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DEATH OF WILLIAM VOGEL

Eminent Specialists and Surgeons Tried to Save His Life

TAKEN ILL TWO MONTHS AGO

He Suffered From Cancer That Made Rapid Progress After the First  
Appearance of the Disease—Mr. Vogel Was One of the Most Prominent  
Citizens in the Eastern District in Social, Business and Church Life

William Vogel died at his residence, 202 Keap street, at 8 o'clock last evening. Death had been expected for the last week. About two months ago Mr. Vogel had a cancer removed from his head. Shortly afterward a cancer appeared on the neck, and from that time to the hour of his death a heroic fight was made to save his life. When physicians and eminent surgeons said they could do no more the toxine method was tried, and for a time with great hope of success. That also failed and a doctor from Boston who has made a specialty of cancerous diseases came on and gave treatment. There has been no case in the Eastern District in recent years that has been watched so anxiously as this one. Mr. Vogel was so well known in church and club life and in business and financial circles that a host of friends was hoping for his recovery. He was in the prime of life and when stricken down was apparently in perfect health. The Rev. J. C. [John Coleman] Adams, D.D., pastor of All Souls' Church, will officiate at the funeral on Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock in the church, and may possibly be assisted by the Rev. Almon Gunnison, D. D., of Worcester, Mass.

William Vogel was born in the Seventh Ward of this borough nearly fifty-eight years ago. After an education which he obtained largely in the public schools, he was employed as an apprentice to a tin roofer. He afterward did work on his own account in various parts of the borough. Subsequently he opened a small shop on Fillmore place, and afterward moved to Kent avenue. Fifteen years ago he purchased a small lot 50 feet deep on the site of the present extensive factory of the firm, which now extends from 37 to 47 South Ninth street. The growth of the business of the firm from small dimensions to its present extent is a singular instance of what frugality, honesty and habits of strict attention to business, such as exercised by the late Mr. Vogel, can do. As the head of the firm, he was particularly careful never to increase or extend his business unless he was prepared at the same time to meet increased obligations. He paid all his indebtedness in cash and by thus avoiding the discounting of bills was always able to furnish his customers with the articles he manufactured at reasonable, or the lowest, market prices. He was a lifelong temperance man, and for many years was prominently associated with the Sons of Temperance. Outside his own particular line he enjoyed a most favorable acquaintance in the social, business and financial world of the Eastern District. He was one of the

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originators of the Amphion Musical Society. He was also a member of Progressive Lodge, No. 354, and Hyatt Lodge, F. and A.M., and a member of the Union League Club, an active member of the Hanover Club, and a member of the board of trustees of this club during 1896; a director of the Manufacturers' National Bank, Broadway and Berry street; a director of the Manufacturers' Trust Company, a member of the Manufacturers' Insurance Company and a director in the Manufacturers' Association. He was also a trustee of All Souls' Universalist Church, South Ninth street, and a very active worker and loyal member of this religious organization. In company with a large party which included some Eastern District people in July, 1896, the late Mr. Vogel, with Mrs. and Miss Vogel, went on a European tour which extended over several months, for the purpose of recreation and enjoyment. Mr. Vogel was at that time in the best of health. Of the party were Mr. Benjamin W. Wilson of 165 Ross street and the Rev. Dr. Almon Gunnison of Worcester, Mass. The party visited Paris, Lucerne, Naples and other European cities, Egypt and the Holy Land, returning by way of the Mediterranean. In addition to his widow [Cornelia] Mr. Vogel is survived by his son, William H., who is a partner of the firm of William Vogel & Bros., and two daughters, Etta, who is unmarried, and Cornelia, who is the wife of Glibert J. Kichling, a broker, who resides at 202 Keap street; and three brothers, Henry, Louis and Richard. Mr. Vogel was a man of the highest character, of a generous and sympathetic nature and a man who had many warm friends. He gave freely of his means to all local institutions and was in every way a patriotic public citizen. In business he was remarkably successful. He was well known in the Eastern District, where he had a host of personal friends. Many a man in business has received generous aid and encouragement from Mr. Vogel.

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