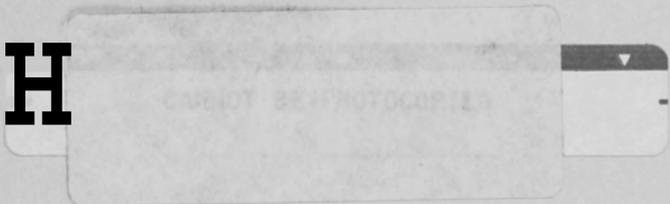


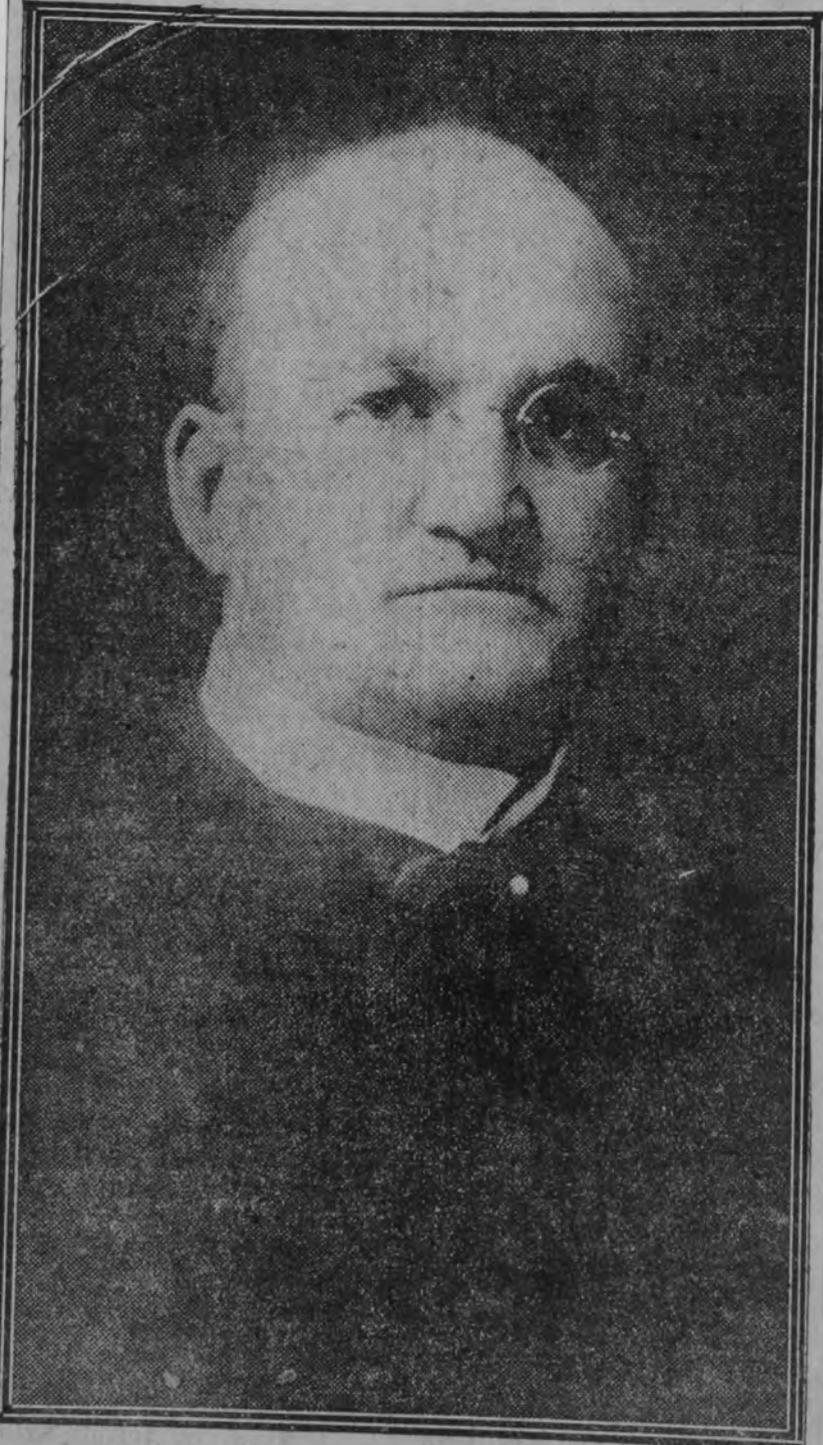


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*George Aldridge as Mayor in 1894*



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His recovery from that illness, his vigorous participation in the plans of President Harding when the administration at Washington changed, his appointment to the office of collector of the port of New York as a recognition of the important part that he had played in the campaign, as well as his long services in the Republican party—all these things caused general rejoicing and encouraged hopes that many years of active life were before him. News of his sudden death, therefore, came upon the community like a bolt from the blue, and as a shock for which even those who were closest to him were not prepared.

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Even after all those who knew the cordial clasp of his hand and sought him for guidance either in private or public affairs have followed him to the grave, his memory still will be kept alive here in Rochester because his name is bound up with its growth and development to an extent for which there is hardly a parallel. What Rochester has to boast of in the way of schools and parks and sightly public buildings and improvements that place it in advance of nearly every city of its size is due in great measure to Mr. Aldridge's pride and affection for his home city.

His close relations with every Republican city administration for nearly two generations enabled him to shape and direct city policies so that they formed a united and harmonious whole and made progress easy and almost a part of the natural course of things. It has walked our streets for the first time, his voice will be heard no more among us, but his work will live after him in years to come, and his name will be a household word among those who make their homes here and who will find themselves a debtor to him for many things which make life easier, brighter and more enjoyable.

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New York, June 13.—George W. Aldridge, collector of the Port of New York, died this afternoon on the golf course of the Westchester-Biltmore Country Club. He had just driven from the ninth tee. Death was due to embolism of an artery of the heart.

Mr. Aldridge went to the club, which is at Rye, with Charles Hilles, Republican national committeeman from New York; Ralph A. Day, state prohibition director, and George Sweeney, manager of the Hotel Commodore. They remained at the clubhouse a short time and then went to the golf links. Mr. Aldridge and Mr. Sweeney

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Telegrams were sent immediately Rochester, and word soon came back that James L. Hotchkiss, a close friend, of Mr. Aldridge, would start at once to take the body back to Rochester. George W. Aldridge, Jr., accompanied by his wife, left to-night for Rochester.

First Word by Radiophone.

The first announcement of Mr. Aldridge's death was broadcast from New York by radiophone. The report was picked up in Rochester by many who had receiving sets, and the report spread throughout the city. A woman who has a radiophone called ftp Harry Ruppert, of the Tenth ward, and told him that she had the report of Aldridge's death. A man called up Judge F. L. Dutcher and gave him the same message.

Word of the death was received in this city earlier in the afternoon, but was kept quiet in the hope that it would not reach Mrs. Aldridge. Soon after the report was broadcast by radio many persons called up the Aldridge home. Mrs. Aldridge broke down and was forced to keep to her bed.

Shock to Rochester Friends.

Mr. Aldridge's death was a great shock to his intimate friends and political associates. James L. Hotchkiss received the news in Rochester shortly after 6 o'clock. He also was called on the telephone by George R. Glynn, chairman of the Republican State Committee, and William Ward, the millionaire leader of Westchester county.

Charles R. Barnes, city commissioner of railroads, was at a dinner at the Towers Hotel in honor of Father Ryan, of Holy Rosary parish, who is celebrating the twenty-fifth anniversary of his elevation to the priesthood. With Mr. Barnes was John R. Powers, former assemblyman.

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State Committeeman .12 Years.

Mr. Aldridge was always a power in the Republican party in Monroe county, which under his leadership became one of the strongest counties politically in the state. He was a member of the Republican State Committee from 1888 until his death; a member of the Executive Committee for most of that long period. He was a delegate to the Republican national conventions of 1896, 1900, 1904, 1912, 1916 and 1920.

Mr. Aldridge was credited with being one of the original Harding men at the Republican national convention in Chicago in June, 1920. It will be remembered that when he was in Rochester in October of that year Mr. Aldridge took occasion, before beginning his speech in Convention Hall, to thank Mr. Aldridge and to assure him that he would never forget that he had cast his vote from the first to the last ballot for Harding.

His genius for organization is admitted on every side in Rochester and in the county and he rose to a commanding position in the councils of the Republican part in the state. During the campaign of 1920 he was one of the closest friends and advisers of Judge Nathan Miller, who was elected governor, and ever since election day he had been in close touch with Mr. Miller.

His Business Connections.

In 1913 Mr. Aldridge became president of the American Clay and Cement Corporation, one of the largest building-supply businesses in New York state outside of the metropolis. His early experience in the contracting business with his father and the experience he acquired as state superintendent of public works proved of great value in this new connection, and he continued as the active head of the corporation, which has its main offices in Rochester, and was also one of the directors of the Lincoln Alliance Bank and of the General Realty Service, Inc.

When he was a member of the Executive Board of the city Mr. Aldridge gave special attention to the Fire Department and through his efforts rapid progress was made toward the present efficient service. In volunteer fire department days he was an active member of Alert Hose Company and was its president in 1879-80 and 1882-83. He was a member of the National Firemen's Association and of the Exempt Firemen's Association of Rochester.

Club and Other Affiliations.

Mr. Aldridge was a life member of various Masonic bodies, including Yonkton Lodge, Hamilton Chapter, R. A. M.; Damascus Temple, of the Shrine, and Monroe Commandery, Knights Templar, and he was a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason. Years ago he was a member of a drill corps of Monroe Commandery that became famous in the fraternity. He also was affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias. Among the clubs to which he belonged are the Genesee Valley, Rochester, Rochester Athletic; Masonic, Oak Hill and Rochester Country clubs, all of this city, and the Lotos, Republican and Lawyers' Clubs of New York. He was also a member of the Rochester Historical Society and the Sons of the American Revolution.

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## Capacity for Leadership Strongly Developed in Mr. Aldridge; Man of Strong and Lasting Friendships

For a man who wielded much power for a quarter of a century or more Mr. Aldridge succeeded to a remarkable extent in avoiding the glare of publicity. He was best pleased when he could keep a place in the background. Perhaps many of the people of the city who knew him by name, and knew of the position he occupied would have been unable to point the man out in the street as he passed. Several times he remarked that he was unable to see why the newspapers should make mention of his birthday each year. "It doesn't seem to me," he said at one time, "that there is anything in my birthday that would interest the public."

Most persons, however, will marvel at the way in which he built up a powerful political organization in this county, an organization that stretched far beyond the borders of the county in influence, and maintained it for so many years in the face of assaults from within and from without. He had the genius for organization, a thing that cannot be explained or reduced to rules.

Judged Men Accurately.

Mr. Aldridge had an almost uncanny power of judging men. He had a sharp eye that looked straight through the person he was talking to and it was often said that he was able to see what that person was thinking. Therefore, he was able to pick with almost unerring accuracy loyal men with whom to surround himself. If one sign of greatness, as it has been said, is to find the right sort of men to work with Mr. Aldridge deserved to be called a great man.

In the long record of his public life Mr. Aldridge was known as a hard worker. With actually hundreds of matters being brought to him for advice or direction he was able more often than not to see the issues involved and to reach a decision that proved to be the wise one. Many of the men who knew Mr. Aldridge intimately have remarked on the way in which he settled any matter that came up for his decision. He would listen to both sides of the question, sheer off the extraneous facts and then go straight to the heart of the question involved.

Those who were associated with him

in business also remarked on his capacity for hard work and on the soundness of his judgment. In business, as well as in politics, his ability to build up an organization that would function with the least possible amount of friction was admitted.

In the political world Mr. Aldridge was known as a "fighter." He realized that in the arena of politics his opponents were no mean men, and he early learned that the battles would be long and difficult. When a decision had been reached Mr. Aldridge would bend his every effort to effect a consummation. He was not easily discouraged and did not know the meaning of fear. This spirit and his strength made him one of the outstanding figures in the political life of the state.

One of the fine characteristics of Mr. Aldridge was his unswerving loyalty to his friends. In the latter years of his life one could see gathered around him many of the men with whom he had been intimate in his earlier years. Perhaps no man in the city had so many friends who, in their manner of speech, would "go the limit for him," as George W. Aldridge. This loyalty on their part was a reflection of the loyalty he had always had for them.

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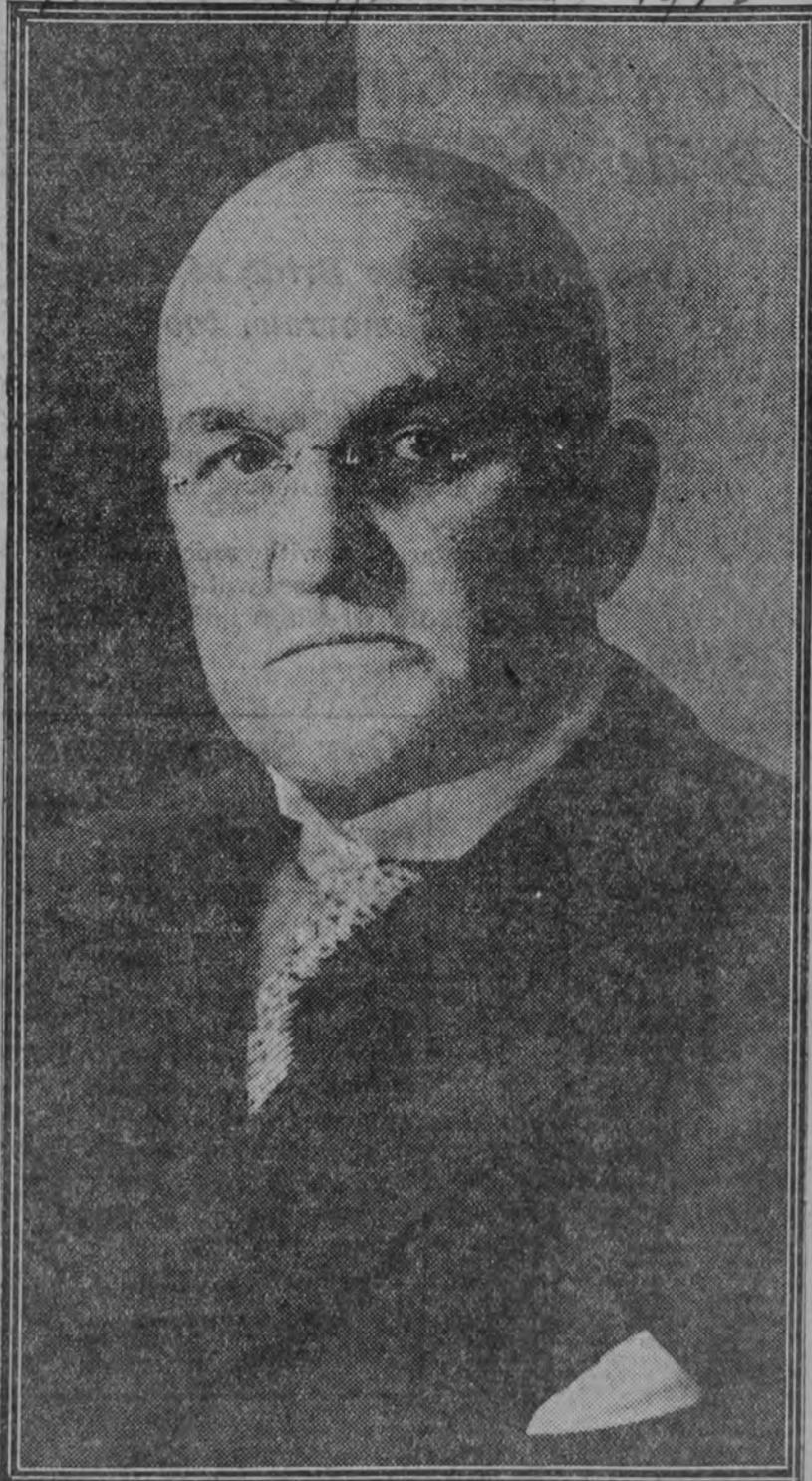
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He was open-handed and generous and did his part in helping to relieve suffering. His charitable works, however, were always done with lack of ostentation.

He lived simply and modestly and disliked any sort of display. He had a lively interest in all questions of the day, aside from the political significance of them. He was fond of outdoor life, and nearly every day when he was in Rochester he could be seen starting out from his home for a long walk or for a round of golf.

Recent Portrait of George W. Aldridge

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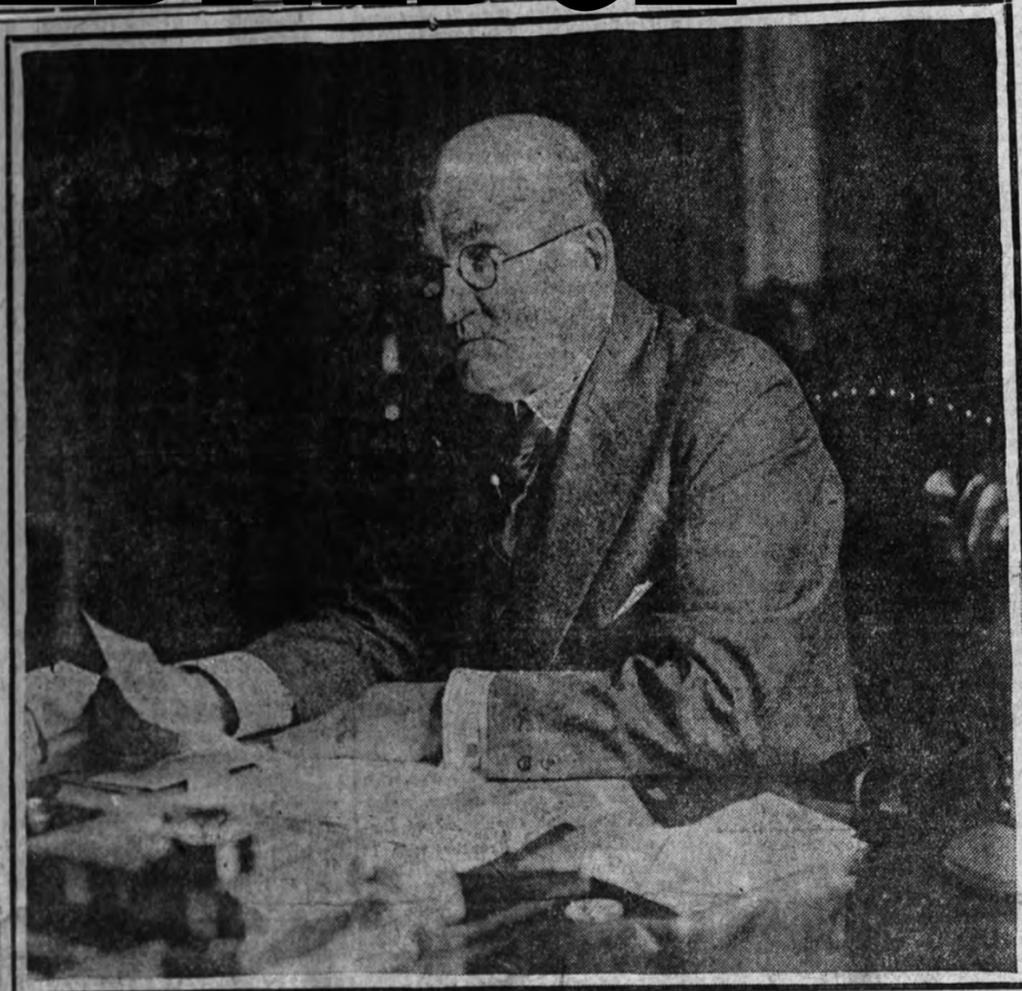
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GEORGE W. ALDRIDGE, from recent photograph taken while he was at his desk in the office of the Collector of the Port of New York.

## POLITICAL FRIENDS OF GEORGE ALDRIDGE PAY TRIBUTE TO HIS LIFE

Aldridge's death came as a profound shock to members of the city administration and to those who have been intimately associated with him in his long political career. The Common Council was in session when County Clerk James L. Hotchkiss came in with a message of the Republican leader's death. After a short recess, in which Mr. Hotchkiss gave the meager details he was in possession of, Alderman Martin B. O'Neill of the Fifteenth Ward moved that the Council adjourn to next Tuesday evening out of respect to the memory of Mr. Aldridge.

Aldermen Express Sorrow. Members of the Council, from President De Potter through the ranks, including the three Democratic Aldermen, expressed the keenest sorrow at the news. Many were hopeful that, in some way, a mistake had been made, but telephone calls to newspaper offices assured them that the news was true. There was little discussion in the Council chamber after adjournment, and the members drifted away silently, apparently too moved to speak.

Mr. Hotchkiss and Commissioner of Railways Charles R. Barnes, a lifelong friend of Mr. Aldridge, left Rochester for New York at 11:40 last night to make arrangements to bring the body back to Rochester. George W. Aldridge, jr., will arrive from New York today. Mrs. Aldridge, who was at her home at 96 Plymouth Avenue, was prostrated when friends of her

husband told her of his death, and Dr. Seelye W. Little, the Aldridge family physician, was called in. He gave a sedative and Mrs. Aldridge was reported as resting quietly (later in the evening. Herbert W. Pierce, P. V. Crittenden and other close friends of the family were at the house.

Expression of regret were common and were not confined to the Republicans. Former Mayor Hiram H. Edgerton, who has known Mr. Aldridge almost all his life and who knew Mr. Aldridge's father, said:

"It is too dreadful to talk about. His death is an irreparable loss to Rochester. My associations with Mr. Aldridge have been so intimate for so many years that I can hardly bear to speak of his death. Only three or four days ago I talked with him at his house, and at that time he seemed in excellent health. There are no words to express my sorrow."

Friends Express Sentiments. A few expressions of sentiment from others associated with Mr. Aldridge follow:

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## POLITICAL FRIENDS OF GEORGE ALDRIDGE PAY TRIBUTE TO HIS LIFE

*Filed June 14-1922*

The news of George W. Aldridge's death came as a profound shock to members of the city administration and to those who have been intimately associated with him in his long political career. The Common Council was in session when County Clerk James L. Hotchkiss came in with a message of the Republican leader's death. After a short recess, in which Mr. Hotchkiss gave the meager details he was in possession of, Alderman Martin B. O'Neil of the Fifteenth Ward moved that the Council adjourn to next Tuesday evening out of respect to the memory of Mr. Aldridge.

### Aldermen Express Sorrow.

Members of the Council, from President De Potter through the ranks, including the three Democratic Aldermen, expressed the keenest sorrow at the news. Many were hopeful that, in some way, a mistake had been made, but telephone calls to newspaper offices assured them that the news was true. There was little discussion in the Council chamber after adjournment, and the members drifted away silently, apparently too moved to speak.

Mr. Hotchkiss and Commissioner of Railways Charles R. Barnes, a lifelong friend of Mr. Aldridge, left Rochester for New York at 9:40 last night to make arrangements to bring the body back to Rochester. George W. Aldridge, jr., will arrive from New York today. Mrs. Aldridge, who was at her home at 96 Plymouth Avenue, was prostrated when friends of her

husband told her of his death, and Dr. Seelye W. Little, the Aldridge family physician, was called in. He gave a sedative and Mrs. Aldridge was reported as resting quietly later in the evening. Herbert W. Pierce, P. V. Crittenden and other close friends of the family were at the house.

Expressions of regret were common and were not confined to the Republicans. Former Mayor Hiram H. Edgerton, who has known Mr. Aldridge almost all his life and who knew Mr. Aldridge's father, said:

"It is too dreadful to talk about. His death is an irreparable loss to Rochester. My associations with Mr. Aldridge have been so intimate for so many years that I can hardly bear to speak of his death. Only three or four days ago I talked with him at his house, and at that time he seemed in excellent health. There are no words to express my sorrow."

### Friends Express Sentiments.

A few expressions of sentiment from others associated with Mr. Aldridge follow:

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# SUFFERS ATTACK WHILE AT WESTCHESTER CLUB FOR AFTERNOON GOLF

## Just Completes Stroke When He Reels to Ground and Is Found Lifeless When New York Physician Rushes to His Aid; Former Mayor of Roch- ester, Nationally Known Politician.

Rye, N. Y., June 13.—George Washington Aldridge, Collector of the Port of New York, fell dead late this afternoon on the links of the Westchester-Biltmore Country Club. Mr. Aldridge had just made a stroke, when he fell unconscious.

Collector Aldridge had motored to the club with National Committeeman Charles D. Hilles, Prohibition Director Ralph Day and George W. Sweeney, managing director of the Hotel Commodore.

### JOVIAL AS GAME STARTS.

The four remained at the club a short time before going to the golf links. The collector and Mr. Sweeney were paired in the hotel men's golf tournament. As the game started, the collector was in excellent spirits and joked with his companions as to how badly they were to be beaten.

Mr. Aldridge drove from the ninth tee and followed his caddy. As Mr. Sweeney was about to drive, he saw the collector's caddy running back and waving his hands. Mr. Sweeney, Mr. Hilles and Mr. Day ran forward. They found Collector Aldridge lying unconscious on the ground.

### HEART ATTACK CAUSES DEATH.

Dr. Ira Hill of New York was on the links early and he hurried to the scene, but when he arrived Collector Aldridge was dead of heart disease.

The collector's body was carried to the club, where it was viewed by the medical examiner and allowed to be taken to an undertaking establishment.

Word was communicated to the collector's son in Manhattan and to friends in Rochester. The body will be taken in charge by James L. Hotchkiss, a close friend of the collector, who will make arrangements for the funeral. Mr. Aldridge, jr., and his wife left for Rochester. The body will be shipped to Rochester tomorrow night.

Mr. Aldridge, formerly Mayor of Rochester, N. Y., was for many years a Republican party leader of national prominence. He was a personal friend of President Harding. As attesting his standing in politics, he received messages of congratulation and floral greetings from all parts of the country when, in May, 1921, he assumed the post of Collector of the Port of New York. He received so many messages that it took him almost a month to reply to them all.

### RECOGNIZED AS READ DEADER.

Dean of the Republican state committee, Mr. Aldridge—"Uncle George," his intimate friends called him—was recognized as a real leader. Shrewd in business, he was a contractor and manufacturer in the Rochester days, and he was equally shrewd in politics, and to his keen strategy his party owed success in many close fights. When the present administration at Washington came in, Aldridge was among the big men of the party selected for fitting reward for services rendered. He was offered an important place in the government service at Washington, his friends say, but when told that he might have the post of Collector of the Port of New York, if he chose that instead, he gave an almost immediate affirmative answer.

Old-time friends, shocked to hear of Mr. Aldridge's death, tonight recalled many instances where the Republican state leader exhibited a finesse in political contingencies that aroused the admiration of his party associates. A man of democratic manner, he always was willing to do a good turn for a personal friend or a worker for his party, no matter how humble.

There were many examples of this during the years he was a power in Rochester, long before his appointment as Collector of the Port of New York. Tonight, a man long close to the late collector, told a story as illustrating Mr. Aldridge's kindness of heart. It was of a meeting with a shabby workingman in the streets of Rochester, who was out of a job and needed a new one badly. Mr. Aldridge heard the man's story and then he said:

"Go down and see \_\_\_\_\_ and tell him I said for him to put you to work."

His shabby acquaintance got the job on the spot on Aldridge's say-so.

That was one way that helped to make the late Collector of the Port of New York a political leader of great power and popularity.

Born in Indiana.

George Washington Aldridge was born in Michigan City, Ind., on December 28, 1856, the son of George Washington and Virginia Aldridge. His parents moved to Rochester when George was a small boy, and the elder Aldridge carried on a building and contracting business, taking part in the erection of numerous buildings during and following the Civil War period. While young George was getting an education at the public schools, and later at the DeGraff Military Institute in Rochester and the Cary Collegiate Seminary at Oakfield, N. Y., his father became interested in politics and served as Alderman and in other public positions.

On his father's death in 1877, young Aldridge continued his contracting and building business with success until, in 1883 at the age of 26, he was elected to the old Executive Board in charge of the water street and fire departments as well as public improvements. His opponent was Jacob Gerling, since deceased. Mr. Aldridge was the only Republican on the three-headed board, but was made chairman. Notwithstanding the fact that he "as in a minority in the board his influence in the formulation of policy and in the making of appointments came almost immediately to exceed that of the other two members. It was in the exercise of this official power that the foundations of his personal and political organizations were laid.

He served on the Executive Board until 1894, when he resigned to make a successful run for Mayor against Colonel Halbert S. Ureenleaf, one of the ablest and most popular Democrats, and one who had twice been elected to Congress.

The campaign was an exciting one, both sides putting forth extraordinary energies. Mr. Aldridge's plurality was in excess of 2,000, and was due largely to his strong hold upon the friendship of thousands of Democrats, whom no appeals to party spirit could keep from voting for him. It was in that campaign that the term "Aldridge Democrat," applied to a man who was a Democrat except when Aldridge was running, became a sort of "household word." Later in the same year he was a candidate for the Republican nomination for Lieutenant Governor, although his candidacy was not formidable. When the Republicans, after a long period of successive defeats, came into power in the state with the election of Levi P. Morton to the Governorship over David B. Hill. Mr. Aldridge was appointed Superintendent of Public Works. He took office on January 1, 1895, resigning as Mayor of Rochester.

He made an active canvass for the gubernatorial nomination in 1906. He went to the Saratoga convention with strong backing and would have carried the nomination over Governor Black, but for the fact that Piatt threw his influence against the Monroe leader at the eleventh hour. That was in the McKinley-Bryan year, and if he had won the nomination he, without doubt, would have been elected, as Governor Black won by 200,000 majority.

It has been claimed that Mark Hanna was responsible for the defeat of Aldridge for the nomination in 1900, Hanna, it was said, was opposed to Aldridge because he thought that some nomination other than that of Aldridge would tend more to strengthen the national ticket in New York state, other theorists credited the rejection of Aldridge to Thomas C. Piatt, who was suspected of looking with disfavor on the growing power of the Monroe leader.

During his administration as Superintendent of Public Works, the improvement of the Erie Canal was made under what was popularly known as the "Nine Million Dollar Act." The appropriation was exhausted before the improvement was finished and Superintendent Aldridge and others associated with him in official responsibility, came in for sweeping criticism. An official investigation followed, which concluded with the finding that carelessness and misdirected effort, rather than any more serious irregularities, were the cause of the apparent waste of lands. Republican State Committeeman.

Mr. Aldridge was chosen a member of the Republican state Committee in 1907. He has been a member of it ever since. He was made secretary of the old Railroad Commission, in 1905, under the administration of Governor Frank H. Hall. The membership of the committee was increased from three to five members for the purpose of permitting the appointment of Mr. Aldridge. He was Railroad Commissioner until the Railroad Commission was abolished in 1907 and the Public Service Commissions were created.

Business and Clubs.

Besides his political affiliations, Mr. Aldridge was active, in business. He was president of the American Clay and Cement Corporation when it was formed in 1913, and continued in that position until his death, although absent from Rochester. He was formerly a director of the General Realty Service and of the Lincoln-Alliance Bank and a member of the following Rochester clubs: Genesee Valley, Rochester, Rochester Athletic, Rochester Whist, Oak Hill and Rochester Country Club. He was a member of the Rochester Historical Society, Empire State Society, Sons of American Revolution, Masons, Odd Fellows, Elks and Knights of Pythias. Besides his Rochester club affiliations, Mr. Aldridge is a member of the Lotus, Lawyers and Republican Clubs of New York City. He is also a member of the Chamber of Commerce, the Municipal Art Commission and the City Planning Advisory Board.

## PROMINENT MEN OF CITY UNITE IN EXPRESSIONS OF SORROW AT DEATH OF REPUBLICAN LEADER

Business and professional men in Rochester were greatly shocked at the sudden death of George W. Aldridge, and a general expression of sorrow swept over the community as the news became more and more generally known. Partisan interests were temporarily forgotten as men who had known Mr. Aldridge during his long and active career in Western New York politics paid sincere tribute to the Republican leader.

The general sentiment was that in the death of Mr. Aldridge the city had lost a valued public servant, and one whose place will be extremely difficult to fill. Representative men of the city who spoke to The Herald of Mr. Aldridge last night expressed deep admiration for the qualities of the man that made him true to his friends and that caused him to go forward unflinchingly to the objectives he sought, despite the obstacles that were thrown in his path. His bigness of vision and capacity for leadership appeared to have impressed themselves upon all who had in any way associated with the man.

Dined with Mr. Aldridge. John R. Powers, a former Republican Assemblyman, who was one of Mr. Aldridge's intimates, said last night that he had dined with Mr. Aldridge at the latter's home a week ago Monday night. Mr. Aldridge left the next night at 9.40 o'clock for New York.

Mr. Aldridge and Mr. Powers had played golf together over the Oak Hill Country Club for the last two years. Often in these games they were joined by the late Samuel J. lvearns, a close friend of Mr. Aldridge, who died suddenly from a heart attack only a week ago.

Planned Much Summer Golf.

"We talked last week, when I saw Mr. Aldridge, of playing golf before he left for New York," said Mr. Powers, "as we had not had a game this year, but Mr. Aldridge had some sentimental feeling about playing over the Oak Hill course with Mr. Kearns, who had made our threesome most of the days that we played last year. We decided, however, before he left for New York, that when he returned later in the month or early in July we would resume our games."

Mr. Powers said that he had never seen Mr. Aldridge look any better than when he was here last week. Mr. Aldridge expressed himself as feeling as well as he ever had in his life, declaring that his only trouble was a tendency to obesity. He expressed the belief that he would be able to reduce the extra poundage he was carrying by constant golfing. Mr. Aldridge planned, said Mr. Powers, to play a good deal of golf this summer, both in New York and Rochester.

Mr. Aldridge had been a member of the Oak Hill Country Club since shortly after its organization. He played considerable golf during the life of the club before the new clubhouse was erected, and in the last few years has passed a great deal of time on the links. It was not his practice, however, to play over the course during the time that it was being built.

Most of his playing was done with Mr. Powers, Mr. Keane and very often with Carl F. Cadle, state superintendent of public works, during the early morning hours.

"During 1920 Mr. Aldridge and I played golf most every morning from mid-summer until after the first of September," said Mr. Powers. "He would call for me anytime after 4 and up until 6 o'clock in the morning. He would play after 6 in the morning."

Mr. Aldridge was an early riser. He made it a practice to get up early. He had no engagements at night and he went to bed early, and he usually got up at 5 or 6 o'clock. Most of his golf was done in the early morning hours. He was an Ardent Nature Lover.

Before he became interested in golf, Mr. Aldridge was an enthusiastic pedestrian. He took long walks into the country abouts during the pleasant days of autumn. He walked both for the physical benefits of the exercise and because he had a keen appreciation of nature, and greatly enjoyed the changing colors of foliage in the fall. He was deeply interested in the study of plants and trees. He was a strong admirer of the country and its beauties.

The following tributes were paid to Mr. Aldridge by professional and business men with whom he was associated: "I am very shocked and grieve! I always had a great interest in Mr. Aldridge's death and his great personality and his loss will be deeply felt."

In 1906 Mr. Aldridge was the main factor in bringing about the downfall of Benjamin R. Odell by depriving him of the chairmanship of the Republican State Committee. In that light, Mr. Aldridge's work was of great importance. William Barnes and Timothy Woodruff were the triumvirate who gained control of the state organization and brought about the election of Woodruff as governor. Later, he broke with Barnes and Woodruff over the question of K. J. S. R. F. J. Woodruff's re-election. Mr. Aldridge was for Hughes, the other two leaders bitterly opposing the Governor.

Mr. Aldridge was first chosen a national delegate from his Congressional District to the Republican national convention in 1896. He participated in the nominations of McKinley and Hobart, McKinley and Roosevelt, Roosevelt and Fairbanks, Taft and Woodruff. In 1912 he voted for Roosevelt, until Taft was re-nominated and Roosevelt bolted the party. Then he supported Taft the party's regular nominee. In 1916 he was one of the early supporters of the idea of nominating Hughes and voted for that candidate at the convention. On election night of that year, however, he was one of the few Eastern leaders to sense the possibility of Hughes' defeat by Wilson, even after the Eastern press had announced Hughes' victory. A kind of intuition caused him to forbid any election night celebration by the Hughes clubs. The next day, when the returns from the West elected Wilson, his premonition was vindicated.

Defeated for Congress.

Mr. Aldridge was defeated for Member of Congress at a special election April 19, 1910, ordered by Governor Hughes to fill the vacancy caused by the death of James Breck Perkins. James S. Havens was nominated by the Democrats and was elected by a majority of nearly 6,000 after one of the most stirring campaigns in local history. The defeat of Aldridge and the election of Havens, following as it did closely after the election of a Democratic Congressman in a strong Republican district in Massachusetts, marked the beginning of the resurgence of Democratic strength throughout the country. So the local Congressional election acquired unusual significance and fame. Mr. Aldridge was a powerful man in the State.

For nearly forty years Mr. Aldridge took part in Republican state conventions. He was an adviser of Governors Morton, Black, Odell and Higgins. His influence was powerful during the two Whitman administrations and it was largely through his support that Governor Whitman was again chosen to lead the party in 1918.

With the defeat of Whitman, his importance as a factor in state Republican affairs, instead of being diminished, was seemingly increased. In 1920, the selection of a candidate to lead what was believed to be a forlorn hope against the popular Governor Smith, fell to a group of leaders, of whom Mr. Aldridge was easily chief. From the beginning, he was a strong supporter of Judge Miller and it was this support in no small degree, that brought victory first to the Miller candidacy, then to his election. Mr. Aldridge's prestige received a great impetus, following the Republican national convention at Chicago last summer, when he was one of the few delegates to vote for Harding's nomination from the very first ballot to the last.

Soon after Harding was elected in 1920, the President-elect offered Mr. Aldridge his choice of three Federal appointments. These were, Collector of the Port of New York, Commissioner of Internal Revenue, and United States Treasurer. After some deliberation Mr. Aldridge chose the first.

Mr. Aldridge is survived by his wife, who previous to her marriage was Mary Josephine Mack of Rochester, and one son, George W., jr., now in business in New York City. The next nearest relative is Charles A. Brady of Rochester, a second cousin. A sister, Mrs. Virginia Love, died several years ago.

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George W. Aldridge.

The announcement that the life of George W. Aldridge, with all its import to the habit and political consciousness of Rochester, is ended, will come to all who count themselves as members of this community, with the sensation of shock that accompanies the incredible when it becomes the reality. For while Mr. Aldridge was long past the meridian of vigorous age, and had been repeatedly threatened by dangerous maladies, it had become the settled mental attitude of the town to think of itself and its affairs as inseparable from the presence of this unique political genius.

There are, we may assume, some three hundred thousand souls living and conducting their varied private affairs within the wide stretches of this city's chartered territory. Of these, not a sixth remember the day when George W. Aldridge was not a potent, if not the dominant, influence in the political organism defined by statute as the city of Rochester. When he began his singularly sustained and consistent career of personal and political chieftainship, Rochester was a town of less than ninety thousand. Of those who lived here then—forty years ago—fully one-half are gone their various ways, either to that destination whence there is no return, or to other regions and climes here on earth. Full five-sixths of this present community, therefore, have eagerly or resignedly accepted the presence of this dominant personality as if it were something always "to endure with undiminished potency. Few of the people of Rochester have troubled themselves gravely to project a Rochester released from paternal direction. Still fewer have soberly conceived a time when the city would be bereaved of the guidance it had so long demanded.

George W. Aldridge began his political life in conditions emphatically favorable to the development of the institution known popularly as boss-hood, but deserving more accurately to be styled that of a universal legation of the political rights and powers of a populous community. American cities were getting to be bigger, busier, more prosperous. The private occupations and relations of their inhabitants were more absorbing as the years passed, with the consequent neglect of public concerns. It was a time when men in increasing

numbers welcomed the advent of systems or devices by which their own civic responsibilities were lightened, and the time and thought given to the processes of local government were reduced to a disappearing minimum. Into this atmosphere of good-natured political indolence and of almost juvenile insistence upon the need for a leader, came the young man Aldridge with a rare blend of the very qualities required. He had ambition; he had discernment equal to the task of separating the reliable from the faithless; he had prompt decision, resolute determination, and swift and vigorous action. "With all these, he brought to the business of erecting a leadership and a following, a sense of humor, a love of manly recreations and a set of richly human tastes and impulses that are invaluable contributions to friendship and confidence.

"When one considers the combination of lovable attributes that were assembled in this rare personality, it is easier to understand how this man became the actual, the admitted though unofficial, ruler of a great city for a stretch of time longer than the reigns of most of the European monarchs known to our day. The elements of manliness, of generous sympathy with the unfortunate, of loyalty to friends—nay, even of the will to punish enemies—have an intensely human appeal. The righteous condemn some of these when revealed in excess. The self-righteous rise superior to them all. But the ordinary man and woman who are none too good for this world, look upon a neighbor whose character has been stamped in such a mold, as something to be held in admiration and often affection. So George W. Aldridge rose naturally and swiftly to a place of esteem and confidence among his fellow-citizens, most because he was of the type that in any human station or relation readily endears itself to its associates. Being always afterward what he was in the beginning, this devotion of an affectionate following he continued to enjoy in increasing measure, despite reverses, and defeats. It was, we may say, the foundation, though by no means the whole, of his persisting influence and success. It persisted and prevailed against assault, against argument, against conviction itself.

So much for the side of his character that made for eager and unquestioning adherence of tens of thousands to his plans and purposes, no less than to his personality. This was much; but as we have said, it was not all. Beside the talents and instincts of the political managers and directors, there were deep-planted in the nature of George Aldridge love of Rochester, pride in its greatness and growth, joy in its manifestations of comfort, of happiness, of prosperity. Call these the vulgar pride of possession, if you will; label them something akin to the self-glorification of the feudal lord paramount traveling forth and hither among his vassals and serfs. There is still no denying that this master of Rochester for more than a generation planned and schemed and managed to the end that Rochester might be great and renowned and envied among the cities of America. And planning and scheming, though often by devious and doubtful ways, he achieved much of his heartmost ideals.

That, we submit, was the key to the puzzle of his amazing endurance in local boss-hood, an institution that is everywhere else crumbling in decay. That was at once the mainspring of his political character and the warrant of his success. . .  
*Harold Sisson*

Lincoln Perkins—"Mr. Aldridge was a very old friend of mine. I have known him all my life. His loss will be a very great one to the City of Rochester."

Walter S. Hubbell—"The death of Mr. Aldridge will be a severe blow to the city of Rochester."

Roland B. Woodward—"Mr. Aldridge has always been keenly interested in the constant improvement of Rochester. His loss will be greatly felt."

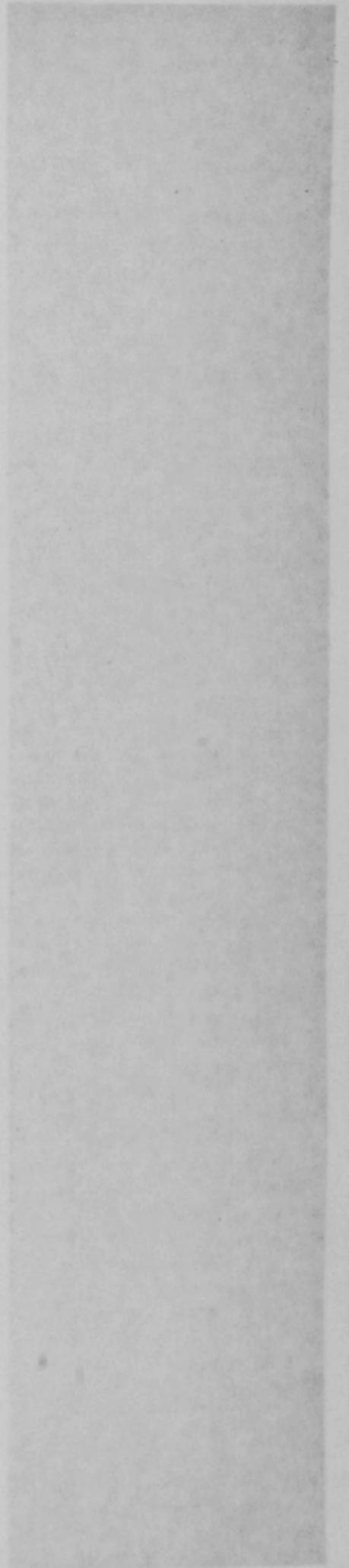
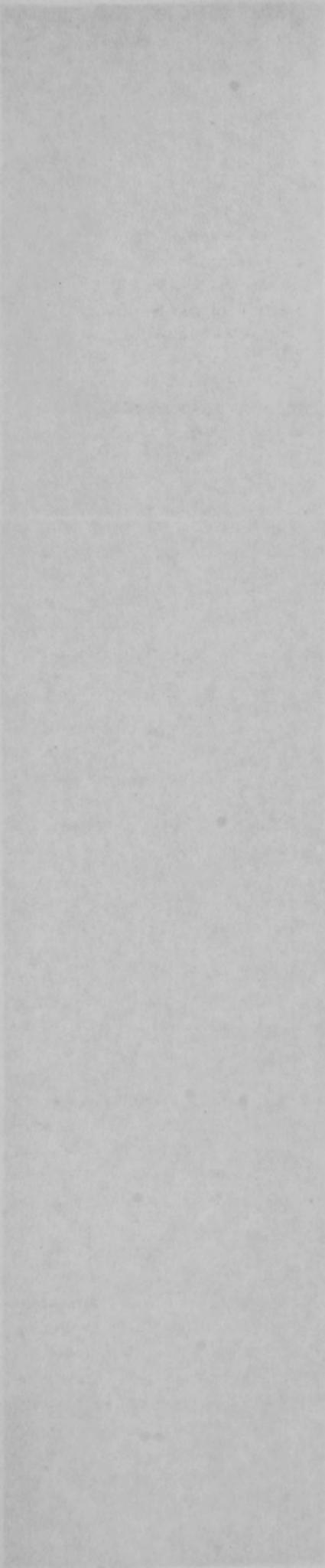
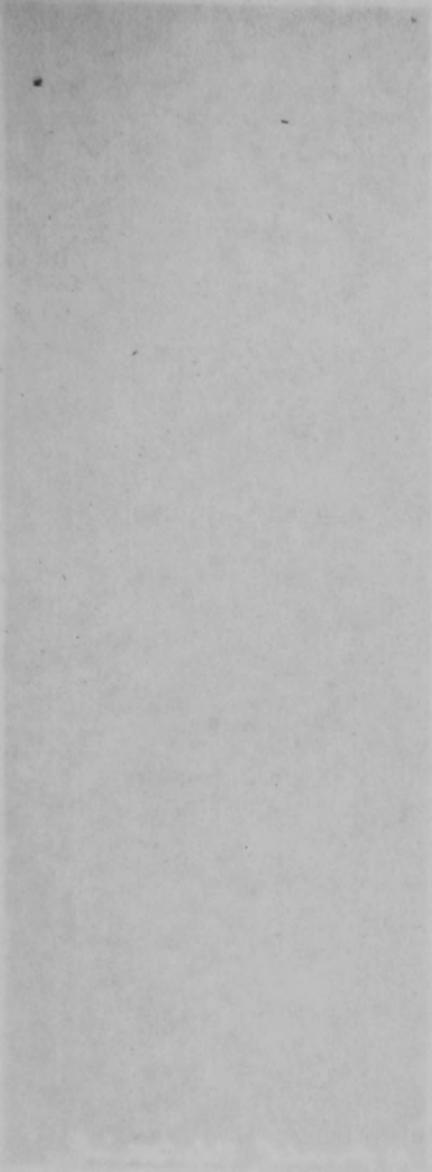
Ernest R. Willard—"George Aldridge has been a power here for a great many years. He was an extraordinary leader whose success, I believe, was due largely to his capacity for holding friends. He played fair with his friends, and they always knew they could trust him."

