

[Van Tassel, John]

SUDDEN DEATH OF JOHN VAN TASSEL

John Van Tassel of this city was found dead in his bed at 5 o'clock Tuesday morning. Mr. Van Tassel had had a good deal of heart trouble and Dr. Johnson had been in to see him a couple of times on Monday[, ] realizing he was in a critical condition. His death was discovered by Mrs. Van Tassel who went into his room to see how he was. It is believed that he died in his sleep, probably an hour or two before his body was discovered.

Mr. Van Tassel's career in Hudson is unique; starting without a dollar in the world, by his own business acumen he amassed considerable wealth. His hobby was horses and he knew them from the ground up. He conducted a livery and exchange stable and during his life time he bought and brought East thousands of Western horses. Some of these were race horses and a number he entered and drove himself on the half mile circuits, Leo S. being perhaps the most famous of the many he has had. His weekly horse sales were more like a County Fair and attracted hundreds of spectators and buyers from the country over. He purchased and for some time conducted the Hudson Fair Grounds which property he finally sold to a real estate firm which cut it up into building lots.

Mr. Van Tassel is survived by his wife [Ella] and several children [including daughters Cleo and Mary and sons John and Harold].

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FUNERAL THIS AFTERNOON

The funeral of John Van Tassel took place this afternoon from his late residence at 16 South Seventh street, and was largely attended. The Rev. Charles H. Murch, pastor of the Universalist church, officiated and the bearers were Irving Rivenburgh, Adriance Couse, Thomas Stackpole, William Bain, of Stottville, William Plass, of Linlithgo and Mr. Ham. Interment was made in the Hudson City cemetery.

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