

O'Connor, Walter Wallace "Pete"]

Mr. Walter Wallace O'Connor

AMSTERDAM, May 21.—Walter Wallace O'Connor, postmaster at Fort Plain, and for 30 years associated with his brother, George O'Connor, with the publication of the Fort Plain Standard, died at 12:30 o'clock this afternoon at his home in that village of sarcoma of the throat, with which he had been afflicted for four and a half years. Mr. O'Connor was born in Fort Plain and received a common school education in the public schools of that village. In March, 1892, together with his brother, he purchased the Fort Plain Standard. Although known as "Pete," Mr. O'Connor wrote under the subscript of "Sifter," his humorous writing winning him fame throughout the state. He was a staunch Democrat in politics and seven years ago was rewarded by the appointment of postmaster. Mr. O'Connor was a member of Fort Plain Lodge, F. and A. M., the Haymarket Country Club of Fort Plain, the Rensselaer Club of Canajoharie and attendant of the Universalist church. For many years he was a member of Amsterdam Lodge of Elks. Surviving is his mother, Mrs. George [Mary Sponable] O'Connor, Sr., of Fort Plain and two brothers, George, of Fort Plain and Frank, of Louisville, Ky. The funeral, which will be private will be held at the home Saturday at 5 o'clock Saturday afternoon. It is expected that Rev. [Herbert Frank] Moulton, pastor of the Universalist church, who is now in Maine, will officiate. Burial will be in Fort Plain cemetery.

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