R. C. Watson—"I have always admired Mr. Aldridge as a leader and a square-minded citizen. He will be greatly missed."

Thomas J. Swanton—"Mr. Aldridge's death is an irreparable loss to Rochester. Nothing I can say now can adequately express the personal sorrow with which I learned of it."

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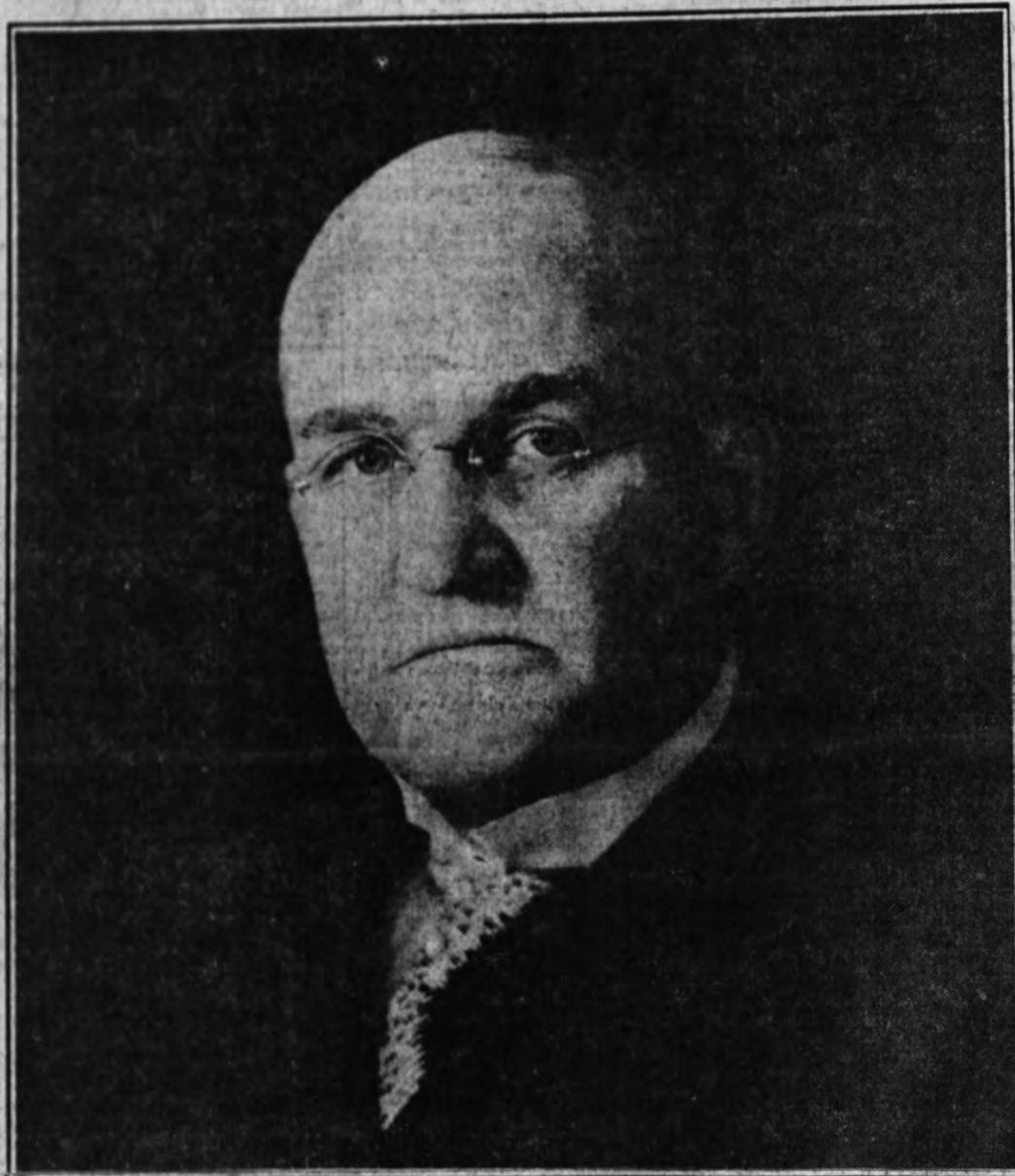
Immediately on hearing of the death of George W. Aldridge, the President sent the following tribute and message of condolence to Mrs. Aldridge:

"I have just learned with very great sorrow of the death of your Mr. Aldridge. He was my good friend, an able public official and an admirable citizen. If sympathy will aid you in meeting your great grief, please know Art. Mrs. Harding and I feel deeply your bereavement.

(Signed) Warren G. Harding.

## LEADERS OF THE NATION MOURN ALDRIDGE

George Washington Aldridge



### SUDDEN DEATH OF LEADER A SHOCK

TO ALL ROCHESTER Messages of Condolence Come from President, Cabinet, and Officials, of High and Low Degree.

Statesmen of the nation mourned to-day with Rochester and New York state the loss of George W. Aldridge, who died late yesterday on the golf links of the Westchester-Biltmore Country club.

A counsellor of presidents, a maker and advisor of Republican governors of the great Empire state for more than a score of years; a mental force which dominated his community, an influence with clergy and with laity; above all else, a great American—his love for democracy—is passed.

Of the few remaining masters of men in state and municipal politics, none is quite so great as was George W. Aldridge until yesterday. He was a leader whose name was synonymous with that of the party—the greatest of a line of them belonging more to another generation.

George W. Aldridge was the Republican organization of Monroe. To a nation he was Aldridge of Monroe—a deliverer of majorities, pluralities; always a deliverer, ever to be counted upon.

### DIED PLAYING WITH FRIENDS ON GOLF LINKS

WAS IN GOLF OVER SCORE AT EIGHTH HOLE WHEN HE SUDDENLY DROPPED.

### BODY IS ON THE WAY HOME

James U. Hotchkiss Arranges for Return of Leader's Body to His Home Town.

New York, June 14. — (Associated Press)—The body of George W. Aldridge, collector of the Port of New York, who dropped dead yesterday

at the Biltmore course at Rye, will be sent to Rochester on a train leaving here at 9 o'clock.

The body will be escorted to-night by James L. Hotchkiss, of Monroe county; Charles R. Barnes, head of the Rochester Traction company; George A. Glynn, chairman of the Republican State committee, and George W. Aldridge, jr.

The veteran marshal of the organization of Republican forces died after completing a stroke from the ninth tee. He drove from the tee and started to follow his caddy when he reeled and fell. The caddy summoned National Committeeman Charles D. Hilles and Prohibition Director Ralph Day and George W. Sweeney, managing director of the Hotel Commodore with whom Mr. Aldridge motored to the club and with whom he was playing a foursome when struck by Dr. Ira Hill of New York city, who was on the grounds at the time, was summoned and he pronounced life extinct death due to heart disease. The

collector's body was then removed to the club and after being viewed by the medical examiner was removed to an undertaker's establishment.

The collector was in excellent spirits when he arrived at the club and apparently in the best of health. He jokingly remarked to his companions how badly they were to be beaten, after he had been paired off with Mr. Sweeney in what was the hotel men's tournament.

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# The United States

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(Signed) Warren G. Harding/'

# MOURN ALDRIDGE SUDDEN DEATH OF LEADER A SHOCK TO ALL ROCHESTER

Messages of Condolence Come in  
President, Cabinet, and Officials  
of High and Low Degree, in

Statesmen of the nation mourned to-day with Rochester and New  
York state the loss of George W. Aldridge, who died late yesterday  
on the golf links of the Westchester-BUTMORE Country club.

A counsellor of presidents, a maker and advisor of Republican  
governors of the great Empire state for more than a score of years  
a mental force which dominated his community, an influence with  
clergy and with laity; above all else, a great American-in his love  
for a y - 1 ^ 3 ^ masters of men in state and municipal  
politics, none is quite so great as was George W. Aldridge until yesterday.  
He was a leader whose name was synonymous with that of  
party-the greatest of a line of them belonging more to another generation.  
George W. Aldridge was the Republican organization of Monroe  
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pluralities; always a deliverer, ever to be counted upon.

## DIED PLAYING WITH FRIENDS ON GOLF LINKS

BODY IS ON THE WAY HOWE  
James L. Hotchkiss Arranges for Return of Leader's Body to His Home Town.

New York, June 8. - (Associate\*  
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Harm— Alone Is Left.

orgs \Y. Aldridge has often been classed with two other men in this late—the late Hendricks, of Onondaga, and the one remaining of the trio—Barnes, of Albany. He was a political can from the cradle born to the game of practicalities in the science of civic state and national government as practiced under the party system—a science based on two axioms: "To the victors belong the spoils," and "never go back on your given word, but be cautious before you pledge it." He was born in Michigan City, Ind., December 28, 1856. the eldest son of George Washington and Virginia De Orsey Aldridge. The family came to Rochester when the son' was a child in city schools. His father was a builder and contractor, and also as a more or less powerful politician. The son was sent to the De Graff Military institute and the Carey Collegiate, and he received his education in the seminary at Oakfield, N. Y., and when his father died in 1877, although hardly more than a boy, he took the burdens of the business on his shoulders and also inherited the politician's toga. The family at that time lived in the Third ward, in which Mr. Aldridge's home still is, and the ambition, conceived as a boy, to become political leader of the ward, was amply realized and extended before he had attained the prime of life.

Aldridge's political career began in 1883, when he was elected a member of the executive board of Rochester. It was there that he displayed his finest qualities. Patiently, tolerantly, tactfully, he made Rochester a real city, something of a model, with clean streets and able policemen and efficient firemen. That upbuilding of a town involved many matters of contract, many appointments, many a kind word spoken in a quarter where it would do some one some good. None of those things did Aldridge overlook. His power grew as the city grew. Yet that he administered affairs satisfactorily was shown by his four elections to the board in a period of eleven years.

Begins Career in Office.

Four times he was elected to the executive board, and then in 1894 he decided to be elected mayor of Rochester. Under him the city concluded many excellent improvements. The building up of the fire department is credited to the beginnings he fostered in that year. In the following year he aspired to be nominated as lieutenant-governor, but was passed over in favor of Charles T. Saxon. To even matters, politically, Governor Levi P. Morton appointed him, on January 22, 1895. state superintendent of public works, and Mr. Aldridge resigned his civic office in Rochester to accept the state appointment. Merton E. Lewis, president of the Common Council, filled out the year on his unexpired term. In August of the following year he went to Saratoga looking for the nomination for governor. Tom Piatt had approved the candidacy and was regarded as a sure thing by Mr Aldridge and his friends, but after the first few unimportant onslaughts, when Piatt, according to his word, threw his ballots to the Monroe county candidate, he deserted the "P-\*FF candidate and went into the Black camp. No man ever did that trick to Aldridge and it was a man with him; after

... Mr. Aldridge was business manager of the Brady syndicate which purchased the M U g h t and Power company of Rochester, which was afterwards sold to the Rochester Gas and Electric, company for a very comfortable amount, it I was said. r \* \* «

He was appointed secretary of the State Railway commission in November 25, 1902. and on June 28, 1904, became a member of the State Railway commission, receiving his appointment from Governor Higgins.) This commission was superseded by the Public Service commission on February 1, 1907, and Aldridge was unsuccessful in obtaining an appointment to it. He returned to Rochester again and although he was a candidate for the appointment of surveyor of the port of New York was again forced to stand aside.

Mr. Aldridge had for many years been a friend of Warren G. Harding and with his associate delegate to the Republican national convention at Chicago in 1920, James D. Hotchkiss, consistently supported Mr. Harding from the first through all the tedious balloting down to the successful vote. Mr. Harding appreciated the loyal support and on his inauguration as President offered Mr. Aldridge his choice of three important offices. After due consideration he chose the place of collector of the port of New York and was named to that position April 19th of last year and was promptly confirmed by the Senate. It is a place of great responsibility and carries much political weight. Of Mr. Aldridge it was expected that he would be able to reorganize the Republican party of the metropolis in such a way as to make effective headway against the Tammany tiger. He had already accomplished much in that direction.

### COUNCIL ADJOURNS OUT OF RESPECT FOR MR. ALDRIDGE

News of the death of George W. Aldridge, cut short the session of the Common Council last night. The session had barely gotten under way when Floor Leader Martin B. O'Neill on information received from County Clerk James L. Hotchkiss, announced the death of Mr. Aldridge. He coupled with it a resolution to immediately adjourn to meet next Tuesday night. The resolution was adopted by a rising vote.

### COUNCIL TO ACT ON MR. ALDRIDGE'S DEATH

President Abram DePotter has called a special meeting of the Common Council for to-morrow night, when action will be taken on the death of George W. Aldridge.

## Governor Miller Pays Tribute to Mr. Aldridge

Albany, June 14.—Governor Miller paid tribute this morning to "George W. Aldridge in the following words:

"Of course his unexpected death was a very great shock to me and his passing a very great personal loss. George Aldridge was a very loyal friend and he was loyal in all of his relations, public and private. He stood for the best in public service and was always interested in improving conditions. He will be very sadly missed in his own city of Rochester and the county of Monroe, where due to his influence largely can be found the best types of municipal government; and he will be very greatly missed in this state because his very great influence, as I said, was always exerted for better things. He and I were personal friends and the personal loss is what is most emphasized in my feeling because of his passing."

## Senator Wadsworth.

The following message was received by The Post Express from Senator James W. Wadsworth.

"Rochester and Western New York have lost in the death of Mr. Aldridge a commanding figure for more than a generation. His influence in public affairs was wide spread and of great value an immense number of friends and acquaintances admired and trusted him. His word was good, his judgment excellent and his ideals of the highest. His death constitutes a distinct loss to the public life of the state, a loss which will be felt for many years to come.

"J. W. Wadsworth, jr."

## Senator Calder.

The following telegram, dated at Washington, D. C., was received from Senator William M. Calder by The Post Express this afternoon:

"In the passing away of George W. Aldridge Rochester has lost her most beloved citizen. The late President Roosevelt once said to me that Rochester was the best governed city in the Union and he attributed this to the leadership of Mr. Aldridge. He always stood for what was best in our civic affairs as one of his intimate friends I am shocked beyond measure and I mourn with thousands of men and women throughout the state."

William M. Calder.

## A Great Dominant Character Was That of the Leader of Monroe

The story of the life of George Washington Aldridge is the story of a powerful personality, indomitable energy and perseverance, combined with rare executive ability and broad, but unostentatious generosity. No other man has by sheer ability and unquestioned loyalty to every public interest maintained such a firm and lasting hold upon the party which he has so ably led in Monroe county; and no other man in Monroe county, at least, has ever attained to like prominence or won such widespread confidence and esteem in state politics as has Mr. Aldridge. He was loyal to his friends to a fault, as he was implacable in his enmities. Once a man won George Aldridge's friendship, he was assured of it until he forfeited it by gross misconduct and he was a master judge of men.

Mr. Aldridge was a member of the Rochester Historical society; Rochester chapter. Sons of the American Revolution and a member of the board of managers of the Empire State society. S. O. R.; a Mason, Odd Fellow, Elk, Knight of Pythias and a member of the Rochester, Genesee Valley, Rochester Athletic, Oak Hill and Rochester Country clubs, and of the Lotos, Lawyers and Republican clubs of New York city.

Mr. Aldridge had also been active in business, being at the time of his death president of the American Clay and Cement corporation of Rochester, a director in the Lincoln National bank, a member of the Rochester Municipal Art commission and the Rochester Chamber of Commerce.

Loyalty such as is seldom seen was inspired among his associates by Mr. Aldridge, seemingly without effort. His loyalty was expressed in many ways. He was effectually styled among

them "the Big Fellow" and that term in its best and largest sense was entirely fitting as well as physically descriptive. He was a big fellow among men, one who if he would could not avoid leadership in any path he followed. Men flocked to his side and demanded that he raise the standard. He was a boss, if that term may be used, by the very nature of things more than by choice. In all things he was big. His faults and failings, such as they were, or were judged to be, were those of the big man. The effort of the New York "Sun" to detract from that fact by the slang name of "G' Wash" served only the purpose of causing a smile here and there.

A strong personality himself he was strong in his likes and dislikes. There was never any cordiality between him and Governor Hughes and there was some lack of sympathy at times between him and Colonel Roosevelt, although he voted for the latter against Taft in the Republican national convention of 1912. The political gossip of the day was that neither of the candidates had received any assurance of support from Mr. Aldridge but that in the voting he swung to Roosevelt and that one impelling cause was the fact that Taft had sanctioned an agreement arranged by President Roosevelt before him that William Loeb, jr., should be made collector and Mr. Aldridge surveyor of the port of New York, but when he came to power had defaulted on the performance. Aldridge and the organization supported Taft loyally after the nomination.

Mr. Aldridge was a delegate to the national Republican conventions of 1896 and the six similar gatherings since then.

## Not Flowers Enough Here for Aldridge, Is One Message

No finer tribute to the memory of George W. Aldridge was received today by Mrs. Aldridge than that of Charles W. Anderson, colored, former collector of Internal revenue in New York city:

"I deeply mourn the death of my constant friend and your beloved husband. If every person to whom he rendered some service of kindness and love would place a rosebud on his grave, Rochester with her wealth of flowers could not possibly supply the demand."

Telegrams of condolence came in bundles from the telegraph offices and these were from leaders out of office as well as in.

Frank H. Hfcock, former postmaster general and at one time chairman of the Republican National committee—"Death of your husband was my loss of a friend whose good and commanding qualities I had learned to know and appreciate through many years of acquaintance and friendship."

Senator James W. Wadsworth, jr.—"Please accept my sympathy, I have lost one of my best friends."

Charles S. Whitman, former gov-

ernor of New York—"Accept sympathy, I feel the loss of a true friend."

Job E. Hedges, orator and close friend to Mr. Aldridge, who is now at Galen Hall, Pa.—"From the fullness of a sincere friendship for your husband and keen respect for his rare talent I send my sympathy to you and your son in this moment of bereavement when we are all mourners."

Congressman and Mrs. Thomas B. Dunn, who are at Pasadena, Cal.—"An extreme shock to us all. We deeply feel the great personal loss and our heartfelt sympathy to you in your bereavement cannot be adequately expressed. We sincerely regret that circumstances prevent, us being in Rochester at this time."

John F. O'Brien, Plattsburg—"Sincerest sympathy in the death of your husband. I have always had the highest regard for George and his services."

George A. Glynn, state Republican chairman—"My heart goes out to you in your deep sorrow. Associated with your beloved husband and comrade for many years, I appreciated his nobility of character, his fidelity and loyalty, and, I know, his ideal home life, honorable, sensitive and true. He was loved by all who knew him. He served his country and his party with rare ability and devotion."

John J. Lyons, secretary of state, Albany—"The nation and state have lost one of God's nobleman in the death of Mr. Aldridge. Throughout his life he blazed a trail which may be well followed by public officials. He died honored and respected by men of all political faiths. His loss to his party and his friends cannot be expressed in words."

Michael Doyle, of New York, formerly of Rochester—"Rochester has lost one of its most distinguished citizens, ever mindful of her best interests. In your bereavement I beg to express my sincere sympathy and condolence."

Others well known to Rochesterians from whom messages of condolence came were George F. Argetsinger, former state senator from Rochester, Mr. and Mrs. Duane Armstrong, of Greenwich, Conn.; Francis M. Hugo, New York; Ranson M. Kalbfleisch, Rochesterian in New York; Cuthbert W. Pound, Albany; Frank M. Williams, state engineer, Albany; John Woodward, New York; Thomas Whittle, New York; Jesse S. Phillips, New York; Winslow M. Meade, New York, assistant superintendent of public works when Mr. Aldridge was superintendent; J. Forrest Potter, New York; United States Senator William M. Calder.

# Men and Women in All Walks of Life Pay Tribute to Mr. Aldridge

That George W. Aldridge was held in the highest esteem by the people of Rochester is evident from the many tributes paid him by men and women in all walks of life. Here are some of the expressions:

Mayor Clarence D. Van Zandt—"The news of Mr. Aldridge's death came as such a shock that it seems almost incredible. To Rochester it means an irreparable loss, real sense of which will be appreciated only when the stunning effect of the first announcement has worn off. For more than three decades he was closely identified with Rochester's growth, and to his wise and kindly counsel I may be credited no small measure of the city's consistent progress. Always deeply concerned in the welfare of Rochester he was ever watchful of its interests, and to his zealous care can be ascribed many of the improvements that place our city in the front rank. "Rochester is the better that George W. Aldridge lived here so many years, and there could be no fitter tribute to his memory than that we pledge ourselves to the endeavor to further the advancement of the city for which he labored so long and devotedly."

Rev. Dr. Warren Sage Stone, pastor of First Presbyterian church of which Mrs. George Aldridge and George Aldridge, jr., are members—"As his neighbor and pastor I have known Mr. Aldridge for more than a decade. My association with him has impressed me with his remarkable ability to analyze large affairs and to pass sound judgment upon them and to devote himself to his convictions with notable loyalty. Many in the state and nation know of these traits as applied to public questions, fewer perhaps know of the man's warm heart which was ever responsive to the appeals of the unfortunate and lowly."

Dr. Rush Rhees—"In the death of Mr. Aldridge we have lost a citizen who has contributed largely to the development of our city. He appeared always to take a great interest in every movement that made for the advancement of the community."

Rev. Dr. C. Waldo Cherry, pastor of Central Presbyterian church—"I feel that in George W. Aldridge's political work here he uniformly sought to obtain the best men for office. His influence has been for good government and civic spirit. The beautiful parks and playgrounds and other institutions of civic uplift have been due to him and the men he has associated with himself in the guidance of the party of which he was the leader. I found that he took a high stand in moral questions and through his influence one dubious play at least was not permitted to be given in the city. I had a very high regard for George Aldridge and held him in high esteem. His going is a great loss to Rochester."

Mrs. Henry G. Danforth, president of the Woman's Educational and Industrial union, and member of the Board of Education—"Meeting Mr. Aldridge as I did under varying circumstances and through a period

James P. B. Duffy, member of Board of Education and former president of that body—"The death of Mr. Aldridge is a great shock to me. His passing is a great loss to the community. The government we have had in Rochester, and which has made it recognized throughout the country as the best governed city, is due in a great measure to Mr. Aldridge's leadership and personality. He had executive ability of a high order, and he had the highest civic spirit and ideals in his administration of local affairs. I shall always be happy to have had the opportunity of knowing him. I know that his death will be a shock to thousands of friends all over the country. It is a great personal loss to me for it severs a friendship extending through many years."

Judge William C. Kohlmetz, of City court—"In the death of George W. Aldridge Rochester lost the most useful citizen it ever had. As mayor and also as incumbent of minor offices, Mr. Aldridge always gave Rochester the best services at his command. Also, as Republican leader, Mr. Aldridge recommended and selected persons whom he could trust to safeguard the interests of Rochester. Mr. Aldridge's main ambition was to give Rochester the best government possible, and I am proud to say he succeeded."

Mrs. Helen Probst Abbott, president of the Women's City club—"In many ways Mr. Aldridge was a big man. He worked according to his belief and did well the thing he started out to do."

Edwin A. Fisher—"I have been rather closely associated with Mr. Aldridge ever since I entered the city's service. That was in 1893. Mr. Aldridge was then chairman of the old executive board. At that time the city was building a conduit from Hemlock lake and adding other facilities to increase its water supply. In all my years of relationship to the city's development through the engineering department, Mr. Aldridge has had much to do with public improvement. He was a man of great vision and saw the possibilities in city betterments. His sudden death comes as a great shock to me. I saw him but a few days ago, apparently in the best of health."

Robert M. Searle, president of the Gas and Electric corporation—"The death of Mr. Aldridge is a tremendous loss to the community. He was a wonderful man."

William W. Hibbard—"I am deeply grieved at the death of Mr. Aldridge, and with every citizen will miss his unfailing friendship and irrefragable leadership. My close acquaintance with him made me a better citizen as it did every one who knew him. His advice was always far-seeing and invariably right. Rochester has lost a great friend, but the memory of his achievements and unflinching service will live long to guide those who may be called upon to fulfill his desires for the betterment of our beloved city."

James S. Havens—"I am very much shocked and grieved to hear of Mr.

the death of Mr. Aldridge will be a severe blow to the city of Rochester."

Roland B. Woodward—"Mr. Aldridge has always been keenly interested in the constant improvement of Rochester. His loss will be greatly felt."

Ernest R. Willard—"George W. Aldridge has been a power here for a great many years. He was an extraordinary leader whose success, I believe, was due largely to his capacity for holding friends. He played fair with his friends, and they always knew they could trust him."

R. C. Watson—"I have always admired Mr. Aldridge as a leader and a square-minded citizen. He will be greatly missed."

Thomas J. Swanton—"Mr. Aldridge's death is an irreparable loss to Rochester. Nothing I can say now can adequately express the personal sorrow with which I learned the news."

F. Harper Sibley—"Mr. Aldridge has been a public servant of Rochester for a number of years, and I believe he has accomplished a great deal for the public good. I regret exceedingly to hear of his death."

Marcus H. Van Bergh—"From boyhood up I have known Mr. Aldridge. I never knew him to break a promise or his word. I feel that the people of Rochester in the years to come will discover what they have lost in his death. Where will we find a man to fill his position in this community, one that had the full confidence of the people as leader of his party?"

Alfred J. Masters, chief probation officer and past commander of I. F. Quimby post, G. A. R.—"I always found in my association with Mr. Aldridge that he was a man of honor, and his word was as good as a bond. Mr. Aldridge was held in the greatest respect, and his death is an irreparable loss to the community."

Edward S. Osborne—"Mr. Aldridge was a true friend on whom you could depend to the limit. My association with him, extending over many years was of the friendliest character and in my official capacity as city comptroller for six years his one thought was to produce for Rochester the best possible results. His death will be a distinct loss to every citizen of our fair city in which he took such great pride."

Judge Willis K. Gillette—"I loved Mr. Aldridge as a tried and true friend, and admired him for his steadfast adherence to all of his friends. He never betrayed a cause or a friend. I also loved him for the enemies he had made in his inflexible pursuit of the course he deemed right."

P. V. Crittenden, Charles T. Chapin, Herbert W. Pierce, George Otto and Louis Decker were at the Ma'd'e home most of the morning. All were of those closest to Mr. Aldridge in politics and private life.

"I am too sad to-day to express in fitting words my sense of loss\* of this great friend who has been taken from us," Mr. Critten said.

Comptroller Joseph C. Wilscom, who has been closely associated with Mr. Aldridge for many years—"Rochester has lost its best friend. I doubt if many realize the full extent of the city's indebtedness. Realization will be greater and greater as time passes."

James F. Hamilton, president of the New York State railways—"The city of Rochester in the death of Mr. Aldridge sustains a loss only commensurate with the esteem and affection of those fortunate enough to know

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being closely associated with him and know, from those most intimate relations which existed between us, the kindness of heart and gentle solicitude which were his most dominant qualities. "The Big Fellow." he was affectionately termed, and "big" he was in the finest sense of the word. I cannot tell my feeling of love, honor and respect for him—it is too close to my heart for utterance."

Justice S. Nelson Sawyer of the Supreme court—"Mr. Aldridge's death is not only a shock and sorrow to his friends but a well nigh irreparable loss to his city, his state and his country. Men of his type and sturdy patriotism are becoming altogether too scarce in these days of governmental fads and fancies, and when one is taken from us our dangers are correspondingly increased. It will be long before his home city will develop a man of his useful judgment and leadership, both as a man, politician and a citizen."

Frederick L. Dutcher, special county judge—"In the death of Mr. Aldridge I feel the loss of a friend and advisor whose acquaintance and association I have enjoyed for more than a quarter of a century. He possessed those qualities of loyalty, fairness and sympathy for all, coupled with a devotion to principle which endeared him to everyone with whom he came in contact. As political leader he possessed high ideals and ever cast his influence to the end that men and women of ability and sterling character might be chosen for public office."

Justice John B. M. Stephens of Supreme court—"I share the universal sentiment of recognition of Mr. Aldridge's secure place in the hearts of our citizens, of regret because of his death, and of deep sympathy for the members of his family."

William S. Riley, commissioner of parks—"The passing out of the life of George W. Aldridge is a calamity to our beautiful city for he has done so much toward making Rochester one of the best cities to live in. As the years toll on he will be missed more and more. I feel I have lost a very near, dear and loyal friend, in fact, at this time I cannot find words to express my deep sorrow."

Harry J. Bareham, commissioner of public safety—"Mr. Aldridge's broad interests and sympathies knew no bounds; he seemed to know what the needs of the city would be for years to come. Thus he modeled the fire department, and it stands to-day a monument to his sagacity and foresight. Not only do I feel a profound sense of personal bereavement but I deeply regret the larger loss of his constant thought for the good of the city and his fellow men."

John Pallace, Monroe county Democrat leader and, for all of his political position, an admirer of Mr. Aldridge—"I was greatly shocked when word came to me last night of the death of Mr. Aldridge. I knew him as a man of rare talent and vision, a leader possessed of wonderful tact and ability, with a personality that endeared him to all with whom he came in contact whether they differed with him politically or otherwise."

GEORGE EASTMAN PAYS  
TRIBUTE TO MR. ALDRIDGE

"I have known George Aldridge ever since we went to school together way back in the early sixties under Mrs. Lang, in a little frame-house that stood on what is now the northwest corner of West Main and North Washington street." said George Eastman today.

"As we grew up we lost contact with each other for a time and it was not until I became interested in the Bureau of Municipal Research about seven years ago that I came to really know and appreciate his many good qualities as leader of city affairs. The preliminary survey of the city made for the bureau by the best outside experts that could be found showed that it was one of the best, if not the best, governed city in the United States under the spoils system of government then universal in use. This in itself was a tribute to the man who had for so long a period directed and shaped its policies and accomplishments.

"Mr. Aldridge loved his city and had a great interest in its welfare. Limited by the political situation from which he never could escape he always gave it the best in his power."

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Ed. J. Aldridge. 1922  
The death of Mr. Aldridge has caused wide-spread, genuine grief. In his long life of close contact with his fellow men he had befriended thousands of them and attached thousands to him. Hosts of citizens who had no personal acquaintance with him felt kindly towards him, knowing by common repute those qualities—sympathy, ready helpfulness, unswerving loyalty—which drew men to him; they took pride in him as, in a sense, a civic institution and an unofficial city manager, sleepless and far-sighted in his efforts to promote the welfare, the importance and prestige of the municipality. Proud of his city, he was a potent factor in beautifying it, in placing it "on the map" in a class almost by itself and in planning its development with a vision of its future growth and needs in mind, in this respect the role he played in Rochester was comparable to that of A. R. "Boss" Sheppard, so called of Washington who while often cornbatted and reviled during the days of his dominance was, after his death, admitted to have done more than any other man of his times to hasten the development of the city into the serene and beautiful capital of to-day.

Time and space forbid any attempt at an adequate estimate of what Mr. Aldridge was and did and of the unusual combination of qualities which made his influence and achievements possible. His political sagacity was remarkable, and, to judge by his long continued leadership and success in carrying out his plans, was entirely unrivaled and such as to put him in a class by himself. He was a masterful man ready to shoulder responsibilities that must be met and to act on his own deliberate judgment when the case required. But he was too wise, too discerning, too reasonable to antagonize the sentiment of any considerable element of the city, and while he did not and could not satisfy all groups at all times he rarely defied or grievously disappointed any great body of citizens. For as far as the determination lay with him he aimed to give the city good government, efficient, satisfactory and as economical as might be while laying the broad foundation for its future growth, and at the same time to maintain an invincible political organization. It is perfectly obvious that he could, not have done this for forty years had a majority of the people of Rochester lacked confidence in his leadership or in his earnestness, to promote the general good.

His sudden death, when it was generally assumed that years of continued activity lay before him, has brought something like consternation and dismay to some people, has upset many calculations and introduced elements of uncertainty into many more. Can a successor carry on his work. Is now a question, and who will be equal to the task? No man, of course, can inherit his prestige, as a Republican leader in the state, his influence in party policies, his strength in council and convention, his weight at Washington and Albany. It took him many years to build these up and they are, in biological phrase, acquired and non-transmissible characteristics. Nor will his equal as an organizer, his fairness as a compromiser, his firmness in decisions which must be made, his wisdom as a planner of political campaigns, his popularity and his strength outside of party lines be easy to find. In some respects he was unique, sui generis in a class by himself: and as such can have no equal successor.

# GEORGE W. ALDRIDGE DIES WHILE PLAYING GOLF; FUNERAL TO BE HELD IN ROCHESTER ON FRIDAY

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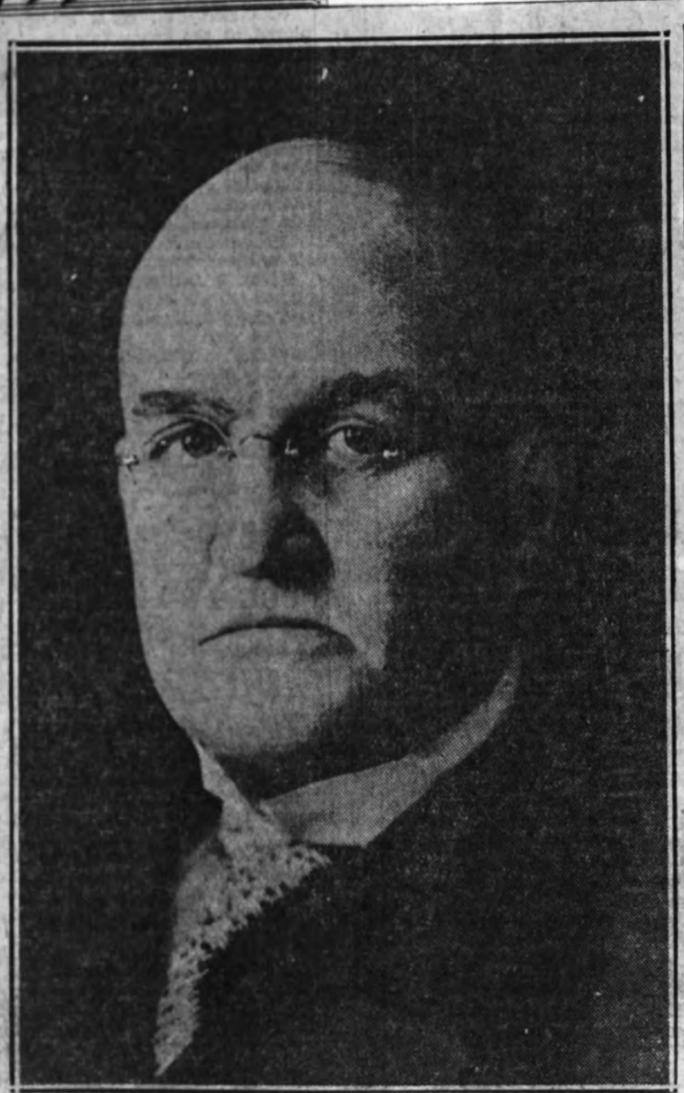
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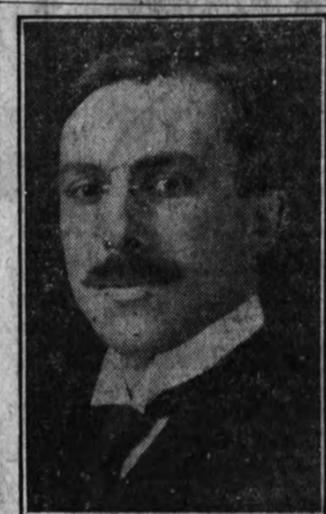
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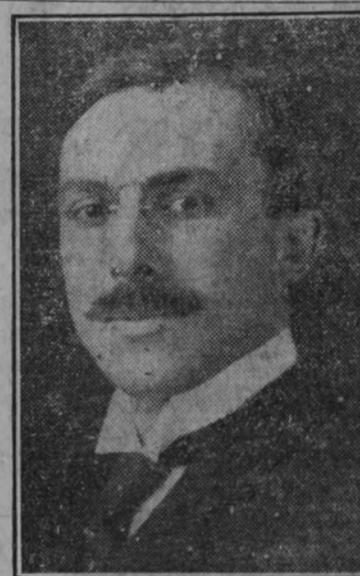
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# Governor Credits Mr. Aldridge With Municipal Government Here, Which, He Says, Is "The Best Type"

Albany, June 14.—(United Press)—Tribute to George W. Aldridge, as a man who "stood for the best in public service," was paid by Governor Miller today, in commenting on the sudden death of the collector of the port of New York in Rye yesterday.

"His unexpected death was a very great shock to me and his passing a very great personal loss," the Governor said. "George Aldridge was a very loyal friend and he was loved in all his relations—public and private. He stood for the best in public service and

was always interested in improving conditions. He will be very sadly missed in his own city of Rochester and the county of Monroe, where, due to his influence largely, can be found the best type of municipal government and he will be very greatly missed in this state because his very great influence was always exerted for better things.

"He and I were personal friends and the personal loss is what is most I emphasized in my feeling because of his passing."

# Hemorrhage Of Brain Was Cause Of Death N. Y. Physician Says

(SPECIAL TO THE TIMES-UNION.)

New York, June 14.—Mr. Aldridge's body will be taken in an automobile here to Grand Central station this afternoon and placed aboard train leaving 8 p. m. for Rochester, arriving early tomorrow morning.

Escorts from here to Rochester will be James Hotchkiss of Monroe county.

Charles R. Barnes, head of the

Rochester Traction Company; George A. Glynn, chairman Republican state committee.

Mr. Glynn said: "It was a great shock to all of us. I always believed him to be in the very best of health."

Death certificate filed today by Dr. Elmer Pennock, local health official, declared death resulted from brain hemorrhage instead of heart embolism as first reported.

# Political Career Of Geo. W. Aldridge Extended Over Nearly Four Decades

George W. Aldridge was born on December 28, 1856, in Michigan City Ind., where his father, George W. Aldridge, was at the time engaged in construction work. His mother was Virginia DeOrsey Aldridge. Soon after his birth the family returned to Rochester where he had since resided. His father was a native of Chazy, N. Y., and his mother of Cincinnati. Mr. Aldridge, after obtaining his education in the Carey Collegiate Seminary at Oakfield and the DeGraff Military School in this city, entered the building and contracting business with his father, an association that continued until Mr. Aldridge's death in 1877. The contracting business was continued by the son until the early 80's when he made his first entrance into the field in which he played such a prominent part for almost four decades—politics.

In 1873, then 26 years of age, he made his debut in office when he was chosen as member of the Executive Board—the body then in charge of water, street, fire and other public improvement affairs. For four successive terms he was chosen a member of that body, each time by an increased majority.

The knowledge of public affairs gained in that first office, combined with a growing popularity and personality that was such a powerful factor in gaining for him the dominance he exercised in public affairs for years, was responsible for his selection as Republican candidate for mayor in 1894, a nomination fol-

lowed by his election over Colonel Halbert S. Greenleaf, Democrat and one of the most influential of local public men and who had at one time served a term as congressman.

In 1894 Mr. Aldridge sought the Republican nomination for lieutenant governor of New York state, unsuccessfully. Again in 1896 he sought state office, this time the nomination for governor of the Empire State. His nomination seemed assured up to the eleventh hour, in the state convention at Saratoga, until United States Senator Thomas C. Piatt and other forces effected a combination strong enough to secure Mr. Aldridge's defeat for the gubernatorial nomination.

From the mayoralty Mr. Aldridge resigned in 1895 to be named as state superintendent of public works under appointment from Governor Levi P. Morton. Governor Morton's successor in office, Frank S. Black, renewed Mr. Aldridge's appointment as state superintendent of public works. It was under his incumbency of the office that the state capitol at Albany, begun years before, was completed, and during the same term of office the Improvement of the Erie canal under the so-called \$9,000,000 act was made.

Named State R. R. Commissioner. In 1898 Mr. Aldridge returned to Rochester, devoting his attention mainly to local affairs, but in 1895 he was again called to state office when

he was designated by Governor Frank W. Higgins as a member of the State Railroad Commission and two years later he was made chairman of that body, remaining as a member of the commission until it was legislated out of existence in 1907 to give place to the Public Service Commission.

In 1910 Mr. Aldridge was a candidate for Congress, being defeated by James S. Havens, Democrat. Since that time he had not been a candidate for office but had confined his attention to Republican party affairs in which he continued to attain a greater dominance, not alone locally but throughout the state.

Since 1888 he had been a member of the Republican state committee throughout his membership in that body being a member of its executive committee. He was a delegate to the Republican national conventions of 1896, 1900, 1904, 1908, 1912, 1916 and 1920.

While always a leading figure in both the state and national assemblages of the Republican party it was in 1920 that he attained a prominence that made him one of the outstanding figures in both assemblages. He and the other Monroe county delegate, County Chairman James L. Hotchkiss, were the original and consistent supporters for the candidacy of President Warren G. Harding from the outset, and it was the influence of the Monroe county delegation headed by Mr. Aldridge at the unofficial state Republican convention that was largely instrumental in the selection of Judge Nathan L. Miller of Syracuse as the candidate for the Republican gubernatorial nomination in New York state.

Mr. Aldridge was prominent in the social and fraternal life of the city as well as political. He was a 32d degree Mason, a Knight of Pythias, an Odd Fellow and an Elk as well as a member of the Genesee Valley, Rochester, Rochester Athletic, Oak Hill and Rochester Country clubs, Rochester Whist Club and the Lotos, Lawyers and Republican clubs of New York city, also the Rochester Historical Society, Sons of the American Revolution, the Society of the Genesee, the Municipal Art Commission and the Chamber of Commerce. He had been president of the American Clay and Cement Corporation, a director of the Lincoln Bank and the General Realty Service Company and at the time of his death he was a director of the Lincoln-Alliance Bank. He was also a trustee of the Rochester Fire Department, a member of the Exempt Firemen's Association and of the Alent Hose in the days of the volunteer fire service of the city.

While, as indicated by his organization membership, his interest in all manner of affairs was widespread it was in the field of politics that he had attained an eminence that made him a figure of country-wide prominence.

Commanding Figure in Politics. The leading position he had gained in the control of political affairs was not won without opposition, his rise to the commanding position being marked by many a bitter struggle, recollection of which has and will continue to afford theme for animated discussion in all places where politics constitutes the main subject of conversation.

It was in 1898 that "The Big Fellow"—as his supporters were accustomed to refer affectionately to him—faced his first real battle for supremacy in control of Republican affairs, when the growing strength of Alderman "King" Martin J. Calihan threatened to make trouble. With the leader of the Second ward were aligned not only other city representatives, but also some of those wielding power in the towns. The death of Calihan postponed for a short time the impending clash, which came a year or so later when Mayor George A. Carnahan, Congressman James E. O'Grady and others joined

"to start something." In that same combination was Charles E. "Clip" Bostwick, the same who headed the revolt against the leader last year. At that time Bostwick was a resident of one of the uptown wards, and when the revolt was smashed he retired into temporary political oblivion, later returning into favor and assuming a leading place in the Tenth ward, the scene of the fight of two years ago.

