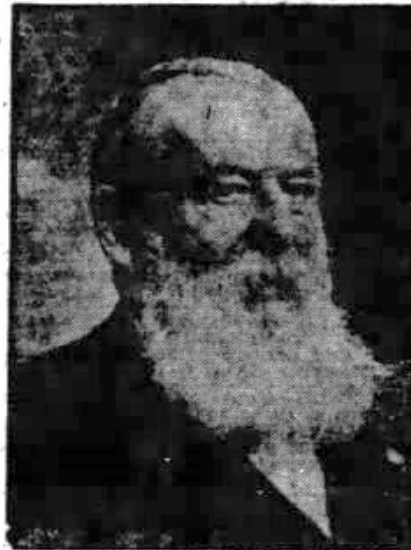


DEATH OF CITY TREASURER PECK

Passed Away Monday Afternoon as the Result of a Shock Suffered Last Week—Has Been Prominent in Business, Finance and Politics for Many Years.

After a year of poor health with a general failure in the last few months the death of City Treasurer Ira L. Peck occurred at his home, No. 27 McKinley avenue, at 3.15 o'clock, Monday afternoon, closing a career of prominence in financial circles in this city. The end was not unexpected, as he had been in a serious condition for several days, as the result of a shock. His death is the cause of the sincerest regret among his many friends in all walks of life. He had been unconscious since Sunday noon, having suffered a second shock last Tuesday when about ready to take a carriage to his office in the City hall. His body was paralyzed, but he remained conscious until Sunday. Last Febru-



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ary he fell on the Broadway side of the courthouse, and later had a slight shock in front of the store of the J. F. Cosgrove Co. in Main street, which kept him at home for about a month, although he was able to be at his office, thereafter.

His death removes a prominent public official who was held in such high and general esteem as to be placed on the ticket for city treasurer by both parties since his first election.

Ira L. Peck was born in Monson, Mass., August 16, 1841, being one of four children of Mr. and Mrs. Lucius Peck. Following his grammar school education there he attended, Poughkeepsie business college.

With the breaking out of the civil war he enlisted as a sergeant in Company G, Forty-sixth regiment, Mass. volunteers, striving with credit, and receiving his honorable discharge at the end of the conflict. He always made it a point to attend his regimental reunions, and he was one of the old members of Sedgwick post, No. 1, G. A. R.

In 1864, Mr. Peck first came to Norwich, becoming bookkeeper for the A. H. Hubbard company, the paper manufacturers in Greenville, and continu-

ing in that capacity for 16 years. Then following several years as bookkeeper at the Second National bank, he became the bank's treasurer, remaining with them for 23 years until the bank went out of business by liquidation in May, 1903. Mr. Peck was then for 18 months bookkeeper for A. A. Beckwith, the Water street grain merchant.

At the June election in 1905, Mr. Peck was nominated and elected by the republicans to the office of city treasurer, and at each subsequent election since then his popularity and the recognition of his fitness for the position has been indicated by the fact that he has been placed on both the republican and democratic tickets for this office. With his expert knowledge of accounts, he was admirably qualified to hold the office, and both parties showed that they were satisfied that he was the right man in the right place.

While he resided at Norwich Town, Mr. Peck was for five years a member of the Town street school board, serving also as chairman of the committee that had in charge the erection of the new schoolhouse there.

Fraternally City Treasurer Peck was a Mason. He was raised in Somerset lodge, No. 34, A. F. and A. M., September 18, 1878, exalted in Franklin chapter, No. 4, R. A. M., became a member of Franklin council, No. 3, R. and S. M., was knighted in Columbian commandery, No. 4, Knights Templar, November 20, 1896, and subsequently took his Scottish Rite degrees, being made a 32d degree Mason in Connecticut consistory, S. P. R. S. Mr. Peck was also a member of Sphinx temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Hartford. For several years he was a member of Norwich council, No. 720, Royal Arcanum, where he served in the office of treasurer for some years.

On April 17, 1866, Mr. Peck married in this city Adeline Stevens, daughter of Aaron Stevens, of this city, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Hiram P. Arms. Mrs. Peck died May 19, 1899, at their home at Norwich town, leaving no children. Mr. Peck is survived only by two brothers, Lucius Peck of Hubbardstown, Mich., and Charles L. Peck, town clerk of Monson, Mass.

To all who knew the deceased, Mr. Peck, his kind and sympathetic nature, fine character and generous heart was evident, and his pleasure in doing good and helping others found constant expression in various ways, often known only to those whom he befriended or advised. As a husband, brother and friend he was faithful to every obligation, and he was true to every responsibility placed upon him. When in positions of trust, he was eager to discharge his responsibility to the best interests of those whom he was serving and as city treasurer he was on the lookout for the best interests of the city at all times. In illustration may be mentioned his payment of \$50,000 worth of the city bonds which fell due a year ago. No provision for their payment had been made, but City Treasurer Peck assumed the responsibility of using the sinking fund and a borrowed sum rather than have the bonds go by default.