

A. J. MATHIAS GOOD CITIZEN

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EXCELLENT CHARACTER

In Every Walk of Life He Was Beloved and Had Led a Pure and Spotless Life Which is an Inspiration.

The death last evening of A. J. Mathias came as a sudden and sorrowful shock to the entire community, for he was a man widely known and beloved by all of his acquaintances.

He was taken sick on Thursday and the end came so suddenly that the announcement of his death was a shock to all.

It was announced at the opera house during the Lincoln centennial program and was received by the vast audience with a gasp of wonder and sorrow.

Senator McManus in a few brief solemn words told the audience, most of whom were the man's friends, that he had died.

Mr. Mathias was a quiet, dignified citizen who won his way into the hearts of all by his gentleness and kindly disposition.

In every walk of life, Mr. Mathias made friends. He was cashier of the Keokuk Savings bank and was faithful to his business.

He was at the bank each day and the commercial interests of the city have suffered by his death.

As a member of the Congregational church, he was an upright Christian man and faithful to his duties as an officer of the church.

Few other citizens enjoyed the universal respect and good will of his neighbors. Mr. Mathias was not of an ambitious or pushing nature in a social way.

There were many older members, many better orators and workers, yet the members of the lodge looked upon him as one of their very best.

In the commercial world he was highly thought of by all. He had the confidence of the bank and its customers. His advice was dependable and good.

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working out of a financial matter, was the right person and the successful one. His home life was a happy and contented one and he was devoted to his wife and children.

His presence was felt wherever he was, and no one had anything but a kind word for him.

The members of Torrence Post of the G. A. R. will feel the loss of their comrade, for there was seldom a meeting that he did not attend.

Mr. Mathias had been with the Keokuk Savings bank for thirty-five years.

bration of last evening, and in every movement and work of the G. A. R. in Keokuk for the last few years Mr. Mathias' name will be found in the records as being active.

He was a member of Puckechetuck lodge of the Odd Fellows and was very regular in his attendance at the lodge meetings. The good work and achievements of the order were endorsed by him and he was considered as one of the best members of the order.

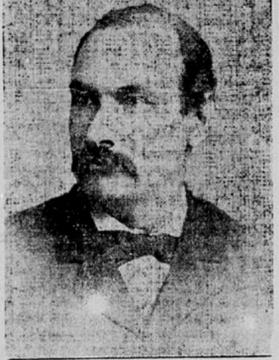
He was a consistent member of the First Congregational church and after serving as a member of the Prudential committee for many years, was elected a deacon at the last annual meeting.

In the church life he was an active worker, a faithful attendant and a good Christian man in every way. He was truly a "pillar of the church" and the members will long remember his faithful service and tireless energy.

At the Keokuk Savings bank his presence was felt and his cheerful disposition shed its rays throughout the counting room. The bank force all loved Mr. Mathias, for he was a man whose influence was for the good of all with whom he came in contact.

Patrons of the bank esteemed him highly and the business world of Keokuk looked upon him as one of its best and foremost citizens. He had the strictest business integrity and was a powerful factor in the commercial interests of the city.

All over the city expressions of the deepest and most sincere sorrow were heard at the death of this good citizen, whose exemplary character and kindly disposition had made him one of the most beloved of the many beloved citizens of Keokuk.



A. J. Mathias.

Mr. Mathias had friends in other places than Keokuk. Wherever he was known he was liked. He was interested in the bankers' conventions and had served as an official in Group 12, which meets in Keokuk on February 22, and had expected to take an active part in the plans of entertaining the visiting delegates.

When the members of the group meet here, they will no doubt take steps toward memorializing him.

He had served as a public official for a number of years as treasurer of the board and gave his best efforts to his work. His advice and careful management was of great assistance to the board in handling the finances of the district.

Mr. Mathias was a very devout member of the Congregational church and was regular in attendance at church services. He took more than an ordinary interest in his church and was also looked to for advice in church matters.