In the early spring of 1918 rumors of impending trouble grew more frequent and when Attorney-General Merton E. Lewis of this city declared himself a candidate for the Republican gubernatorial nomination against Governor Charles S. Whitman, to whose support Mr. Aldridge had pledged himself, the revolt broke openly. In the primary struggle Bostwick gained a temporary victory in securing control of the ward organization, a result that was emphasized in the entrance of John E. Maher, as an independent candidate, into the mayoralty campaign. There was pronounced knifing of Mayor Hiram H. Edgerton, the organization candidate, in the Tenth ward, although he did carry that ward by a marked reduced plurality as compared to preceding years.

The fight was renewed at the spring primaries two years ago when Bostwick personally challenged Mr. Aldridge for designation as state committeeman in the Fourth Assembly district and was decisively beaten.

Always Kept a Promise.

"The Big Fellow always kept his word."

In that oft-repeated utterance of his followers was to be found one of the great factors in Mr. Aldridge's hold upon the loyalty of the mass of the Republican organization. A promise given meant a promise fulfilled, was fulfillment possible, and that policy, even in the fact of political disaster, was closely adhered to.

Among Mr. Aldridge's intimates in the political world were President Theodore Roosevelt, Governors Benjamin B. Odell, Frank W. Higgins and Charles S. Whitman, Justice of the Court of Appeals William E. Werner and Assistant Secretary of the Navy Theodore Roosevelt.

His acquaintanceship was not confined to those who moved in high places. Probably no man in local public or private life had so great a following among "the rank and file," a following that ever found him ready of access and to whose "personal" affairs he was ever a ready listener, a trait that not only held to him the friends of long standing but continually added to those professing allegiance.

Mr. Aldridge was virtually the last of the "personal" leaders, the men whose adherents were bound even more by personal fealty than by devotion to party principles. To those adherents he was always able to turn in time of stress—and those times of stress were not lacking in the career of this man whose passing removes a distinctive figure from the realm of public affairs—and his appeal was never made in vain.

Nor were his friends confined to those of his own party. Opponents who fought him politically "at every turn of the road" regret his passing as the loss of a genuine friend, and in that number will be found not alone those who fought him locally, but in the wide political battlefields of the state and nation.

On May 16, 1921, Mr. Aldridge took up his duties as collector of the port of New York to which he had been appointed by President Harding on April 19, 1921. He held that position at the time of his death.

Prior to his appointment to the office of collector, Mr. Aldridge was offered his choice in the Harding administration of the positions of treasurer of the United States, commissioner of Internal revenue, or collector of the port of New York.

## Dr. C. C. Albertson And Louis Wiley Pay Tribute To High Political Principles Of George W. Aldridge

New York, June 14.—Informed last night of the sudden death of George W. Aldridge, Louis Wiley, business manager of the New York Times and a former resident of Rochester, expressed deep personal sorrow and bereavement. He said:

"Mr. Aldridge was one of the earliest and best friends I had. I have known him 35 years. Endowed with high political principles, he was one of the best known men in New York public life. His career as collector of the port has been highly praised by those who came in business contact with him. As one of the founders of the Society of the Genesee and as a public servant in Rochester and elsewhere he will long be remembered."

The Rev. Dr. Charles C. Albertson, pastor of the Lafayette Avenue Presbyterian Church, Brooklyn, and former pastor of the Central Presbyterian Church, Rochester, when told of Mr. Aldridge's death, said:

"I am deeply grieved and shocked to hear of Mr. Aldridge's death. He had been my friend for many years. I have great admiration for his ability as Republican leader of Monroe county for a full generation. As such he demonstrated great wisdom and fine public spirit. He was one of the wisest and most cautious of political advisers, adroit in knowledge and application of principles to public affairs. He invariably consulted the best interests of the public. As the advisor of mayors, governors, even presidents,

the distinguished himself by foresight both by vision and prevision. Regardless of political affiliations, his friends are legion. He will be greatly missed in the councils of his party, and more greatly missed by the warm friends to whom he was known for his loyalty. What he meant to his own family only the tongue of intimate friendship can tell. An attack of bronchitis this winter following earlier pneumonia probably shortened his life. I consider him a good example of the best type of conservative political leadership."

A "Immigrant" Says  
**His Word," Says  
Leader Greiner**

Buffalo, June 14.—Fred Greiner, Republican leader of Erie county, said this morning that he had been talking to Mr. Aldridge in New York only last week and had made an engagement to meet him again in New York tomorrow. Mr. Greiner said that he had commented on how well Mr. Aldridge looked.

"George Aldridge," said Mr. Greiner, "was a man who always kept his word. When you could get his word it was as good as money. I never found it easy to get George Aldridge's word, but when he gave it he kept it. I considered him one of the wisest public men in the state."

## Aldermen Adjourn Meeting When Report Of Death Of Mr. Aldridge Is Confirmed

The meeting of the Common Council last night was adjourned until next Tuesday night immediately following receipt of word of the death of George W. Aldridge. The session was already under way when Alderman Martin O'Neil received from County Clerk Hotchkiss verification of an earlier report of the death of Mr. Aldridge. He announced the sad news, which had a deep effect on the council and a motion to adjourn, as a tribute to the dead leader, was adopted by a rising vote.

Previously, an ordinance, introduced by Alderman George B. Hart, banning the sale of squawkers, had been adopted. The ordinance provides that "a person must not sell or offer for sale or keep for sale at retail, or for use in the city of Rochester, squawkers or toys consisting of a rubber bag tied or fastened to one

end of a tube, reed or mouthpiece."

Minor changes were made in the traffic ordinance, including a new provision which specifies that no vehicle shall stop or be parked with its left side to the curb in such streets as may be designated as one-way traffic streets.

A communication from Comptroller Joseph C. Wilson stated that he anticipated disbursements through the general fund of 1921 would be considerably in excess of cash on hand and revenue expected from collection of taxes and other sources of revenue. He asked permission for that reason to borrow \$200,000 in city notes. The request was allowed.

The curator of the municipal museum was authorized to purchase a mineral collection for the Municipal Museum at a price to be approved by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

## Prominent Men Of Nation Join With Those Of State In Telegraphing Tributes

Among the telegrams received by Mrs. Aldridge during the night and this morning were the following:

"Rochester has lost one of its most distinguished citizens, one who was ever mindful of her best interests."—Michael Doyle, New York city.

"A telegram received late this afternoon telling that Mr. Aldridge had suddenly passed away came as an extreme shock to us all. We deeply feel a great personal loss and our heartfelt sympathy to you in your bereavement cannot be adequately expressed. We sincerely regret that circumstances prevent us being in Rochester at this time."—Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Dunn.

"My heart goes out to you in your deep sorrow. Associated with your beloved husband and comrade for many years, I appreciate his nobility of character, his courage, his fidelity, his loyalty; and I knew of his ideal home life. Honorable, sensitive and true, he was loved by all who knew him. He served his country and his party with rare ability and devotion."—George A. Glynn, New York, chairman of the Republican state committee.

"I am deeply shocked by the death of your husband and by my loss of a friend whose good and commanding qualities I had learned to know and appreciate through many years of acquaintance and friendship."—Frank H. Hiscock, former chairman of the Republican national committee.

"The death of Mr. Aldridge is a great bereavement to us all."—Arthur E. Sutherland, Canajoharie, N. Y.

"Please accept my deepest sympathy in your loss. I have lost one of my best friends and am shocked. I can understand your feelings."—U. S. Senator James W. Wadsworth.

"From the fullness of a sincere friendship for your husband and keen respect for his rare talent, I send my sympathy to you and your son in this moment of bereavement when we are all mourners."—Job Hedges, Galen Hall, Pa.

"I deeply mourn the death of my constant friend and your beloved husband. If every person to whom he rendered some service of kindness or love would place one rosebud on his grave Rochester, with her wealth of flowers, could not possibly supply the demand."

Other telegrams were received from John F. O'Brien of Plattsburg, George F. Argetsinger of Chicago, who announced that he would leave for Rochester tomorrow night; Mr. and Mrs. Duane Armstrong, Greenwich, Conn.; Mr. and Mrs. Francis M. Hugo. Ranson N. Kalbfleisch, Guthbert W. Pound, Thomas W. Whittle, Jesses Phillips, Wlnslow M. Mead, J. Forrest Potter, Frank M. Williams, state engineer; John Woodward, Charles S. Whitman, former governor; United States Senator William M. Calder and Mrs. Henry F. Burton.

## Cancel Concerts; Sign of Respect to Mr. Aldridge

Park Commissioner William S. Riley announced yesterday that because of the death of George W. Aldridge the Department of Parks had canceled all band concerts in the parks and public dancing at the dance hall at Ontario Beach Park for the rest of the week.

The formal opening of the East Avenue Bus line, with an inspection tour by city officials and others, which was set for today, has been postponed because of the death of Mr. Aldridge. Although the busses were to begin regular scheduled trips tomorrow morning the trips will not begin until Saturday morning for the same reason.

The meeting of the Republican women of the Twenty-third ward, scheduled to be held this evening at the library hall, Butson street, has been postponed to a date to be announced later. This action was taken out of respect to Mr. Aldridge.



The residence of Mr. and Mrs. Aldridge at 96 Plymouth avenue is one of the most attractive homes in the old Third ward. Private funeral services will be held there Friday prior to the public funeral in First Presbyterian Church.

# Entire Community Is Stunned At Death Of George W. Aldridge; Tributes Paid By Leading Men

The death of George W. Aldridge cast a pall over the entire community this morning. While the fact that Mr. Aldridge had been stricken was quite generally known last night, following the circulation of the report by radio and the verification contained in a dispatch printed in an extra edition of The Times-Union, it was not until this morning that the full force of the shock occasioned by his sudden death began to be felt here.

The city administration was stunned by the suddenness of his death, for it was only one week ago yesterday that Mr. Aldridge left Rochester to return to New York, after spending several days here at his home. During that time he had chatted with scores of his friends and had announced just before he left that he intended to return "in about three weeks." Many of those who visited Mr. Aldridge at that time commented upon how well he looked and to each he replied: "I never felt better in my life." And it was because of his apparently healthy condition that made the shock of his death all the more acute.

Nor was the shock confined to this city alone. Throughout the nation the report occasioned surprise which gave way to deep regret at the passing of a man whose greatness as a political figure was known from one end of the country to the other and

ing telegrams of regret and condolence, which contained tributes to the memory of the dead leader, poured into the Plymouth avenue home in an almost endless stream, many of them from men high in political, public and civic life, from President Harding down.

The death of Mr. Aldridge was the one topic of conversation throughout the city today and according to County Purchasing Agent Lewis Scott, who has received the news spread through that section like wildfire and residents of the rural section motored into Scottsville, where they gathered in small groups and discussed the passing of "the big fellow."

Men who had known Mr. Aldridge personally spoke in words of the highest praise of his character, his ability as a public servant and his great worth as a citizen. Some of the many tributes follow:

Jamea L. Hotchkiss, chairman of the Republican general committee—"I can find no words to express my sorrow. One does not associate with a winning personality for many years without feeling in his loss a sense of disaster to the community. I have

watched for years how he overcame difficulties with a smile, faced apparent defeat with a smile, faced apparent

victory, turned enemies into friends and labored always for the benefit of his community. His death is a loss to every man, woman and child in Rochester."

Assemblyman Simon L. Adler—"This is terrible news. I saw him only Monday afternoon at 5 o'clock in New York, and he was in perfect health. I don't know of anything that has happened for a long time that has been such a shock. Mr. Aldridge was a man of high character and all loved and commanded respect and affection at the same kind."

Senator James L. Whitley—"Mr. Aldridge was a man of remarkable intellect and faultless integrity; and in his death, Monroe county loses its best friend. With his ability, he coupled a lovable personality that endeared him to everyone with whom he came in contact."

City Planning Superintendent Edwin A. Fisher—"Mr. Aldridge was one of the first members of the City Planning Advisory Board, and served as its chairman for a long time. He looked out for the interests of the city, all times."

Commissioner of Railways Churlis—"I have lost a life-long friend. Rochester and Monroe county

er. His advice and counsel have been invaluable aids to those who have been struggling to make Rochester a better place to live in."

James S. Havens—"I am very much shocked and grieved to hear "I" Mi'. Aldridge's death. He was a strong and great personality and his loss will be deply felt.

Dr. Rush Rhees—"In the death of Mr. Aldridge we have lost a citizen who has contributed largely to the development of our city. He appeared always to take a great interest in every movement that made for the advancement of the community.

Erickson Perkins—"Mr. Aldridge was a very old friend of mine. I have known him all my life. His loss will be a very great one to the city of Rochester."

Walter S. Hubbell—"The death of Mr. Aldrich will be a severe blow to the city of Rochester."

Roland B. Woodward—"Mr. Aldridge has always been keenly interested in the constant improvement of Rochester. His loss will be greatly felt."

Ernerst R. Willard—"George Aldridge has been a power here for a great many years. He was an extraordinary leader whose success, I believe, was due largely to his capacity for holding friends. He played fair with his friends and they always knew they could trust him."

R. C. Watson—"I have always admired Mr. Aldridge as a leader and a square-minded citizen. He will be greatly missed."

Thomas J. Swanton - Mr. Aldridge's death is an irreparable loss to Rochester. Nothing I can say now can adequately express the personal sorrow with which I learned the news."

F. Harper Sibley—"Mr. Aldridge has been a public servant of Rochester for a number of years, and I believe; he has accomplished a great deal for the public good. I regret exceedingly to hear of his death."

Hiram H. Edgerton—"It is too dreadful to talk about. His death is an irreparable loss to Rochester. My associations with Mr. Aldridge have been so intimate for so many years that I can hardly bear to speak of his death. Only three or four days ago, I talked with him at his house and at that time he seemed in excellent health. There are no words to express my sorrow."

William W. Armstrong, former state senator—"The people of Rochester have never realized what a unifying influence Mr. Aldridge was in the community. He took more than ordinary pride in his city and the greatness of his influence has never been realized or appreciated in the past as much as it will be in the future."

James J. Johnston, at one time comptroller of the city and who later "bucked" Mr. Aldridge and the Republican organization when he was instrumental in organizing the Citizens' party, on whose ticket he ran for mayor, was one of the first callers at the Aldridge home in Plymouth Avenue this morning. Despite the fact that he was looked upon as one of Mr. Aldridge's opponents, Mr. Johnston was a staunch friend of the Republican leader and he joined his tribute to those of other men this morning when he said:

"Mr. Aldridge possessed a character as beautiful as it was great. Broadminded, whole-souled and gifted with farsighted vision, he was a man whose worth to the community in which he took such unlimited pride will be realized now that he's gone. Let me say that he possessed a greatness of mind and ability which made him a great man in the true sense of the word."

William S. Gillette—"We are sorrowing because Rochester has lost her most useful citizen—one whose great influence was always used to advance the interests of this city and its citizens. As mayor of Rochester he gave the best services at his command, and, through the years that he was Republican leader his dominant desire was to recommend for office persons who would safeguard and advance the interests of the city which he loved—make it a better and bigger place in which to live.

"He wanted Rochester to have the best possible government, and he was insistent that civic pride and civic betterment be uppermost in the minds of public officials. He gave practically all of his time for many years to service for Rochester, and to Rochester his death is a tremendous loss."

Commissioner of Parks William S. Riely—"The passing out of the life of George W. Aldridge is a calamity to our beautiful city, for he has done so much toward making Rochester one of the best cities to live in. As the years roll on he will be missed more and more. I feel I have lost a very near, dear and loyal friend, in fact, at this time I can not find words to express my deep sorrow."

Mayor C. D. Van Zandt—"The news of Mr. Aldridge's death came as such a shock that it seems almost incredible. To Rochester it means an irreparable loss, real sense of which will be appreciated only when the stunning effect of the first announcement has worn off.

"For more than three decades he was closely identified with Rochester's growth, and to his wise and kindly counsel may be credited no small measure of the city's consistent progress. Always deeply concerned in the welfare of Rochester, he was ever watchful of its interests, and to his zealous care can be ascribed many of the improvements that place our city in the front rank.

"Rochester is the better that George W. Aldridge lived here so many years, and there could be no better tribute to his memory than that we pledge ourselves to the endeavor to further the advancement of the city for which he labored so long and devotedly."

Joseph P. O'Hern, assistant superintendent of schools—"Mr. Aldridge was one of the most remarkable men I ever knew. He had an intuitive judgment of men and affairs—his interests were wide and his sympathy for others unbounded. He was a man of unusual powers of leadership and most interesting personality. His loyalty in friendship was abiding, those who knew him as a friend know what a wonderful character has passed beyond. It will probably never be known to what extent his powers of service reached, as he was interested in every phase of civic and political life. He was truly a remarkable man."

Supreme Court Justice J. B. M. Stephens—"I share the universal sentiment of recognition of Mr. Aldridge's secure place in the hearts of our citizens, of regret because of his death and of doer, sympathy for the members of his family."

Judge Willis K. Gillette—"I loved Mr. Aldridge as a tried and true friend and admired him for his steadfast adherence to all of his friends. He never betrayed a cause or a friend.

"I also loved him for the enemies he had made in his inflexible pursuit of the course he deemed right."

Supreme Court Justice S. Nelson Sawyer—"Mr. Aldridge's death is not only a shock and sorrow to his friends but a well nigh irreparable loss to his city, his state and his country. Men of his type and sturdy patriotism are becoming altogether too scarce in these days of governmental fads and fancies and when one is taken from

us our dangers are correspondingly increased. It will be long before his home city will develop a man of his useful judgment and leadership, both as a man, politician and a citizen."

Special County Judge Frederick L. Dutcher—"In the death of Mr. Aldridge I feel the loss of a friend and adviser whose acquaintance and association I have enjoyed for over a quarter of a century.

"He possessed those qualities of loyalty, fairness and sympathy for all, coupled with a devotion to principle which endeared him to everyone with whom he came in contact.

"As a political leader he possessed high ideals and ever cast his influence to the end that men and women of ability and sterling character might be chosen for public office.

"He loved Rochester and took a personal pride in its growth, development and reputation as an ideally governed city which today stands forth as a monument to his integrity.

Federal Judge John R. Hazel—"I in with much sorrow that I learned of the death of Mr. Aldridge. I knew him for 35 years. I served with him on the state committee and always held him in high regard. When he was superintendent of public works I met him frequently. I knew him to be of high character. Your city, Monroe county and the state have a great loss. I profoundly regret his death and extend to his wife and son heartfelt sympathy."

Postmaster John B. Mullan—"It is sometimes difficult for one to speak his feelings and such is the case for me. I knew Mr. Aldridge for 30 years. He had a wonderful faculty for making friends and one could not help being loyal to him. He was one of the most human men I ever knew. He had a keen insight of human nature. He always stood for what was best, and everything was not a political proposition with him."

John D. Nolan, business agent of the United Shoe Workers—"We are shocked at the sudden death of Mr. Aldridge. We feel that labor has lost one of its best friends."

John Heiden, business agent of the carpenters—"We are sorry to hear of the death of Mr. Aldridge. His loss will be keenly felt by labor."

Assistant Postmaster George J. Sullivan—"When I was a clerk I was a member of the executive committee of the local clerks' organization during the Democratic administration of Mr. Aldridge worked hard for the increase in wage of the postal employees and the retirement bill as he could have worked during a Republican administration. I am sure that the postal employees feel as I do—that we have lost a very good friend."

P. V. Rittenbender—"I am too sad to express in fitting words my sense of loss of this great friend who has been taken from us."

Georg Eastman—"I have known George Aldridge ever since we went to school together many back in the early days under Mrs. Lang. In a little frame house that stood on what is now the northwest corner of West Main and North Washington street.

"As we grew up we lost contact with each for a time and it was not until I became interested in the Bureau of Municipal Research about seven years ago that I came to really know and appreciate his many good qualities as leader of city affairs. This preliminary survey of the city made for the bureau by the best outside experts that could be found showed that it was one of the best if not the best governed city in the United States under the spoils system of government then universally in use. This in itself was a tribute to the man who had for so long a period directed and shaped its policies and improvements."

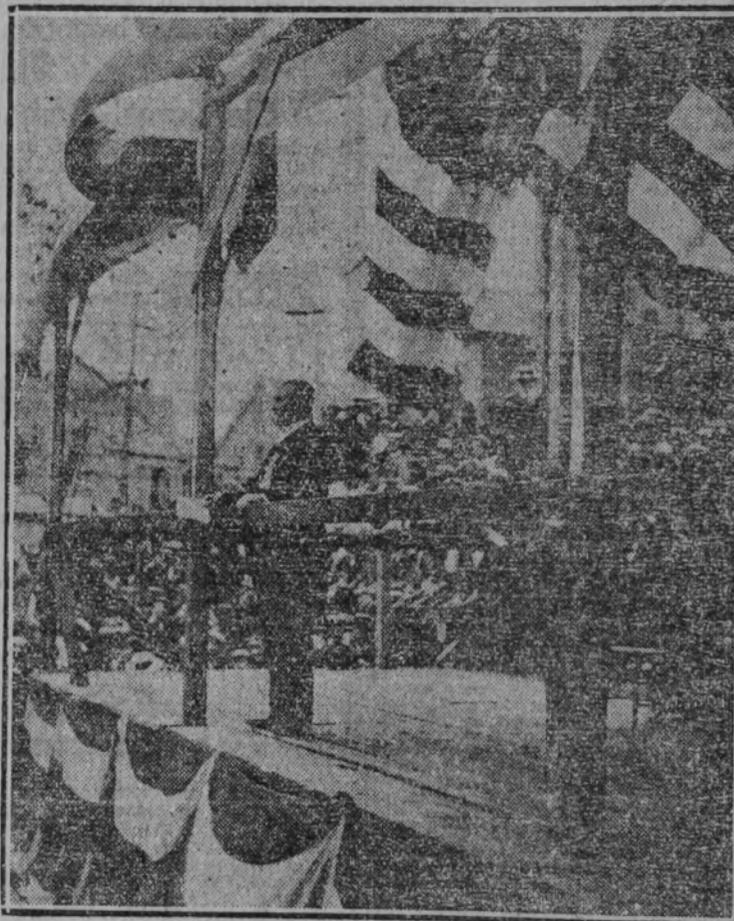
"Mr. Aldridge loved his city and had a great interest in its welfare. Limited by the political situation from which he never could escape, he always gave it the best in his power."

Commissioner of Public Works Herbert W. Pierce—"Any word from me can add but little to the general expression of heartfelt sorrow and grief at the death of Mr. George W. Aldridge. I had the extreme privilege of being closely associated with him and know, from those most intimate relations which existed between us, the kindness of heart and gentle solicitude which were his most dominant qualities. 'The Big Fellow,' he was affectionately termed, and 'big' he was in the finest sense of the word. I cannot tell my feeling of love, honor and respect for him—it is too close to my heart for utterance."

Collector of the Port of Rochester John Pallace—"I was greatly shocked when word came to me over the telephone last night of the death of Mr. Aldridge. I knew him as a man of rare talent and ability, a leader possessed of wonderful tact and vision, with a personality that endeared him to all with whom he came in contact, and this whether they differed with him politically or otherwise."

Commissioner of Public Safety Harry J. Bareham—"Mr. Aldridge's broad interests and sympathies knew no bounds. He was a trustee of the old Rochester Fire Department and an exempt fireman. He was a member of the old Executive Board, which has been superseded by the Departments of Public Works and Public Safety, and as such he laid the foundations for the present efficient fire fighting force of the city. He had a broad outlook for the future; he seemed to know what the needs of the city would be for years to come. Thus he modeled the fire department, and it stands today a monument to his sagacity and foresight. Not only do I feel a profound sense of personal bereavement, but I deeply regret the larger loss of his constant thought for the good of the city and his fellow men."

## Mayor Aldridge Speaking At Laying Of Court House Cornerstone, July 4, 1894



Having been a member of the Executive Board for four successive terms, George W. Aldridge was in close touch with the movement for the erection of the new court house on the site of the one built, in, 1850. On July 4, 1894, when the cornerstone of the present Court House was laid, Mr. Aldridge was mayor of Rochester, and, with members of the Common Council, led the parade which preceded the exercises at the Court House.

Mayor Aldridge and George Raines addressed the audience which gathered in the big grandstand which had been erected in Main street, just in front of the excavations of the Court House. There was a high wind at the time, which interfered with all hearing the speeches, and also threatened to wreck the decorations.

The above picture was taken just as Mayor Aldridge came forward to begin his address.

### Secretary Of State Says Death Great Loss To The G. O. P.

Albany, June 11.—Secretary of State John J. Lyons today paid the following tribute to George W. Aldridge: "The nation and state have lost one of God's noblemen in the death of Mr. Aldridge. Throughout his life he blazed a trail which may well be followed by public officials. He died honored and respected by men of all political faiths. His loss to the Republican party cannot be expressed in words."

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Rarely does the death of any man so profoundly stir a large city as the sudden close of the unique career of George Washington Aldridge.

For 40 years he had been a prominent figure in the political and social life of Rochester and the state of New York. During the greater portion of that long period he was the unquestioned leader of the Republican party.

Thus for most of the population of this city of 300,000 inhabitants Mr. Aldridge had been the outstanding embodiment of local political authority from a time when ' ' the memory of man runneth not to the contrary."

At a time when the personal political leader was everywhere passing away, foes despaired of shaking the power of Mr. Aldridge; friends and followers looked upon him, although well along in years and known not to be in rugged health, as an enduring bulwark. To many his death seems more like the shattering of an institution than the removal of a man whose place will soon be filled, leaving things much as they were.

That is the question which is being asked by thousands today. Who will fill his place? Nor does it seem likely that there will be a successor who can occupy anything like the same position in civic and political affairs.

In the wider reaches of politics Mr. Aldridge had, with one or two exceptions, the same consistent success as within his own bailiwick, where he ruled with an authority which might almost suggest that of a feudal lord. Never had the Monroe leader attained greater weight in the councils of the state and nation than during the last two years.

That same farsightedness and keen grasp of the political situation often displayed in local politics was exhibited on the national stage when, from the first ballot to the last, the votes of Monroe were for Harding in the 1920 Republican National Convention. Other New York state leaders might wander about like lost sheep, Mr. Aldridge voted from the first for the man who proved the available candidate.

As a result he was practically asked to name the office at the disposal of the federal administration which he preferred. He chose the collectorship of the Port of New York, often the storm center of political struggles, and held that important office, as well as a high position in the political councils of his party, at the time of his death.

At the Republican State Convention in Saratoga in the fall of the same year Mr. Aldridge wisely led the fight for the nomination of Judge Nathan L. Miller as the party's candidate for governor. Mr. Aldridge had known Judge Miller for many years and had full faith in his ability and integrity. To his close friends he admitted that there were in all probability other candidates\* for the nomination who might prove better "vote getters" than Judge Miller, • but he insisted that the latter could be elected, and that once in the governor's chair he would demonstrate better than any other available man the ability to administer the affairs of the Empire State honestly, fearlessly and with an eye single to the people's interest. Mr. Aldridge's keen vision, political astuteness and wide knowledge of public affairs will be sorely missed in Republican councils in New York state for many years to come, and particularly in the approaching, state campaign.'

That unusual personal qualities must go to the making of such a career is plain. Not without merit, ability and the art of making and holding friends can a man thus outstride the storms of political life.

The testimony of those who knew intimately George W. Aldridge is that he did possess such qualities. He was a staunch friend, a man who made no empty promises but carried out what he agreed to do. He could be depended upon.

Promising young men were watched with keen interest by the Monroe political leader. He was ready to help them along, thus binding them to the organization by those ties of gratitude which are the strongest with real men. It would be a surprise to many persons to hear the roll read of men now prominent in Rochester affairs who were helped up from obscurity by Mr. Aldridge.

We are slowly advancing toward the time when our governments will be run by trained men appointed upon a basis of fitness. Until that day arrives men who are able to dominate the horde of office-seekers and aid in giving continuity to administration will hold a place in the scheme of things.

Mr. Aldridge held such a place. He was genuinely interested in the growth of Rochester and improvements making it a better place in which to live. He preferred to back a man who could swing the job as well as command a political following. His death will be felt as a distinct loss by a large number of citizens. C7L<T-I\* // / / / \*f^Y,+Y

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You have been the subject of conversation on matters of sessions when I have been in conference with the Senators from New York. I have said to the Senators that I am at liberty to show a very great esteem for you and want to grant you such recognition as is wholly becoming and agreeable to you, I could have very great pleasure in making such a nomination as would appeal to you most heartily. I need not tell you of the esteem in which I hold you nor need I speak my confidence in your ability to serve. I have been informed that your inclinations are to serve as Collector of the Port at New York. If this is your preference I shall be more than happy to nominate you for that service. I had thought to consider you for Commissioner of Internal Revenue because I have wished an outstanding figure in that position. I am not insistent about this, however, because there is strong pressure from other states for consideration for that particular place. The main thing is to have you know how thoroughly anxious I am to assure you of my very great personal interest in having you come into the service of the government under this administration.

Very truly yours,

Hon. Otagt tf. Aldride\*,  
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Unostentatious funeral services will be held for George W. Aldridge at 4:45 o'clock to-morrow afternoon at the First Presbyterian Church, Plymouth avenue and Spring street. This is in accordance with a wish expressed by Mr. Aldridge when he was near death in December, 1920, from pneumonia. He asked at that time that, if he should die, the services be as simple as possible.

Residents of Monroe county, including thousands of his friends and associates, will have an opportunity to view the body. It will lie in state in the rotunda of the Court House from 9 to 3:30 o'clock to-morrow, with Monroe Commandery, Knights Templar, of which Mr. Aldridge was a member, serving as guard of honor.

Mr. Aldridge's body arrived in Rochester early this morning in a funeral car. Accompanying the body were James L. Hotchkiss, Monroe county chairman; Charles R. Barnes, commissioner of railroads, and George A. Glynn, chairman of the Republican State Committee. All these men have been friends and political associates of Mr. Aldridge of many years' standing.

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The body will remain at the home until 1 o'clock to-morrow morning, when it will be removed to the rotunda of the Court House. On July 4, 1894, Mr. Aldridge, then mayor of Rochester, took part in the ceremonies incident to the laying of the corner stone of the Court

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The National Guard companies offered to serve as a guard of honor and march in the funeral procession. The family declined, with thanks, feeling that it was Mr. Aldridge's wish that there should be as little pomp as possible.

Governor Will Attend Funeral. President Harding will be unable to attend the funeral, but many prominent

state and federal officials will be present, including Governor Nathan L. Miller and his staff, United States Senators James V. Wadsworth, Jr., and William M. Calder, the principal executives of the state departments; William L. Ward, the leader of Westchester county, and many others.

Charles D. Hilles, national committee-man; Judge Ralph A. Day, state prohibition director, and George Sweeney, managing director of the Commodore Hotel, who were playing golf with Mr. Aldridge, when he was stricken, will be present.

A group of the three thousand employees that Mr. Aldridge had under his direction as collector of the Port of New York, will attend the funeral and will come in a special car. This delegation will be headed by Henry C. Stuart, deputy collector under Mr. Aldridge.

Hundreds of Callers at Home. \* Hundreds of people called at the Aldridge home yesterday and left their cards. Mrs. Aldridge is bearing up under the bereavement as well as could be expected. George Otto, secretary to Mr. Aldridge, in charge of the funeral arrangements, pending the return of Mr. Hotchkiss and Mr. Barnes.

Pharellus V. Crittenden, a close friend of Mr. Aldridge, was in close touch with the household throughout the day. George W. Aldridge, Jr., the only son of the collector, arrived in Rochester early yesterday morning. He spent most of his time comforting his mother. Mr. Aldridge was accompanied by his wife and his mother-in-law.

The sentiment attached to the car. The limousine of Mr. Crittenden, in which Mr. Aldridge often rode, will convey Mrs. Aldridge, her son, his wife and her mother to the cemetery after the services at the First Presbyterian Church to-morrow afternoon. Mr. Crittenden offered to place the car at the disposal of the family because, of the sentiment attached to the use. It was usually in this car that Mr. Aldridge went to the supervisors' picnic each year. Frequently Mr. Crittenden took Mr. Aldridge to the station on occasions when he was leaving Rochester.

An exact reproduction of Mr. Aldridge's countenance will be preserved. A death mask will be made to-day.

Mr. Aldridge will be buried next to his father, George W. Aldridge, who served three times as president of the Common Council and filled out an unexpired term of a mayor of Rochester.

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President Harding will be unable to attend the funeral, but many prominent

state and federal officials will be present, including Governor Nathan L. Miller and his staff, United States Senators James W. Wadsworth, Jr., and William M. Calder, the principal executives of the state departments; William L. Ward, the leader of Westchester county, and many others.

Charles D. Hilles, national committeeman; Judge Ralph A. Day, state prohibition director, and George Sweeney, managing director of the Commodore Hotel, who were playing golf with Mr. Aldridge, when he was stricken, will be present.

A group of the three thousand employees that Mr. Aldridge had under his direction as collector of the Port of New York, will attend the funeral and will come in a special car. This delegation will be headed by Henry C. Stuart, deputy collector under Mr. Aldridge,

Hundreds of Callers at Home.

Hundreds of people called at the Aldridge home yesterday and left their cards. Mrs. Aldridge is bearing up under the bereavement as well as could be expected. George Otto, secretary to Mr. Aldridge, took charge of the funeral arrangements, pending the return of Mr. Hotchkiss and Mr. Barnes.

Pharellua V. Crittenden, a close friend of Mr. Aldridge, was in close touch with the household throughout the day. George W. Aldridge, Jr., the only son of the collector, arrived in Rochester early yesterday morning. He spent most of his time comforting his mother. Mr. Aldridge was accompanied by his wife and his mother-in-law.

Sentiment Attached to Car.

The limousine of Mr. Crittenden, in which Mr. Aldridge often rode, will convey Mrs. Aldridge, her son, his wife and her mother to the cemetery after the services at the First Presbyterian Church to-morrow afternoon. Mr. Crittenden offered to place the car at the disposal of the family because of the sentiment attached to the use. It was usually in this car that Mr. Aldridge went to the supervisors' picnic each year. Frequently Mr. Crittenden took Mr. Aldridge to the station on occasions when he was leaving Rochester.

An exact reproduction of Mr. Aldridge's countenance will be preserved. A death mask will be made to-day.

Mr. Aldridge will be buried next to his father, George W. Aldridge, who married three times as president of the Common Council and filled out an unexpired term of a mayor of Rochester.

# President Harding, Senators and Many Others, Sorrowful over Death of Mr. Aldridge

## In Messages Tell of Their Feeling and Express Sympathy for Wife and Son.

Expressions of personal esteem for George W. Aldridge and of sympathy for his family poured into the home at No. 96 Plymouth avenue yesterday. Among the early messages was one from President Warren G. Harding, as follows: Mrs. George W. Aldridge, Rochester, N. V.

I have just learned with great sorrow of the death of your husband. He was my good friend, an able public official and an admirable citizen. If sympathy will aid you in meeting your great grief, please know that Mrs. Harding and I feel deeply your bereavement.

WARREN G. HARDING.

Governor Nathan L. Miller, who held Mr. Harding in the highest esteem, made the following statement:

"Of course, his unexpected death was a very great shock to me and his passing a very great personal loss. George Aldridge was a very loyal friend and he was loyal to all his relations, public and private. He stood for the best in public service and was always interested in improving conditions. He will be sadly missed in his own city of Rochester and the county of Monroe, where due to his influence largely can be found the best types of municipal government, and he will be very greatly missed in this state because of his very great influence, as I said, was always exerted for better things, He and I were personal friends and the personal loss is what is most emphasized in my feeling because of his passing."

From United States Senators.

United States Senator James W. Aldridge will feel the loss of his friend and the death of George W. Aldridge for the best in public affairs of Western New York and of the whole state. His influence was great and his friends were many. He was looked up to and trusted by all who knew him. He will be missed for many years.

United States Senator William M. Calder:

"In the passing away of George W. Aldridge" Rochester has lost her most beloved citizen. The late President Roosevelt once said to me that Rochester was the best-governed city in the Union. Mr. Aldridge. He always stood for what was best in our civic affairs. As one of his intimate friends I am shocked beyond measure and I mourn with thousands of men and women throughout the state at life sudden taking away. His place cannot soon be filled."

Expression From George Eastman.

George Eastman:

"I have known George Aldridge ever since we went to school together way back in the early 60's under Mrs. Lang. I had a little frame house that stood on what is now the northwest corner of West Main and North Washington streets.

"As we grew up we lost contact with each other for a time and it was not until I became interested in the Bureau of Municipal Research about seven years ago that I came to really know and appreciate his many good qualities as leader of city affairs. The preliminary survey of the city made for the bureau by the best outside experts that could be found showed that it was one of the best if not the best governed city in the United States under the spoils system of government then universally in use. This in itself was a tribute to the man who had for several years directed and supervised the public affairs of a community which he never allowed to slip away and gave it the best in his power."

No Words to Express His Sorrow.

Miram H. Edgerton, seven times mayor of Rochester and intimate friend of Mr. Aldridge:

"It is too dreadful to talk about. His death is an irreparable loss to Rochester. My associations with Mr. Aldridge have been so intimate for so many years that I can hardly bear to recall its death. Only three or four days ago I talked with him at his house, and at that time he seemed in excellent health. There I tried to express my sorrow."

Pharcellus V. Crittenden, intimate friend of Mr. Aldridge:

"I am too sad to express in fitting words my sense of loss of this great friend who has been taken from us."

A. D. Sanders, representative in Congress:

"The passing away of Mr. Aldridge came as a great shock to official Washington. He will be missed heavily in Rochester and will be felt greatly in the state and nation."

Telegram Received at Home. Following are some of the messages that were received yesterday afternoon at the Aldridge home:

From H. P. Burchell, secretary of the State Athletic Commission, of which Mr. Aldridge was a member (members included Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., and other prominent in New York state of firms):

"Dear Mr. Aldridge: I am sorry to hear of your loss but I wish you to know of the resolution and sympathy of the State Athletic Commission. Your hour of trial and grief and it is 10-day passed on the death of its beloved member."

"The State Athletic Commission learns with profound regret of the death of its beloved member, George W. Aldridge, and it is in the sense of all of his conferees on this commission that the state government has lost a beloved and valued servant and this commission particularly has lost an aid who was willing at all times to help us in the work connected with the official acts of the state. Resolved, that this expression of regret and condolence be sent to the family of Mr. Aldridge."

From a Former Governor.

From Charles S. Whitman, twice governor of New York state:

"Mrs. Whitman unites with me in sincere sympathy for you and yours in your great sorrow."

From William Barnes:

"In your great and sudden bereavement please accept my deep solicitude."

From Marian Perrin Burton:

"My deepest sympathy to you. I mourn the loss of a wonderful friend. I am leaving for Rochester to-day."

From Congressman and Mrs. Thomas B. Dunn (Mr. Dunn and Mr. Aldridge were intimate from boyhood):

"Dear Mrs. Aldridge: A telegram received late this afternoon telling that Mr. Aldridge had suddenly passed away came as an extreme shock to us all. We deeply feel a great personal loss, and our heartfelt sympathy to you in your bereavement cannot be adequately expressed. We sincerely regret that circumstances prevent us being in Rochester at this time."

Loved by All Who Knew Him.

From George A. Glynn, chairman of the Republican State Committee!

"My heart goes out to you in your deep sorrow. Associated with your beloved husband and comrade for many years, I appreciate his nobility of character, his courage, his fidelity, his service to his country and his sympathy with humanity and devotion."

From Judge Frank H. Hiscock, of the Court of Appeals:

"I am greatly shocked by the death of your husband and by my loss of a friend whose good and commanding qualities I had learned to know and appreciate through many years of acquaintance and friendship."

From Job E. Heigebach, the fullness of a sincere friend to you and your son in this moment of bereavement when we are all mourners."

From Francis M. Hugo: "Mrs. Hugo joins me in sincerest sympathy."

Shocked by News of Death.

From Samuel S. Koenig, chairman of the Republican Committee of New York county:

"I was greatly shocked to learn of your great misfortune. Your distinguished husband and I have been intimate friends for twenty years and his departure is a personal loss to me and to thousands of others. My sincere sympathy to you and the family."

From Winslow M. Mead, former assistant superintendent of public works under Mr. Aldridge:

"Accept my deepest sympathy in your great sorrow."

Jesse S. Phillips, state superintendent of insurance:

"As a friend of Mr. Aldridge may I offer my sincere sympathy to you and your loss but a irreparable loss to the state."

From Theodore W. Pount, of the Court of Appeals: "I am sorry to hear of your loss but I wish you to know of the resolution and sympathy of the State Athletic Commission. Your hour of trial and grief and it is 10-day passed on the death of its beloved member."

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From R. Sheffield, lawyer and former president of the National Republican Club, often considered by Aldridge as likely time for the gubernatorial nomination:

"Please accept my profound sympathy in the death of Mr. Aldridge. He has long been one of the foremost figures in the politics of our state and has stood for it in public service and strong and courageous public officials. He will be universally mourned and I personally feel the deepest sorrow."

From Arthur E. Sutherland, former Supreme Court justice:

"Please accept the deepest sympathy of Mrs. Sutherland and myself in four sorrow. The death of Mr. Aldridge is a great bereavement to us all."

From Henry C. Stuart, deputy collector of customs of the Port of New York:

"The office staff joins with me in conveying to your mother and yourself our deepest sympathy and in expressing our affection and respect for your father."

#### Deeply Mourns Death of Frined.

From Charges W. Anderson, colored, former collector of internal revenue in New York city, now connected with the State Department of Farms and Markets.

"I deeply mourn the death of my constant friend and your beloved husband. If every person to whom he rendered some service of kindness and love would place one rosebud on his grave Rochester with her wealth of flowers could not possibly supply the demand."

From George F. Argetsinger, former state senator:

"My sincere sympathy. Leaving for Rochester to-night. If I can be of any assistance please use me."

#### J. J. Cutler Profoundly Grieved.

James G. Cutler, former mayor of Rochester, sent the following telegram last evening from Syracuse:

Profoundly grieved to learn the great loss which has been sustained in the death of Mr. Aldridge. Please accept my respectful condolence."

Charles E. Hughes, secretary of state: Washington, June 14.—"I am deeply pained to learn of the death of Hon. George W. Aldridge. In his long public career he displayed ability of a high order and his devotion to the interests of the people of the city of Rochester cannot fail to be held in grateful memory."

Attorney-General H. M. Daugherty, visited Mr. Aldridge in Rochester with William B. Woodbury, of New York, in the interest of Senator Harding's candidacy, long before the convention in Chicago, sent the following message:

"I extend to you my sincere sympathy in the loss of your distinguished husband."

Norman B. Mack, a newspaper publisher, of Bugalo, and Democratic national committeeman, sent the following telegram last evening:

"Please accept my sincerest sympathy in the death of your distinguished husband. He and I have been warm personal friends for many years. The State of New York loses one of its most useful and respected sons."

#### From Corporation Counsel.

Corporation Counsel Charles L. Pierce, who is in Washington, wired as follows:

"Mr. Aldridge had the strong interest of a good citizen in the enactment and administration of laws and ordinances for regulation, but not oppression, by government. His loss is most keenly felt, but it is good to have known so able, so big, so kind a man and loving friend."

James F. Hamilton, president of the New York State Railways, said:

"I am deeply shocked at the loss of so great an asset to his community. He was a true friend and always stood for righteous endeavor."

Frank M. Williams, state engineer, telegraphed:

"Am very much shocked this morning to read of the death of Mr. Aldridge. Please accept my sincere sympathy."

Fred R. Sigler, city assessor, wired a message of condolence from San Francisco.

## Last Reception under Willows at Supervisors' Picnic Recalled as Most Pleasing of Notable Series

Early in his political career Mr. Aldridge was not as secluded as in late years. Because of his reluctance about appearing in public he was a man of mystery. He moved in a small circle of friends and it was rarely that he went out evenings.

Because of his seclusion his reception at the supervisors' picnic, each year at Newport, became an institution in this county. Friends, political associates and others gathered under the willow trees each year at Newport and formed a line and shook Mr. Aldridge's hand.

He had a word or two for each of them and the line was an hour or more in passing before him. It was at these picnics that most of the political announcements were made. There was no blare of trumpets with the announcements.

Mr. Aldridge would pass the word to several persons and then the news would travel through the crowd like an electric current. Mr. Aldridge's favorite method of announcing his political selections was "that the sentiment seems to be in favor of" so-and-so.

#### Destinies Shaped in Front Room.

In the front room of his home at No. 96 Plymouth avenue many political destinies were shaped. Many people never knew that they were being considered for public office until called to that room.

Mr. Aldridge's practice of attending the supervisors' picnic dates back thirty-six years, to the first picnic, and was not much of a figure in the early days, although at 30 years of age he was a member of the Executive Board. As Mr. Aldridge's political leadership increased he became a more pronounced figure at the picnic. For the last twenty-five years he was the undisputed Republican leader and the reception under the willow trees became an annual event of importance.

Up to a few years ago he and other prominent Republicans held a reception on New Years, when a flower was given to each person attending. This practice has been abandoned.

#### Last Year's Picnic Notable.

At the supervisors' picnic last year he appeared to be particularly vigorous. The reception line included some of the leading business and professional men in the city, as well as many public officials and other members of his organization.

Mr. Aldridge was at the height of his career. He had just been sworn in as collector of the Port of New York, a position that carried with it recognition as representative of the Federal administration in this state. He had recovered from his almost fatal attack of pneumonia and was in splendid spirits. Many people will remember Mr. Aldridge's activities under the willow trees on that day.

