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HUMPHREY ALMY TALLMAN.

Sketch of the Career of the Popular Auburnian Who Was Stricken Yesterday.

The sudden death of Humphrey A. Tallman, which was briefly announced in these columns yesterday, cast a gloom over the entire city. Few men were better known in Auburn and its vicinity and his cordiality of demeanor, his cheery word for everybody and his never failing good humor made him a man to whom friends were easily drawn and as easily retained. He was a man of whom it may truthfully be said that the limit of his friendships was the circle of his acquaintances. In business or out of it he was the same whole-souled gentleman, generous to a fault, ever thoughtful of the welfare of others and untiring in his efforts to do unto others as he would have them do unto him.

Yesterday was a busy day for Mr. Tallman and he was, to all appearances, in his usual health when he entered his carriage works, adjoining his stables, about 4 o'clock in the afternoon. He was talking pleasantly with one of his employe[e]s when he was suddenly stricken with apoplexy [a stroke] and fell into the arms of the workman. Friends were at hand and medical assistance was speedily procured but despite all that could be done he breathed his last in about 30 minutes after he was stricken.

Humphrey Almy Tallman was born in the town of Scipio, near Ensenore, February 20, 1851, and was a son of Mary E. and John K. Tallman, both of whom died suddenly and of the same disease. He came to Auburn in 1860, at which time his father came here to join the late E. D. Clapp in the livery business. He was a student in the Auburn academy and received further education at the Friends' academy in Union Springs. His first business connection was as a "bundle boy" with the firm of Van Vechen & Lyon, and from there he went with E. E. Rice to Syracuse. His love for the horse was predominant, however, and later he came to Auburn and assisted his father in the management of his livery business, the partnership between Clapp & Tallman having in the meantime been dissolved. He remained in this business until the very moment of his death, being in partnership with his brother, S. [Selah] C. Tallman, in the undertaking business until September, 1896, when the two business interests were separated.

He was a member of the City club, the Royal Arcanum, the Knights of Pythias and served in the Wheeler Rides until the time of his service elapsed, some few years since.

While not a member or regular attendant of any church, he never gave up the ideas inculcated into his mind in the Universalist Sabbath school when a boy, and often expressed his satisfaction and faith in his early teachings in that direction.

The funeral services will be held at his late residence, No. 1 Elizabeth street, Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Burial will be at Fort Hill [Cemetery].

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