sheriff. He was a staunch Democrat in politics, and took an earnest and active interest in the party. Mr. Kelhi was a popular gentleman, of many estimable qualities and his sudden death will cause regret wherever he is known. His life was insured for \$10,000.

Mr. Kelhi's remains reached Fort Plain on the Central at 3:30 P.M. to-day. The funeral will be held at 1:30 P.M. Thursday from the Universalist church in that village. An inquest was held in the case at Little Falls.

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Funeral of M. R. Kelhi

The funeral of ex-Supervisor Michael R. Kelhi, who died suddenly t the Girvan house, Little Falls, was held at the [Universalist] church of Messiah in Fort Plain Yesterday afternoon, at 2 o'clock. Rev. M. W. Tabor was the officiating clergyman. The services were conducted by the masonic order. Mr. Kelhi was one of the most popular and clever of men in town, and his sudden death has proved a great shock to the community. Every place in the village was closed from two to four yesterday afternoon out of respect. His funeral was the largest that has ever been attended in the village, and reliable persons say the largest ever held in Montgomery county. There were about 800 persons in the church, while as many more were unable to gain admittance. He was a member of all the orders in town, excepting the grand army, and also a member of the Little Falls commandery No. 26, K. T. The different societies to which he belonged attended in a body, and there were easy [sic] 800 members of the different orders that followed his remains to the grave. Mr. Kelhi was the last of a family of four, that have died in the course of a few years. His wife [Mary Lipe Kelhi] died about two years ago [in September 1884] and two children [Albert Kelhi, September 15, 1880, age 1 year and 8 months, and unnamed Kelhi, July 22, 1882, age 3 days] died previous to her death.

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