There was much speculation at the picnic as to the identity of the successor to Mayor Edgerton. Persons who claimed to know were going about suggesting every name except that of Clarence L. Van Zandt.



GEORGE W. ALDRIDGE.

(Photograph Taken at Supervisors' Picnic.)

Mr. Aldridge had promised that the announcement would go to the morning newspapers. Usually the announcement is made shortly after Mr. Aldridge arrives at Newport, which is about 8 o'clock to make the announcement and did so only after he had consulted the morning newspaper reporters and was satisfied that the afternoon papers could make no use of the announcement. This is a little evidence of the careful regard he had for his promise, once made. His friends and political associates declare, however, that it was an exceedingly difficult matter to obtain his promise, for he was not accustomed to making snap decisions.

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## ALDRIDGE FUNERAL AT 3.30 TOMORROW AFTERNOON

REMAINS WILL LIE IN STATE  
IN ROTUNDA OF COURT HOUSE  
UNDER KNIGHTSTEMPLAR GUARD

Body Arrives from New York City Early This Morning  
and Is Taken to Undertaking Parlors and  
Later Removed to Home,  
GOVERNOR MILLER AND OTHER STATE AND  
NATIONAL OFFICIALS TO ATTEND SERVICE  
First Presbyterian Church Service To Be Private, with  
Admission Only by Invitation; Burial To Be  
: Made in Mt. Hope Cemetery.

Thousands of residents of Monroe County and from all over the State are expected to be present at the funeral of George W. Aldridge tomorrow. Some will come out of idle curiosity, for there are vast numbers to whom Mr. Aldridge has been a figure of mystery, almost a mythical person; more will come with a sincere feeling of regret that a man, who has been so closely identified with the growth and prosperity of the city, has died. In the procession before the coffin, high officials of the state government will rub elbows with petty district leaders and indigent men will mingle with millionaires; for Mr. Aldridge's friendships embraced all elements and men and women in all walks of life will be out to do him the last honor.

The funeral of the family has been arranged that the body shall lie in state in the Court House lobby from 10 o'clock tomorrow morning to 10 o'clock in the afternoon. From the Court House, the remains will be taken directly to the First Presbyterian Church at Plymouth Avenue and Spring Street. The funeral service will be held at 3.30 p.m. Mr. Aldridge was a member of this church and no part of the service will be held at the Court House. The funeral oration will be read by Governor Miller. The service will be private. Admission to the church will be by invitation, no otherwise, there would be too large a crowd in the church. Burial will be made in the Mt. Hope Cemetery. Mr. Aldridge's body will be placed next to that of his father.

Ur\* te Bute in Court House.  
Thoo\* In charge of the arrangements r\*gd a \* pooullarty fitting that Mr. Aldridge's body should lie in state in the Court House, as he was Mayor of the city when the cornerstone of that building was laid on July 4. 1811. With city and county officials. Mr. Aldridge took part in a parade to celebrate the ceremony and then addressed a big crowd from a platform in Main Street, which had been erected in front of the Court House excavation.

Body Arrive\* This Morning.  
Mr. Aldridge's body was brought to Rochester in a funeral car attached to a train which left New York last evening, and which arrived here early this morning. James L. Hotchkiss, Charles R. Barnes and George A. Flynn, chairman of the Republican State Committee, accompanied the remains to the city. Mr. Hotchkiss and Mr. Lorne, who are among Mr. Aldridge's oldest friends, left for New York Tuesday night and made all arrangements to bring the body here. It was taken to an undertaking establishment on arrival, then removed to the Aldridge home at 9« Plymouth Avenue South where it will remain all day today and up to tomorrow morning, when it will be taken to the Court House.

A number of friends went to the New York Central to meet the funeral car. Among them were Mayor Van Zandt, his secretary, Albert M. Flannery; P. V. Crittenden, Joseph C. Wilson, Judge Willis K. Gillette, Charles T. Chapin, Charles A. Brady, Harry J. Bareham, Dr. John A. Stapleton, William H. Craig, Herbert W. Pierce, George J. Otto, William S. Riley, Dr. Thomas A. Kiltip, E. F. Edwards, H. Alden Nichols and a number of others. Mr. Aldridge's son, George W. Aldridge, jr., who is in business in New York City, arrived with his wife yesterday morning.

Governor Miller will be at the funeral, according to a message received at the Aldridge home yesterday. Charles IX. Hilles, Republican national committeeman, and Ralph A. Day, Federal prohibition director, Mr. Aldridge's opponents at the time he died, both will be here, as will Senator Wadsworth and Calder. William L. Word, Republican leader of Westchester County, is another who will attend the funeral. A group of employes who have served under Mr. Aldridge in his capacity as Collector of the Port of New York also plan to be at the funeral, as well as numerous state officials from Albany. Congressman Thomas B. Dunn of the Thirty-eighth Congressional District is in California with Mrs. Dunn, but Congressman Archie D. Sanders will be here, if President Harding will not be at the funeral. The President yesterday was at Baltimore in connection with un-

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

March 17, 1921.

My dear Mr\* Aldridge:

You have been the subject of conversation on several occasions when I have been in conference with the Senators from New York. I have said to the Senators that I am at liberty to show my very great esteem for you and want to grant you such recognition as is wholly becoming and agreeable to you. I could have very great pleasure in making such a nomination as would appeal to you most heartily. I need not tell you of the esteem in which I hold you nor need I speak my confidence in your ability to serve, I have been informed that your inclinations are to serve as Collector of the Port at New York. If this is your preference I shall be more than happy to nominate you for that service. I had thought to consider you for Commissioner of Internal Revenue because I have wished an outstanding figure in that position. I am not insistent about this, however, because there is strong pressure from other states for consideration for that particular place. The main thing is to have you know how thoroughly anxious I am to assure you of my very great personal interest in having you come into the service of the government under this administration.

Very truly yours,

Hon., George W. Aldridge,  
Rochester, N. Y.

The regard in which President Harding held George W. Aldridge is shown in the above letters which Mr. Aldridge received from the President soon after his Inauguration.

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## TOMORROW AFTERNOON

THE WHITE HOUSE  
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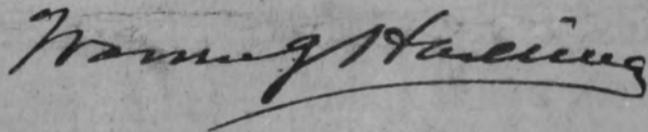
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#### To Make Death Mask.

Undertakers in charge of funeral arrangements will make a death mask of Mr. Aldridge today. According to a report from New York. Mr. Aldridge's death resulted from a hemorrhage of the brain, instead of heart embolism, as at first reported. The Monroe County leader was sick with pneumonia in December, 1920, and for a time was despaired of. He rallied and, when he accepted the position as Collector of the Port of New York, he seemed to have recovered his former health. Mr. Aldridge has been troubled with a throat affection for years and, since his illness in 1920, has been ill with heavy colds a couple of times.

There will be no military parade in honor of the funeral, as those in charge feel that pomp and ceremony of this sort would be out of keeping with Mr. Aldridge's wishes. Mr. Aldridge was a former officer of the National Guard and a former honorary member of the Selye Citizens Corps, later designated as Company A, 108th Infantry.

#### Telegrams Pour In.

Telegrams of condolence poured in on Mrs. Aldridge all day yesterday. These included messages from Senators Calder and Ludsworth, William R. Barnes of Albany, Job E. Hedges, Frank II. Hiscock, Francis M. Hugo, Samuel S. Koenig, F. J. H. Kracke, surveyor of the Port of New York; Winslow M. Meade, who was assistant superintendent of public works under Mr. Aldridge; Judge Cutnbert W. Pound of the Court of Appeals, Congressman P. H. Snell, Henry C. Stuart, William J. Tully, formerly a state Senator and now general counsel to the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company; former Governor Charles S. Whitman, State Engineer Frank M. Williams, R. A. C. Smith and many others.

A telegram was received late last evening by Mrs. Aldridge from Norman E. Mack of Buffalo, Democratic national committeeman, expressing his sympathy and paying tribute to Mr. Aldridge's character. Attorney General H. M. Daugherty also sent a telegram. Other late messages were from James G. Cutler, who is in Syracuse; City Assessor Fred R. Sigler, at San Francisco with the Shriners; Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Chanler of Amsterdam, Eugenie O. Kilpatrick of New York, Edward G. Riggs of New York, former Supreme Court Justice Arthur K. Sutherland, who is at Canajoharie; Louis F. Payn, former superintendent of insurance; and Assemblyman Vincent B. Murphy, now in New York City.

City and county employes have made plans to file past Mr. Aldridge's body in the Court House tomorrow in groups, but there will be no formal parading of any sort. The policemen and firemen will be in separate groups and those of other departments will also go in a body. They plan to go early in the morning.

#### Governor Miller Pays Tribute to Aldridge

A powerful factor in the nomination and election of Governor Miller, George W. Aldridge was one of the most trusted advisers of the state's chief executive. The Governor yesterday paid the following tribute to Monroe County's fallen Republican leader:

"Of course, his unexpected death was a very great shock to me and his passing a very great personal loss. George W. Aldridge was a very loyal friend and he was loyal in all of his relations, public and private. He stood for the best in public service and was always interested in improving conditions. He will be very sadly missed in his own city of Rochester and the County of Monroe, where, due to his influence largely, can be found the best types of municipal government; and he will be very greatly missed in this state because of his very great influence, as I have said, was always exerted for better things. He and I were personal friends and the personal loss is what is most emphasized in my feeling because of his passing."

#### President Harding Wires Condolences to Aldridge Family

George W. Aldridge, one of the earliest of the delegates at the 1920 Republican convention to get behind Warren G. Harding for President, was in particularly close relation to the chief executive for the nation, through virtue of his position as collector of the port of New York. On receiving news of Mr. Aldridge's death, President Harding yesterday sent the following message to Mrs. Aldridge:

"I have just learned with very great sorrow of the death of your husband. He was my good friend, an able public official, and an admirable citizen. If sympathy will aid you in meeting your great grief, please know that Mrs. Harding and I feel deeply your bereavement.

(Signed)

"WARREN G. HARDING."

## FROM PRESIDENT TO HUMBLE WARD HENCHMAN, ALDRIDGE

### TESTIMONIALS ARE RECEIVED

From the highest dignitary in the land to the humblest ward henchman came messages of condolence to the bereaved family of George W. Aldridge yesterday. Men of opposite political beliefs, who in the open fighting of partisan contests have striven to overthrow the hold of Mr. Aldridge, sensed equally with those of his closest associates the deep loss that the city of Rochester has suffered in the death of a man, who, while admittedly the city's boss, had the best interests of the city close to his heart.

#### "Big Fellow" Stories.

Yesterday, in all quarters, they were telling stories of the "Big Fellow"; stories, for the most part, of his humanness, his sympathetic understanding, his friendliness—qualities that largely composed the personality of the man, who still retained the crown of his leadership, while bossism all about him crumpled and disintegrated.

There was the story, circulated in Powers Hotel, of the little man who had opposed the great leader, bitterly, stubbornly, through all the early years of his manhood. He was anti-Aldridge; no boss would rule him. And then, suddenly, he was crushed with reverses. His job was gone; he was actually in want.

Someone told him to go to the "Big Fellow." What, he call on Aldridge for a job? It was preposterous! Absurd! But ultimately he went.

The "Big Fellow" looked down smilingly upon the little man who had, as a last resort, called for the help that Mr. Aldridge might be able to

give him. He was timorous, diffident, almost servile. He told his story. The "Big Fellow's" smile was whimsical.

#### Little Man Gets Job.

"Go to—," he said, naming the head of a city department, "and he'll put you to work. Do you want to fight a little before you go?"

Tears came into the little man's eyes; he was greatly moved.

"Mr. Aldridge," he said, "I don't deserve it."

"Forget it," said the "Big Fellow," "and you'd better hustle. They need you right away."

George W. Aldridge, jr., son of the dead leader, who arrived in the city from New York yesterday, said that he had played nine holes of golf over the Oakland Country Club course, on Long Island, with his father, last Saturday. Mr. Aldridge, jr., stated that his father seemed in good physical condition, but the day was rather muggy and hot and the effort of walking over the rolling links had tired him.

"The veins on his forehead were rather distended and his face was a peculiar ashen gray, but I didn't think at the time anything serious was the matter with him," said Mr. Aldridge, Jr. He played golf a great deal, and particularly keen about the game, although I think the sociability of the game suited him more than the

#### Winning Even at Death.

In the golf match that Mr. Aldridge was playing with Charles D. Hilles former chairman of the national Republican committee, at the Westchester-Biltmore Country Club, during which his death occurred, Mr. Aldridge was three up on Mr. Hilles when he died. Mr. Aldridge had made the short hole in

three\* which is considered dose to par 8. dr.

Turning 10 the caddie after he had holed out, he asked:

"How is a three for this hole-pre!> i\ food. oh !"

"It Is," said (lie boy. "not m'im of 'cm eol it, except the prt

They teed off. and Mr. Aldridge had his third shot on the ninth hole, when he toppled over, unconscious.

Superstitious About Number Three.

Mr. Aldridge was known to have a peculiar superstition regarding the number three, and multiples containing that number. The license number of his automobile was 33, his telephone was Main 36. He made an effort to obtain a sleeping car with the number three over it, and he liked to be on (lie third II... of a hotel and have a three in the number of his room. He appeared to believe that the big happenings in his life were related with the figure three, and this superstition was borne out somewhat by the incidents attendant upon his death, which occurred when his golf score was three up on his opponent, after he had mafic the third shot from the tee. His death also occurred on the 13th of the month.

Sheafs of telegrams hearing eloquent tributes to the dead leader laj on the table in the living room of the Aldridge home yesterday, and the telephone was constantly in use-as verbally conveyed messages of condolences were received.

The sense of mourning all over the city was profound, and everywhere flags were lowered 10 half mast.

Additional expressions of tribul Mr. Aldridge, as well as of pel .sorrow Caused by his death, were made as follows:

GEORGE KASTMAN-"I have KUOWnt George Aldridge ever since we went to school together way back in the early sixties under Mrs. hang, in a little frame-house that stood on what is now the northwest corner of West I Main and North Washington Side for

"As we grew up we lost contact with each other for a time and it was not until I became interested in the Bu-I i eau of Muncilpa i Rese flrch about years ago that I came really to know and appreciate his many good uali-l ties as leader of city affairs. The pre-I nary survey of the cttj

the bureau by the best outside experts; could be found showed that it was I .... of the best, if not the best, gov-l in the United States under the spoils system of government then universally in use. This in itself was a tribute to the man who had for so long a period directed and shaped its policies and accomplishments.,

"Mr. Aldridge loved his city and had a great interest in its welfare. Limited hv the political situation from which he never could escape he always gave it the best in his power."

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LOUIS WILEY, business manager of New York Times and former Roches, terian-"Mr. Aldridge was one of the earliest and best friends I had. I have known him for a> years. Endowed with high political principles, he was one of the best known men in New York public life. His career as collector of the port has been highly praised by those who came in business contact with him. As one of the founders of the Society of the Genesee and as a public servant in Rochester and elsewhere he will long be remembered."

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WILLTAMS. RILEY, commissioner of parks-"The passing out of the life of George W. Aldridge is a cal

our beautiful city, for he has done so much toward making Rochester one of the best cities to live in. As the years toll on, he will be missed more and more. I feel I have lost a very near, dear and loyal friend, in fact,

value; an immense number of friends and acquaintances admired and trusted him. His word was good, his judgment excellent and his ideals the highest. His death constitutes a distinct loss which will be felt for many years to come."

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SENATOR WILLIAM M. CALDER "in the passing away of George W. Aldridge Rochester has lost her most beloved citizen. The late President Roosevelt once said to me that I consider was the best governed city in the Union and he attributed this to the leadership of Mr. Aldridge. He always stood for what was best in our civic affairs. As one of his intimate friends I am shocked beyond measure and mourn with thousands of men and women throughout the state."

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CORPORATION COUNSEL CHARLES L. PIERCE-"Mr. Aldridge had the reputation of a good citizen in the enactment and administration of laws and ordinances for regulation but not oppression by government, his loss is most keenly felt, but it is good to have known so able, so big, so kind a man and loving friend."

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MRS. HENRY G. JDANFORTH, president of the Woman's Educational and Industrial Union, and member of the Board of Education "Meeting Mr. Aldridge as I did under varying circumstances and through a period of years, he gave me a remarkable impression of sincerity and courtesy, and a certain unexpected sensitive shyness made a most remarkable personality."

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JAMES P. K. DUFFY, member of Board of Education and former president of that body-"The death of Mr. Aldridge is a great loss to the community. The government we have had in Rochester, and which has made it recognized throughout the country as the best governed city, is due in a great measure to Mr. Aldridge's leadership and personality. He had the ability of a high order, and he had the inchoate civic spirit and ideals in his administration of public affairs. I shall always be happy to have had the opportunity of knowing him; I know that his death will be a shock to thousands of friends all over the country. It is a great loss to me for his friendship extending through many years."

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JUDGE WILLIAM W. KOHLMBTZ, of City Court "in the death of George W. Aldridge Rochester lost the most useful citizen it ever had. As Mayor and also as incumbent of minor offices, Mr. Aldridge always gave Rochester the best services at his command as Republican leader, Mr. Aldridge recommended and selected persons whom he could trust to guard the interests of Rochester. Mr. Aldridge's main ambition was to give Rochester the best government possible, and I am proud to have succeeded."

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DISTRICT ATTORNEY WILLIAM F. V. K. "The future probably will tell better than the present what the loss of Mr. Aldridge was to the County of Monroe. We are too near his personal influence and political sagacity to be able to appraise his full worth. But nothing that the future shall say of him can alter my opinion that he was a loyal friend, a fair fighter and a great leader."

SURROGATE BELDEN S. IIROWN

"The County of Monroe has lost a citizen who had high ideals of public life and during the whole of his life he was a loyal Republican. It is a great loss to the community. He understood and he knew everything could not be accomplished in a minute. He held differing interests together for the benefit of the community."

MRS. SHERMAN CLARKE-"We have lost a great friend, and I feel that the loss is irreparable. It is difficult to express the sorrow Mr. Clarke and I feel over the death of that great public leader."

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MRS. HELEN PROBST ABBOTT, president of City Women's Club-"The best thing I think, that can be said of Mr. Aldridge at this time, is that he was loved by his friends. That is a good test."

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MARCUS H. VAN BERGH "I have known Mr. Aldridge for many years. I feel that the people of Rochester in the years to come will discover what they have lost in his death. Where will we find a man to fill his position in this community, one that had the full confidence of the people as leader of his party?"

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ALFRED J. MASTERS, chief probation officer and past commander of T. P. Quinby Post, G. A. R.-"I always found in my association with Mr. Aldridge that he was a man of high character and his word was as good as a bond. Mr. Aldridge was held in the highest respect, and his death is an irreparable loss to the community."

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JUDGE WILLIS K. GILLETTE-"I loved Mr. Aldridge as a friend and true friend, and admired him for his steadfast adherence to all of his friends. He never betrayed a friend. I also loved him for the anemlei he had made in his inflexible pursuit of the course he deemed right."

REV. DR. WARREN SACK STONE, pastor of First Presbyterian Church of which Mrs. George Aldridge and George Aldridge, Jr. are members

neighbor known Mr. Aldridge for more than a decade. My association with him has impressed me with his remarkable ability to analyze large affairs and to pass sound judgment upon them and to devote himself to his convictions with untiring loyalty. Many in the state are not aware of the fact that as applied to public questions, Mr. Aldridge was ever ready to make the appeals of the unfortunate and lowly."

R. BERT M. SEARLE, publisher of the Gas and Lie, "I feel that the death of Mr. Aldridge is a great loss to the community. His death is a great loss to the community."

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WILLIAM W. HIBBARD "I am very grieved at the death of Mr. Aldridge and with the loss of his friendship and influence."

"I will miss him very much. He was a man of high character and his word was as good as a bond. He was a man of high character and his word was as good as a bond. He was a man of high character and his word was as good as a bond."

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W. S. FREDERICK S. CHM But committee of charities "Of the many friends of Mr. Aldridge as well as a husband did. His estimate of Mr. Aldridge was very high. They knew the number of years, and there never a time when Major Couchman had anything in mind the profound regard for Mr. Aldridge. In my short experience in public life, as commissioner of charity, only confirmation of Major Couchman in his views of Mr. Aldridge."

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## REMINISCENCES OF FRIENDS

### THROW INTERESTING LIGHT

#### ON CHARACTER OF ALDRIDGE

George W. Aldridge, with his multifarious other activities, was a great lover of golf, and when he played threw his whole energy into the sport. When his opponent made an unhappy stroke he would laugh all over his big frame, but he was perfectly willing to laugh at himself when he made a poor stroke. Dispatches from New York say he was enjoying his game with his customary exuberance, and was feeling particularly happy at his good form, just before he was stricken.

When he was home last, Mr. Aldridge underwent a physical examination and was found to be in excellent condition. His heart action was excellent and the many persons who talked with him before he returned to New York last Tuesday were impressed with his splendid vitality\* At that time, he made arrangements to return to Rochester rather more frequently in the future, but objected to a suggestion that he come back next time for the Fourth of July, because he felt it would be an injustice to the employes under him. Many would expect the same privilege of taking the holiday, he felt, but he arranged to come back shortly after the Fourth.

To Launch Miller Campaign.

On his next visit here, Mr. Aldridge planned to meet with the Republican Committee at a dinner, and to launch formally Governor Miller's campaign for the renomination. This was to have been shortly after the Fourth. It was evident to all who met him that he had no premonition of death and that he planned to take vigorous part in the coming state campaign.

Governor Miller and Mr. Aldridge were personal friends, their friendship becoming very intimate after the 1920 election. When circumstances permitted, they played golf together. On one occasion, it was related, the Governor was going great guns on a course that boasted a small lake as one of the hazards. Mr. Aldridge found it was time to resort to a bit of strategy if he were to ward off defeat.

"Miller," he said, innocently, "did you ever drive into that little lake?"

"No," said the Governor, with pride, "I never have."

So the Governor teed his ball and drove off-into the lake. Then he looked around suspiciously to find his opponent doubled over with laughter. Great Practical Joker.

Anecdotes cluster around the former leader, and some of them are interesting as throwing light on his many-sided character. In his younger days he was a great practical joker, who turned his activities to the little vanities of his friends. Once, it is related, many years ago, on the occasion of a convention of some sort, Mr. Aldridge and Commissioner of Railways Charles R. Barnes were

at the same hotel with numerous other delegates. Mr. Aldridge and Mr. Barnes were close friends since boyhood. On this particular occasion, Mr. Barnes boasted a brand new cravat of striking design, of which he was inordinately proud. Mr. Aldridge got in touch with the hotel chef and procured a particularly offensive specimen of limburg cheese. This he contrived to slip into the folds of the marvelous necktie.

Mr. Aldridge's next step was to tip on his friends to engage Mr. Barnes in conversation, then start sniffing with some appropriate observation in regard to the atmosphere. Mr. Barnes, himself speedily became aware of a most noisome odor in his vicinity, and it is related that he finally went to his room and changed his entire raiment before again appearing in public.

Nor was "the big fellow," as his followers called him, slow at retort. In a municipal election, one of the Aldridge candidates for an elective city office, who was far from popular, was pounded by the newspapers. He came to Mr. Aldridge after election, bemoaning the things that had been said about him in the campaign. "Think What They Might Have!"

"That's nothing to get excited about," said his chieftain. "Think what they might have said about you."

On another occasion, when one of his candidates, a newcomer in politics, had been attacked hotly in the campaign, Mr. Aldridge replied to his murmurings:

"Don't let that upset you. You've only got it once, and I've been getting it for twenty years."

When Roosevelt was Governor he took occasion to remove Lou Payn from the superintendency of Insurance. Later, at the Republican National Convention of 1904, when Roosevelt was nominated for the Presidency, Aldridge and Payn were both among the New York State delegates. When the New York delegates started a parade around the hall for Roosevelt, the official who had been removed was directly in front of Mr. Aldridge and appeared to be one of the most enthusiastic of the crowd.

"Why, you old lobster!" said the Monroe chieftain, trending close on Payn's heels and preserving his customary impassive demeanour, "here you are shouting for the man who kicked you out of office." And he repeated this with variations all the way around the hall.

There have been many versions of Mr. Aldridge's connection with the nomination of Harding for President at the Republican national convention of 1920, because he and his fellow-delegate, James L. Hotchkiss, voted for the Ohio man from first to last. It has since been learned that Harry M. Daugherty, since appointed Attorney General and manager of the Harding campaign in 1920, came to Rochester with a friend come time before the convention. The friend solicited Mr. Aldridge's support. Mr. Aldridge had seen Harding, then a Senator, in action at a previous convention, and had taken a strong liking to him. He gave assurances to the Harding emissaries that he would be behind their candidate, and so he was from first to last.

## EXPRESSIONS OF APPRECIATION OF ALDRIDGE EMBODIED IN RESOLUTIONS

A resolution on the death of Mr. Aldridge was adopted by members of the City Engineering Department yesterday and was signed by City Planning Superintendent Edwin A. Fisher, Deputy City Engineers LeGrand Brown and John F. Skinner, Arthur L. Vedder, Chief Clerk Edward C. Widman and Office Engineer Fred A. Delevau. It says in part that public improvements in Rochester in the last forty years in which the engineering office have been concerned, "have in a large measure been advanced by his wise counsel, based on sound judgment and large vision."

The Mayor's "cabinet," in session yesterday, also adopted a resolution, signed by Mayor Van Zandt, Commissioner of Public Safety Bareham, Commissioner of Public Works Pierce, Commissioner of Parks Riley, Commissioner of Charities and Corrections Jennie Couchman, City Planning Superintendent Fisher, City Treasurer Carroll, Comptroller Wilson and

Chairman of the Board of Assessors George S. Taylor.

It reads in part:

"The inspiration of his life so woeful for him a place in our hearts that it is with reverence and affection we have called him 'The Big Fellow.' Now that our friend has gone on a long journey and we can not seek his counsel we will remain faithful to those trusts that his mind and soul have left with us—those things which make for human toleration, love and true happiness. To the perpetuation of his ideals we pledge our best efforts, and while deploring the loss of his able and kindly guidance we bow to the Power that has summoned him from the scene of his long and zealous labors.

"We will remember that mankind can only go forward hand in hand and with a spirit that lifts and that one of those who by his acts pointed out the Way was our faithful friend, George W. Aldridge."

President Abram DePoter of the Common Council yesterday announced a special meeting of the Common Council for tonight, so that special action may be taken on Mr. Aldridge's death, and such arrangements made for the funeral as the council may see fit.

## Aldridge's Death Great Shock to Auburn Friends Who Mourn Him as Great State and National Figure

Auburn, June 14.—Announcement of the sudden death of George W. Aldridge, prominent citizen of Rochester, one of the old guard of Republican leaders and up to the time of his death, on the golf course of the Westchester-Biltmore Country Club yesterday afternoon, one of the prominent state and national figures of the party, came as a surprise and shock to his friends in Auburn.

Among the most intimate friends of the deceased in Auburn were George W. Benham, Republican leader in Cayuga County, and Chief E. J. Jewhurst of the fire department. Mr. Benham and Mr. Aldridge were very

close in political matters as well as socially.

As regards Chief Jewhurst the intimate personal friendship between the two men started back in the seventies, when both were active in the volunteer fire departments of their respective cities. Mr. Aldridge was a member of the Alert Hose Company of Rochester and Chief Jewhurst a member of Cayuga Hose Four in those days.

The two companies visited each other at conventions and gatherings of firemen and the Alerts were royally entertained in Auburn several times, with Mr. Aldridge always on hand on those occasions. The friendship of those days continued down to the present time between the two men.

One of the last times that Mr. Aldridge visited Auburn was to attend the funeral of Lewis Newgass, a close personal friend.

## VOLUNTEER FIREMEN ADOPT RESOLUTION ON ALDRIDGE DEATH

At the 29th annual meeting of the Exempt Volunteer Firemen's Association held last night at the Association's headquarters in Fitzhugh Street, a resolution was adopted on the death of Collector of the Port of New York, George W. Aldridge, who for a number of years was a member of the Old Alert Hose Company. He served his time as a volunteer in that organization, and for thirty years has been a member of the Exempt Volunteer Firemen's Association.

The committee on the resolution was headed by John P. Kislinsky with James W. Hyde, William V. Clark, William F. Burnsmald, George King and Morh J. Caley.

The resolution as adopted follows: "This organization has passed a resolution of sympathy for the family of George W. Aldridge, a member of this body for a number of years. This is in recognition of his service as a volunteer fireman. Exempt Volunteer Firemen Association."

Officers were elected as follows: President, William V. Clark; senior vice president, John P. Kislinsky; junior vice president, L. C. Piper; recording secretary, A. H. Otto; financial secretary, M. H. Brandt; treasurer, P. W. Ulems; attorney, John Bernhard; foreman, F. Dyer; first assistant, F. Caley; second assistant, Inhart; trustees, M. I. C. B. Smidcilln, W. H. Gragin, R. T. ... and C. H. Van Vorst; 6 ... to fiftieth annual New York State Firemen's convention, at ... 1, i P. Dyer and 1 ... to Western New York ... men's convention, Lancaster, J. Hyde and Curtis W- Barker.

# BODY OF LEADER

## TO LIE IN STATE

### L, AT COURT HOUSE

#### Arrived This Morning and Is Carried from Station by Old Friends.

The body of George W. Aldridge, late Republican leader of Monroe who died on the golf links at Rye on Tuesday, arrived in Rochester at 9.30 o'clock this morning. A special car was attached to Train 33 to bring the remains. At Herkimer a freight wreck blocked all four New York Central tracks to delay the arrival of the train which was due here at 6.29.

Lifelong friends and politicians began to gather at the railroad station early and by the time of the belated train's arrival there were hundreds waiting. The remains were accompanied only by James L. Hotchkiss, county clerk and deputy leader, and Charles R. Barnes, railway commissioner, and closest of the political friends of the dead leader.

The body, with coffin inclosed in a handleless box, was carried upon the shoulders of James L. Hotchkiss, Charles R. Barnes, P. V. Crittenden, Willis K. Gillette, Charles T. Chapin, William S. Riley, Herbert W. Pierce and William H. Craig, all close to Mr. Aldridge in politics and play, from the station platform, through the station to the Jeffreys undertaking parlors in Court street. There it was to rest pending the completion of a mask. Late this afternoon it was to be removed to the Aldridge home, 96 Plymouth avenue.

George W. Aldridge, Jr., announced at noon that no effort would be made to prevent friends from visiting the home while the body was there and there would be nothing private or exclusive about the services at First Presbyterian church, Plymouth avenue and Spring street, at 4.30 o'clock to-morrow afternoon. The church has seating accommodations for all of 700 and there is an adjoining hall to seat 400 or more. There would be reservations for close friends and visiting state officials only. The body was to be removed from the Aldridge home at 9 o'clock to-morrow morning to the Court house, there to lie in state.

Selection of the bearers for the Aldridge funeral was to be made later in the day, but it was practically determined that the pallbearers would be selected from the eight men who bore the body on their shoulders from the train. James L. Hotchkiss said that it would be impossible to tell who would be the honorary bearers until he heard from George A. Glynn, state republican chairman, who was arranging in New York for the coming of a delegation of New York statesmen and friends on the Empire State Express to-morrow afternoon. It was because of the coming on the Empire State Express of friends from New York, Albany and other eastern cities of the state that the time for the funeral was set for so late in the afternoon.

the plan and the reading of the scripture.

Yonondio lodge, F. and A. M., will have charge of the services at the grave.

Among those who were of the gathering at the station to-day were Mayor Clarence D. Van Zandt, A. M. Flannery, J. C. Wilson, W. W., Hibbard, Andrew Wiedenmann, William Gragen, William T. Farrell, Abram De Potter, John B. Mullan, William Flannaghan, Patrick Kane, James D. Martin, Charles A. Brady, George Argetsinger, George J. Otto, Edwin A. Fisher, Legrand Brown, J. J. Clark, A. Shepard, B. E. Little, John Skinner, W. A. Hibbard, Henry W. Morse, Thomas J. Swanton, Clarence Smith, William F. Love, Walter Richardson, Edward Widman, Thomas E. Carroll, Mrs. James L. Hotchkiss and Mrs. Bert Van Wie.

The City hall will close to-morrow afternoon during the funeral of Mr. Aldridge. That is the tentative plan, outlined by Abram DePotter, president of the Common Council. It will be decided definitely at the special meeting of the council to-night, when suitable action will be taken on the death of the leader.

County and city employees will be given opportunity to view the remains as they lay in state in the Court house, and the building will be cleared of traffic to-morrow morning after 7 o'clock. City and county employees will assemble in Fitzhugh street and file through the Court house two abreast, beginning at 8.30 o'clock. Firemen and police not on duty are included. Later the Court house will be opened to admit the general public.

Details of police and deputy sheriffs will be on duty in the Court house. Sheriff Morse and Commissioner Bareham, of the department of public safety, are in charge of general arrangements.

Just what prominent men from outside Rochester would be here for the funeral was not to be known until to-night or to-morrow morning. Governor Nathan L. Miller was to arrive to-morrow afternoon, as were United States Senators James S. Wadsworth and William M. Calder, and Congressman Archie L. Sanders. Congressman Thomas B. Dunn is in California.

That thousands would view the remains in the Court house was indicated and to cope with the situation Harry J. Bareham consulted with Joseph M. Quigley, chief, for the detailing of a patrol for safety in Main street and the City hall park in Fitzhugh street.

Fraternal and business organizations after a beginning Tuesday night continued to-day to report the drafting of resolutions of sympathy to be extended Mrs. Aldridge. Members of

# DEAD LEADER FACED FIGHT

## OF HIS LIFE

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WAS LOOKED UPON AS MAN TO  
MEET FIGHT DEVELOPING  
FOR STATE CONTROL.

WKS BUSY ON ORGANIZATION

Of Late He was Preparing Party  
for Its Greatest  
Struggle.

The sudden passing of George W. Aldridge is regarded by many as of startling political significance. He had made for himself a particular niche in the field of state and national politics, which it will be difficult to fill. His widespread influence was admittedly of inestimable value in the shaping of state and national political destinies, and with the dark clouds of another intensive state campaign, gathering on the political horizon, some of his followers are worried.

He had been looked to throughout the state as one of those best fitted to meet and overthrow the campaign, which is developing for the control of the state government. County and district leaders throughout the state were wont to rely upon his sagacity in meeting such situations, and his death has created a void, which his friends say will be difficult to fill. He was facing one of his greatest fights for the Republican party.

Mr. Aldridge had matched wits with the craftiness of the Tammany chieftains, oftentimes in years past, and success had attended his efforts. A strenuous effort will be made without doubt this year to wrest the state governmental machinery from Republican control and Mr. Aldridge's presence as "chief of the general staff" will be missed. Just before his death he was preparing the Republican organization for its greatest fight.

The widespread expressions of regret indicate a deeper significance than the passing of the head of a political organization. In almost every instance the regret is over the death of "the big fellow," expressed in this or similar terms, indicating a wide personal loyalty as well as loyalty to the organization.

To Rochester and Rochesterians he was a known figure; a personality known personally to many of his fellow citizens. Throughout the country he was known, too, for his political achievements were chronicled frequently in newspaper and magazine. To the President of the United States and his associates in the conduct of the Federal government, he, too, was a familiar figure, and he became so, in the span of comparatively few months.

Friend of President.

At the Chicago convention in June, 1920, he and his associate, Jamea L. Hotchkiss, county chairman, Monroe county's delegates were the first of the New York delegation to vote for Warren G. Harding of Ohio for Republican candidate for President of the United States. From the first to the last ballot, they stuck to their choice and when they returned home, they assured their co-Republicans, that "no mistake had been made."

Mr. Aldridge witnessed the formal notification at Marion and had a place of honor on the front porch of the Marion home. When Mr. Harding came to Rochester in the last days of the campaign, on October 21, 1920, he paid eloquent tribute to the Monroe county leader.

After the inauguration the Monroe county leader's advice was sought frequently by the President and his associates. On March 17, 1921, in a letter to Mr. Aldridge, the President paid him this formal tribute:

"You have been the subject of conversation on several occasions when I have been in conference with the senators from New York. I have said to the senators that I am at liberty to show my very great esteem for you and want to grant you such recognition as is wholly becoming and agreeable to you. I could have very great pleasure in making such a nomination as would appeal to you most heartily. I need not tell you of the esteem in which I hold you nor need I speak my confidence in your ability to serve. I have been informed that your inclinations are to serve as collector of the Port at New York. If this is your preference I shall be more than happy to nominate you for that service. I had thought to consider you for commissioner of internal revenue because I have wished an outstanding figure in that position. I am not insistent about this, however, because there is strong pressure from other states for consideration for that particular place. The main thing is to have you know how thoroughly anxious I am to assure you of my very great personal interest in having you come into the service of the government under this administration."

## REPUBLICAN LEADER OF AUBURN PAYS TRIBUTE

*H. J. C. June 14*  
George W. Benham lauds Sterling Qualities of Mr. Aldridge.

Auburn, June 14—The death of George W. Aldridge brought many expressions of sorrow in this city. Mr. Aldridge was a close friend of Fire Chief Edward J. Towhurst and of George W. Benham, the local Republican leader. Mr. Benham made the following statement to-night:

"The death of George W. Aldridge, of Rochester, is, of course, a great shock: Politically, it will be felt by the entire Republican organization of New York state and by every voter identified with that party. True, many may not have had the privilege of a personal acquaintance with Mr. Aldridge, yet all knew his wonderful influence in creating and maintaining the predominate position occupied by the Republican party in this state.

"Socially, his loss will be keenly felt by a host of personal friends regardless of political creed, who have been brought in touch with him during the many years he has occupied a prominent position in public life.

"Always loyal to his principles, courteous to all, steadfast in the support of his friends, thoroughly honest in all of his dealings, highly intelligent, he was one of the most successful political leaders in any part in this country for the past forty years or more.

"Cayuga county has been the recipient of many courtesies at his hands. With full accord it joins in an expression of deep sorrow at his demise."

## EXEMPT FIREMEN MOURN G. W. ALDRIDGE'S DEATH

William V. Clark Chosen President at Twenty-ninth Election.

At the twenty-ninth annual meeting last night of the Exempt Volunteer Firemen's association a resolution of sympathy for the family of George W. Aldridge, who was a member of the association, was adopted. The committee which drew up the resolution consisted of John P. Kislinsky, James W. Hyde, William Clark, George King, M. J. Caley and William F. Itrindam.

The following officers were elected: President, William V. Clark; senior vice-president, J. P. Kislinsky; junior vice-president, L. C. Piper; warding secretary, A. H. Olto; financial secretary, M. H. Rrandt; treasurer, P. Willem; attorney, J. Rniaart; foreman, F. Dyer; first assistant foreman, F. Caley; second assistant foreman, J. Reinhart; trustees, M. J. Caley, J. E. Sunderlin, W. T. Gragen, R. T. Chapin, O. T. Van Vorst; delegates to fiftieth convention of New York State Firemen at Freeport, L. I., F. Dyer; alternate, F. Caley; delegate to Western New York Firemen's convention at Lancaster, J. Hyde; alternate, C. W. Barker.

# TRIBUTES TO MR. ALDRIDGE - FROM COURT

EULOGY BY JUDGE A. J. RODEN-  
BECK BEFORE ADJOURN-  
MENT TILL MONDAY.

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SECONDED BY J. M. E. O'GRADY

City and County Employees to File  
Past the Remains in the Court  
House In a Body.

In honor of the memory of George  
W. Aldridge, all courts in the Court  
house, where his body will lie in state,  
will be closed to-morrow. Other of-  
fices, except those which are required  
by statute to remain open, will close  
in the afternoon. A special meeting  
of the Board of Supervisors has been  
called for 4 o'clock in the afternoon  
to pass resolutions on the death of  
the noted Republican leader.

On the opening of equity term, Su-  
preme court, to-day, Justice Roden-  
beck paid tribute to the dead.

"While my friend lies asleep in his  
home, I am not going to try any  
cases," he said. "The Almighty Ood  
has reached out and taken him from  
our midst and in respect for his mem-  
ory and as a testimonial to his ac-  
complishments and a recognition of  
his character, I shall adjourn this  
court until next Monday morning.

"It seems hard to realize that this  
wonderful personality is gone and  
that, we shall not have his guiding  
force in this community. He was lit-  
tle understood and appreciated by  
those who did not meet him on terms  
of intimacy and work with him in the  
accomplishment of some mutual end.  
His nature was a combination of qual-  
ities that are difficult to analyze. Those  
who knew him only casually would lit-  
tle suspect the delicacy and refine-  
ment of his deeper nature.

Larger Plans Were His.

"The progress of this municipality  
during two decades or more are the  
monuments of his life. The larger  
plans were all his or were approved  
by him. and if the city is renowned  
for its parks, distinguished for its  
growth and famous for its progres-  
sive municipal government, the credit  
is due to George W. Aldridge, the  
wonderful man and great leader who  
has just gone to rest amid the tears  
of thousands and thousands who love  
and mourn him with genuine affection  
and sorrow. After an active, busy  
and oftentimes stormy life, may the sum-  
mer skies shine brightly and the sum-  
mer winds blow softly and the birds  
sing sweetly over the quiet grave of  
our dear friend."

At the conclusion of these memorial  
remarks, James E. O'Grady, attorney,  
addressed the court:

"There is hardly anything that can  
be added to what your Honor has said  
- and so well said. My relations with  
Mr. Aldridge have extended over a  
period of thirty years and during that  
time I have been a witness, myself, to  
many of those magnificent traits to  
which your Honor has called atten-  
tion, particularly those that come so  
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is no man whose loss will be so genu-  
inely and generally felt in the city of  
Rochester or in any community of  
like character as that of Mr. Ald-  
ridge."

Attorney Carroll Roberts added that  
"in behalf of the firm of Sutherland  
& Dwyer we wish to subscribe to and  
join in all that has been said by Mr.  
O'Grady."

Court then adjourned until Mon-  
day.

Senator Pays Tribute.

State Senator James L. Whitley to-  
day paid this tribute to Mr. Aldridge:

"In the death of George W. Aldridge  
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worthy citizen, a great leader and a  
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## 6th WARD REPUBLICANS -PAY ALDRIDGE TRIBUTE

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Honor Memory of G. O. P. Leader in  
Resolutions Expressing Sym-

*June 15th to Family 7/8/22*

The following resolutions were  
passed to-day by the Republican com-  
mittee of the Sixth ward:

"In the death of our leader. Honor-  
able George W. Aldridge, the city and  
each one of us have suffered an irre-  
parable loss. He was the true friend,  
unswerving in his loyalty, loved by  
people of all classes. His position of  
leadership was won, not by the exer-  
cise of arbitrary power, but by those  
qualities of the heart which made him  
loved by everybody who had the great  
privilege of knowing him.

"His word was sacred. His leader-  
ship was won by fair dealing with all  
men. The tributes of love and affec-  
tion bestowed upon his memory to-day  
prove that he always met men upon the  
square, and dealt with them honestly  
as man to man.

"He loved America. He moved in the  
atmosphere of large affairs, and had a  
prominent part in shaping our na-  
tional destinies. He loved Rochester.  
He aspired to make her ever more  
beautiful, her people more contented  
and happy.

"He loved his home. To the mem-  
bers of his household we extend our  
tribute of sympathy, and may they be  
comforted by the knowledge that their  
sorrow is shared by this entire com-  
munity and by this nation."

### Issues of the Day

Opinions expressed in this column are those of the writers, not necessarily of this paper.

Our Faithful Friend and Leader.  
ET 77 "2- "V-  
To the Editor of the Democrat and Chronicle.

Sir: In the death of George W. Aldridge the state has lost one of its greatest men, the party one of its staunchest advocates, the city an upright and worthy citizen, a great leader and a faithful friend. For two score years he was the acknowledged leader in all which stood for a purer, nobler public and civic life, and had won a place in the hearts of the community unsurpassed by that of any other. In all his public service, in his private life and his intercourse with men he continually made friends. Friendship for him soon ripened into admiration, and admiration gave way to love. Men loved him for his kindly intercourse with them, his genial disposition and largeness of heart. Knowing him as we did, appreciating him as we do, conscious what he was and accomplished, we can well understand how it was he for years remained the unchallenged leader. He gave more to life than he received. It was a greater privilege for him to bestow a favor upon a friend than to receive one for himself. Integrity, courage, generosity, sagacity, candor and devotion to principle were the rudiments of his greatness, and with them all he wore the most precious jewel in virtue's diadem—truthfulness.

In political battles he stood for his party's convictions, but he never dealt an unfair blow or gave a secret stab to those who opposed him. He believed in fair dealing. These attributes made him a commanding figure in his party, a political leader in his state. He was a born leader and filled the part most admirably. He not only had the intelligence and breadth of view of a leader, but a personal charm of the highest type which at-

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JAMBS L. WHITLEY.

Rochester, June 15, 1922.

### President Pays

### Y Tribute To Aldridge

June 21 1922  
"Nobody in the government more regrets the passing of George W. Aldridge than the President. He was a dear personal and political friend and a great collector of the port."