On December 13, 1868, he was united in marriage to Miss Emma Pitzer of Memphis, Mo., the marriage occurring at that place. To this union is surviving two children, Miss Lillian, now studying art in Chicago, and Mrs. George C. Hubert of Holyoke, Mass. He is also survived by two sisters, Mrs. Barbara Barber of Akron, Ohio, and Mrs. W. P. Elliott of Arkansas City, Kan., and a nephew, J. D. Ecker, of Keokuk.

Mr. Mathias had made his home with Mr. and Mrs. Mathias for a number of years and had grown like a son to them.

To the surviving relatives the sympathy of the entire community is extended in this late sorrow.

Many friends have visited the home today to express their condolence to the sorrowing relatives, while others of his hundred friends deeply feel the sorrow into which the beloved wife, sisters and children have been suddenly cast.

Miss Lillian and J. D. Ecker are expected home from Chicago this evening, while other relatives will arrive at a late hour.

Tomorrow's program at the Young Men's Christian Association headquarters will consist of the following attractive features:

2:30. Building open, reading and social rooms ready to use.

3:00. Musical program in reception hall given by Mrs. Louis Sterne, soprano and Mr. John W. Marsh, cellist.

3:30. Men's gathering in reception hall consisting of songs and an address by Nels Pearson, pastor Swedish Methodist church, on "Some Lessons from Life."

He came there first as a bookkeeper after being in the county recorder's office here. He was promoted to the position of assistant cashier and in 1891 he was elected as cashier, occupying that position ever since.

The death of Mr. Mathias at the late residence, 628 Franklin street, his family having moved there after the recent fire at his home, 620 Orleans, occurred last evening at 9:45 o'clock and came after a very brief illness. Sunday he was taken slightly ill and called a doctor, but it was thought that there was nothing serious in his condition.

Wednesday he became slightly worse and Thursday, although feeling ill, he went to the bank and grew worse during the day. In the evening a severe attack of heart trouble caused relatives and friends considerable worry and from then until the hour of his death he sank gradually.

All day Friday little hopes were given for his recovery and friends were considerably shocked when word was sent out that he was not expected to live. He lingered between life and death's door during the entire day and not until nearly 10 o'clock in the evening did he peacefully sink into his last sleep.

At the bedside of Mr. Mathias were his loving wife and devoted daughter, Mrs. George C. Hubert of Holyoke, Mass., who has been visiting here for some time. They fully realized the serious condition of Mr. Mathias even though he had been sick only a short time.

Although quite advanced in years he had always enjoyed excellent health, even more so than the ordinary man of his age. His late sickness was really the only severe sickness he had known for some time.

Born in Ohio. A. J. Mathias was born in Wayne county, Ohio, May 6, 1843, and spent his early childhood near the scene of his birth.

Until the age of eleven years he remained in Ohio with his parents and then went to West Union, Fayette county, Iowa. It was near West Union that he gained the greater part of his education and went to school near there with Rev. N. E. Cory, pastor of the Christian church of this city.

Rev. Cory received the news of the death of Mr. Mathias with sorrow, for he well remembers the school days the two spent together. Mr. Mathias was one of the most studious and energetic students of that community, says Rev. Cory, and he was liked and respected by his fellow comrades.

During the civil war he was a member of the Thirty-Eighth Iowa and remained until the close of the war, he being a commissary sergeant.

Mr. Mathias came to Keokuk in the month of June, 1866, and here resided ever since. For nearly two years he was associated in law with Eric J. Leech, deceased, and later was county recorder, in which office he remained for about six years.

He then entered the Keokuk Savings bank and during the past number of years had been its cashier. It is probably in the capacity of cashier of this bank that he is better known to Keokuk people. He remained quite active in business circles. As a financier he enjoyed the respect of Keokuk's business men.

Besides being treasurer of the school board, he was also treasurer of the Lee County Loan and Building association.

He was a member of Puckechetuck lodge of the Odd Fellows and had served the lodge as noble grand and also as representative.

He was one of the charter members of Morning Star lodge, Knights of Pythias, and the first secretary of the lodge, but withdrew his membership several years ago.

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As a church member he was a true Christian man and gained the admiration of many because of it.

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Representatives of Claimants Against Contractor Who Built New Court House Hold Meeting.

