

SILVER TONGUED ORATOR OF TAMMANY HALL DIES

New York, Feb. 2.—State Senator Thomas F. Grady, "the silver tongued orator of Tammany Hall," died at his home here today.

His friends say he died of grief and disappointment at being "thrown down" by the Tammany organization he had served so long and faithfully.

While his party was in the minority at the upper house at Albany, Grady was acclaimed its leader. But when Tammany triumphed and gained control of the Senate, he was deposed.

He has been on the decline ever since. Some weeks ago he was taken to a hospital. When the physicians told him there was no hope, he insisted on being taken home to die.

The romance of Grady's life occurred in 1887 when he married Flo Irwin, the actress. The marriage was secret, until one day New York read the following advertisement in its morning papers:

To Those Whom it May Concern:

Be is known that I am the lawful wife of Thomas F. Grady, Mrs. Thomas F. Grady, better known as Florence Irwin.

The romance lasted until 1902. Then Grady obtained a divorce.

Grady was born in New York in 1853. On his graduation from college he attracted the attention of John Kelly, then "boss" of Tammany Hall. Kelly thought Grady looked like good "mater-

ial." He offered him a cadetship at West Point. Grady refused, and began to study law.

Kelly got him into the corporation counsel's office, and from then on his rise in politics—Tammany politics—was rapid. Only once did Grady bolt the organization. That was when Grover Cleveland was governor of New York, in 1887.

Grady was then a state senator. He fought every measure backed by Cleveland. Cleveland sent word to John Kelly that Grady was "interfering with his personal comfort" and that he wanted him "kept home."

At the next election, Grady was "kept home." He bolted the organization, won at a special election, was defeated at the regular election, and then was made a city magistrate by Mayor Grant, who thought Grady had been made a scapegoat. In 1896 he went back to the Senate, and remained there until his death.

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"They were very close-mouthed."