This is President Warren G. Harding's tribute to Mr. Aldridge. The President has given no intimation as to who is likely to succeed the Rochester man in the position of collector at New York.

Times Union

## NUMEROUS ATTEMPTS TO BREAK ALDRIDGE ORGANIZATION MADE' UP LIVELY POLITICAL PERIOD

George W. Aldridge, founder of the Monroe County Republican organization, experienced numerous attempts to unseat him from leadership, but the strongest efforts were made while he was superintendent of public works and in the years following. A good government club, organized by a group of independent Republicans and Democrats, came into existence in the spring of 1895. Merton H. Lewis, being president of the Common Council, succeeded to the Mayoralty when Mr. Aldridge resigned to become superintendent of public works, but he failed to receive the Mayoralty nomination that year. Hiram H. Edgerton was chosen' as the candidate. George E. Warner, the Democratic candidate, was indorsed by the Good Government Club and was elected.

In 1897 Warner was again indorsed by the Good Government Club and was elected with the entire Democratic ticket over Merton E. Lewis, who had obtained the Republican nomination that year. In 1899 George A. Carnahan was nominated by the Aldridge forces and was indorsed by the Good Government Club. Soon after his election, he fell out with Mr. Aldridge, refusing to appoint some of the latter's friends to city offices and removing others already in office. So in 1901 Adolph J. Rodenbeck was nominated by the Aldridge forces, whereupon many of Mayor Carnahan's followers turned their support to Warner, who was again the Democratic candidate. Rodenbeck was elected, however, by a plurality of 72. Bostwick-Grady Fight.

This was the last internal revolt against the Aldridge organization until Charles E Bostwick of the Tenth Ward became rebellious three years ago. During the Carnahan-Rodenbeck warfare, Bostwick had supported

Carnahan, but he later returned to the organization. James M. E. O'Grady, member of the Assembly for several terms, as well as speaker, and later sent to Congress from Monroe as the regular Republican candidate, also swung his support to Carnahan, with the result that James Breck Perkins was nominated for Congress the following year, after a vigorous contest in the primaries. Bostwick ran against Mr. Aldridge in the spring primaries of 1920 and was supported by O'Grady. He was defeated throughout the Fourth Assembly District, except in his own ward, the Tenth, and the town of Greece.

In the primaries in the fall of 1920, Bostwick gained a majority of the county committeemen, along with the ward committee, in the Tenth. He again put a ticket in the field in his ward last fall, but the Aldridge forces won a victory, even defeating former Alderman Steelsmith and former Supervisor LeonB-rd of the Bostwick ticket for renomination. Frank Dobson's force in Greece, allied with those of Bostwick, likewise were defeated by the Aldridge adherents. Bostwick has previously announced his intention of again opposing Mr. Aldridge for state committeeman in this fall's primaries.

Mayor Rodenbeck resigned to become a member of the Court of Claims and was succeeded by James G. Cutler, who served two terms, from 1903 to 1907. James Johnston ran independently in 1903, on a Good Government ticket, receiving about 7,000 votes. In 1907 Hiram H. Edgerton was elected Mayor and after that the Republican organization became steadily stronger, rolling up pluralities of augmented size in each succeeding election.

In 1919 John E. Maher, a former business partner of Mr. Aldridge, ran independently! and John H. Hopkins, the Democratic candidate, cut down former Aldridge pluralities materialist year's Mayoralty election Fred D. Lamb, the Democratic candidate, ran even better than Mr. Hopkins and was defeated by Clarence D. Van Zandt by about 2,000 votes.

## ALDRIDGE STARTED<sup>7</sup>S - POLITICAL CAREER' J, AS GEBUNG RIVAL

George W. Aldridge virtually began his political career in 1880, when he opposed Jacob Gerllng, father of the present owner of that name, for member of the old executive board. Aldridge's career began inauspiciously, as Gerllng won by 516 plurality. This was in the days when each party printed its own ballots or tick.

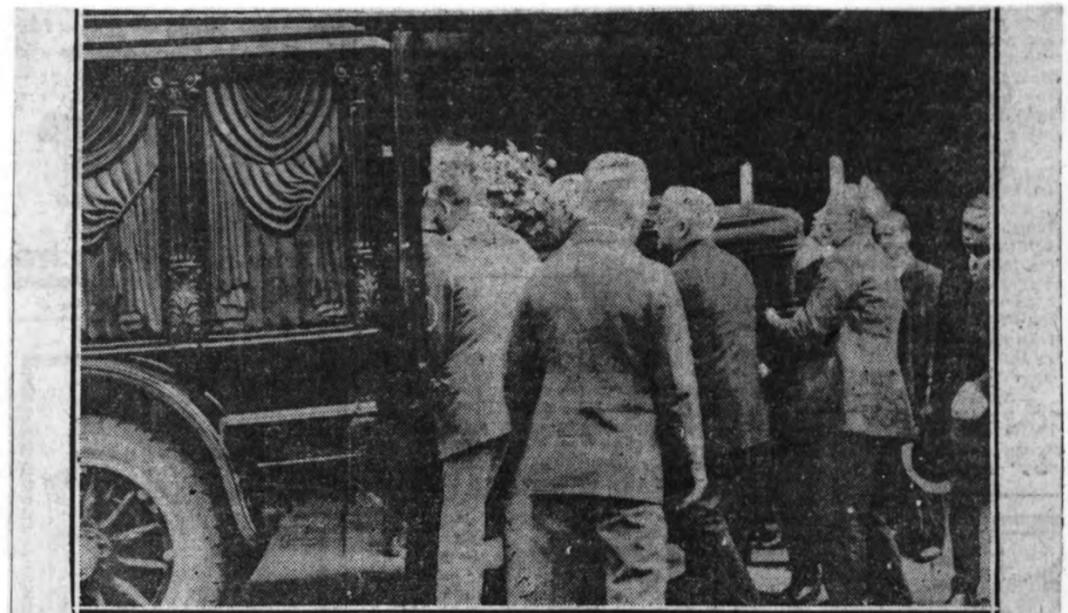
But three years later, Aldridge again challenged his political fate. This time, as in 1880, he went out for executive board member and once more his opponent was Gerllng. This time Aldridge was victorious by 117 plurality.

After his defeat, Gerllng went around the town charging that he had lost the election through improper practice. Someone told Aldridge of the charges Gerllng was making, whereupon he retorted: "Huh, three years ago, they threw all my tickets in the Eleventh Ward into the river."

After his defeat in 1880, Mr. Aldridge's friends handed him an unmerciful "kidding," which so aroused that hful politician that he determined to stick to politics until he made good.

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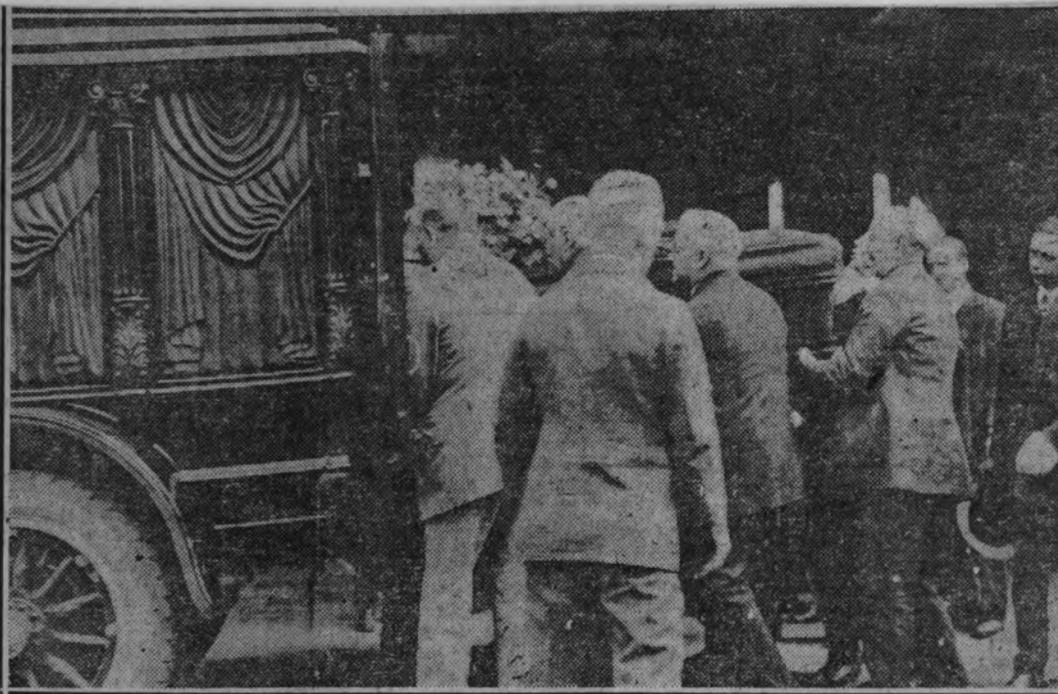
You are growing old they tell us, every year;  
You are more alone they tell us, every year.  
You can win no new affection,  
You have only recollection,  
Deeper sorrow and dejection, every year.

There come new cares and sorrows, every year,  
Darker duys and darker morrows, every year.  
The ghosts of dead loves haunt us,  
The ghosts of changed friends taunt us.  
And disappointments daunt us, every year.

'Tis true life's shores are shifting, every year,  
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The living more forget us.  
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Rochester will pay its final tribute of respect to George W. Aldridge late tomorrow afternoon when the body of the collector of the port of New York, will be laid to rest in a grave in Mount Hope Cemetery next to the grave of his father. Final arrangements for the service which will attend the funeral were completed today, although the names of bearers, both honorary and active, will not be determined until some time tonight.

The services in First Presbyterian Church, at Plymouth avenue south and Spring street, tomorrow afternoon will consist of readings from Scripture by the Rev. Warren Sage, Stone, pastor of the church, and the singing of two hymns "Lead, Kihdly Light" and "Crossing the Bar," favorites of Mr. Aldridge. The funeral will be held at 3:30 o'clock. The services are not expected to consume more than 20 minutes. They will be private as announced in morning newspapers. George W. Aldridge, jr., son of the collector, stated this forenoon that no invitations would be issued to the services as announced but pews in the center aisle of the church will be reserved for relatives and close friends of Mr. Aldridge. The auditorium of the church will seat slightly more than 700 persons and the Sunday-school room and space behind the altar will accommodate about 300 more, so that about 1,000 persons in all will be able to find seating accommodations in the church. The body will be taken to the church direct from the court house and immediately after the services in the church the cortege will proceed to Mount Hope Cemetery.

Masonic services will be held at the grave, in charge of YoVnondio Lodge, i\ & A. M., of which Mr. Aldridge was a member. The services will be held at 11:30 o'clock and discussed with Mrs. Aldridge and her son plans for the funeral. Mr. Hotchkiss stated at that time that the names of the active bearers would not be decided upon until late this afternoon, possibly. As to the honorary bearers, he said it would not be definiely known until spjnetime tonight, or possibly tomorrow morning, who would be selected as the designation of men to act as honorary bearers, Mr. Hotchkiss said, will depend entirely upon those who come to attend the funeral. He said that notices had been inserted in the New York newspapers, giving the time of the funeral services as 4:45 o'clock, and informing men who planned to

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The body of Mr. Aldridge was brought to Rochester this morning on Train 33, arriving here at about 9:30 o'clock, practically three hours behind schedule time. The train was delayed at Herkimer due to a wreck which was caused when a oir on an east-bound freight train broke an axle, causing a derailment.

Charles L. Cadle, state superintendent of public works, accompanied Mr. Hotchkiss and Commissioner Charles R. Barnes to Rochester with the body. At the station when the train arrived were Mayor C. "D. Van Zandt, his secretary, Albert M. Flannery, P. V. Crittenden, Joseph C. Wilson, Willis K. Gillette, Charles T. Chapin, Lewis R. Decker, Charles A. Brady, Harry J. Bareham, Dr. John A. Stapleton, William S. Riley, Frank Payne, George F. Argetsinger, George F. Aldridge, Jr., George O. O'Connell, Beekman C. Little, J. J. Clark, Al. Shepard, Clarence Smith, Walter Richardson, William W. Hibbard, Henry W. More, Thomas Swanton, William F. Love, Edward Widman, Andrew Weidermann, Thomas E. Carroll, William H. Gragen, William T. Farrell, John B. Mullan, Abram De Potter, William Manning, Mrs. James Kane, James and Mrs. Florence Van Wie.

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body waa later removed to the family home. Following arrival of the body here it was removed to Jeffreys' undertak- ing rooms and later was taken to the Aldridge home at 96 Plymouth avenue south, to remain there until 9 o'clock tomorrow morning when it will be moved to the rotunda of the Court House where it will lie in state throughout the day until 3:30 o'clock In the afternoon. During the time the body is lying in state members of Monroe Commandery. 12, Knights Templar, in uniform, will stand around the casket as a guard of honor. The hour at which the funeral services will be held in First Presbyterian Church has been definitely settled at 4:45 o'clock. The services will be simple in character, in accordance with an expressed wish of Mr. Aldridge who, at the time he was near death from pneumonia in December 1920 requested that, if he should die, the funeral services be made as simple as possible. Although it had been expected that President Harding would attend the funeral, it was stated this morning that he probably would not, although no definite word as to whether he would not come to Rochester had been received up to this morning. The close personal friendship which existed between these two men, coupled with the fact that it was Mr. Aldridge's influence which brought about the nomination of Mr. Harding for the presidency at the Chicago convention of the Republican organization, led to the general supposition that the Presi- dent would come to Rochester to at- tend the services. Governor Nathan L. Miller, another close friend of Mr. Aldridge, will ar- rive in Rochester either late tomorrow morning or early in the afternoon. Governor and Mrs. filler left to- day for the summer capitol, Erl- owest, at Belton on Lake George. The Governor will return to Albany tonight before he leaves for Rochester. Other state officers will come here and members of the Republican National Committee, including Chairman Chas. D. Hilles with whom Mr. Aldridge was playing golf on the Westchester- Biltmore County Club course when he was stricken, will be at the funeral as will men of national prominence in both public and political life. Con- gressman Thomas B. Dunn will not be able to come to Rochester as he is in Pasadena, Cal., with Mrs. Dunn. United States Senators James "Wl Wads- worth and William M. Calder will be here and the lower branch of Con- gress will be represented by Congress- man Archie D. Sanders and others. former Senator George F. Argetsing- er, who now resides in Chicago, ar- rived here today for the funeral. For- mer Governor Charles S. Whitman State Engineer Frank M. Williams

struck sorrow into the hearts of men in all walks of life in all parts of New York state and throughout the nation and his burial tomorrow will be marked by the largest funeral ever seen in this city. No finer apprecia- tion of the man could be conceived than is revealed in the beautiful tribute paid to Mr. Aldridge by Charles W. Anderson, the well known colored leader of New York city who, in a telegram he sent to Mrs. Aldridge yesterday, wrote: "If every person to whom he rendered a service of kind- ness or love would place ode rosebud on his grave Rochester, with her wealth of flowers, would be unable to supply the demand." Tomorrow Is bound to witness an endless stream of humanity ebbing its way through the Court House during the time the body of the great Re- publican leader lies in state. The thousands that will make up the great human line that will move past the bier to view for the last time the be- loved features of a man whose worth to the city, it is publicly admitted, will never be fully realized until the future years, will include men and women of both high and humble sta- tion in this as well as other cities in this and other states. Never in the history of Rochester has there been a man whose r/hssing has created such widespread sorrow and regret and his loss to the community, to the state and to the nation is recognized as lrer- parable. Even men who were of other political creeds, those who were ac- tively opposed to him in many of the campaigns in which he was such an active, aggressive and dominant fig- ure, have naught but the highest words of praise to say of him. "The State of New York has lost one of its most useful and respected sons," said Norman E. Mack, for years a recog- nized Democratic leader in the state. There were many callers at the Aldridge home at 96 Plymouth avenue south this morning, scores of persons who were intimately acquainted with either Mrs. Aldridge or her son call- ing to offer their condolences. Amon those who called this forenoon was Edward ShaughneBsy of New York city, who was secretary to Mr. Al- dridge when he was mayor of Roch- ester. Despite the announced request that no flowers be sent, several beautiful floral tributes were received at the house this morning. A singular fact in connection with the death of Mr. Aldridge was the fact that the train that brought his body to Rochester this morning was No. 83. According to Georgs Otto, secretary of the Monroe county Re- publican committee, that was Mr. Al- dridge's "lucky number." "Whenever he had occasion to use a number it was always 33," Mr. Otto said. "The number of his car was 33 and the number of a dog license he

## City Officials, Elks And Other Bodies Adopt Resolutions On Mr. Aldridge's Death; Common Council Meets Tonight

Testimonials to Mr. Aldridge, in the form of resolutions of sympathy and esteem, are being adopted by various organizations with which he was iden- tified. Among these was Rochester Lodge, 24, B. P. O. Elks, of which he was a life member and in the activitiaa of which he always displayed a keen interest. At a meeting of the advis- ory board of the lodge last night a committee was appointed by Exalted Ruler D. Lee Miller to draw up suit- able resolutions and to arrange for a proper tribute of respect which will occupy a portion of the time of the lodge at its session on next Wednes- day night. The committee, headed by Dr. Richard J. Decker, an old-time friend of Mr. Aldridge, is composed of all past exalted rulers and the pres- ent officers of the lodge. This com- mittee will arrange for attendance of a large delegation of members at the fu- neral tomorrow afternoon. Those members who wish to attend are re- quested to meet at the clubhouse not later than 3:30 o'clock. Those having closed cars are requested to supply them in order to aid in conveying other members to the funeral. It is expected that several hundred Elks will be in the funeral cortege.

He went further, he was a great publie spirited citizen of the nation with a warm personal and human sympathy. The inspiration of his life so won fo him a place in our heart\* that it l« with reverence and affection we have called him "The Big Fellow." Now that our friend has gone on a long Journor and we cannot seek his counsel we will remain faithful to those trusts that hi\* mind and soul have left with us-thoaa things which make for human tolera- tion, love and true happiness. To the perpetuation of his ideals w« plecte our best efforts, and while deplorlpr the loss of hia able and kindly guidance we bow to the power that has sum- moned him from the scene of his lone and zealous labors. We will remember that mankind can only go forward hand in hand and with a "p\*ir"l\* \*5. at:1,fa. Ajld the\* one of those who by his acta pointed out the wav a spirit that lifts and that ona of thos\* Aldridge\* fa. thful 'riand.<3cor.Taw. Those subscribing to the resolution were: Mayor Van Zandt; Harry J. Bareham, commissioner, of public safety; Herbert W. Pier\*\*, commis- sioner of public works; William S. Riley, commissioner of parks; Mrs. Jennie Couchman, cdmissloner of charities and corrections; Charles L. Pierce, corporation counsel; Edwin A. Fisher, city planning superintendent; C. Arthur Poole, city treasurer; H. Bradley Carroll, city treasurer; Jo- seph C. Wilson, comptroller, and George S. Taylor, chairman of the Board of Assessors.

At a special meeting of the mayor's cabinet yesterday afternoon the fol- lowing resolution was adopted. George Washington Aldridge was the friend of his city, state and country. He was the friend of humanity. To every person truly concerned with th\* wel- fare of Rochester his going means a real, a personal grief. And that sense of personal loss makes more prominent the outstanding attribute in the char- acter of the man so suddenly sum- moned - his intensely human interest in his fellows and their well being. He was ever ready to lay aside the press of affairs to give his attention to the personal cares of those who sought his kindly assistance and his excellent counsel. Hlr loyalty to man- kind and his inviolable promises In- vited confidence and assured trust. The general public is familiar with the vir- tues and activities that made him a luminous figure in the public and po- litical world. But it was the essentially human aide, revealed to the many who took pride in being classed among his friends, that inspired the sentiments of admiration and affection that will constitute his lasting memorial.

A resolution on the death of Mr. Aldridge was adopted by the City En- gineering Department yesterday and signed by City Planning Superinten- dent Edwin A. Fisher, Deputy City Engineers LeGrand Brown and John F. Skinner, Arthur L. Vadder, Edward C. Widman and Fred A. Delovau. It says in part that public improvementa in Rochester in the last 40 years in which the engineering office has been concerned, "have, in a large measure, been advanced by his wise counsel, based on sound judgment and large vision."

He was most grateful for aver so small a courtesy. Those who met and knew him carried away in themselves some of the strength of his character and love of his nature. A keen sense of humor, fondness for out-of-doors were closely linked with the genius for leadership and a group of human tasks and urges, all valued factors for creating and retaining popular con- fidence. To these were added boundless sympathy for the victims of misfortune, and unswerving loyalty to friends- qualities further revealing the human phase of his character and for that reason of special appeal. He devoted himself to Rochester as a father,

President Abram DePotter of th\* Common Council yesterday announced a special meeting of the Common Council for tonight, so that special action may be taken on Mr. Aldridge's death, and such arrangements mad\* for the funeral aa tha council may sea fit Resolutions of sympathy on the death of Mr. Aldridge were passed yesterday by Local 215, National \_As- sociation of Postoffice-Clerks. 4



feel that the women of the state have lost a real friend. But I feel so broken up I can hardly express myself."

Delbert C. Hebbard, City Court Judge  
"He was the noblest Roman of them  
od bless him."

Justice Harold J. Hinman of Albany  
-"The wonderfully successful political leadership of Mr. Aldridge in Rochester was due largely to his great ability to select the right kind of men for public positions. He will be greatly missed, here, where he was very well known; as well as in Rochester and the state generally."

Cornelius V. Collins of Troy, who served on the Republican state committee with Mr. Aldridge-"I am greatly shocked. He and I were, I think, the two oldest men in point of service on the state committee. He was a big man, strong in his friendships and wise in his counsel. His death is a tremendous loss to his

## Courts Adjourn Out Of Respect To Mr. Aldridge

Equity term of Supreme Court was adjourned this forenoon to next Monday out of respect to George W. Aldridge after Justice Rodenbeck had paid tribute to the dead collector saying:

"I am not going to try any cases while my friend lies asleep in his home. The Almighty God has reached out and taken him from our midst and out of respect for his memory and as a testimonial to his accomplishments and a recognition of his character, I shall adjourn this court until Monday morning.

"It seems hard to realize that this wonderful personality is gone and that we shall not have his guiding force in this community. He was little understood and appreciated by those who did not meet him on terms of intimacy and work with him in the accomplishment of some mutual end. His nature was a combination of qualities that are difficult to analyze. Those who knew him only casually would little suspect the delicacy and the refinement of his deeper nature. The progress of this municipality during two decades or more are the monuments of his life. The larger plans parks, distinguished for its growth were all his or were approved by him and if the city is renowned for its and famous for its progressive municipal government, the credit is due to George W. Aldridge, the wonderful man and great leader who has just gone to rest amid the tears of thousands and thousands who love and mourn him with genuine affection and sorrow. After an active, busy and oftentimes stormy life may the summer skies shine brightly and the Bummer winds blow softly and the birds sing sweetly over the quiet grave of our dear friend.

"The clerk is directed to inscribe this memorial on the records of the court.

James M. E. O'Grady then said:

"If your Honor please, there is hardly anything that can be added to what your Honor has said, and so well said. My relations with Mr. Aldridge extended over a period of 30 years, and during that time I was a witness myself to very many of those magnificent traits to which your Honor has called attention, particularly those that came so closely to the human heart, I think your Honor has well said that there is no man whose loss will be so genuinely and generally felt in the city of Rochester or in any community of like character as that of Mr. Aldridge."

Supreme County and Surrogate's Court is will take similar action either this afternoon or tomorrow morning.

## CONTINUE TO HONOR MEMORY OF MR. ALDRIDGE

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ors Adopt Resolutions.

Tributes continue to be paid to George W. Aldridge. A special committee made up of all past exalted rulers and present officers of Rochester Lodge of Elks was appointed by Knilted Ruler Miller to draft resolutions on the death of Mr. Aldridge, who was a life member of the lodge. These resolutions extoll Mr. Aldridge's qualities and his achievements.

The Rev. Frank C. Doan, D. D., the new minister of the Unitarian Church, in his sermon yesterday paid the following tribute to Mr. Aldridge, which is significant because Dr. Doan is a newcomer in this city:

"I have been hearing many reports this last week of Mr. Aldridge, whose amazing and romantic career has now come to its close. Many conflicting reports, so conflicting, indeed, that I feel danger to him and to this city in which he lived and wrought his work, am puzzled to make out exactly what manner of man he really was.

"On one street corner I hear a group of men speaking of him in terms of unqualified praise and on the very next street corner another group speaking in terms of equally unqualified condemnation. I conclude that in his public capacity he was a gentleman of the old school of politics-that feudalism, sometimes benevolent and sometimes malevolent, under which most of the large cities of this country have been ruled for the last generation. And I conclude from what I hear and from what I have read, particularly from the judgment of his friend, Mr. Eastman, that Mr. Aldridge belonged to the benevolent order of municipal rulers.

"But the thing that has stood out most conspicuously in all these reports of him has been the unanimity raised, from friend and foe alike, of his fidelity to the little things in the great organization he built up [a person-his fidelity to his every least promise, his interest in the welfare of every least member, as well as statesman, through- out his MIUS constituency. This, I am told, was not at all a matter of politics with him, but a kind of religion.

ven so-Mr. Aldridge will be remembered not, as probably he himself fondly hoped; not as a great organizer; not as a man who held the reins of a great city in the hollow is hand; not as a man who made and unmade statesmen at will.

"Not for these things, but as a man who had not forgot a promise, no matter how casually made nor how politically negligible, and who never deserted a friend no matter how politically influential."

## Editorial Expressions On Career And Death Of George W. Aldridge

The New York Evening Post  
(Dem.) :

The late Republican chieftain who ruled from Rochester never attained the power or the prominence of a Piatt or an Odell. Why there should have been this limitation upon his authority is not easy to say. He won local popularity. Step by step he attained a place of influence in New York politics second only to the greatest. With the disappearance of the giants, Republican leadership in the Empire state went into commission, and Aldridge was on the commission.

The Utica Observer-Dispatch  
(Ind.) :

The sudden death of George W. Aldridge of Rochester, comes as a shock to the state, and in a way to the whole country.

Mr. Aldridge has for a number of years been considered the Republican leader, or "boss," of the state of New York. While he did not in the public mind attain the fame of Senator Penrose of Pennsylvania, he was no less a national figure in his party when it came to planning campaigns and shaping policies. The opinions and counsel of George W. Aldridge have been carefully weighed and his guidance has been eagerly sought upon many occasions. And when it came to the state of New York, he has for fully a dozen years been the controlling influence in the policies and moves of his party.

In the city of Rochester and county of Monroe, Mr. Aldridge has been counted the absolute dictator of men and measures, for his party is largely in the majority in that county and nominations have meant elections.

It has been said of Mr. Aldridge that his great success as a politician lay in the fact that he required his nominees and appointees to fill their positions with honesty and efficiency, intensely partizan, he would put none but Republicans on guard; but the men whom he thus favored were required and expected to perform their duties faithfully; and if they failed they were dropped without compunction and were not again trusted.

As an officeholder himself, during his long service for the state as superintendent of public works, he administered the office with the same fidelity that he required from subordinates and those who secured public place through his favor.

Mr. Aldridge was a close friend and co-worker of and with the Hon. Thomas Wheeler, so long the Republican leader of this county, and had intimate and friendly associations with Hon. James S. Sherman during his long and successful career.

His death has caused a vacancy in the leadership of his party which it will be rather difficult to fill at the present time, as there are few politicians in sight who possess the special qualities of this man. His loss will also be keenly felt by President Harding, for there is no denying the fact that Mr. Aldridge was extremely close to the federal administration.

The Albany Times-Union (Dem.) :

One of the most prominent Republicans in New York state, one of the oldest and most successful county leaders of that political household, has obeyed the inevitable, summons, in the passing of George W. Aldridge, collector of the Port of New York. Mr. Aldridge died suddenly yesterday afternoon while playing a game of golf, in the hotel men's golf tournament on the golf course of the Westchester Biltmore Country Club, near New York city. The news of his death came as a great surprise and caused deep regret in this city where Mr. Aldridge was well known and where he had a host of personal friends. For a generation George W. Aldridge guided the destinies of the Republican organization in Monroe county. He was a man of pleasing personality, was very popular with everyone who knew him, and was ever ready to do a favor for a friend. He held several offices of public trust and with distinction. He was mayor of Rochester for several terms. Subsequently he became state superintendent of public works, a member of the State Capitol Commission, and state railroad commissioner. Some 25 years ago he aspired for the Republican nomination for governor, and there probably has never been a man who entered a Republican state convention, with more enthusiastic supporters than he. But fate decreed otherwise and he failed to obtain the nomination. Two years ago when the Republican presidential situation was developing, Mr. Aldridge came out unreservedly for Warren G. Harding for president. He was the original Harding booster from New York state and is said to have been one of the closest political friends the president had in this state. The discharge of duties connected with the various state offices, which he held, required the presence of Mr. Aldridge in Albany almost continuously covering his term of office. He became almost as well known here as he was in Rochester. He was a man of gracious manner and kindly heart, one whom it was ever a pleasure to meet.

The Buffalo Times (Dem.) :

By the death of George W. Aldridge is closed one of the longest and most remarkable political careers in the state.

A lifelong Republican and an intense partisan, the estimate of Mr. Aldridge in the hearts and sensibilities of men is not derived from his Republicanism or his partisanship. Democrats and Republican alike realize that by his passing a strong man is gone, and a man who united with a born gift of leadership the genial qualities and the personal loyalty which makes and keeps friends. His death is a great bereavement to the state, irrespective of the party affiliations of his people, and especially so to Buffalo's neighboring city of Rochester, which has lost one of its foremost citizens.

Now, as during his life, there will be criticism of the party guidance and practise George W. Aldridge represented. There are not a few even in his own party, who will think it necessary to make censure take the place of analysis. That is not the view of The Times (which while aware that

no man can have so long identification with public life as George W. Aldridge had, without making mistakes and inviting criticism, thinks of Mr. Aldridge, not primarily as the Republican leader of Monroe county, but as a man who from boyhood up, had a keen and never-failing consciousness of the duty of the citizen to take an active part in civic affairs, who threw himself in the very vortex and battle of action, and who always fearlessly faced political responsibility, dealt with it according to his lights and bore its burdens and took its consequences manfully.

If George W. Aldridge had been a Democrat instead of a Republican, he would have been just as energetic a party man—he would have been a militant Democrat, as he was a militant Republican.

In the final analysis, George W. Aldridge represented, not exclusively Republicanism, but party government, and the active participation of the citizen in it. If every person in the United States were as interested in politics as George W. Aldridge was, if every individual, Republican or Democrat, felt the weight of responsibility to party as strongly as he did, there would be no such things as political apathy, no "off years" in politics, the whole electorate would be on the alert all the time, and the country would be the better off for it.

George W. Aldridge represented a party the opposite of that of The Times, and that an exponent of his party his ideals and system were not infrequently open to criticism is true. But while he had the human liability to will remember George W. Aldridge.

The Syracuse Journal (Rep.) :

George W. Aldridge of Rochester,

who died suddenly on the golf links at Rye, was a great power in the politics of the Empire State. \* \* \* The qualifications which held him in power in his own city were valuable in the politics of the state, and his co-operation was always sought, his counsels frequently followed in the larger field, extending at times to national affairs. Aldridge has gone to join the innumerable throng of state political celebrities, former friends and foes, Morton, Black, Odell, Hisecock, Roosevelt, T. C. Piatt, David B. Hill, Roswell P. Flower and others—who have passed on, and with whose fortunes he was conspicuously identified, in varying degrees.

The Syracuse Herald (Dem.) :

George W. Aldridge, collector of the port of New York, suddenly stricken by death, was a unique product of American politics. He held important public trusts in his city of Rochester and his state of New York; and with one exception, he discharged them creditably on the official side. But the feature of his career that made him famous was his mastery for nearly 40 years, with only four years' interruption, of the political concerns of the first city, in point of population, leaving out the two urban extremes of the Empire state.

As a city auto, rat or ... Aldridge had few equals and no superior, in the qualities that command and fortify personal power in the municipal sphere of politics. To begin with, he was genial, bland, good-natured, accommodating and individually attractive. He knew how to vary seriousness with gayety and reticence in grave matters with communicativeness in nonessentials. In his younger days he was at times a rollicksome comrade and at times self-controlled and dignified beyond his years. At 26 he was elected one of the three members of the Executive Board of Rochester, and soon became chairman. This was an extraordinary creation, peculiarly constructed to serve as a center of political authority. It had charge of the departments of police, of fire and of public works. Besides its chairman, the mayor of the city was as a helpless figurehead. A Rochester Republican of state reputation, William A. Sutherland, once declared, and with substantial truth, that the Executive Board wielded 19-20ths of the political patronage of Rochester. We need go no further to discover the source of George W. Aldridge's original power, a local power he never lost within his party and which was firmly gripped in the larger domain of the city itself through all these two score years, barring the two terms of a Democratic mayor reinforced by Democratic members of the Executive Board in the 90s.

Only twice was Mr. Aldridge a candidate for elective office. He was chosen mayor in 1894, after a hard fight. He was defeated for Congress by James S. Havens in 1910, at the beginning of the anti-Republican groundswell in Taft's administration which culminated in the first election of Woodrow Wilson to the presidency. The groundswell alone did not, however, account for Mr. Aldridge's rebuff. It was administered at a special spring election, and in the following November, another Republican, Henry D. Danforth, named by Aldridge, of course, recaptured the lost district from the same Democrat.

In 1895 Mr. Aldridge retired from the mayoralty to accept the office of state superintendent of public works tendered him by Governor Morgan. In this capacity he had charge of the expenditure of \$9,000,000 for canal improvement. In his secretaryship and membership of the old Railroad Commission, he was successful; and in the office which he held at the time of his death, the collectorship of the Port of New York conferred upon him by President Harding, he achieved an excellent record.

But it was Aldridge's long career as a city boss that won for him his pre-eminence in his party and home community; and here as we have said he was almost unrivaled. It was a noteworthy phase and mark of his extraordinary power in this respect that it was exercised, especially in his later years, in what we may call a constructive way for the benefit of his municipality. This is but saying that he had a singular faculty for throwing his decisive influence for the selection of municipal agents of an admirable type. No one can claim, therefore, that his Iron ascendancy worked to the detriment of his city, which has wonderfully developed not only in size but along the right lines of expansion. Its advancement has been not only rapid but healthful. Mr. Aldridge had the power to retard it; but all the visible testimony is to the effect that he exerted his mighty influence to urge his city forward in the municipal race.

Two parochial losses more unlike temperamentally and in other regards than Mr. Aldridge and his contemporary, our own Frances Hendricks, could not be imagined. They had but one quality in common—secretiveness in emergent party affairs. But there was a striking resemblance in the character and scope of their autocratic authority in the local field. For many years they operated concurrently, the two strongest personalities of their party between Albany and the western boundaries, often in harmony, at times divergently, but always with the same sure methods - aims.—Syracuse Herald, (Dem

### Monroe Commandery Assembles Tomorrow At Masonic Temple

Members of Monroe Commandery, Knights Templar, will assemble at Masonic Temple at 8 o'clock tomorrow morning in full company regalia, and will march to the late home of George W. Aldridge at 96 Plymouth avenue. They will escort the body to the Court House and will form a guard of honor while the body lies in state.

### ADOPTS RESOLUTION DEATH OF MR. ALDRIDGE

D. & C. June 18  
City Engineering Department Mourns Passing of Republican Leader.

The city Department of Engineering yesterday adopted the following resolution on the death of George W. Aldridge:

A great man and a warm and sincere friend has been suddenly called to his final rest.

George W. Aldridge was a member of the Executive Board of the city for eleven years. During that time the Engineering Department was in the making. The impetus given by him was not confined to that time alone, since by his foresight and never flagging interest in a work that was once his, the engineering accomplishments have been brought to pass. He pointed the way in things that were to be consummated at a future time and his familiarity with construction work of all kinds and his executive ability secured the sound foundation for expansion. Some of the employees of the department served under Mr. Aldridge's personal administration and attribute their professional successes to the influence of the man that remained long after his supervision had ceased.

The office of superintendent of city planning and the City Planning advisory Board typify the man. Planning for the beauty, the health, the welfare and progress of his city had been the one thing near his heart. The Rochester of today is his memorial and the Rochester of tomorrow will show that memorial. His death is a loss of hope and love.

But it is not alone the ability of the man that fastened the strongest ties to him. It was his kindness, his instant readiness to give personal aid and advice, his large and faithful benevolence that won respect for him and endeared him to those who knew him. His sympathy with the feeling of the human expression and with the most profound sense of loss that the Department of Engineering and each and every employee thereof

Resolve, that in the earthly obituary of George Washington Aldridge a great grief is borne upon us. We revered him and

### S. A. R. CHAPTER ACTS

### ONMOLDRIDGES DEATH

Board of Managers Adopts Resolution of Regret at Meeting; Held at Noon To-day.

At a special meeting of the board of managers of Rochester chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, held at noon to-day, resolutions of regret were passed on the death of George Washington Aldridge. The resolutions follow:

In the passing of Compatriot George W. Aldridge, the Rochester chapter, of the Empire State society, Sons of the American Revolution, has suffered a great loss. At the time of his death he was its representative on the board of managers of the state society.

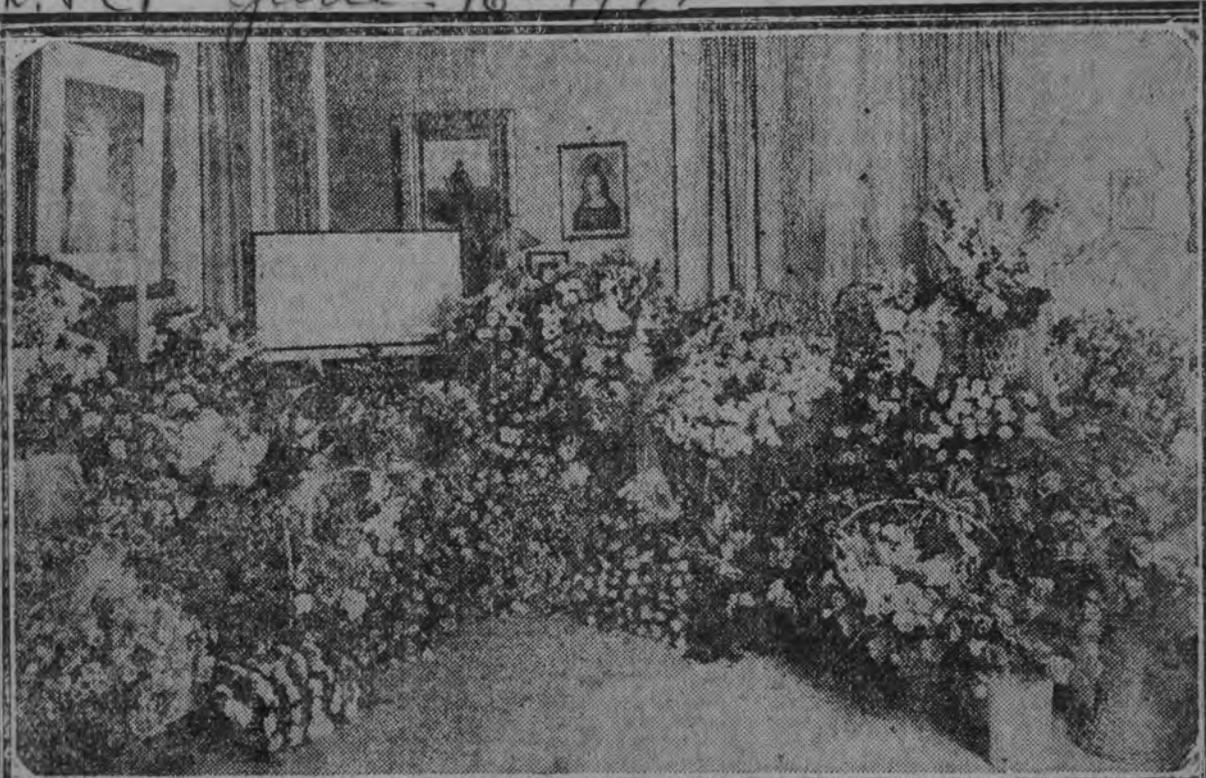
Compatriot Aldridge was recognized in public life as a man of wonderful resources, and marvelous skill in the management of men. Everyone knew of him that when he made a promise it was never broken. He was a man of fine honor and distinct personality, and figured in the large affairs of state and nation.

In this patriotic society we knew him as very human and intensely American. His sense of humor was very sane and sympathetic, and he carried his knight errand generosity, with a smile and an irrepressible humor. Into the stricken places of the earth, more than people knew. Perhaps the greatest thing that can be said of him is that he loved his fellow men and loved to do for them.

His was a great personality, and his influence will live for generations in the laws and institutions of the community in which he lived, both city and county. And in the wider field of state and national government his power was also felt. He believed in the Ideals of our fathers, and often expressed himself in regard to the need of an organization which aimed to hold up the best and most sacred traditions of our national life.

We mourn him as a citizen, compatriot and friend, and this chapter feels his loss keenly. To the beneficiary it desires to express its profound sympathy in the time of such a great and overwhelming loss.

L. L. ALDRIDGE  
PLACING TRIBUTES TO MEMORY OF GEORGE W. ALDRIDGE  
June 16 - 1927



## Former Mayor Edgerton Overcome by His Emotion When He Looks on Body of His Friend of Many Years

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The emotion displayed by former Mayor Hiram H. Edgerton at the casket of George W. Aldridge yesterday afternoon cannot be pictured in words. The former Mayor has been a close friend of Mr. Aldridge for years. Seven times he was elected mayor and once defeated under Mr. Aldridge's leadership.

Mr. Edgerton, broken in health and spirit as a consequence of the death of his friend, had to be assisted to the coffin. He recovered himself sufficiently to say "Good-by, old pal. My heart is broken."

George W. Aldridge, Jr., assisted the former Mayor to his automobile. The scene was pathetic. The former Mayor, once a man of much vigor, was virtually helpless in the great grief of seeing the body of his long-time friend.

Mr. Edgerton visited Mr. Aldridge for an hour and a half when Mr. Aldridge was in Rochester a few days ago. They chatted on personal subjects and the former Mayor became rather heavy-hearted. When Herbert W. Pierce, commissioner of public works, reached the house

to keep an appointment with Mr. Aldridge, he greeted Mr. Edgerton with a "Hello, Mayor."

Mr. Edgerton said he liked Mr. Pierce because he called him mayor. Mr. Aldridge in his characteristic manner, to take the former Mayor's thoughts away from himself, declared that he knew some people who were calling some mighty harsh names, some of which were mentioned. There was a laugh, and Mr. Edgerton went away in better spirits.

Several little courtesies have been extended to Mr. Edgerton by clubs in this city. On each occasion the former Mayor wrote a letter to Mr. Aldridge telling him of the pleasure the honor had given him. He did not know that these courtesies were a result of the thoughtfulness of Mr. Aldridge, who asked that they be granted.

What Mr. Aldridge thought of Mr. Edgerton was well covered in a glowing tribute he paid the former Mayor when he retired from office on December 31st last, after an administration extending over fourteen years. It was not Mr. Aldridge's practice to waste words.



Top, room in Aldridge home in which casket rests. The banks of flowers are enormous. Middle and bottom, views at railroad station when body was taken from train.

# BODY IN COURT HOUSE TO-DAY, 9 UNTIL 4:30

WILL GIVE OPPORTUNITY TO  
THOUSANDS TO VIEW IT.

## BEARERS ARE NAMED

Men of Prominence Will Serve at  
Funeral of George W. Aldridge.

## KNIGHT TEMPLAR GUARD

Members of Monroe Commandery  
Will Act as Escort When Body-  
Is Taken from House to Church  
and Afterward Will Stand Guard  
in Court House Until Funeral.

Persons who counted George W. Aldridge as friend, benefactor or political mentor, and those interested in him because of his constructive work in civic affairs, will have ample opportunity today to view the body. It will lie in state in the rotunda of the Court House from 9 to 4:30 o'clock. Seven and one-half hours may not be long enough to enable all who wish to view the body to do so.

At 8 o'clock this morning Monroe Commandery, Knights Templars will meet at its headquarters, Fred Battershill, commanding, and march in templar regalia to the Aldridge home. Headed by a squad of police the Knights Templars will escort the body to the Court House, where it will lie in state, beginning at 9 o'clock. There will be a prayer at the home, No. 96 Plymouth avenue, before the body is removed and a tthe Court House before the coffin is opened. The prayers will lbe made by Dr. Warren X. Stone, of First Presbyterian Church, where Mr. Aldridge attended.

### Two Lines Through Court House.

While the body rests in state the public will enter the Court House by the front door in Main street in double file, pass the bier on each side, and leave by the rear door, turning to the left and going down Irving place to Main street. Many plan to follow the suggestion of Charles W. Anderson, the colored friend of Mr. Aldridge, and place a rosebud on the coffin. This will be done by a number of city and county employees.

During the time that the body is in 6tate the Knights Templars will act as a guard of honor. At 4:40 o'clock the honorary bearers will take charge of the body. At this hour the City Hall bell will begin to toll and continue while the body is on its way to the church.