BUILDING COMMITTEE After Two Days Meeting Basis of Satisfactory Settlement is Reached—The Basket Ball Game.

[By a Staff Correspondent.] CARTHAGE, Ill., Feb. 13.—Carthage has entertained a number of visitors the past few days, representatives of the claimants against the Superior Construction Co., the firm which built the new court house, meeting with the building committee, in an effort to complete a final settlement of affairs.

The attorneys for the Bonding company, attorney for the contractor and the architect were also present. It will be remembered that the Superior Construction Company, which was given the contract for the new building, failed. The building committee had reserved from the contractors about \$4,000. When the company failed, this amount was insufficient to satisfy the creditors of the contractor.

At the recent meeting, while no papers are yet signed, it is understood that a basis of settlement was reached and agreed upon, and the matter is ended. The claimants have agreed, it is stated, to apportion the amount remaining in the building fund amongst them, just what per cent it will pay is not known. Citizens generally are well pleased at the amicable adjustment of the matter.

Masquerade Party Last Night. Mrs. Alva Williams was hostess last evening at a masquerade party at

which about forty couples participated, and the event was one of the most enjoyable social events of the season. Those attending seemed to have vied, one with the other, in the planning of their costumes, and the results were most gratifying to those present and there were many surprising costumes, comic in the extreme. The appearance of the celebrated "Directors' gown" worn in the most stately fashion by one of the young business men of the city, sent the guests into shouts of merriment. Almost every nationality was represented, and it was a very hard matter to tell "Who's Who" until the time of unmasking came. The Carthage orchestra furnished splendid music, and dancing was enjoyed until twelve of the the clock.

The true patriotic spirit was shown in Carthage yesterday, the business houses, and many private homes being decorated with the American flag, in honor of Lincoln's hundredth anniversary.

The new "Lincoln" stamps were placed on sale at the post office today and as many saw them for the first time, they were studied with a great deal of interest.

A spirited contest in basket ball will take place tonight at the Carthage college gym, when Carthage college team meets the Illinois college of Jacksonville. Both teams are in fine form and the attendance at the game promises to be large.

The close of the first week in The Gate City subscription contest for Hancock county, discloses a great deal of interest among the citizens. The Gate City is well known to Carthage people, and well liked as a newspaper, and as Carthage has a number of most worthy ladies who are striving for the premiums, they will be given a hearty support here.

'Twas a Glorious Victory. There's rejoicing in Fedora, Tenn. A man's life has been saved, and now Dr. King's New Discovery is the talk

of the town for curing C. V. Pepper of deadly lung hemorrhages. "I could not work nor get about," he writes, "and the doctors did me no good, but after using Dr. King's New Discovery three weeks, I feel like a new man, and can do good work again." For weak, sore or diseased lungs, Coughs and Colds, Hemorrhages, Hay Fever, LaGrippe, Asthma or any Bronchial affection it stands unrivaled. Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free. Sold and guaranteed by Wilkinson & Co. and J. F. Kiedaisch & Co.

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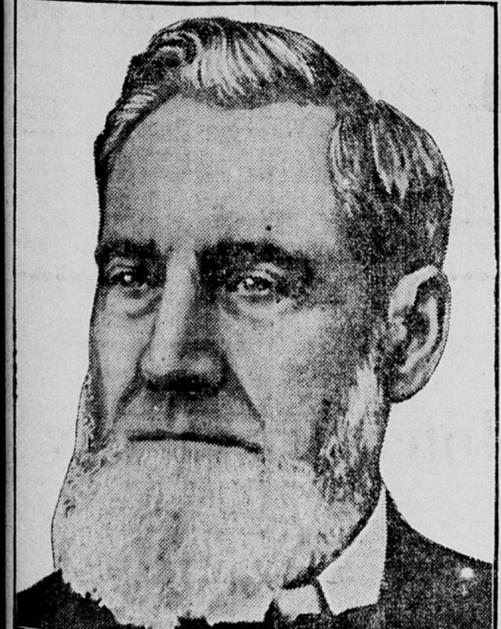
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