The body will be taken from the Court House about 4:45 o'clock and will be carried to the front door by the active bearers. The funeral cortege will proceed down Mnin street to Plymouth avenue and up Plymouth avenue to the church at Spn'g street. The arrangement of the cortege will be: a squad of police, active bearei's, hearse, honorary bearers, out-of-town delegations and Executive iommittee of the Republican County Coinmittee.

Three hundred seats will be reserved in the church for mourners, bearers, visitors and county committeemen. The rest of the seats will be open to the public. There will be no cards, and those arriving first will be seated. George W. Aldridge, Jr., said it would be more in keeping with his father's democratic spirit and dislike for display if the services were open to all.

The services at hte church will be conducted by Dr. Stone and will be simple. They will open with a baritone solol, "Lead, Kindly Light," followed by prayer by Dr. Stone, then a contralto solo, "Crossing the Bar," and will close with reading of Scripture.

At about 5:10 o'clock the body will be taken from the church and conveyed to Mount Hope cemetery, where Yonnond\*\* Lodge, F. and A. M., will conduct Masonic services at the Aldridge plot.

Governor Nathan L. Miller and a large number of prominent state and Federal officials will reach Rochester at 4:05 o'clock on the State Express. They will be met by James L. Hotchkiss and escorted to the Court House. They will view the body and pass into the court room of the surrogate. Here the active and honorary bearers will gather at 4 o'clock, as iwll, the out-of-town delegations.

### Honorary and Active Bearers.

The honorary bearers announced last evening are: Governor Nathan L. Miller, Pharcellus V. Crittenden, Charles D. Hilles, George Eastman, William L. Ward, Clarence D. Van Zandt, George A. Glynn, Hiram H. Edgerton, Ralph A. Day, George W. Sweeney, Jeremiah G. Hickey, James W. Wadsworth, Jr., William M. Calder, Charles S. Whitman, James G. Cutler, George F. Argetsinger, Adolph J. Rodenbeck, Charles H. Wiltsie, Simon N. Stein, Charles S. Rauber, Francis B. Mitchell, John A. Stapleton, Allan C. Ross, Thomas A. Killip and William Bausch.

The active bearers will be James L. Hotchkiss, Charles R. Barnes, Charles L. Cadle, Herbert W. Pierce, Charles T. Chapin, Willis K. Gillette, William H. Craig and William S. Riley.

The ushers will be James Johnson, Roy C. Kates, Albert M. Flannery, oLwis It. Decker, Samuel R. Parry, Charles V. Howe, James P. B. Duffy, Curtis W. Barker, Max L. Holtz, John J. Powers, Charles W. Denniston, James H. Hanna, Philip Conboy and Andrew Wiedeninnann.

### Public Employees First.

The city and county employees will view the body first. They will gather in Fitzhugh street at 8:30 o'clock, including policemen and firemen not on duty, and will file past the bier. Details of policemen and deputy sheriffs, under Chief Quigley and Sheriff Morse, will be on hand.

Harry J. Bareham, commissioner of public safety, completed orders last evening for the police. At 8:15 o'clock twelve men in dress coats will report at the Court House and stay there until the body h'as been removed. They will act as an escort in the procession to the church, with eight mounted men. Policemen will be stationed at the Court House, the Aldridge home, the church and the cemetery.

Durinc the time tha body is haute moved in and out of the Court House the trolley service will be suspended in the vicinity of the building.

### Judges to Attend in Body.

The Supreme, County, City Court and other judges, fourteen in number, will meet in the Court House at 3:30 o'clock did go to the church in a body. Justice William W. Clark, of the Appellate Division, which is not in session, will gonie from Wayland for the funeral.

Congressman Thomas B. Dunn, long

an intimate fried of Mr. Aldridge, is out of the city and cannot return in time for the funeral.

Governor Miller and his party will leave Rochester at 9:40 o'clock for Albany. Virtually every state official of prominence will be here. The Common Council last evening appointed President DePotter and Aldermen O'Neil and Sommers as a committee to attend the funeral. Members of the council will meet at the City Hall at 8:30 o'clock.

## AS A MARK OF RESPECT

Equity Term of Supreme Court Ad-  
journed by Justice A. J. Rodenbeck.

Supreme Court Justice A. J. Rodenbeck adjourned the session of equity term of Supreme Court yesterday until Monday after reading into the record the following tribute to George W. Aldridge:

I am not going to try any cases whiie my friend lies asleep in his home. The Almighty God has reached out and taken him from our midst and out of respect for his memory and as a testimonial to his aiccomplishments and a recognition of his character, I shall adjourn this court until Monday morning.

It seems hard to realize that this wonderful personality is gone and that we shall not have his guiding force in this community. He was little understood and appreciated by those who did not meet him on terms of intimacy and work with him in the accomplishment of some mutual end. His nature was a combination of qualities that are difficult to analyze. Those who knew him only casually would little suspect the delicacy and the refinement of lia deeper nature. The progress of th's municipality during two decades or more is the monuments of his life. The larger plans were au his or were approved by Mm and if the city is renowned /for its 'parks, distinguished for its grow'th and famous for its progressive municipal government, the credit is due to George W. Aldridge, the wonderful man and great leader who has just gone to rest amid the tears of thousands and thousands who love and mourn him with genuine affection and sorrow.

After an active, busy and oftimes stormy dlfe may the summer skies shine brightly and tite summer winds blow softly and the birds sing sweetly over the quiet grave of our dear friend.

The Monroe County Board of Supervisors will hold a special meeting this afternoon at 4 o'clock to take action on the death of Mr. Aldridge, after which members will lattend the funeral in a body.

# Joking by Friends After a Defeat Turned Mr. Aldridge into His Career in Politics

This told by him in a talk  
with Democrat and Chronicle Man.

Mr. Aldridge afforded a representative of the Democrat and Chronicle a rare opportunity to obtain an insight into his character, guiding principles and views. Last January at Mr. Aldridge's invitation a member of the staff of this paper visited him in New York. For seven hours Mr. Aldridge talked almost continuously about his political career and ambitions, and besides talking freely showed many documents and letters in confidence.

One of the outstanding statements made by Mr. Aldridge in that talk was that he was "kidded into a political career." He said he had had no political ambitions and had intended to devote himself to his father's "contracting" business. In 1880, when he was 23 years old, he was drafted to run for member of the Executive board, which at that time had control of the police and fire departments and municipal improvements.

## Friends Made Most of Defeat.

Mr. Aldridge opposed the late Jacob Gerling, father of the present Democratic leader. He said he treated the contest lightly and really didn't know that there was an election until it was over. He had a keen sense of humor and something of a reputation as a practical joker.

His defeat by Mr. Gerling was the signal for much "kidding" by his friends. These friends included, even in those days, Charles R. Barnes, commissioner of railways, and James L. Hotchkiss, chairman of the Republican County Committee. Mr. Aldridge said his friends were unmerciful in their joking, and after several months he determined to lay the lines for a successful contest for the office.

## More Than Wiped Out Old Score.

The term was three years, and when the time came for nomination Mr. Aldridge's friends again poked fun at him on his record as a candidate. UP had devoted himself to planning a successful campaign for no other reason than to quiet his friends, and in 1883, at the age of 26 years, he defeated Mr. Gerling, a more mature man, for the office. Mr. Aldridge clashed with Mr. Gerling five times in all for member of the Executive Board\* and was successful in every election but the first.

After the fourth victory Mr. Aldridge got the idea that he would like to be mayor of Rochester. Again joking by his friends was a factor in shaping Mr. Aldridge's determination. Friends "guyed" him almost to the point of desperation, especially after the opposition nominated Colonel Halbert S. Greenleaf, one of the most popular citizens of Rochester, who represented the district in Congress. Mr. Aldridge said that Colonel Greenleaf was "a venerable gentleman, and not a word could I" said about him. "I was a rather energetic young fellow, and there wasn't much that couldn't be said about me."

## Outcome Determined.

Mr. Aldridge said that this fight was the hottest in his career. He made some important political alliances and was elected by a plurality of about 4,000. Then he took his political career seriously.

It was evident from his talk that he had strong likes and dislikes. He apparently relished recounting how he opposed people who tried to force him to do something against his wishes.

"It can't be done," declared Mr. Aldridge. "Always be a man and hit from the shoulder and the advantage is on your side."

He said at this time that he never broke a promise, political or other. He admitted that frequently he erred in his judgment, but regardless of consequences he always kept his word.

Mr. Aldridge used some rather picturesque language about people who could look him in the eye and "lie beautifully." He said he had been confronted with many political liars in his life and knew that some of them represented themselves to be friends of the organization. He spoke intimately about his political fights, the Carnahan-O'Grady contest, and later the Bostwick fight. Regarding some of his political enemies he said he would not make up with them in this world, "or elsewhere" if he met them.

## Had Many People Catalogued.

Mr. Aldridge seemed to have many people catalogued as to their faithfulness to the organization that he developed. Public officials seemed to be placed in different categories, as to whether they directed their activities in the interest of themselves or of the organization as a whole. At that time Mr. Aldridge put emphasis on the unflinching loyalty shown by Mr. Hotchkiss and Dr. Thomas A. Killip.

The great mistake of his life, Mr. Aldridge said, was made when he scireled a public career and took his attention from a profitable business that his father had begun. He told of some of the persons who attempted to use money to obtain political favors. He spoke of an offer of a salary of \$50,000 a year as leader made by a group of individuals if he would support a Rochester man who was seeking election to Congress.

## National Convention Incident.

He always had a keen sense of humor. One of the stories told about him illustrates his ability to cheer off the unreal from the real. It was at the Republican national convention in 1904, when President Roosevelt was nominated. When the President was placed in nomination there was a prolonged demonstration by the New York State delegation, of which Mr. Aldridge and Mr. Hotchkiss were members.

The loudest cheering was done by a former state official who led a walk about the hall by the New York State delega-

tion. When the excitement was at the highest and the New Yorkers were drilling through the aisles, Mr. Aldridge leaned over Mr. Hotchkiss's shoulder and said to the former state official:

"Walk, you son of a gun! Walk! You're walking for the man who removed you from office."

## Spoiled Parade Leader's Day.

The party was spoiled for the leader of the parade, who had been removed when President Roosevelt was governor of this state. Mr. Aldridge and President Roosevelt were warm friends, although the Rochester leader did not support Roosevelt when he bolted the party in 1912.

Mr. Aldridge entertained the idea that he would die in December. Members of his family had died in that month. When he passed through the nearly fatal illness in December, 1920, he declared more or less seriously that he was safe until the next December.

He also had a whimsical idea, about the figure 3 and its multiples. His telephone number was 30, his automobile number, 33, and he declared that all through his life the figure 3 or its multiple was connected with his activities. His oody war, brought to Rochester on train No. 33.

## Rochester Much in His Mind.

Mr. Aldridge's first thought was the inferos of Rochester. This is shown by an experience of Simon L. Adlor, majority leader of the Assembly last Monday.

Mr. Adlor called Mr. Aldridge at the Custom House in the morning for an appointment. Before he had a chance to say a word Mr. Aldridge asked him whether the storm had been very severe in Rochester. Mr. Adlor had not been home and could not tell. Mr. Aldridge arranged to see him at the Vanderbilt Hotel at 5 o'clock.

The dock was striking 5 o'clock when Mr. Aldridge reached the lobby. He was out of breath and told Mr. Adlor he had had to hurry to keep the appointment. Mr. Aldridge made a religious effort to keep every appointment on the moment agreed. Before Mr. Adlor had a chance to say anything Mr. Aldridge told him he had called Rochester on the telephone and was told that the storm had not been severe here. Mr. Adlor told this as demonstrating the interest that Mr. Aldridge felt in Rochester.

## FLOOD OF FLOWERS

### ALDRIDGE HOME

No End to Flowers Sent by Persons  
Whose Leader Was Friend.

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Messages before the casket of George W. Aldridge, at his home, No. 00 Plymouth avenue, yesterday afternoon. Intimate friends of the leader visited the house during the fatemorn and evening. Few were undemonstrative before the coffin.

Floral pieces poured into the house. The family had requested that flowers be omitted, but there was no stopping the deluge of orchids, roses and other flowers that swept into the house virtually every moment until the rooms were crowded and other places to keep the flowers had to be found.

Hundred of people called at the door and left their cards. Messages of condolence continued to come to the house from all parts of the country.

Among the telegrams received yesterday afternoon was one from Theodore Roosevelt, son of Colonel Roosevelt. The telegram from Mr. Roosevelt was:

"Deeply grieved to hear of the death of your husband. In him the state has lost a public servant who gave her unstintingly of his best over many years. To me his death means the loss of a warm personal friend. My sincerest sympathies are with you."

John A. Barhite, former public service commissioner, wired the following from Baltimore: "Am shocked to hear of Mr. Aldridge's death. Accept sincere sympathy."

W. W. Salmon: "Mrs. Salmon joins with me in expressing our profound sympathy for you in your great bereavement."

Joseph Hendrick, New York: "May our dear Lord comfort you and yours. Hope Mr. Aldridge met his dear friend Bishop Hendrick in heaven."

Lillian Barnes Ford: "Richard and I offer you our deepest sympathy at this very sad time."

Norman J. Gould: "Please accept my sympathy in your loss."

John F. O'Brien: "Please accept sincerest sympathy in the death of your husband. I have always had the highest regard for George and his services to the state."

Mr. and Mrs. William H. H. Rogers: "With deepest sympathy for you and your son in the great sorrow that has come to you in this death of Mr. Aldridge. We lost a most valuable friend."

The following telegram signed by Albert B. Bunner, executive members; Alfred T. Baxter, president, and Walter Comandy, secretary, of the North Side Republican Club of Bronx county, was received yesterday afternoon:

"The officers and members of the North Side Republican Club of Bronx County, New York city, by resolution unanimously adopted at the meeting held this evening tender to you and your family their heartfelt sympathy in your sad bereavement."

Rowland B. Mahany, a prominent Democrat, and connected with the United States Department of Labor under President Wilson:

"Profoundest sympathy to you and to George, Jr., and wife. I feel the greatest personal grief."

Cluton N. Howard: "May I express very keen regret at the death of Mr. Aldridge? As we measure men he had many fine qualities, and few men with his power who would not have used it to greater personal and less public advantage."

## RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY COMMON

### COUNCIL ON DEATH OF GEORGE W.

**ALDRIDGE LA**  
Herald

### UDS HIS CIVIC PRIDE

City and County officials will meet this morning at 8.30 o'clock in the chamber of the Common Council, where they will form in line to pass beside the body of George W. Aldridge, that will lie in state in the rotunda of the Court House.

At a meeting of the Common Council yesterday President Abram De Potter appointed Dr. Leonard J. Somers of the Fourth Ward and Martin B. O'Neil of the Fifteenth Ward to serve with him as representatives of the Common Council at the funeral. The Common Council adopted a resolution on the death of Mr. Aldridge which said in part:

"Most loyally did he devote himself to the interests of his city, and no man has contributed more to its growth, its prosperity and the convenience, satisfaction and happiness of its inhabitants. Material benefits have sprung from the seeds his hand planted and the flower of their full growth have brought for people the subtle sense of contentment from their sweet odor. Some of the homely examples of this are the beginnings of the engineering department and of the fire department. Due to the clear vision of a forward looking man Rochester has today an engineering force and a fire force in which the citizens take justifiable pride. Not alone do these redound to the credit of Mr. Aldridge but the water works and government in general have made Rochester a place from which the affairs of other cities take their share. As an advisor in state and national activities he displayed the same characteristics of a broad-minded sympathy, striving ever to bring about that spirit of co-operation and mutual regard which is the foundation of society reflecting the affairs of government."

At the trial term of the Supreme Court held for the County of Livingston at Geneseo yesterday. Justice Benjamin B. Cunningham presiding, ordered a recess until Monday morning out of respect to the memory of George W. Aldridge. Justice Cunningham also issued the following statement:

"One of our eminent and foremost citizens, a man who was in the service

### ALDRIDGE'S DEATH UPSETS

### MILLER'S CAMPAIGN PLANS

Through the death of George W. Aldridge, the Republican party of the state lost the man who was to direct the party's activities in this fall's campaign and manage Governor Miller's campaign for reelection. Following Mr. Aldridge's return to New York early last week, a conference took place last Thursday between him, Governor Miller and other Republican officials, at which plans were made to turn the direction of the campaign over to the Rochester man. Mr. Aldridge was largely instrumental in securing Governor Miller nomination and election two years ago.

Mr. Aldridge planned to return to Rochester in early July and meet with the Monroe County General Committee and other politicians. At that time, according to plan, the Miller campaign was to have been ushered in officially.

of the government of this nation and whose life was devoted to the advancement of public affairs has passed away. He was an ardent lover of his country and exerted his influence for its development and prosperity. His death is a serious loss, but we do know and believe that the County, the State and his home City are better for his having lived amongst us."

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JUSTICE ADOLPH J. RODENBECK—"I am not going to try any cases while my friend lies asleep in his home. The Almighty God has reached out and taken him from our midst and out of respect for his memory and as a testimonial to his accomplishments and a recognition of his character, I shall adjourn this court until Monday morning. \* \* \* If the city is renowned and famous for its progressive municipal government, the credit is due to George W. Aldridge. The wonderful man and great leader who has gone to rest amid the tears of thousands who love and mourn him with genuine affection and sorrow. After an active, busy and often stormy life may the summer skies shine brightly and the summer winds blow softly and the birds sing sweetly over the quiet grave of our dear friend."

JAMES M. B. O'GRADY—"If your honor please, there is hardly anything that can be added to what your honor has said and so well said. My relations with Mr. Aldridge extended over a period of thirty years, and during that time I was a witness myself to very many of those magnificent traits to which your honor has called attention, particularly those that came so closely to the human heart."

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JAMES L. WHITLEY—"He is dead. Yet his memory and accomplishments will linger to light the way of those who follow."

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SIXTH WARD REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE—In the death of our leader, Honorable George W. Aldridge, the City and each one of us have suffered an irreparable loss. He was the true friend, unswerving in his loyalty, loved by people of all classes. His position of leadership was won, not by the exercise of arbitrary power, but by those qualities of the which made him loved by everybody who had the great privilege of knowing him.

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EIGHTH WARD REPUBLICAN LEAGUE—The Eighth Ward Republican League learns with profound regret and deep sorrow of the death of the beloved and respected leader of the Republican party, George Washington Aldridge, who was a man of honor, possessed of executive ability of the highest order and a commanding figure in his party.



# THE ROCHESTER HERALD.

PRICE THREE CENTS.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., FRIDAY, JUNE 16, 1922.

WEATHER: *g&s* warmer today;  
showers Saturday.

## ROCHESTER PAYS TRIBUTE TO ALDRIDGE TODAY;



Hundreds of floral pieces had already arrived at the Aldridge home in Plymouth Avenue, when the body of George W. Aldridge arrived from the room of the home.

### REMAINS LIE IN STATE IN COURTHOUSE

Brief Service In First Presbyterian Church at 4,40  
GOVERNOR MILLER AND  
OTHER NOTABLES EXPECTED  
Burial To Be Made Next to  
Father in Family Plot in  
Mt. Hope Cemetery.

Final details for George W. Aldridge's funeral were completed last evening by James L. Hotchkiss. The whole day, from 8.30 o'clock this morning, when Monroe Commandery 12, Knights Templar, will escort the remains from the Aldridge home to the Court House, up to the early evening, when the body will be placed in the grave at Mt. Hope Cemetery, will be given over to the solemnities. The body will lie in state in the rotunda of the Court House from 8.30 o'clock in the morning to 4.40 o'clock in the afternoon. Up to 4.30 o'clock, the Knights Templar will act as a guard of honor and from that time to 4.40 o'clock, the honorary bearers, who were named last night, will act in that capacity.

Court House Draped.  
The coffin will be placed in the center of the lobby so that the hundreds who will review the remains will pass on both sides. The Court House has been draped in black. At 4.40 o'clock the Court House bell will toll and continue at regular intervals while the body is on the way to First Presbyterian Church, where the funeral service will take place. About 300 seats

have been reserved for Mrs. Aldridge and other members of the family, together with mourners, bearers, ushers and members of the county committee. The funeral will not be private, and anyone may enter, so long as seats are available. Places will be provided among the reserved seats for Governor Miller, Senators Whitley and Wadsworth, Chairman of the Republican State Committee George A. Glynn, and numerous others who will be here from New York and Albany, and who have been associated intimately with Mr. Aldridge, either politically or socially.

Active Bearers.  
The active bearers will be Jamea L. Hotchkiss, Charles E. Barnes, Carl L. Cadle, Herbert W. Pierce, Charles T. Chapin, Willis K. Gillette, William H. Craig, and William S. Riley. At 4.40 o'clock they will carry the body out of the front door of the Court House, and the funeral cortege will proceed down Main Street to Plymouth Avenue to the church at the Spring Street corner. The hearse will be preceded by a squad of police and will be followed immediately by the out of town delegations and the executive committee of the Republican general committee. Mrs. Aldridge and members of the family will enter the church after all are placed.

Honorary Bearers.  
Honorary bearers will be Governor Miller, P. V. Crittenden, Charles D. Hilles, George Eastman, William L. Ward, Clarence D. Van Zandt, George A. Glynn, Hiram H. Edgerton, Ralph A. Day, George W. Sweeney, Jeremiah G. Hickey, James W. Wadsworth, Jr., William M. Calder, Charles S. Whitman, James G. Cutler, George F. Argentsinger, Adolph J. Rodenbeck, Charles H. Wiltzie, William Bausch, Simon H. Stein, Charles S. Rauber, Francis B. Mitchell, John A. Stapleton, Allan C. Ross and Thomas A. Killip.

Ushers at the church will be James Johnston, Roy C. Kates, Albert M. Flannery, Lewis R. Decker, Samuel R. Parry, Charles F. Howe, James P. B. Duffy, Curtis W. Barker, Max L. Holtz, John J. Powers, Charles W. Denniston, James H. Hanna, Philip Conboy and Andrew Wiedenmann.

While the body lies in state in the Court House, the public will enter by the front door in Main Street in double file and break, passing the bier on each side, leaving by the rear door, turning to the left and going down Irving Place to Main. The oak coffin will be placed in one of slate before removal to the Court House.

was a member of this lodge. Honorary and active bearers, together with out-of-town officials, will meet in the court room of Surrogate's Court at 4 o'clock.

Funeral services at the church will consist of readings from the Bible by Dr. Stone and the singing of two hymns, "Lead, Kindly Light" and "Crossing the Bar." The auditorium of the church seats slightly more than 700 persons and the Sunday school room and space behind the altar accommodates about 300 more.

Street car service in Main Street West will be suspended at 4.40 o'clock and will be resumed after the funeral procession has turned into Plymouth Avenue. Commissioner of Public Safety Bareham has made arrangements for keeping order. Twelve policemen in dress coat will report at the Court House at 8.16 o'clock this morning as an inside guard and will remain there until the remains are removed. Then, with eight mounted men, and preceded by Commissioner Bareham, Captain Mehle and Inspector Killip, they will act as an escort to the procession to the church. After services are begun, the policemen will go at once to Mt. Hope, except for six men, who will follow the funeral procession.

Police Arrangements.  
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# ER HERALD.

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## 3 ALDRIDGE TODAY;

### REMAINS LIE IN STATE IN COURTHOUSE

Brief Service in First Presby-  
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O'clock.

GOVERNOR MILLER AND  
Burial To Be Made Next to  
OTHER NOTABLES EXPECTED  
Father in Family Plot in  
Mt. Hope Cemetery,

Final details for George W. Ald-  
ridge's funeral were completed last  
evening by James L. Hotchkiss. The  
whole day, from 8.30 o'clock this  
morning, when Monroe Commandery  
12, Knights Templar, will escort the  
remains from the Aldridge home to  
the Court House, up to the early eve-  
ning, when the body will be placed in  
the grave at Mt. Hope Cemetery, will  
be given over to the solemnities. The  
body will lie in state in the rotunda of  
the Court House from 8.30 o'clock in  
the morning to 4.40 o'clock in the aft-  
ernoon. Up to 4.30 o'clock, the  
Knights Templar will act as a guard  
of honor and from that time to 4.40  
o'clock, the honorary bearers, who  
were named last night, will act in that  
capacity.

#### Court House Draped.

The coffin will be placed in the cen-  
ter of the lobby so that the hundreds  
who will review the remains will pass  
on both sides. The Court House has  
been draped in black. At 4.40 o'clock  
the Court House bell will toll and con-  
tinue at regular intervals while the  
body is on the way to First Presby-  
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ice will take place. About 300 seats

have been reserved for Mrs. Aldridge  
and other members of the family, to-  
gether with mourners, bearers, ushers  
and members of the county commit-  
tee. The funeral will not be private,  
and anyone may enter, so long as  
seats are available. Places will be  
provided among the reserved seats for  
Governor Miller, Senators Whitley  
and Wadsworth, Chairman of the Re-  
publican State Committee George A.  
Glynn, and numerous others who will  
be here from New York and Albany,  
and who have been associated inti-  
mately with Mr. Aldridge, either po-  
litically or socially.

#### Active Bearers.

The active bearers will be James L.  
Hotchkiss, Charles R. Barnes, Carl L.  
Cadle, Herbert W. Pierce, Charles T.  
Chapin, Willis K. Gillette, William  
H. Craig, and William S. Riley. At  
4.40 o'clock they will carry the body  
out of the front door of the Court  
House, and the funeral cortege will  
proceed down Main Street to Plym-  
outh Avenue to the church at the  
Spring Street corner. The hearse will  
be preceded by a squad of police and  
will be followed immediately by the  
out of town delegations and the execu-  
tive committee of the Republican gen-  
eral committee. Mrs. Aldridge and  
members of the family will enter the  
church after all are placed.

#### Honorary Bearers.

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Miller, P. V. Crittenden, Charles D.  
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Ward, Clarence D. Van Zandt, George  
A. Glynn, Hiram H. Edgerton, Ralph  
A. Day, George W. Sweeney, Jeremiah  
G. Hickey, James W. Wadsworth, jr.,  
William M. Calder, Charles S. Whit-  
man, James G. Cutler, George F. Ar-  
getsinger, Adolph J. Rodenbeck,  
Charles H. Wiltzie, William Bausch,  
Simon H. Stein, Charles S. Rauber,  
Francis B. Mitchell, John A. Staple-  
ton, Allan C. Ross and Thomas A.  
Klillip.

Ushers at the church will be James  
Johnston, Roy C. Kates, Albert M.  
Flannery, Lewis R. Decker, Samuel R.  
Parry, Charles F. Howe, James P. B.  
Duffy, Curtis W. Barker, Max L. Holtz,  
John J. Powers, Charles W. Denniston,  
James H. Hanna, Philip Conboy and  
Andrew Wiedenmann.

While the body lies in state in the  
Court House, the public will enter by  
the front door in Main Street in double  
file and break, passing the bier on  
each side, leaving by the rear door,  
turning to the left and going down  
Irving Place to Main. The oak coffin  
will be placed in one of slate before  
removal to the Court House.

short Funeral Service.  
Dr. Warren S. Stone of First  
Presbyterian Church will officiate at  
the funeral. There will be no  
eulogy, and the service will not con-  
sume more than twenty minutes. At  
6.10 o'clock, it is planned to leave for  
Mt. Hope Cemetery, where Yonnonm  
Mr. Aldridge

was a member of this lodge. Honora-  
ry and active bearers, together with  
out-of-town officials, will meet in the  
court room of Surrogate's Court at  
4 o'clock.

Funeral services at the church will  
consist of readings from the Bible by  
Dr. Stone and the singing of two  
hymns, "Lead, Kindly Light" and  
"Crossing the Bar." The auditorium  
of the church seats slightly more than  
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room and space behind the altar ac-  
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Judges of the various courts plan to  
be in a high court building  
and county officials also will pass in  
a body at 8.30 o'clock.

The Aldridge lot at Mt. Hope Ceme-  
tery lies near the north entrance, off  
MI Hope Avenue, Mr Aldridge's  
grave is to the east of his father's  
which lies at the southwest corner of  
the lot. Mrs. Aldridge's mother is  
buried to the north of the elder  
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## Rochester Pays Tribute to George Aldridge Today



Upper—Aldridge home in Plymouth Avenue South.

Lower—Aldridge plot in Mt. Hope Cemetery, where George W. Aldridge will be laid at rest next to the grave of his father.



## ACCURATE JUDGMENT OF MEN AND KEEN MEMORY WERE TWO REASONS WHY ALDRIDGE BECAME POWERFUL

George W. Aldridge had a reputation for quick judgment of men with whom he came in contact, but he was not averse to changing his judgment if he found himself in error. For example, few of the present generation remember that Joseph C. Wilson, now City Comptroller and for years one of Mr. Aldridge's most trusted friends, was once in strong disfavor.

It was back in 1894, when Mr. Aldridge ran for Mayor against Colonel Halbert S. Greenleaf, Democrat, and was elected. Mr. Wilson, then a comparative newcomer into Rochester politics, found a situation in his ward which he believed needed righting and so entered the lists as candidate for the Republican aldermanic nomination, against the regular candidate. Mr. Wilson was defeated in the ward caucus, so he had himself nominated independently for Alderman. Inasmuch as he, at no time had declared against the county organization, of which Mr. Aldridge even at that early day, was undisputed leader, he went to Mr. Aldridge and asked permission to put his name at the head of his Independent ticket. Mr. Aldridge refused, and Mr. Wilson lost to the regular Republican candidate.

Wilson Finally Approved.  
Later, Mr. Wilson had occasion to complain against a move by the city administration to put a garbage plant out Plymouth Avenue, and from these various circumstances, Mr. Aldridge conceived the idea that Mr. Wilson was a pretty cross-grained fellow. But a bit later, Mr. Wilson went to Mr. Aldridge's home and had a long chat with him. The two found they had much in common and the conversation was most genial. As Mr. Wilson

was leaving, Mr. Aldridge looked at him curiously and said:

"Wilson, why didn't you smile when you told me you wanted to be alderman."

In his later years, Mr. Aldridge became something of a recluse, so far as the great body of his followers was concerned, and few who knew him superficially suspected the depth of sentiment of which he was capable. But on occasion, he displayed a soft heart and a long memory".  
Message to Departing Soldier.

It was in 1917, when Roy P. Galligan, now deputy city clerk, came back from Fort Niagara, where he had just completed his training for overseas. Galligan had been connected with the city clerk's department up to the time he entered the army and on coming back he went to Mr. Aldridge's home to bid him good-by before leaving for France. He asked Mr. Aldridge if he had any message for him before he left.

"Weil," said Mr. Aldridge. "You and 'Dinny' Dowd," (former second ward alderman who had recently died), "were pretty good friends. If I wore you, I would go down to the cemetery and pick up your bones before you go to France."

"The Big Fellow" had in his high regard those two prime requisites of a good politician, an excellent memory for voices and faces.

### Episode With Reporter.

Several years ago a reporter for The Herald was sent to cover the Supervisors' picnic at Newport. There, under the historic willows, where Mr. Aldridge listened to aspirants the friends of aspirants for public office at the ensuing fall election, the reporter for the first time met Mr. Aldridge. It was his custom to talk freely with reporters of the candidates, but with the understanding that he was not to be quoted directly. The reporter could write as sarcastically as he wished about the "king holding court under the willows," and it was all right, providing he violated no confidences nor quoted Aldridge directly.

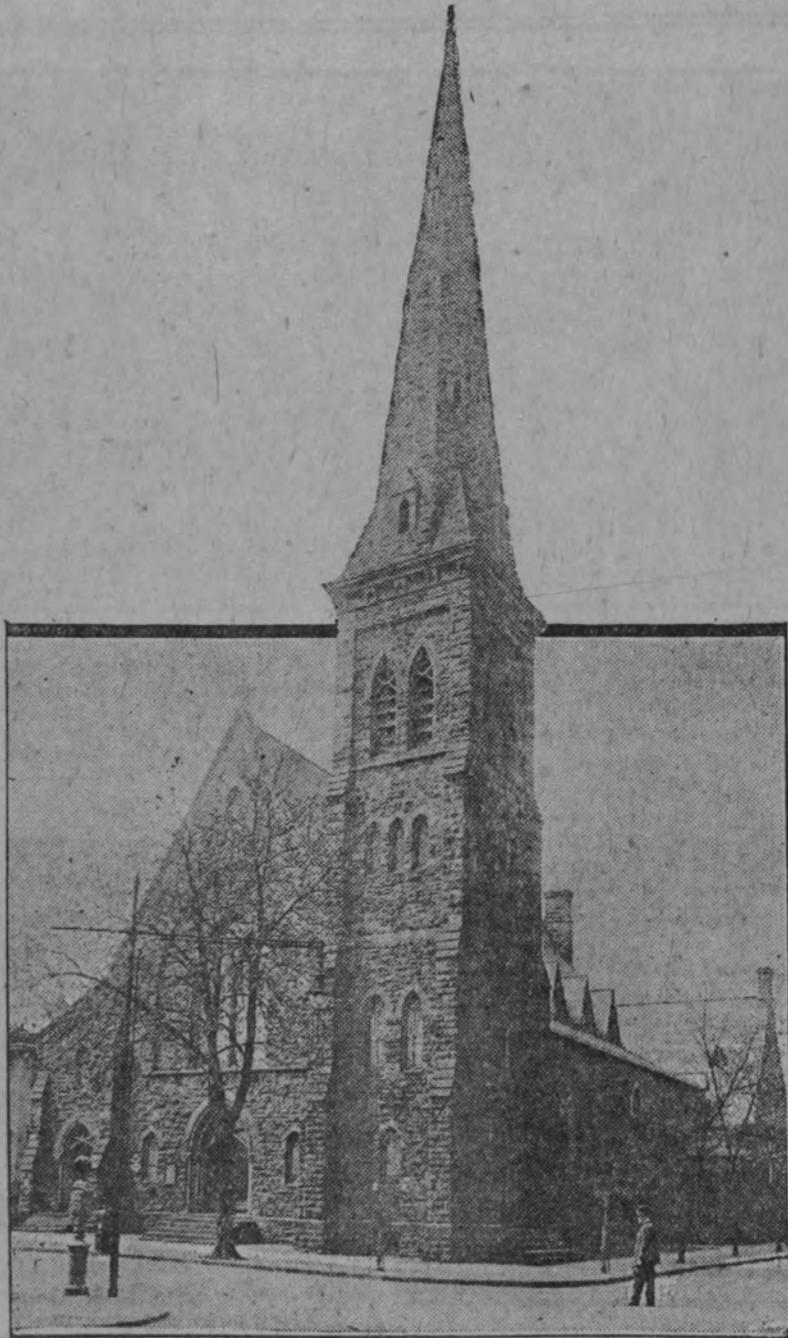
"Well," he would say, "If the reporter asked him who the candidates were to be, he would tell me that so-and-so wants to run."

After a brief talk with Mr. Aldridge the reporter left him and had on another occasion to talk with him until a month or six weeks later. Mr. Aldridge railed Mr. Aldridge up at his home in Plymouth Avenue one night to ask some questions, and Aldridge answered him by telephone.

"Is this The Herald talking. Mr. Aldridge."

"Yes, I recognized your voice, Mr. Galligan." came back the immediate response from Mr. Aldridge.

Where Aldridge Funeral Service  
Will Be Held This Afternoon



-Photo by Stone, Herald Photographer.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, nt Plymouth Avenue South and  
Spring Street, where at 4.40 o'clock this afternoon the funeral services for  
George W. Aldridge will be hold.

**MR. ALDRIDGE  
GIVEN EULOGY  
BY PHYSICIAN**

July 19-1922  
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Dr. Seelye W. Little Pens  
Notes on Personality of  
Political Leader When  
Near Death in 1920—Kept  
Secret Until His Death.

George W. Aldridge, as he was known by his most intimate friends, is described by one of his closest friends and personal physician. Dr. Seelye W. Little in an article written by him during Mr. Aldridge's attack of pneumonia in December, 1920.

Dr. Little gives as his reason for setting down his impressions of Mr. Aldridge: "I felt that death might occur very soon; the papers would be full of notices about so prominent a citizen; everybody would read these notices; in a day or two, no one would read a 'stale' notice. I wanted my notice read along with the others and feared something would prevent me from preparing it at the proper time."

The "notice" prepared by Dr. Little was laid away when Mr. Aldridge recovered in 1920 and was not brought forth again until his untimely death last week. Following is the article:

"A boss? Yes, decidedly; and in the very best sense of the word was Mr. Aldridge a boss. A political boss? Yes, decidedly; but not in the least in the opprobrious sense intended by the better-than-thou type of man, who, by the way, is never a boss in any sense of the word.

"Bad habits? Yes; he was a man. And you? But he was more nearly than most men boss of himself. For several years past he fought against fearful odds to be master of himself—and he won! He may have lost an occasional battle for all I know; but this I do know—he won, as nearly as a man may, this greatest of campaigns. For years past he was very nearly master of himself. And you? And I?

"He was a political boss. What of it? If there is anything wrong in that, it is nobody's fault but yours and mine. If a majority of citizens do not want bosses, there will be no bosses. Apparently the evil of political bosses is not great enough to warrant the work involved in getting rid of it; or else it is great enough to warrant such action and you and I are shirking our civic duty. Let us then stop talking about an evil, if it be one, for which we alone are responsible and which we do nothing to abate. We are willing to be bossed, politically; therefore we are bossed. Such being the case, the citizens of Rochester should be everlastingly grateful to the particular George whom they 'let do it.' Never again can Rochester hope to be governed by a man who came, as near as may be to justifying the boss system. The Independent outside municipal research experts reported concerning Rochester practically as follows: 'Political system, bad; results, excellent.' How can that be? George W. Aldridge is the answer to that question.

"He was more than a boss; he was a man. He lived up to his standards of right living far better than most of us live up to ours. Oftener than most men do, he did what seemed to him the right and just thing. He could be absolutely trusted to keep his promise if it were humanly possible. What he stated to be the truth was the truth to the best of his belief. He was a faithful friend to his friends and the natural friend of all men; and there was just one thing which could change his friendship into enmity—faithlessness. Let his dearest friend once deliberately and wilfully break his word to Mr. Aldridge, that former friend would best be on guard, not against a treacherous attack nor against a stab in the back, but against a square, straightforward front attack by the most dangerous of all foes, an honest, kindly, generous man roused by wrong-doing to righteous wrath. Mr. Aldridge played fair and obeyed the rules; others must do likewise to stay in the game.

"He could be, and often was, a good friend to a political enemy, provided the political enemy fought honestly and fairly. Indeed, the writer can speak on this point from personal knowledge. I am apposed to the boss system, and I have actively and publically opposed Mr. Aldridge in political matters many times (unsuccessfully, of course), yet he has always been one of my best friends. I could not, if I would, ask political favors under the circumstances, but I would, and often have, asked for help in other directions with the certain knowledge that he would do everything in his power to aid his friend. I never asked in vain, for the simple reason that the 'big fellow' had known me from a boy and he knew that I always try to play fair. On the other hand, he might have used me politically if, against my honest convictions, I had always sided with him; but he would not have had any respect for me nor would he have trusted me politically or otherwise. This is a point which many of the 'big fellow's' 'high-brow' enemies seemed unable or unwilling to comprehend.

"We are opposed to bosses; bosses have the reputation of being corrupt; Mr. Aldridge is a boss; therefore we are opposed to Mr. Aldridge as a boss and as a citizen." Thus runs the stereotyped argument of those who held in contempt by decent citizens! Yet when this 'corrupt boss' became desperately ill, and his own personal physician being ill, he deliberately chose to intrust his life to one whom he knew had often been his political enemy, but whom he also knew to be his personal friend and sincere admirer; to one whom he knew would do for him what any man would do for his friend—every possible thing. What citizen of Rochester is willing to throw the first stone, now that our 'Big Boss' has lost his last and greatest fight? What citizen is so sure of his own righteousness as not now to regret that he ever threw a stone at a man who tried to do the right as he saw the right? At a man who struggled against his own weaknesses with better success than most of us do, and against greater odds than most of us have to face? Gloria Victis!

"George Aldridge: The boss who was never wealthy and who died poor at the zenith of his career; who had more real friends than any other man in Rochester; who never went back on his word; who worked hard, played hard, fought hard—and always fairly; who, for a generation and under the boss system, gave Rochester a govern-

ment of the first rank, as American city governments go.

"George Aldridge: The man who, against fearful odds, fought like a man to conquer his own failings; who endured in silence a sensitive man's torture from unkind jeers, often concerning the very failings he struggled to overcome; who always did a favor if possible, and never did an intentional injury until forced thereto by treacherous attack upon himself or upon a friend; who said little and accomplished much; who loved to meet any of his friends informally, and dreaded formal gatherings, even of friends; who avoided 'society' when ever possible, and who, when he could not avoid 'society,' could still less avoid gracing it; who chose his friends because of their friendliness, and because of naught else; whose friends, therefore, came from every walk of life; who treated all men alike, making no distinction because of wealth, power or any other material thing; whose poor friends, therefore, outnumbered his rich friends as the poor outnumber the rich; who was never wealthy, though he might easily have acquired honest wealth; who scorned the dishonest wealth ever temptingly spread within his grasp; who was often actually poor, though by scandal-mongers counted always rich from graft; who in silence often suffered at once the anxieties of a poor man and the torture of a sensitive man misjudged by many and secretly slandered by cowardly enemies; who bravely smiled withal and, bravely smiling, went away, leaving guilty-slanderers balked and unnumbered heavy-hearted friends bereft."

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Carrying the Body Into Court House



THOUSANDS VIEW BODY OF DEAD  
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Rochester paid its final solemn respects to-day to all that is mortal of the man who shaped its destiny. The political army of "Monroe bowed for the last time before the commander-in-chief; the vast throng of personal friends tittered a final farewell; the thousands who barely knew the leader, but whose lives were affected by the political power and favor which was his, came to see for the last time this man who had been a factor in their fortunes.

From half-past nine this morning when the remains of George W. Aldridge were placed in state in the rotunda of the Court house until well into the afternoon the line of men of, low, and high degree who passed in single file on each side of the catafalque seemed unending.

No solemn scenes within a king's palace could have been more significant. The procession, which was the city's central spot that people could view them for the last time. Except for the reading of a prayer and the exclamation of one friend anything which may have been said within the draped and beflowered rotunda was in hushed tones, whispers, and with tears.

At the Home.

Just as the City's bells were striking the hour of nine, eight mounted police and Monroe commandery, Knights Templar, in full regalia, in shuffling step, turned from Main street into Plymouth avenue to escort the remains of a former member from the Aldridge home to the Court house. They stood at attention, facing the home for five minutes, while Rev. Warren S. Stone read a brief prayer in what was long the reception room of the dead leader's home. Mrs. Aldridge, her son, George W., jr., with Mrs. Aldridge, jr., and P. V. Crittenden, Herbert W. Pierce and George Otto, the last three long political and fairly friends, alone attended the service.

Six Knights Templar who carried the remains from the house to the hearse in the street, were Samuel Meulthorpe, John C. Decker, William Willama, Henry Marks, Morris Clark and Arthur Warren. Slowly they stepped alongside the hearse as it moved to Main street. Just behind in a funeral limousine rode George W. Aldridge, Jr., James L. Hotchkiss, P. V. Crittenden, Herbert W. Pierce and George Otto. The Knights Templar concluded the cortege.

As the procession was arriving at the Court house the gathering citizens and countrymen congested both approaches for a half a block either way. As far as the eye could see south on Fitzhugh street were city and county officials, beginning with those of major responsibilities and ending with holders of the meanest positions in municipal affairs.

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Dr. Stone preceded the bearers into the Court house rotunda, and, when the body had been placed in state, read a simple prayer. Under stairways, in doorways leading from the rotunda, were ferns and flowers, some of them of such beauty and cost as to beggar description.

Just before the Knights Templar received a command to replace their chapeaux. James J. Hotchkiss brought from City hall park a blanket of white roses and placed it over the lower half of the catafalque. It covered half of the coffin, hanging to the floor on either side and at the foot. It was in remembrance from the staff of the late Collector of the Port of New York, brought in a limousine last night by Henry Blrrell, of New York, ii former secretary of the National Republican club and a member of the committee sent by the National Republican club to attend the funeral to-day. Above the roses Mr. Hotchkiss then placed a huge piece of orchids and green. It bore the card of the Monroe County Republican committee.

When this had been done Mr. Hotchkiss whispered for the procession to move.

Knights Templar passed on to City hall park, leaving their leader, Harry S. Engfer, past commander, and captain-general of the commandery, and George Yost in charge of a guard comprising the commandery's guard of honor, as follows:

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Mayor Places flower.

City officials were first to pass the catafalque after the Knights Templar. Mayor Clarence D. Van Zandt was first to place a red rose upon the crossed Aldridge bands. Right behind him came Albert M. Flannery, his secretary. Opposite was Job E. Hedges, orator and national Republican committeeman of New York. He too placed a red rose within the coffin. Next came municipal and county judges, each with a rose.

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- F. Crittenden, R. W. Moore, F. R. Crabbe, Benjamin Stallman, Norman Morrhi, Charles D. ...
- Norman Morrhi, Charles D. ...
- Thomas P. Copeon, J. J. Bell, John Handj, Charles T. ...
- Fred Allen, Griff Palmer, Louill Van Valksbnbrg, Frank Kinney, ...
- Southerlarid, Frank Btuchbury, ...
- Il-lmes and William Barrett.

Mynr Dace\* Flower.

City officials were first to pay the catafalque after the Knight Templar. Mayor Clarence D. Van Zandt was first to place a red rose upon the crossed Aldridge hands. Right behind him came ... his secretary. Opposite was Jen B. Hedges, orator and national B. ... He too placed a red rose within the coffin. Next came municipal and county judges with a ...

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When police and firemen had passed, there came city and county employees by. He thousands, it seemed, some of them of considerable more years than the dead leader to whose memory they were paying tribute. Each carried a rose of deepest crimson, and, with the coffin in, ready taxed by roses, dropped them on the marble floor. From time to time the roses were pushed into an ever increasing pile underneath.

When the city and county employees had come men and women, and in the line could be detected some of the older office holders for the second time.

Among the women were Mrs. Henry F. Burton, representing the State Motion Picture commission, and Mrs. Florence Van Wie, representing the Monroe county committee, women-division, and the women's Republican state executive committee.

Governor Nathan L. Miller was to arrive late in the afternoon, as were United States Senators James W. Wadsworth and William M. Calder and members of the committee other than Mr. Birrell from the National Republican club. They were to arrive on the Empire State express just before 4 o'clock. This committee consisted of Charles D. Hilles, national committeeman, Charles S. Whitman, former governor, George A. Glynn, state Republican chairman; Adelbert P. Rich, Supreme court justice; John Woodward, Ralph Day, William Leary, Thomas W. Whittle and Henry Birrell, of New York.

Mr. Hilles, of New York, and Geortro W. Sweeney were with Mr. Aldridge when he died on the golf links at Rye Tuesday. Mr. Sweeney arrived early this morning.

#### The Bearers.

As was told by The Post Express yesterday the active bearers were to be selected from the friends who carried the body from the train yesterday morning. James L. Hotchkiss, Charles R. Barnes, Carl L. Cadle, Herbert W. Pierce, Charles T. Chapin, Willis K. Gillette, William H. Craig and William S. Riley were at 4.40 o'clock to carry the body out of the front door of the Court house, the funeral cortege to proceed down Main street to Plymouth avenue to the church at the Spring street corner. The hearse was to be preceded by a squad of police and followed immediately by the out of town delegations and the executive committee of the Republican general committee. Mrs. Aldridge and members of the family were to enter the church after all were placed.

The honorary bearers, as selected by Mr. Hotchkiss, were: Governor Miller, P. V. Crittenden, Charles D. Hilles, George Eastman, William L. Ward, Clarence D. Van Zandt, George A. Glynn, Hiram H. Edgerton, Ralph A. Day, George W. Sweeney, Jeremiah G. Hickey, James W. Wadsworth, jr., William M. Calder, Charles S. Whitman, James G. Cutler, George F. Argetsinger, Adolph J. Rodenbeck, Charles H. Wiltsie, William Bausch, Simon H. Stein, Charles S. Rauber, Francis B. Mitchell, Dr. John A.

Stapleton, Allan C. Rose and Thomas A. Killip.

Others at the church—James Johnston, Roy C. Kates, Albert M. Flannery, Lewis R. Decker, Samuel R. Parry, Charles F. Howe, James P. B. Duffy, Curtis W. Rnrker, Max L. Holtz, John J. Powers, Charles W. Denniston, James H. Hanna, Dr. Philip Conboy and Andrew Wiedenmann.

Rev. Dr. Warren S. Stone of First Presbyterian church, as was told yesterday, was the family choice to officiate at the funeral service. There was to be no eulogy, and the service not to exceed twenty minutes. At 5.10 o'clock, it was planned to leave for Mt. Hope cemetery, where Yonnonddo lodge, F. and A. M., would conduct a Masonic service, with Isaac M. Brickner, master, in charge.

#### More Tributes.

Further tributes to the memory of George W. Aldridge were to-day received by Pharcellus V. Crittenden, a close friend of the late leader. One was from Rev. Dr. Charles C. Albertson, of the Lafayette Avenue Presbyterian church, Brooklyn, and former pastor of Central Presbyterian church here. It read:

"Mr. Aldridge has been one of Rochester's most useful and distinguished citizens. His part in the history of the Republican party in New York state is secure. He was winning high praise in conduct of his office as Collector of the Port of New York. Please express our sympathy to Mrs. Aldridge and son."

Charles Wray, president of the Board of Education, who is in New York, wired:

"Please convey to Mrs. Aldridge my sympathy and appreciation of the great service Mr. Aldridge rendered our country."

Rev. Dr. Clarence A. Barbour, president of Rochester Theological seminary, who is attending the Northern Baptist convention, telegraphed to Mr. Crittenden from Indianapolis as follows:

"Please accept loving sympathy for you his dear friend and mine. Convey sympathy to Mrs. Aldridge. I have suffered personal loss in his going."

## Many Old Friends of George Aldridge Will Come to Rochester for Funeral

Many old friends of George W. Aldridge who are living at New York, Albany and Washington, and with whom he has been associated, in some cases, for as long as thirty years, plan to be at the funeral this afternoon. With some of the state and Republican party officials who will attend, his relations have been largely political and with others have been both political and social, but both classes will be heavily represented to do the final honors.

Among those who will be here are Governor Miller, Chairman George A. Glynn of the Republican State Committee; Federal Prohibition Director Ralph A. Day, Republican National Committeeman George D. Hilles and numerous members of the New York City Custom House staff. William L. Ward, Westchester County Republican leader, also will be here. The delegations from New York and Albany will arrive this afternoon on the Empire State Express.

Senators Wadsworth and Calder also will be here from Washington but the time of their arrival is not known.

### Body Arrives at 9.30.

Mr. Aldridge's body arrived in Rochester yesterday morning at 9.30 o'clock in a funeral car, accompanied by James L. Hotchkiss, Charles R. Barnes and C. L. Cadje. It was enclosed in a plain, handleless box, and was carried to the hearse by a number of old friends who had gathered at the station. The body was taken to an undertaking establishment and placed in another coffin after a death mask was taken; then was removed to the Aldridge residence.

All afternoon there was a stream of callers to leave cards or flowers, and to view the remains. Former Mayor Hiram H. Edgerton was an early caller. He was assisted into the house by friends who accompanied him and supported on both sides as he gazed down at the body of his old friend.

"Good bye, old pal," he murmured a couple of times. The former Mayor seemed on the point of collapse, but he was able to get back to his automobile after a bit, with the assistance of his friends.

Many beautiful floral tributes were received and the room at the front of the Aldridge home was filled with them. Included were some marvelous orchids and other rare blossoms. Mrs. Aldridge assisted in the arrangement of the flowers and went for a short automobile ride in the afternoon.

### In Undertaker's Workshop.

Mr. Hotchkiss said, when he and Mr. Barnes arrived at Rye, about thirty miles from New York, where Mr. Aldridge's death took place, they found the body left been taken in charge by the Rye undertaker, who also has a number of other occupations. The two went up into the combination workshop and undertaking parlors where the Rye man had placed the body in a plain box and gazed down at the pale features of their old friend. Mr. Barnes was near collapse, but there was no time to dally, and Mr. Hotchkiss undertook the arrangements for the removal to the Grand Central Station, and thence to Rochester. He then went to the Hotel Vanderbilt, where Mr. Aldridge lived while in New York, and cared for his effects.

Mr. Hotchkiss had intended to go on a vacation at this time, but he has put off all such plans until the end of June, at least. He plans to go to his farm over Sunday, following the funeral today.

Among the callers yesterday was George Aldridge Whitley, 20-year-old son of Senator and Mrs. James L. Whitley. One of the telegrams of condolence to Mrs. Aldridge received yesterday was from Theodore Roosevelt. Others were received from the North Side Republican Club of the Bronx, Mr. and Mrs. William H. Rogers, Congressman Norman J. Gould and John A. Uarhite.

## Resolutions and a Tribute from the Rochester Common Council

June 16-1922

The following resolutions on the death of George W. Aldridge were adopted by the Common Council at a special meeting:

### A Tribute

to  
Hon. George Washington Aldridge,  
Formerly Mayor of the City of  
Rochester.

George Washington Aldridge, a great man, has left us. We pause to consider his many activities, his attainments and his character and the impress they have left upon the lives of his fellowmen.

He was born in Michigan City, Indiana, on December 28, 1856, the son of George Washington and Virginia Aldridge. When still a young boy his parents came to Rochester, his father engaging in the building and contracting business. He was educated in the public schools and at the DeGraff Military institute in this city and Carey Collegiate seminary at Oakfield, N. Y. The elder Aldridge served as mayor and in other public positions. The young man carried on the contracting and building business until 1883 when he became a member of the Executive board of the city. In 1880 he married Mary J. Mack. They had one child, George W. Aldridge, jr.

In 1894 he became Mayor of Rochester, at which time he laid the cornerstone of the present county Court house. The following year he resigned the office of Mayor and was appointed State Superintendent of Public Workers. In 1905 he was State Railroad Commissioner, becoming chairman of the commission until its abolition in 1907. In 1921 Mr. Aldridge was appointed by President Harding Collector of the Port of New York, which position he filled until last Tuesday, the 13th day of June.

Such is the outline of his life. In a few words no adequate conception of his activities can be gained, and only a complete biography can do full justice to the innumerable events in which he participated as a guiding genius. But it is not alone the things which men do that live after them, it is the life they have lived which shines through the veil of eternity.

The most touching and beautiful characteristic of Mr. Aldridge was the high respect and regard he held for family life. His first endeavor was to provide for the contentment and happiness of his family, and many beautiful attributes grew from this dominant ideal.

It is he who loses himself that shall find himself. It was the devotion of Mr. Aldridge to worthy ends and his constant service to others that made him a leader of men and one who brought things to pass.

For so many people, not only in the city of Rochester and in the county, but in the state and nation did he plan, that his going brings many, many personal griefs and his memorial is immutably inscribed upon the hearts of men. To the burdens of those hearts he was ever willing to listen, and his humor, his excellent counsel and his self-effacing assistance cheered and uplifted. His loyalty and his inviolable promises ever inspired admiration and affection. So many of his human kindnesses were anonymous that it never can be known how all-encompassing a love he had for unfortunate mankind.

Most loyally did he devote himself to the interests of his city, and man has contributed more to its growth, its prosperity and the convenience, satisfaction and happiness of its inhabitants. Material benefits have sprung from the seeds his hand planted and the flowers of their full growth have brought the subtle sense of contentment from their sweet odor. Some homely examples are the engineering and fire departments. Due to the vision of this forward-looking man Rochester has to-day an engineering and a fire service in which its citizens

take justifiable pride. Not alone do these redound to the credit of Mr. Aldridge but the government in general has made Rochester a place which other cities emulate.

As an advisor in state and nation he displayed the same characteristic broadminded sympathy, striving to promote the spirit of co-operation and mutual regard which is the foundation of society, reflected in the affairs of government.

Those who have known Mr. Aldridge and those who have heard of his good deeds know that this effort to translate our feelings into written words emphasizes our inability to express our thoughts and emotions. We are overwhelmed. Be it

Resolved, That the heart-felt sympathy and condolence of this body be extended to his family and that we pledge ourselves in devotion to the memory of George Washington Aldridge to continue the union of our best efforts to the end that all things may be brought to pass for the benefit of our city, county, state and nation and the citizens and inhabitants thereof, and it be it further

Resolved, That the foregoing tribute be spread upon the minutes of the Common Council and be engrossed, with these resolutions, and presented to his family.

# TRIBUTES STILL PAID TO MEMORY OF MR. ALDRIDGE

Life Philosophy Is Revealed in Magazine Poem on Golf.

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## TRIBUTE FROM PULPIT

Rev. Frank C. Doan, at Unitarian Church, Commends His Quality of Faithfulness in Small Things and His Faithfulness to His Word.

Tributes continue to be paid to George W. Aldridge. A special committee made up of all past exalted rulers and present officers of Rochester Lodge of Elks was appointed by Exalted Ruler Miller to draft resolutions on the death of Mr. Aldridge, who was a life member of the lodge. These resolutions extoll Mr. Aldridge's qualities and his achievements.

### As a Newcomer Sees Him.

Rev. Frank C. Doan, D.D., the new minister of the Unitarian Church, in his sermon yesterday paid the following tribute to Mr. Aldridge, which is significant because Dr. Doan is a newcomer in this city:

"I have been hearing many reports this last week of Mr. Aldridge, whose amazing and romantic career has now come to its close. Many conflicting reports, so conflicting, indeed, that I, a stranger to him and to this city in which he lived and wrought his work, am puzzled to make out exactly what manner of man he really was.

"On one street corner I hear a group of men speaking of him in terms of unqualified praise and on the very next street corner another group speaking in terms of equally unqualified condemnation. I conclude that in his public capacity he was a gentleman of the old school of politics—that feudalism, sometimes benevolent and sometimes malevolent, under which most of the large cities of this country have been ruled for the last generation. And I conclude from what I hear and from what I have read, particularly from the judgment of his friend, Mr. Eastman, that Mr. Aldridge belonged to the benevolent order of municipal rulers.

### Faithful in Little Things.

"But the thing that has stood out most conspicuously in all these reports of him has been the unanimity of praise, from friend and foe alike, of his fidelity to the little things in the great organization he built up about his person—his fidelity to his every least promise, his interest in the welfare of every least member, as man as well as statesman, throughout his enormous constituency. This, I am told, was not at all a matter of politics with him, but a kind of religion.

"Even so—Mr. Aldridge will be remembered not, as probably he himself fondly hoped; not as a great organizer; not as a man who held the destiny of a great city in the hollow of his hand; not as a man who made and unmade statesmen not will.

"Not for these things, but as a man who never forgot a promise, no matter how casually made nor how politically negligible, and who never deserted a friend no matter how politically uninfluential."

Estimate Borne Out.

Appropos of Dr. Doan's tribute is the experience of Fire Chief Jaynes with Mr. Aldridge. Eighteen years ago Mr. Aldridge promised Chief Jaynes that when Chief Little retired he would see that he was appointed to fill the vacancy. Only within the last year Chief Little retired and Mr. Aldridge remembered and fulfilled his promise.

A warm friendship existed between Supreme Court Justice Adolph J. Rodenbeck and Mr. Aldridge. Justice Rodenbeck was the mayoralty standard bearer that led the Aldridge forces to victory in the bitter contest of 1900.

How deeply Justice Rodenbeck took Mr. Aldridge's death will perhaps never be known. There was no concealment of the grief he sustained, especially when the body was lowered into the grave.

Only two weeks ago yesterday Mr. Aldridge visited the aged mother of Justice Rodenbeck at West Webster. He was always willing to make a trip to bring a little brightness into the life of the mother of his friend. Last Christmas Mrs. Rodenbeck made Mr. Aldridge a rag carpet rug, which was one of his most cherished possessions.

### Golf Poem Expresses Creed.

John R. Powers, former assemblyman, was one of Mr. Aldridge's staunchest admirers. They were golfing companions and Mr. Aldridge frequently repeated to Mr. Powers the following verses in a poem on golfing that he found in a magazine: Said the pro to the dub, "You know what to do;

"Keep your eye on the ball, and follow straight through.

"Remember this rule in your everyday life. " 'Twill help you to work and to win in the strife.

"When trial and sorrow would your Joy subdue,

"Keep your eye on the ball, and follow straight through.

"If fortune desert, and if comrades forget

"If long seems the way, and the path thorns beset;

"Don't whine and bewail, and get into a stew,

"Keep your eye on the ball, and follow straight through.

"In working, in playing, in all life's pursuits,

"You'll find this a rule that goes down to the roots;

"Be steadfast, be noble, in all things be true;

"Keep your eye on the ball, and follow straight through."

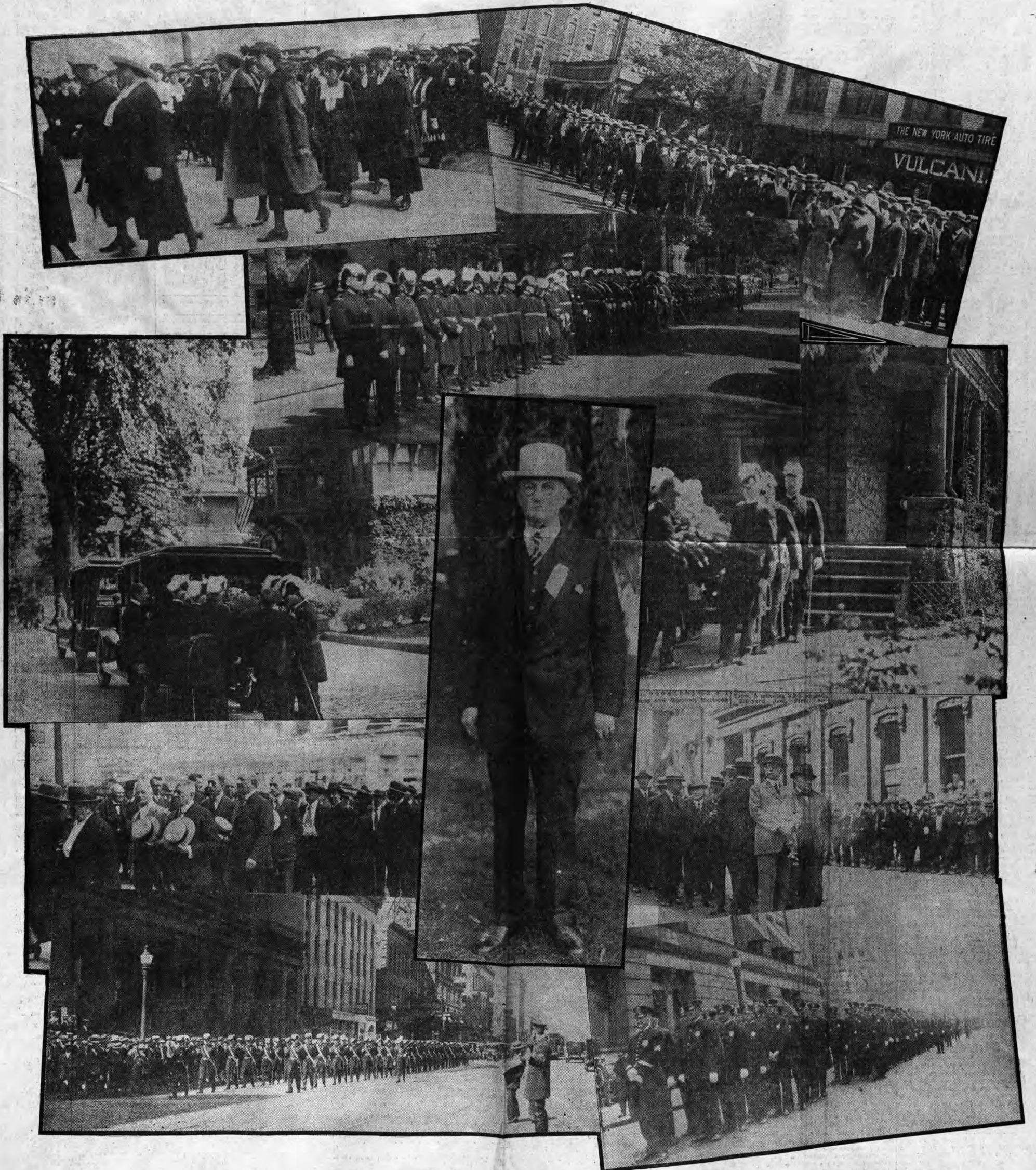
During Mr. Aldridge's severe illness in December, 1920, Mr. Powers never missed a day in writing Mr. Aldridge a letter. Mr. Aldridge was very pleased to get them for they were written in most breezy "K. C. B." style.

### Pythias Adopt Resolution.

Rochester City Lodge, Knights of Pythias has adopted a resolution of respect and condolence in memory of Mr. Aldridge, who was for 80 many years a member of that body. The resolution, adopted through its committee, A. J. Lindenberg, George R. Brown and Max L. Holtz, has been sent to the family.

# "FRIENDSHIP HIS FAITH, HELPING OTHER THIS RELIGION"

*Impressive Scenes Mark Rochester's Formal Tribute to George W. Aldridge*



Upper left-Women city and county workers making their way into the Court house. Upper right-City hall and Court house employees waiting in South Fitzhugh street, as body was brought to Court house. Upper center-Guard of honor of Knights Templar waiting before Mr. Aldridge's home. Left center-Placing the body in the hearse. Right center-Taking the body from Mr. Aldridge's home. Center-Characteristic picture of "The Chief," taken at his last appearance "Under the Willows" at Newport house at the last picnic of the Supervisors' association. Lower left-County and state officials entering Court house; cortege approaching Court house from Plymouth avenue. Lower right-Mayor Van Zandt and other city officials waiting for entry to the Court house; detachment of police and firemen.

Read the Times-Union about "Rochester Women Who Have Succeeded in Business" every day on Page 4.

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ROCHESTER, N. Y., FRIDAY EVENING, JUNE 16, 1922.

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WEATHER: Partly cloudy; warmer tonight. See page 36.

Thousands View Remains Of George W. Aldridge; Public Funeral Services Held Late This Afternoon

Many Affected By Deep Sorrow At Court House

Job E. Hedges, Second To Pass by Casket, Nearly Overcome With Emotion—Knights Templar Guard of Honor as Thousands Think of Mr. Aldridge's Service—Governor Miller Here.

the body of George W. Aldridge, there were scores, nay hundreds, of people who gathered in the Court House to pay their last respects to the man who had been a power in the state and in the country.

Spring in a floral covered casket in the Court House, whose bare walls and pillars of marble were clothed with a mourning colors, and banked with an immensity of floral pieces which testified silently to the high esteem of scores of friends, the body was viewed by men of the highest rank in the state as well as by those whose pathways lead down the humblest roads.

George W. Aldridge, in the distribution of his friendship, was not a respecter of rank or station. The man who counted his wealth by the cash in his pocket found in him as much of a friend as the man of millions. And that never-ending army of man and women that wended its way in double file past the casket, as they lay in state in the Court House,

outpouring of genuine loss and deep-seated affection. The place that George W. Aldridge held in the hearts of his fellow citizens could be gauged today by the steady stream of those who came to pay a last tribute to the man who no longer could grant favors or withhold them, raise hopes or dash them.

Men bent with age, women of all classes who at one time or another had had recourse to the kindly nature of the man, young men to whom he had given the encouragement and advice needed by youth, they walked thoughtfully through the rotunda of the Court House to look for a last time at the man who had never turned back on a friend.

It is not always thus. There are many times when such occasions are perfunctory, when the spirit which should animate the deed is lacking. But this morning, it was there, one could feel that these people who took a moment from the busy day to pay a last act of affection and respect, were there not because it was the thing to do, not because of curiosity, but because of a very real desire to see the man they had loved for the last time. It was in its essence a genuine outpouring of people who realized better than ever before that a great man had passed.

If one could only have known the stories those people had to tell, stories of obscure kindnesses, of a never falling adherence to promises, of a deep affection inspired by the kindly magnetism of the man. A tribute could be woven from those stories, could they be taken from the hearts of the people. The political strength of the leader was revealed, perhaps as never before, revealed better than by great majorities and jubilant cheering of tempestuously successful election nights.

The body of Mr. Aldridge was removed to the Court House from the family home at 96 Plymouth avenue south at 9:15 o'clock. The Rev. Warren & Stone, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, conducted a brief service at the house which was attended only by Mrs. Aldridge, her son, George W., jr., his wife and her mother, P. V. Crittenden, Commissioner of Public Works Herbert W. Pierce, who was one of Mr. Aldridge's closest friends, and George Otto, secretary of the Republican County Committee.

A city's tribute to a great leader is a varied expression. It is at once formal and informal, an expression of carefully phrased resolutions and an outpouring of genuine loss and deep-seated affection.

With the members of Monroe Commandery, Knights Templar, and a squad of mounted police waiting on the pavement in front of the house, the casket containing the body of Mr. Aldridge, and on which was placed a wreath of pale pink roses and a sheath of fern and sweet peas, was carried from the reception room to the horse at the curb by six of the uniformed members of the commandery, Samuel P. Moulthrop, William Williams, Henry Marks, Morris Clark, Arthur Warren and John Calder.

As the body was borne from the house, the members of the commandery, with heads uncovered, stood at attention and close to a hundred men and women stood silently by, the men with heads uncovered. Then, with the police leading the way, the cortege moved through Plymouth avenue to Main street and thence to the Court House where the same members of the commandery carried the casket into the rotunda while the commandery and hundreds of citizens stood by. The Rev. Mr. Stone preceded the bearers into the Court House and following the casket came George W. Aldridge, jr., P. V. Crittenden, James L. Hotchkiss, who arrived at the house just before the body was removed; Commissioner Herbert W. Pierce and Secretary Otto. They walked through lines of police and deputy sheriffs into the building and waited while the casket was being placed in the rotunda. Outside thousands of men and women of all classes and nationalities waited for the opportunity to IJIIOW into the Court House and pay their respects to this great man.

Out in South Fitzhugh street, waiting since 8:30 o'clock, were hundreds of city and county employes, together with Mayor Van Zandt and the other city officials. After the casket had been placed in position in the rotunda of the Court House the lid was removed and a blanket of pink roses brought to Rochester from New York last night by Henry Birrell of the National Republican Club, was placed across the lower end of the coffin. The blanket was the tribute of the men employed under Mr. Aldridge as collector of the Port of New York and was brought here by Mr. Birrell in his limousine. Also, upon the lower end of the casket cover was placed a huge pillow-shaped floral piece, the tribute of the Republican State Committee.

Just prior to this the Rev. Mr. Stone had stepped forward and, standing at the head of the casket, said: "Let us pray."

The pastor of First Presbyterian Church then offered up a brief prayer of thanks to God for having given the community such a good citizen and the state and nation such an able and efficient servant, and he prayed to the Lord to raise up other men to equal greatness for the welfare of the country. The members of the Monroe Commandery then marched past the casket on either side, viewing the features of Mr Aldridge as they passed, while several of their number stood on either side as a guard of honor. When they had passed out through the rear door of the Court House into the court which separates the building from City Hall, word was communicated to the police outside that the body was ready to be seen by the public, and the hundreds of men and women in the street began to form into line behind the double row of men that extended up South Fitzhugh street as far as Spring street, which had been cleared of traffic since shortly after 8 o'clock.

Mayor Van Zandt, followed by Job Hedges on one side, and his secretary, Albert M. Flannery, leading the opposite line, were first to pass by the casket after the commandery members. They moved by quickly, their glance at the passive features of their chief being but a fleeting one, and as they moved by they each dropped a red rose into the casket.

Following the mayor, Mr. Hedges and Secretary Flannery came City Judges Raymond E. Westbury, Delbert C. Hebbard, Joseph M. Feely and William Kohlmetz; Special County Judge Frederick L. Dutcher, President of the Common Council Abram DePotter and the members of the Common Council; City Clerk Joseph A. Crane, Deputy City Clerk Roy Galligan, Messenger Jacob Webber, Commissioner of Public Safety Harry J. Bareham, Comptroller Joseph C. Wilson and other city officials, Fire Chief Jaynes and all battalion chiefs and members of the fire department followed Chief Joseph M. Quigley and captains, officers and members of the police department. Thereafter came the city and county employes and following them the public. Since then and all through the morning and early afternoon an endless stream of humanity passed through the Court-house, entering on Main street and passing out through the rear doorway.

Several men of state and national prominence were among those who viewed the body this forenoon. In addition to Mr. Hedges the body was viewed by Henry Burrill, who is one of several men appointed by Nathan A. Elsberg to represent the National Republican Club at the funeral, the others being Charles D. Hilles, chairman of the Republican National committee; former Governor Charles S. Whitman, George A. Glynn, Republican state chairman; Judge Adelbert P. Rich, John Woodward, Ralph A. Day, prohibition director for New York; William Leary, Thomas W. Whittle.

George W. Sweeney, former Rochester man, now managing director of the Hotel Commodore in New York city, arrived in Rochester this morning and is a guest at the home of Dr. F. W. Zimmer. He was paired with Mr. Aldridge in the golf match they were playing with Charles D. Hilles and Ralph A. Day on the links of the Westchester-Biltmore Country Club Tuesday afternoon when Mr. Aldridge was stricken and Mr. Sweeney was one of the first to reach his side, finding Mr. Aldridge unconscious. He was accompanied to Rochester this morning by former Supreme Court Justice Arthur E. Sutherland, who has been in Canajoharie, and Winslow M. Mead, former state superintendent of public works and at one time a Rochester newspaperman.

Governor Miller and other state officials and representatives of both the national and state Republican committee, including those appointed to represent the National Republican Club, were not expected in Rochester before the Empire State Express arrives, shortly before 4 o'clock this afternoon. It was to accommodate these men, who had voiced a desire to make the trip to Rochester on the New York Central's fast train, that the hour of Mr. Aldridge's funeral was set for 4:46 o'clock. It was the intention of those in charge of arrangements for the funeral, it was said this morning, to have the body lie in state until 4 o'clock or a little later, if necessary, in order to give his friends from out of the city, including Governor Miller, an opportunity to see the remains after their arrival here. Were the body to be taken from the Court House at 3:30 o'clock, as originally announced, none of the men coming in on the Empire State Express would have been able to look upon the features of the "dead collector."

The ushers at the church will be James Johnson, Roy C. Kates, Albert M. Flannery, Lewis R. Decker, Samuel R. Parry, Charles F. Howe, James P. B. Duffy, Curtis W. Barker, Max L. Holtz, John J. Powers, Charles W. Denniston, James H. Hanna, Philip Conboy and Andrew Wiedenmann. Monroe Marshall, state treasurer, arrived in Rochester this forenoon for the funeral. State Industrial Commissioner Henry D. Sayre, in wiring his

After Governor Miller and others who are coming here have been given an opportunity to view the body, the casket was to be closed and removed to First Presbyterian Church, at Plymouth avenue and Spring street, where the Rev. Mr. Stone was to conduct a brief funeral service. It was to consist of incidental music while the body is being carried into the church, followed by the hymn, "Lead, Kindly Light," sung by George F. Frank, after which the minister was to offer prayer. Then another hymn, "Crossing the Bar," was to be sung by Mrs. C. A. Howland, and the Rev. Mr. Stone was to read from Scripture. The body will then be removed from the church and the cortege will move to Mount Hope Cemetery, where the burial will take place in the Aldridge family lot, which is near the north entrance, off Mount Hope avenue. At the grave, which will be just to the east of his father's grave, a Masonic funeral service will be conducted by officers of Yonnonadio Lodge, F. and A. M., with Worshipful Master Isaac M. Brickner in charge. The oak casket containing the body of Mr. Aldridge is of the same style as the one Prea'st McKinley was buried in.

A few additions to the list of honorary bearers were announced this morning. The completed list is composed of the following:

Governor Nathan L. Miller, Job Hedges, Edward Shaughnessy, James F. Hamilton, Dr. Philip Conboy, Joseph C. Wilson, Pharellus V. Crittenden, Charles D. Hilles, George Eastman, William L. Ward, Clarence D. Van Zandt, George A. Glynn, Hiram H. Edgerton, Ralph A. Day, George W. Sweeney, Jeremiah G. Hickey, James W. Wadsworth, jr., William M. Calder, Charles S. Whitman, James G. Cutler, George F. Argotsinger, Adolph J. Rodenbeck, Charles H. Wiltsie, Simp N. Stein, Charles S. Rauber, Francis B. Mitchell, John A. Stapleton, Allan C. Ross, Thomas A. Killip and William Bausch.

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16, 1922.

THREE CENTS.

WEATHER: Showers tonight or Saturday; warmer tonight. See page 36.

## George W. Aldridge; Died Late This Afternoon

Just prior to this the Rev. Mr. Stone had stepped forward and, standing at the head of the casket, said: "Let us pray."

The pastor of First Presbyterian Church then offered up a brief prayer of thanks to God for having given the community such a good citizen and the state and nation such an able and efficient servant, and he prayed to the Lord to raise up other men to equal greatness for the welfare of the country. The members of the Monroe Commandery then marched past the casket on either side, viewing the features of Mr Aldridge as they passed, while several of their number stood on either side as a guard of honor when they had passed out through the rear door of the Court House into the court which separates the building from City Hall, word was communicated to the police outside that the body was ready to be seen by the public, and the hundreds of men and women in the street began to form into line behind the double row of men that extended up South Fitzhugh street as far as Spring street, which had been cleared of traffic since shortly after 8 o'clock.

Mayor Van Zandt, followed by Job Hedges on one side, and his secretary, Albert M. Flannery, leading the opposite line, were first to pass by the casket after the commandery members. They moved by quickly, their glance at the passive features of their chief being but a fleeting one, and as they moved by they each dropped a red rose into the casket.

Following the mayor, Mr. Hedges and Secretary Flannery came City Judges Raymond E. Westbury, Delbert C. Hebbard, Joseph M. Feely and William Kohlmetz.; Special County Judge Frederick L. Dutcher, President of the Common Council Abram DePotter and the members of the Common Council: City Clerk Joseph A. Crane, Deputy City Clerk Roy Galilean, Messenger Jacob Webber, Commissioner of Public Safety Harry J. Bareham, Comptroller Joseph C. Wilson and other city officials, Fire Chief Jaynes and all battalion chiefs and members of the fire department followed Chief Joseph M. Quigley and captains, officers and members of the police department. Thereafter came the city and county employees following them. The procession then went on all through the morning and early afternoon an endless stream of people, through the Court House, entering on Main street and passing out through the rear doorway.

Several men of state and national prominence were among those who viewed the body this forenoon. In addition to Mr. Hedges the body was viewed by Henry Burrill, who is one of several men appointed by Nathan A. Elsberg to represent the National Republican Club at the funeral, the others being Charles D. Hilles, chairman of the Republican National committee; former Governor Charles S. Whitman, George A. Glynn, Republican state chairman; Judge Adelbert P. Rich, John Woodward, Ralph A. Day, prohibition director for New York; William Leary, Thomas W. Whittle.

George W. Sweeney, former Rochester man, now managing director of the Hotel Commodore in New York city, arrived in Rochester this morning and is a guest at the home of Dr. F. W. Zimmer. He was paired with Mr. Aldridge in the golf match they were playing with Charles D. Hilles and Ralph A. Day on the links at the Rochester-Biltmore Country Club Thursday afternoon when Mr. Aldridge was stricken and Mr. Sweeney was one of the first to reach his side, finding Mr. Aldridge unconscious. He was accompanied to Rochester this morning by former Supreme Court Justice Arthur E. Sutherland, who has been in Canajoharie, and Winslow M. Mead, former state superintendent of public works and at one time a Rochester newspaperman.

Governor Miller and other state officials and representatives of both the national and state Republican committees, including those appointed to represent the National Republican (Mn. were not expected to arrive before the Empire State Express arrives, shortly before 4 o'clock in the afternoon. It was to accommodate these men, who had voiced a desire to make the trip to Rochester on the New York Central's fast train, that the hour of Mr. Aldridge's funeral was set for 4:45 o'clock. It was the intention of those in charge of arrangements for the funeral, it was said this morning, to have the lie in state until 4 o'clock or a little later, if necessary. In order to give his friends from out of the city, including Governor Miller, an opportunity to see him, remains after their arrival here. Were the body to be taken to the mortuary at 3:30 o'clock, as originally announced, none of the men coming in on the Empire State Express would have been able to look upon the features of the dead collector.

After Governor Miller and others who are coming here have been given an opportunity to view the body, the casket was to be closed and removed to First Presbyterian Church, at Plymouth avenue and Spring street, where the Rev. Mr. Stone was to conduct a brief funeral service. It was to consist of incidental music while the body is being carried into the church, followed by the hymn, "Lead, Kindly Light," sung by George F. Frank, after which the minister was to offer prayer. Then another hymn, "Crossing the Bar," was to be sung by Mrs. C. A. Howland, and the Rev. Mr. Stone was to read from Scripture. The body will then be removed from the church and the cortege will move to Mount Hope Cemetery, where the burial will take place in the Aldridge family lot, which is near the north entrance, off Mount Hope avenue. At the grave, which will be just to the east of his father's grave, a Masonic funeral service will be conducted by officers of Yonondio Lodge, F. and A. M. with Worshipful Master Isaac N. McKinley in charge. The oak casket containing the body of Mr. Aldridge is of the same style as the one President McKinley was buried in.

A few additions to the list of honorary bearers were announced this morning. The completed list is comprised of the following:

- Governor Nathan L. Miller, Job Hedges, Edward Shaughnessy, James I. Hamilton, Dr. Philip Conboy, Joseph C. Wilson, Pharoellus V. Crittenden, Charles D. Hilles, George Eastman, William L. Ward, Clarence I. Van Zandt, George A. Glynn, Hiram H. Edgerton, Keith A. Kilby, George W. Sweeney, Jeremiah W. Hickey, James W. Wadsworth, Jr., William M. (Alder), Charles S. Whitman, James G. (Miller), George F. Argetsinger, Idolph J. Rodenbeck, Charles H. Wiltzie, Simon N. Stein, Charles S. Rauber, Francis B. Mitchell, John A. Stapleton, Allan C. Ross, Thomas A. Killip, William Bausch.

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met for conferences with Mr. Aldridge strong; men wept after viewing the features of their friend and leader.

Scores of beautiful floral tributes continued to pour into the home during the afternoon and also this morning and additional messages of condolence and esteem were still coming in up to within a short time of the funeral. One of the late telegrams to be received was from Theodore Roosevelt, son of Colonel Roosevelt. Referring to Mr. Aldridge, he said:

"In him the state has lost a public servant who gave her unstintingly of his best over many years. To me his death means the loss of a warm personal friend."

Monsignor Joseph Hendrick wired to Mrs. Aldridge: "May our dear Lord comfort you and four's. Hoga, Mr. Aldridge met his dear friend, Bishop Hendrick, in Heaven."

From Clinton N. Howard came the following: "May I express very keen regret at the death of Mr. Aldridge? As we measure men he had many fine qualities and few men with his power who would not have used it to greater personal and less public advantage."

Among messages received this morning by Marcellus V. Crittenden were wires from the following:

The Rev. Dr. Charles C. Albertson of Brooklyn: "Mr. Aldridge has been one of Rochester's most prominent, useful and distinguished citizens. His part in the history of the Republican party in New York state is secure. He was winning high praise in conduct of his office as collector of the port. Please express our sympathy to Mrs. Aldridge and son."

Charles F. Ayray, president of the Board of Education, at present in New York: "Please convey to Mrs. Aldridge my sympathy and appreciation of the great service Mr. Aldridge rendered our country."

The Rev. Dr. Clarence A. Barbour, president of the Rochester Theological Seminary, at present attending the Northern Baptist Conference in Indianapolis: "Please accept my sympathy for you, his dear friend and mine. Convey sympathy to Mrs. Aldridge. I have suffered a personal loss in his going."

The police detail on guard in the Court House during the day was commanded by Sergeant George Heisel of the Lyell Avenue station.

Many persons who viewed the body from the upper galleries of the Court House commented on the extraordinary resemblance to President Harding.

# COMMON COUNCIL ADOPTS TRIBUTE TO MR. ALDRIDGE

## Resolutions Emphasize Dead Leader's Love of Family and Constant Willingness

### To Help Others in Need -

Supervisors Meet Today.

June 16 1922

The Common Council, at a special meeting held last night, adopted a resolution on the death of Mr. Aldridge and appointed President Abram DePotter, Dr. Leonard J. Sommers of the Fourth ward and Martin B. O'Neil of the Fifteenth ward, to represent the council at the funeral. The resolution reads:

"George Washington Aldridge, a great man, has left us. We pause to consider his many activities, his attainments and his character and the impress they have left upon the lives of his fellowmen.

"He was born in Michigan City, Indiana, on December 28, 1856, the son of George Washington and Virginia Aldridge. When still a young boy his parents came to Rochester, his father engaging in the building and contracting business. He was educated in the public schools and at the DeGraff Military Institute in this city and Cary Collegiate Seminary at Oakfield, New York. The elder Aldridge served as mayor and in other public positions. The young man carried on the contracting and building business until 1883 when he became a member of the Executive Board of the city. In 1880 he married Miss Mary J. Mack. They had one child, George W. Aldridge, jr.

"In 1894 he became mayor of Rochester, at which time he laid the corner stone of the present County Court House. The following year he resigned the office of mayor and was appointed State Superintendent of Public Works. In 1905 he was State Railroad Commissioner, becoming chairman of the Commission until its abolition in 1907. In 1921 Mr. Aldridge was appointed by President Harding collector of the Port of New York, which position he filled until last Tuesday, the 13th day of June.

"Such is the outline of his life. In a few words no adequate conception of his activities can be gained, and only a complete biography can do full justice to the innumerable events in which he participated as a guiding genius. But it is not alone the things which men do that live after them, it is the life they have lived which shines through the veil of eternity.

"The most touching and beautiful characteristic of Mr. Aldridge was the high respect and regard he held for family life. His first endeavor was to provide for the contentment and happiness of his family, and many beautiful attributes grew from this dominant ideal.

"It is he who 'loses himself that shall find himself. It was the devotion of Mr. Aldridge to worthy ends and his constant service to others; that made him a leader of men and one who brought things to pass."

"For so many people, not only in the city of Rochester and in the county, but in the state and nation did he plan, that his going brings many, many personal griefs and his memorial is immutably inscribed upon the hearts of men. To the burdens of those hearts he was ever willing to listen, and his humor, his excellent counsel and his self-effacing assistance cheered and uplifted. His loyalty and his inviolable promises ever inspired admiration and affection. So many of his human kindnesses were anonymous that it never can be known how all-encompassing a love he had for unfortunate mankind.

"Most loyally did he devote himself to the interests of his city, and no man has contributed more to its growth, its prosperity and the convenience, satisfaction and happiness of its inhabitants. Material benefits have sprung from the seeds his hand planted and the flowers of their full growth have brought the subtle sense of contentment from their sweet odor. Some homely examples are the engineering and fire departments. Due to the vision of this forward-looking man Rochester has today an engineering and a fire service in which its citizens take justifiable pride. Not alone do these redound to the credit of Mr. Aldridge but the government in general has made Rochester a place which other cities emulate.

"As an advisor in state and nation he displayed the same characteristic broadminded sympathy, striving ever to promote the spirit of co-operation and mutual regard which is the foundation of society, reflected in the affairs of government.

"Those who have known Mr. Aldridge and those who have heard of his good deeds know that this effort to translate our feelings into written words emphasizes our inability to express our thoughts and emotions. We are overwhelmed. Be it

"Resolved, that the heartfelt sympathy and condolence of this body be extended to his family and that we pledge ourselves in devotion to the memory of George W. Aldridge to continue the union of our best efforts to the end that all good things may be brought to pass for the benefit of our city, county, state and nation and the citizens and inhabitants thereof, and be it further

"Resolved, that the foregoing tribute be spread upon the minutes of the Common Council and be engrossed, with these resolutions, and presented to his family."

The Board of Supervisors will hold a special meeting as soon after 4 o'clock as possible to adopt suitable resolutions. Most of the out-of-town members of the board came to Rochester this morning to take their places in the long line of county officials who paid a final tribute to the dead leader in the Court House, prior to the opening of the doors to the general public.

The following committee on resolutions will be appointed by Supervisor Henry Bowman, chairman of the board, to draft the resolution: Supervisors John Mengerink, David Singleton, Adolph Schreck, George Hicks and Daniel Lee.

### P. O. Suggestion

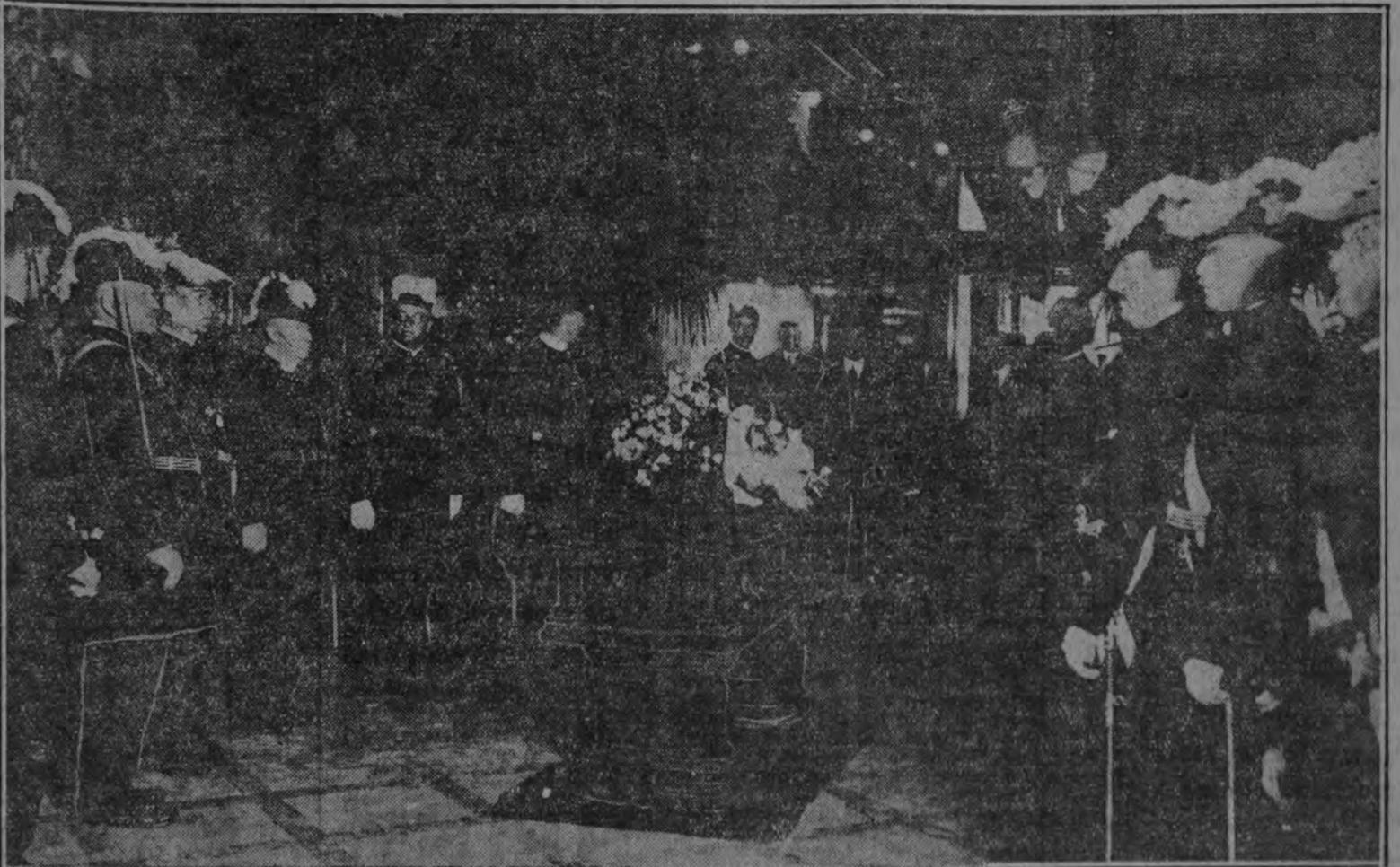
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Those who visited the postoffice today noticed name cards above the windows patronized by the public. Above each window is the name of the clerk attending it.

This was a suggestion made by George W. Aldridge to Postmaster John B. Mullan a few days before the collector of the port of New York died.

Mr. Aldridge saw similar cards in the New York postoffice and passed the idea to Rochester. Out on Mr. Aldridge the cards were put up today.

Body Of Mr. Aldridge Lies In State



Top: Members of Monroe Commandery, Knights Templar, act as guard of honor as body was in state in rotunda of Court House this morning. Below, Knights Templar carrying body from house at 90 Plymouth avenue, preparatory to removing it to Court House.



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*Editorial June 17-1922*

No memorial that could be built with human hands would be as gratifying to Mr. Aldridge as the maintenance intact of the great political organization to which he gave so much care and labor.

Those who sincerely desire to honor his memory should have but one purpose in mind now that the standard of leadership has fallen from his hands, and the ascendancy of the Republican party in this city must be sustained by others.

That purpose should be to rally every individual connected with it so that all may stand firm, united and unshaken in their determination to continue the splendid organization of which Mr. Aldridge was the head and which occupied such a unique and commanding position in his party in state and nation.

It is obvious, of course, that without harmony in the ranks of the dominant party the administration of the city government would be seriously embarrassed, and progress blocked.

It would be possible to name a long list of cities in which government has been wrecked by discord and enmity among political factions. The evils under which they suffer include the breakdown of transportation, disgraceful overcrowding in the public schools, streets out of repair, public buildings run down, and general inefficiency in all departments.

No mistake should be made. Given the same lack of harmony, and a similar condition of affairs would follow in this city.

The splendid community spirit which has prevailed here, and which has been one of the city's most valuable assets, was inspired in no small measure by Mr. Aldridge. Those who remain to carry on the work laid down by him will be false to his memory and disloyal to his example, if they do not bear this in mind.

Monuments of marble or granite will not carry as much significance as the perpetuation of those policies under which the municipal government of Rochester has made such remarkable strides in the last two decades. I

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Showing Honesty

of Mr. Aldridge

A \$100,000 bribe was offered George W. Aldridge only four or five weeks ago and he lied to the grand jury as easily as if it were a nickel, according to James L. Plotckiss, who knew the circumstance of the bribe. If Plotckiss cited the evidence of the honesty of 21. Aldridge.

A friend of Mr. Aldridge, a man whom he had known for many years, came into his office at the House in New York and laid (100,000 in bills) the deal was his, and that there was no one else for anybody else to learn of it by an oral statement, to permit a quantum of liquor to be withdrawn from a bonded warehouse. Mr. Aldridge looked at the man and told him that "he could use the money but he would never give it." any that would."

Within the past few months Aldridge offered a \$5,000 bribe to a man named Plotckiss. Once in Rochester he turned down a \$50,000 bribe, and almost immediately when he came back the second time and asked Mr. Aldridge if he had changed his mind.

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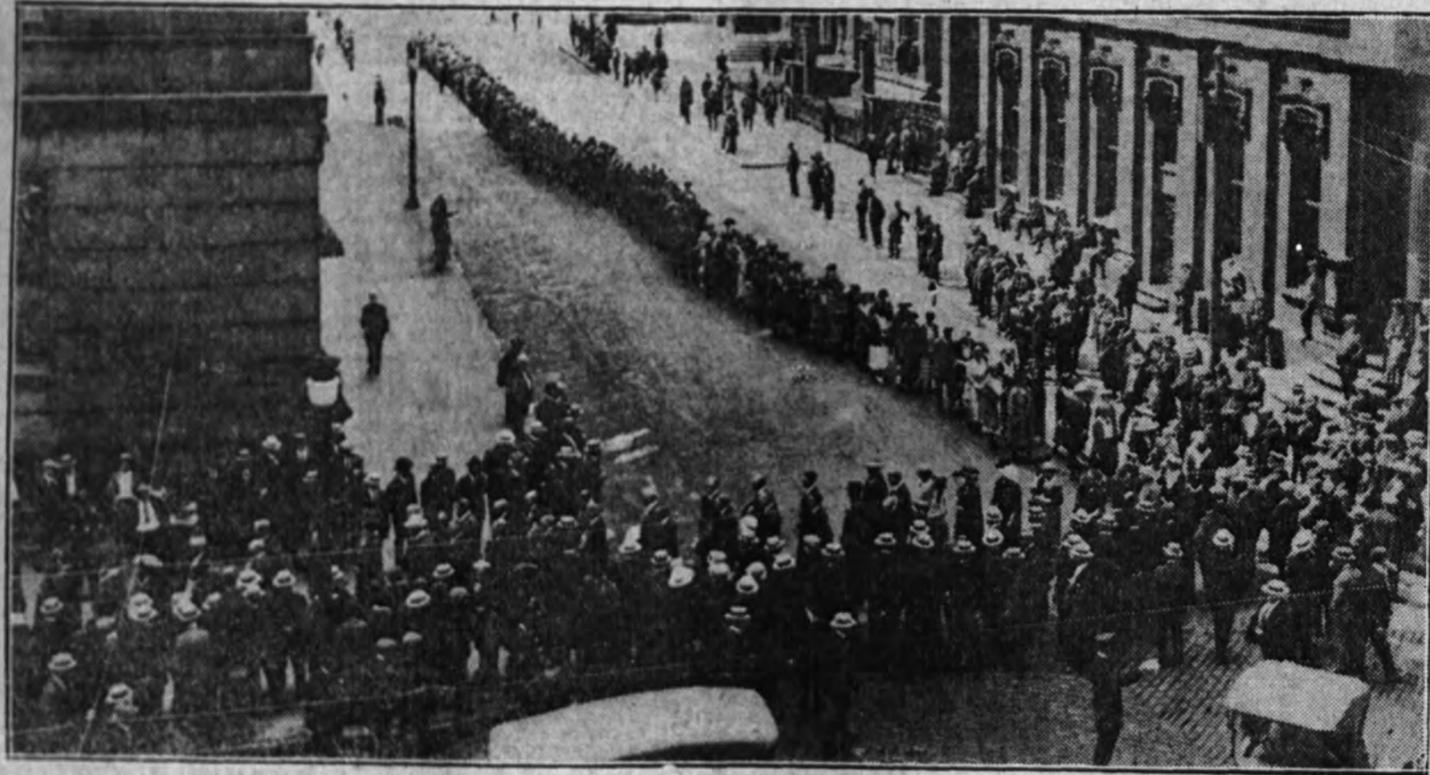
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LINE OF MEN AND WOMEN RUNNING BACK FROM COURT HOUSE MAIN ENTRANCE.



PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN FROM A WINDOW, OF THE POWERS HOTEL IN FORENOON.

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Service in Church, Simple Throughout,  
Marked by Placing of Three Vases of  
Roses, Each for a Person, at Casket.

*D. & C. June 17*  
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While high state and Federal officials, captains of industry, in fact, men and women of all strata of life, stood with heads bowed with grief and tears coursing down their cheeks, the body of George W. Aldridge was lowered into a rose-lined grave in the family plot in Mount Hope cemetery late yesterday afternoon. There was no restraint to the manifestations of sorrow over the passing of the man whose life was so closely linked with the progress of Rochester during the last forty years.

Gathered with the family to do honor to the memory of the leader were Governor Nathan L. Miller, United States Senators James W. Wadsworth and William M. Calder, George Eastman, and countless others, representative of all stations in life.

The burial concluded a day of sorrow. Men wept in the presence of the sleeping leader. A spirit of grief seemed to pervade the city. Thousands filed through the Court House, where the body lay in state, to do final honor to the memory of a man of loyalty and courage.

#### Body Taken From Home.

A detail of police headed the cortege from the Aldridge home, No. 96 Plymouth avenue, to the Court House at 9 o'clock, in Monroe Commandery, Knights Templars, served as a guard of honor. The streets were thronged when the casket was taken into the Court House to remain until 4:30 o'clock.

Prayer was offered at the home before the body was removed by Dr. Warren S. Stone, of the First Presbyterian Church, where Mr. Aldridge worshipped. Another prayer was offered before the body was exposed to view in the Court House.

A detail of policemen in dress uniform and a guard of honor of Monroe Commandery was in attendance during the time that the casket was open. Deputy sheriffs and court officers, under Sheriff Morse, also were on duty.

#### Arrival of Governor and Others.

The body was removed from the Court House at 4:45 o'clock. Previously a delegation went to the New York Central station to greet Governor Miller and other prominent state officials who arrived with him, including George A. Glynn, chairman of the Republican State Committee. In the delegation to greet the Governor were United States Senator James W. Wadsworth, Mr. Hotchkiss, Mayor Van Zandt, Charles L. Cadle, state superintendent of public works; Edwin A. Fisher, superintendent of city planning; LeGrand Brown, deputy city engineer; George W. Sweeney, managing director of the Hotel Commodore, George Otto, H. Alden Nichols, commissioner of elections; James B. Martin, division passenger agent of the New York Central, and Job K. Hedges, candidate for governor in 1912 and long a personal friend of Mr. Aldridge.

Limousines were waiting to take the Governor's party and other officials to the Court House. The arrival was at 4:35 o'clock. Governor Miller, Senators Wadsworth and Calder, William L. Ward, the leader of Westchester county; former Governor Charles S. Whitman, Henry C. Stuart, deputy collector of customs of the Port of New York under Mr. Aldridge, and others walked past the bier with heads bowed in grief. The Governor, visibly affected, paused for a moment at the casket in silent tribute. Others in the party took their final glance at the man who was dear to their hearts. Not a sound was audible except the shuffling of feet and convulsive breathing.

#### Blanket of Roses and Orchids.

After viewing the body the visiting officials passed into the courtroom of the Surrogate's Court, where the active and honorary bearers were gathered. The casket was closed and the men grouped about it. An immense blanket of roses and orchids, the token of respect and affection from Mr. Aldridge's associates in the Custom House, was spread over the bier. On the head of the casket was placed a large piece of orchids and lilies of the valley, from the active bearers, Mr. Hotchkiss, Charles R. Barnes, Charles L. Cndle, Herbert W. Pierce, Charles T. Chapin, Willis K. Gillette, William II. Crab? and William S. Riley, and of Mr. Otto.

The bell of the City Hall tolled as the cortege moved from the Court House and the heads of thousands of people were uncovered as the body was lifted into the hearse. The cortege passed between a file of policemen, standing at attention. Following the active bearers were the honorary bars, headed by Governor Miller and former Governor Charles S. Whitman. Immediately behind came United States Senators Wadsworth and Calder. Next were Mr. Ward and Charles D. Hilles, national committeeman of New York. George Eastman walked with James G. Cutler.

#### Bearers of Honorary Rank.

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Following the honorary bearers were the Executive Committee of the Republican Comity Committee and a large group of city and county officials.

The cortege passed up Main street to Plymouth avenue, turned into Plymouth avenue and proceeded to the church at Spring street. All the bearers walked near the hearse, followed by many others on foot.

Hundreds of persons had tried to enter the church. The doors were open to the public, but it was only a few minutes before the four hundred seats available for the public were occupied. About three hundred seats were reserved for the family, the active and honorary bearers and the immediate friends of the family and of Mr. Aldridge.

#### Services Brief and Simple.

Simplicity marked the services, which, concluded at 5:25 o'clock, occupied not quite twenty minutes. The services took an unostentatious form in accordance with a request made by Mr. Aldridge when he was near death with pneumonia in December, 1920.

The arrangements at the church were in charge of James J6\*rnston, chief usher, who had as assistants Andrew Wiedenmann, Albert M. Flannery, Clarence M. Piatt, Roy C. Kates, Walter S. Green, Curtis W. Barker, William I. Burritt, Edwin C. Redfern, Fred Hacker, Edwin Wilman, James P. B. Duffy, Charles F. Howe, George Herzberger, Franklin W. Judson, Edgar F. Edwards, William T. Plumb, Arthur Jameson, James P. O'Connor, George Van Dake, John R. Powers, George B. Draper, Max L. Holtz, Roy P. Galligan, Thomas Martell, Captain E. N. Walbridge, Samuel R. Parry, James H. Hanna, Lewis R. Decker and Charles W. Denieton.

An organ number was played by George Barlow Penny as the body was carried into the edifice. The chancel was a bower of floral pieces, tributes of affection and esteem, sent by Mr. Aldridge's friends, despite the family's admonition to omit flowers.

#### Three Vases of Roses.

When Mr. Aldridge's body was placed in the church three vases of American Beauty roses were deposited near it, in accordance with the wish of Mrs. Aldridge.

At the head was the token of Pharcellus V. Crittenden, long a close friend of the deceased leader; in the center was the tribute of Governor Miller, and at the foot were roses sent by Henry Kunze, who was held in esteem by Mr. Aldridge.

The persons assembled were standing as the casket was carried down the center aisle, and they remained standing until the opening selection was complete. All were on their feet when the family of Mr. Aldridge entered the church. Everywhere handkerchiefs were to be seen.

Called Him Friend or Benefactor.

In the church were some of the prominent residents of Rochester and New York State, as well as many others, all calling Mr. Aldridge friend or benefactor. Delegations were present from the Common Council, the Engles, the Elks, the Board of Supervisors, and many other organizations and club\*. Supreme Court justices, judges of other tribunals, lawyers, bankers, in fact, persons representative of every activity in the city, joined in lamenting the death of Mr. Aldridge.

Dr. Stone lend in prayer and then read from the Scripture. There was a solo, "Lead, Kindly Light," by George F. Frank, and another, "Crossing the Bar," by Mrs. C. A. Howland.

Many at Curbs Along Route.

The services concluded, the procession moved toward the cemetery. All along the route that the cortege followed persons who stood at the curbs uncovered as a mark of respect.

Mrs. Aldridge, her son, and other members of the immediate family were in Mr. Crittenden's limousine, a car in which Mr. Aldridge frequently rode. Mrs. Aldridge held up bravely at the services at the church, but sobbed as the body was being removed. She was assisted from the church by her son.

On the gentle knoll just inside the Mount Hope avenue gateway to the cemetery, on which Mr. Aldridge was to be buried, at the foot of his father's and mother's graves, were people when the cortege arrived. There were several thousand people within the cemetery. The grave was roped off, and in the inclosure were six chairs for the immediate members of the family. Mrs. Aldridge was accompanied by Mrs. James L. Hotchkiss, who tried to comfort her. In the inclosure were\* the active and honorary bearers.

Impressive Masonic Service.

Impressive Masonic services were conducted by Isaac M. Briekner, master of Yonnonadio Lodge, assisted by about fifty members. The services closed with a prayer by Dr. Stone.

The family plot and part of the adjoining ground were covered with a canopy. The cortege treached the cemetery through a file of members of the Masonic lodge.

Mr. Briekner read impressively from the Masonic ritual for the comfort of the family. As the coffin was lowered into the grftve a bit of green was deposited on the bier by each of the lodge members, symbolical of the Masonic principles.

Banked about the family plot was a wealth of flowers. Orchids, roses and other flowers were to be seen in profusion.

ALWAYS CONSIDERATE  
TOWARD HIS FRIENDS

This One of Pronounced Characteristics  
of Mr. Aldridge.

Many incidents of Mr. Aldridge's considerate treatment of other people have been recounted. Jean Hotchkiss, the young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jamfs j. Hotchkiss, was a favorite with Mr. Aldridge. Never did she take a trip without a box of candy from the leader.

Although Mr. Aldridge was an extremely busy man he never was too busy to right an inadvertent act that might have hurt someone's feelings. This was demonstrated by an experience of the daughter of Herbert. W. Pierce, commissioner of public works. The young woman sent some flowers to Mr. Aldridge on his last birthday. She had been married shortly before, but when Mr. Aldridge acknowledged the flowers he omitted her husband's name.

Mr. Pierce joked with Mr. Aldridge over the telephone about the omission, asking him if a son-in-law did not count for anything these days. Several hours later a special delivery letter was received by the young woman from Mr. Aldridge begging her pardon for the oversight.

It took considerable urging to get Mr. Aldridge to consent to the writing of an article about the responsibilities that fell upon him as collector of the Port of New York. The story was written with the understanding that no photograph would be taken of the yacht connected with the Custom House, for friends had been joking him considerably about it, and, second, that he be permitted to see the article before it was published.

About seven columns of reading matter was submitted to Mr. Aldridge. He had one correction. His name was mentioned seventeen times, and he wanted the number reduced. It was impossible to reduce this number below eleven.

On election night in 1920 Mr. Aldridge was serenaded at his home. He spoke a

few words to Company A, Boys in Blues, and to the former service men. Afterward he said to the newspaper men: "Please, boys, don't quote me. Just say Mr. Aldridge made a few remarks."

MORE MESSAGES FROM  
ADMIRERS OF LEADER

Fohvers, also Continue to Arrive at Home in Plymouth Avenue.

Telegrams and floral pieces continued to pour into the Aldridge homo yesterday. This wire was received from Chief of Police Quigely, who is on his way to a convention in San Francisco:

"Havo just read in Kansas City papers account of death of Mr. Aldridge. The people of Rochester have suffered a great loss. I am deeply grieved and extend my heartfelt condolence to the family."

Rabbi Solomon S. Sadowsky, chief rabbi of the orthodox congregations of Rochester, wired:

"I am) the Jews of the Republican party n Rochester were saddened to hear the news of the loss of the great leader, the Hon. George Aldridge. Please ncept our sympathy and condolence and convey it to th" family."

Resolutions on the donth of Mr. Aldridge were adopted by the Ronrd of Supervif'ns by standing vote. The resolutions extolled his qualities and were signed by Supervisors David R. Singelton, Goorg\* A. Hieks, Daniel Lee, John Mongoi-ink and Adolph G. Srheroek

Among the organizations that have adopted expressions of sense of loss in the death of George W. Aldridge and sympathy for Mrs. Aldridge nnd her son fire the Union League Club, the Board of Education and the Executive Committee of the Monroe County Republican Council, an organization composed of colored men and women.

LONG-TIME ASSOCIATE  
GIVES WAY TO GRIEF

James L. Hotchkiss Breaks Down When Casket Is Finally Closed.

In all the atmosphere of sorrow and grief resulting from Mr. Aldridge's death nothing was more touching than when James L. Hotchkiss, county clerk, who stood high in the esteem and confidence of the deceased leader, broke down when the cover was nplaced on the casket. Mr. Hotchkiss had bore up well in the ordeal that came to him with the sudden death of Mr. Aldridge. The responsjbility of bringing back the body and supervising^ the funeral arrangements fell upon him as wol las that of comforting the family and caring for the visiting officials of prominence<

Mr. Hotchkiss was at the casket when the cover was placed on it, and he took a rosebud from his lapel and placed it n the cheek of Mr. Aldridge. It was fie last flower in the casket. Then he broke down. He had not recovered his composure last evening. He said the shock of Mr. Aldridge's death was the most severe in his life.

marked sincerity, and his friends rallied

Mr. Hotchkiss is known as a man of to his assistance as much as possible in the responsibility that came to him in Mr. Aldridge's death. Mrs. Hotchkiss assisted as best she could at the Aldridge household.

FUNERAL ATf ENDED BY  
MEN OF PROMINENCE

State Officials and Leaders in Politics  
Come to City for Service.

Among the many prominent men in the city to attend the funeral were Elon Hooker, Frank M. William, slate engineer; Thomas Fenncll, judge of the Courl of Claims; Thaddus Sweet, e\*peakor of the Assembly; ex-Gov\*rnor l[orace White, of s.\racuse; Thomas Whittle, surveyor of the Porl of New York; Lafayette Gleason, clerk of the Senate; John J. Lyons, secretarj of state; Samuel Koenig, chairman of the Republican Committee of New York William .l Me : tnte cpmptroller; Jeremiah Wood, lieutenant governor; John Woodward, Former justice of the Appellate Division; Adelherl l\*. Rich, Anpleate Division justice; State Senator Clynnton H. Link, Cortland, Republican leader; Congressman Archie D. Banders; Deputv Attorney-General Prank M. Cook, Pub lie Service Commissioner Charles Van VorrhU; Congressman William T. D. of Binghampton; Attorenj General Charle\* D. Newton, former Con John Mott, of Oswego; State Treasurer X. Monroe Marshall; Fred Greiner, Ke publican leader ol Bi\tr\il and State Senator Charles J. Hewitt, slati I'in;nee ('otmitt Ioo.

AS A MARFOF RESPECT  
Death of Mr. Aldridge.

Nelson P. Stanford, referee In hank ruptcy, yesterday morning adjourned bankrupted coulr until Monday, "Ul of re.pceei i, George \V. Aldridge. All cases on resterdny's calendar were put over until Monday.

An order to show cause wbj Joseph Kats ami IIarr\ Friedman, Individually ami as co-partners under the firm name of Rata & Friedman, should not be charged from bankruptcy baa been i'ited in ib' case are returnable in Buffalo Oil Julj 25th.

A final and onlj' dividend of 'b per cent' on claims amounting to \$9,786.44 has been declared in the mailer of the Ford Brothers Manufacturing Company, mak- ih, door nml blinds. The dnd fund amounts to \$876.19.

## LET ALL CARRY ON FOR PARTY UNITY, GOVERNOR URGES

This His Word on Eve of His Departure from Rochester.

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### HOTCHKISS IN VACANCY

Appointed Member of Executive Committee of Republican State Committee—Loss of Counsel of Mr. Aldridge Deplored by Governor.

Carry on for party unity, was the parting admonition last evening of Governor Nathan L. Miller, United States Senators James W. Wadsworth and William M. Calder, and George A. Glynn, chairman of the Republican State Committee. This was the word to the Republican adherents in Monroe County by these prominent factors in the Republican councils.

Governor Miller last evening deplored the loss of the advice and counsel of George W. Aldridge, but said that Monroe County would be afforded the same recognition as if he had lived. James L. Hotchkiss, county chairman, will serve in Mr. Aldridge's place, and the state leaders urged all loyal friends of Mr. Aldridge to get behind him.

Last evening Mr. Glynn announced the appointment of Mr. Hotchkiss as member of the Executive Committee of the Republican State Committee to take the place left vacant by the death of Mr. Aldridge.

#### Was to Lead State Forces.

Governor Miller saw Mr. Aldridge at a conference a week ago Thursday and was to have seen him again on Thursday of this week. At the conference plans were discussed for the fall campaign, in which Mr. Aldridge was to be the leader of the state forces.

Throughout the city yesterday were heard plauds of Mr. Aldridge's lieutenants to rally behind Mr. Hotchkiss, as was said by Dr. Thomas A. Killip, who was held in high esteem by the deceased leader. "Mr. Aldridge did not raise his political soldiers to travel in different directions."

Governor Miller, Charles L. Cadle, state superintendent of public works; William H. Ward, leader of Westchester county and high in the councils of the state, and Mr. Hotchkiss had dinner at the Rochester Club last evening. Affairs of the party were canvassed generally. It was said that if the party adherents remained loyal to the organization Monroe will be just as important factor in the campaign this fall as if Mr. Aldridge had lived. This is the best tribute that could be paid to his memory, Mr. Hotchkiss said.

#### Governor Goes to Syracuse.

Governor Miller left Rochester last evening for Syracuse. Most of the state and Federal officials also left, the greater number of them going to New York.

The committee from the National Republican Club that was appointed to attend Mr. Aldridge's funeral left last evening. This committee was made up of Charles D. Hilles, Republican national committeeman of New York; Charles H. Whitman, former governor; George A. Glynn; Justices Adelbert P. Rich and John Woodward, Ralph Day, state prohibition enforcement, director; William Leary, Thomas W. Whittle, surveyor of the State of New York, and Henry Birrell.

Senator Aldridge said that within twenty-four hours of Mr. Aldridge's death he had visited him for two hours. He said that Mr. Aldridge never looked better.

Thought Mr. Aldridge Well.

Job E. Hedges, who was the Republican candidate for governor in 1912, running against William Salzer, Democrat, and Oscar Straps, Progressive, said he had seen Mr. Aldridge frequently and he had appeared to be in splendid health in the last few weeks. Mr. Hedges, who is a national figure in politics, and Mr. Aldridge were intimate friends.

Edward Shaughnessy, who was Mr. Aldridge's secretary when he was on the Executive Board, later when he was mayor and in 1904 when he was appointed state superintendent of public works, said that Mr. Aldridge has had four attacks of pneumonia in his life. One was twenty-two years ago, another fifteen years ago, another in December, 1920, and the last in March, this year. Each time Mr. Aldridge was desperately ill.

#### Tells of Death on Links.

George W. Sweeney, managing director of the Hotel Commodore, who was Mr. Aldridge's partner in the golf match last Tuesday, said that the last moments of Mr. Aldridge's life were especially pleasant. They were playing an unusually good game and both had driven from the ninth tee. Mr. Aldridge was following the ball in one direction and Mr. Sweeney had driven in another direction.

The first intimation Mr. Sweeney had that something was wrong was when Mr. Aldridge's caddy came running toward him. Mr. Sweeney and his caddy rushed to the fallen man and found him unconscious and breathing heavily.

"We did all we could for him, but that was not much," said Mr. Sweeney yesterday. "Later we were informed if we had had fifty doctors there they would not have saved Mr. Aldridge's life."

Mr. Sweeney praised the training given the Boy Scouts. He said his caddy was a Boy Scout and knew just what to do. The caddy pulled out Mr. Aldridge's tongue in a effort to prevent choking and when breathing stopped he started artificial respiration. Mr. Sweeney is a former Rochesterian. He left here twenty-two years ago and is now one of the prominent hotel men in New York.

## Hour after Hour Stream of People Flows Past Casket Old Friends, Acquaintance\* and Many Others Look for Last Time on Body.

An endless stream of humanity flowed past the bier of Mr. Aldridge in the Court House. From 3 A. M. to 4:30 P. M. this stream flowed on. Hundreds stopped to gaze for a moment on the countenance resting in eternal sleep. Many seemed to stand in silent recollection, perhaps to offer final thanks for some act of kindness.

From 70 to 150 persons a minute passed the bier. At times there were triple files on each side, and the line at one time extended out South Fitzhugh street to Spring street. It is estimated that upward of forty thousand persons passed the casket during the day.

Hundreds of Mr. Aldridge's friendships dated back forty years or more. In this category come Charles R. Barnes, trolley commissioner; Mayor Van Zandt, George Eastman, James L. Hotchkiss, Charles T. Chapin, Pharcellus V. Crittenden and innumerable others. All paid final tribute.

### Political Opponents in Lines.

Men who opposed him politically, yet admired him, passed the bier in the grief of sincere friends and sorrowful in the realization of the community's loss. The procession that filed past the casket knew no distinction in race, color or creed. Young and old, men and women, filed by the coffin in equal number.

To many Mr. Aldridge was a man of mystery. He rarely appeared in public and while his name was familiar throughout the city, comparatively few people knew him personally. It was their last opportunity to see the mortal body of this strong personality, and many availed themselves of it.

To name the classes of people that passed the body would be to enumerate all elements in the community. Bankers and industrial leaders walked past, with men in overalls and shirtsleeves. Some who passed the casket turned their heads away from the body. Surely they were not morbid curiosity seekers. Their act in taking places in the lines was significant.

### Wife and Son File Past.

Mrs. Aldridge and George W. Aldridge, Jr., passed the casket of their husband and father in solemn tribute. This immediate family crowded into line with the

thousands and gazed pathetically at the still face. Mrs. Aldridge bore up well in the ordeal, but her intense grief was evident.

Charles R. Barnes, who for the past forty years spent every election day with Mr. Aldridge, passed by in profound grief. It was a touching scene when Mr. Barnes, who was Mr. Aldridge's "pal" for years, had his farewell look at the body in the casket. Mr. Barnes was visibly shaken.

Numerous persons paused for an instant to say a prayer. Hundreds of others dropped a rosebud at the foot of head of the bier.

### Drapery and Flowers In Corridor.

The corridor of the Court House was a bower of flowers. The people entered the main doorway and passed out at the rear. The skylight was covered with black cloth, greatly subduing the light. The marble columns were covered with black bunting, and from the third floor of the Court House fell black and white bunting, extending to all corners of the rotunda. There were many palms about and on the railings of the first floor were draped the American colors.

Passing in the procession were children who scarcely could look into the casket, but there was no feeling of light heartedness. The young as well as the old seemed to realize that a strong figure had passed the life of I. K. Koeliesler. Everywhere there was a feeling of grief, its genuineness always evident. Household friends, now and then, broke down as they passed the bier.

The city and county employees headed the line in the morning. At noon the postal employees went through. At no time during the day was the line thin or broken. At many times the place was crowded.

### Lines Handled Efficiently.

The police arrangements were admirable. The patrolman, under the direction of Harry J. Bareham, commissioner of public safety, moved the lines along with gentleness. There was no bustling or hustling, yet the lines moved with distillish. A guard of honor of Monroe Commandery, Knights Templar, of which Mr. Aldridge was a member, was always at hand.

John E. Maher, who opposed Mr. Aldridge politically, passed the bier with

te, as did many other political opponents, including one or two with whom Mr. Aldridge had said he would not make up either "on this earth or elsewhere" if he "met them."

At the church and at the bier was John Pallace, formerly undisputed Democratic leader, yet a person holding Mr. Aldridge in the highest esteem. Frederick D. Lamb, Democratic mayoralty candidate last year, also had a place in the line in the Court House and attended the services at the church.

The gray and threatening skies for part of the afternoon did not keep the throngs away. It was all impressive, a tribute to the Rochester leader of men, sleeping forever.

## AS A MARK \*OF RESPECT

Supreme Court Session at Geneseo Adjourned to Monday.

Geneseo, June 30.—Supreme Court, which is in session here was adjourned yesterday afternoon to Monday morning by Justice Benjamin B. Cunningham, who is presiding, as a mark of respect for the memory of George W. Aldridge. The motion that such action be taken was made by Attorney-General Charles L. Newton, of this village. Mr. Newton said, in part:

"We all realize that this loss is not only one for Monroe county and this section of the slate, but throughout the slate and the entire nation, where his counsel has for years been sought and followed."

Justice Cunningham in adjourning court spoke, in part, as follows:

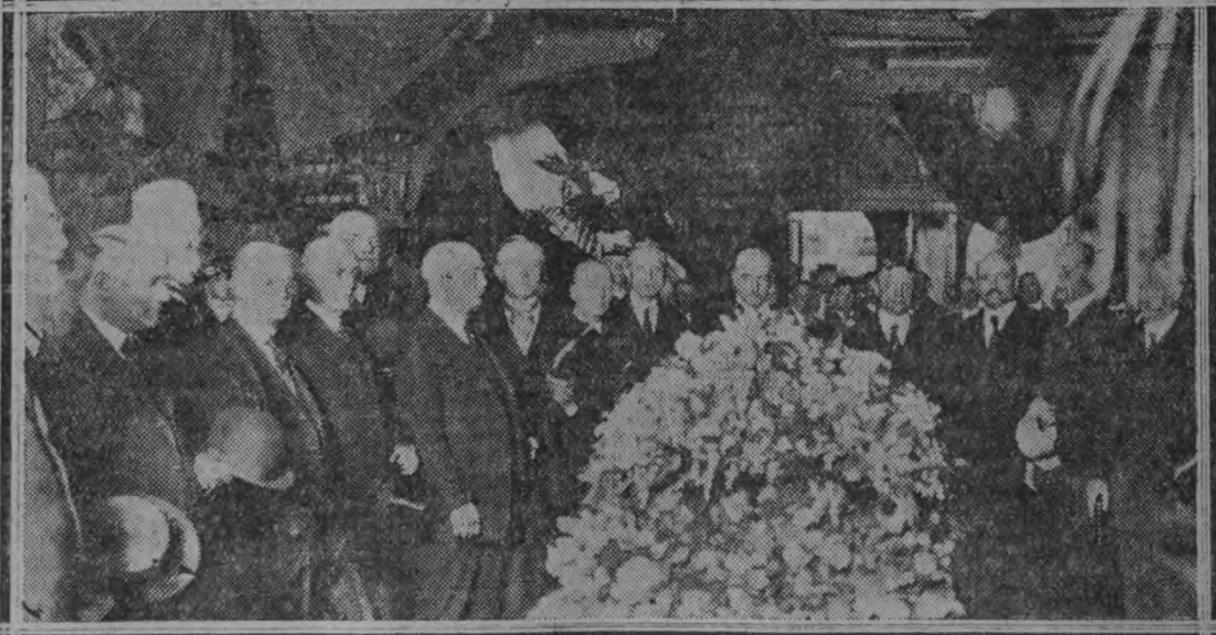
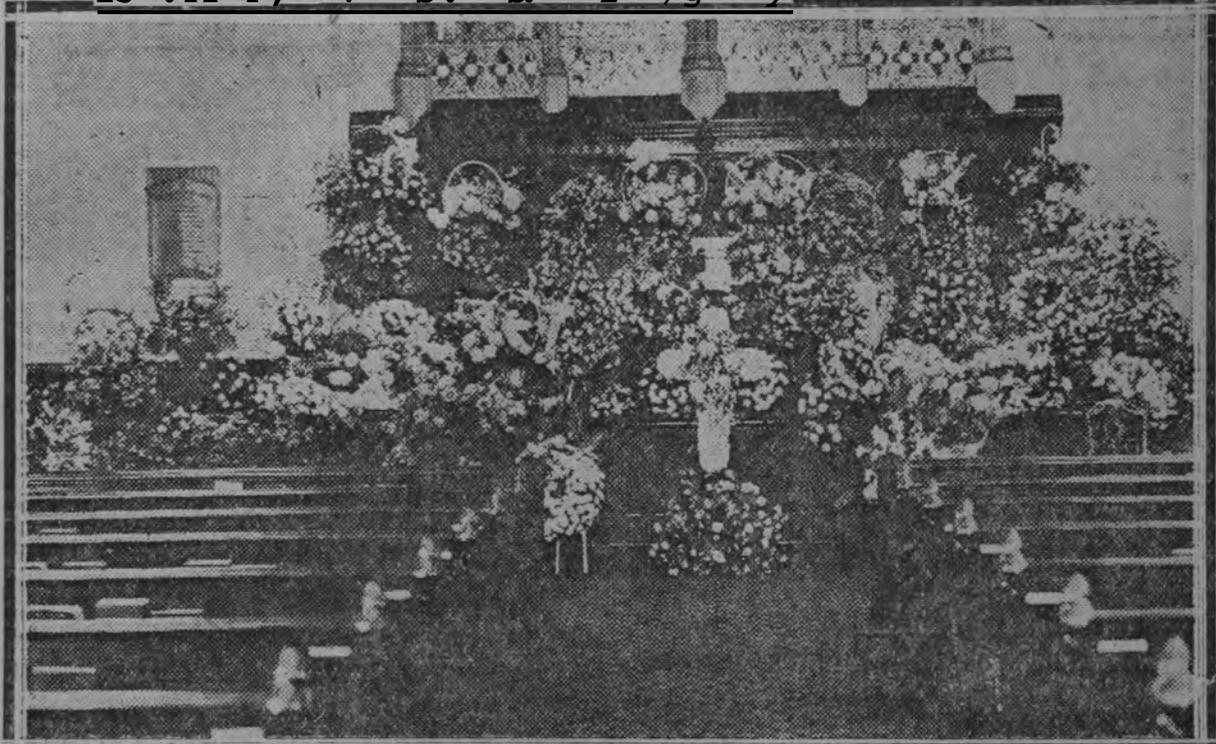
"It is with sorrow and anguish that I mourn the loss of a devoted and loved friend, an able advisor and immediate neighbor. A man filled with kindness for his fellow beings, a man lovable and beloved by his friends and acquaintances. His death is a serious loss, but we do know and believe that the country, the slate and his home city are better for his having lived among us."

### Group from State Hospital.

Doctors, officers, heads of departments and a large number of employees of the State Hospital in South avenue went in a group yesterday afternoon to view the body of Mr. Aldridge in the Court House. With the men connected with the State Hospital was a delegation of old friends of Mr. Aldridge, living in the Fourteenth ward. The group met at 1:30 o'clock in front of the Hotel Rochester. It went to the church and to the cemetery as well as to the Court House.

At Church, atfour House and Bearers with Casket

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Top, masses of flowers in Fir st Presbyterian Church where casket rested. Middle, just before casket was carried from Court House; active and honorary bearers. Bottom, at the church.

# THE ROCHESTER HERALD.

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## THRONGS PAY LAST RESPECTS TO GEORGE ALDRIDGE



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## TO GEORGE ALDRIDGE



# THOUSANDS FILE BY COFFIN AS REMAINS LIE IN STATE IN ROTUNDA OF THE COURT HOUSE

Police Reserves Forced To Clear Way for Funeral Cor-

tege en arrive Later to the Church House

TWO GOVERNORS, U. S. SENATORS AND

OTHER NOTABLE POLITICIANS ARE PRESENT

Mayor Van Zandt and City and County Officials Lead

! Hosts Past Bier and Drop Rosebuds in

Coffin; Church Crowded.

Two United States Senators, the Governor of the greatest state in the Union, a dozen others who stand at the top in the state government and in the Republican party's councils, flanked by scores of lesser officials of the county and city, stood bareheaded yesterday afternoon while the remains of George W. Aldridge were lowered into their rose-lined grave. Under a canopy erected over the Aldridge lot on the sloping Mt. Hope hillside, while the simple funeral service went on, these men acknowledged silently by their presence that a tremendous influence in the moulding of their political destinies had passed out of their lives.

Crowds Everywhere.

The firm, shrewd, deft Monroe County politician who avoided public tributes of his admirers when he was alive, called forth in his death such a demonstration as the city has seldom seen. There were crowds of people everywhere, swarming about the Court House where the body lay in state, pushing, jostling and shoving around. First Presbyterian Church, where simple services took place, lining the streets between the church and the cemetery, and staring silently in dense masses in the cemetery, itself. It is estimated that 10,000 persons passed through the Court House rotunda to get a last—and in hundreds of cases a first—glance at the features of the man who for 35 years has dictated the policies of the county.

Two Governors Present.

Beside the grave stood Governor Miller, conspicuous by his thick gray hair, and a few feet away was former Governor Whitman, both of whom leaned heavily on the Monroe man for political guidance. United States Senator Wadsworth, genial and debonair, stood side by side with his colleague, Senator Calder of the well

groomed face and figure. William L. Ward, millionaire Republican leader of Westchester County, (once characterized by Mr. Aldridge as a man with an unreadable face). George A. Glynn, chairman of the Republican State Committee, Secretary of State John J. Lyons, Lieutenant Governor

Jeremiah Wood, Republican National Committeeman Charles D. Hilles, Attorney General Charles D. Newton, State Engineer Frank M. Williams, State Comptroller William J. Maier, Superintendent of Public Works C. L. Cadle and dozens of others prominent in New York State politics, all were present

Hotchkiss Pays Final Tribute.

Showing unmistakably the heavy strain and weeping silently all through the funeral service, James L. Hotchkiss, chairman of the Republican General Committee, paid his final tribute to his old friend and political mentor. As the bearers were about to take the coffin from the Court House rotunda, and before the undertaker had closed the lid, he dropped a rose on the dead face. The bearers came and carried their heavy burden to the waiting hearse, leaving the litter of rose leaves on the marble floor. As the crowd thinned, George J. Otto, Mr. Aldridge's private secretary for some twenty years past, and almost as familiar a figure in Republican political circles as Mr. Aldridge himself, was observed plucking a handful of the blossoms from the floor before he resumed his endless duties of superintending the funeral arrangements. Not a hitch disturbed the course of the funeral all day and every detail of the plans were carried out with as much fidelity as Mr. Aldridge's own plans were accustomed to move.

Golf Partners Attend.

Besides those mentioned, prominent persons who came from New York and Albany included Ralph A. Day and George W. Sweeney, who, with Mr. Hilles, comprised the golf foursome last Tuesday when Mr. Aldridge fell dead; F. J. H. Kracke, appraiser under the Collector of the Port of New York; State Treasurer N. Monroe Marshall, Samuel S. Koenig, Thomas W. Whittle, Henry Stuart, surveyor of the Port of New York; Elon H. Hooker, Thadden Sweet, Henry Burrell and others.

The New York and Albany delegation arrived on the Empire State press at 4:05 o'clock and was met by Mr. Sweeney, Senator Wadsworth, Mr. Hotchkiss, Mr. Otto, Mr. Cadle, H. Alden Nichols, Mayor Van Zandt, James L. Martin and Job E. He, unsuccessful Republican candidate for Governor in 1912.

Services in connection with the funeral took up the whole day. Early in the morning Mrs. Aldridge said her last farewell to her husband and placed an American Beauty rose in the coffin. Mr. Aldridge's son, George W. Aldridge, jr., pinned a boutonniere on his father's coat lapel, after which P. V. Crittenden, Herbert W. Pierce and Mr. Otto added their quotas of roses. Rev. Dr. Warren S. Stone of First Presbyterian Church made a short prayer, after which Monroe Commandery 12, Knights Templar, which acted as a guard of honor throughout the day, took charge of the coffin.

Thousands View Remains.

All through the day, the people poured through the Court House lobby in a double line, and up to 4:30 o'clock in the afternoon, when the Governor's party arrived through a way cleared for them by the police. One of those who viewed the body was Char-

It was exactly 4.46 o'clock, at the minute planned, when the coffin was carried to the hearse for its Journey to the church. The Court House bell tolled and the people bared their heads as the bearers passed along with their burden. Street car service was stopped as the cortege wound its way to the church through Main Street West to Plymouth Avenue. The crowds filled every vantage spot, but police arrangements were so carefully made there was little crowding and no confusion. Rain threatened, but did not fall. Except for a few tiny showers early in the afternoon the weather was good, although the skies did not clear until sextons had begun the work of filling in the grave.

Police Clear Path.

Eight mounted policemen, sixteen patrolmen and Commissioner of Public Safety Bareham. Inspector Killip and Captain Mehle preceded the hearse to the church. The active bearers followed on foot; then came the honorary bearers, including Governor Miller and former Governor Whitman, side by side, Senators Wadsworth and Calder, George Eastman and James G. Cutler, and others whose names were previously announced. The mourners followed in automobiles.

As the head of the procession reached Plymouth Avenue bridge over the canal, a mechanical piano in a shop on the canal bank burst into a strident clamor, but it was speedily hushed.

The auditorium of the church was only comfortably filled and the public was only admitted to seats at the side. The mourners, bearers and members of the Governor's party, occupied the center of the church. The Sunday school room in the rear had only a scattering of people.

The funeral services were short. As the coffin was carried in, the big organ played softly and the congregation stood. Dr. Stone read a passage from the Scripture—"I am the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord," following with the Lord's Prayer, in which those present joined. George F. Frank sang "Lead, Kindly Light," after which Dr. Stone read another biblical passage, concluding. "The Lord gave, the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord." A prayer and the singing of "Crossing the Bar," by Mrs. C. A. Howland, completed the service. George Barlow Penny was organist.

Democrats at Service,

Among those at the church were John Paliace, Collector of the Port of Rochester; United States Attorney John I. ... Fredrick ... Lamb, Democratic candidate for Mayor last year. A number of other prominent Democrats also were present.

The head of the coffin as it stood in the church, with a big basket of flowers presented by P. v. Crittenden, in the center another floral basket to the Governor. At the foot was a third offering from Henry Kunz, superintendent of the Hemlock Lake watershed, and the man to whom Mr. Aldridge attributed his close connection with former Governor Whitman. It was Mrs. Aldridge's express request that these three floral pieces were placed about the coffin. The altar of the church was banked with many flowers, and the air was heavy with their fragrance.

The service was completed and was assisted to her automobile by her son, George Aldridge, Jr., Edith Hunt Aldridge; her mother, Mrs. Stevenson, maid at Mr. Aldridge's home; Mrs. Aldridge's young daughter; Mrs. Aldridge's caddy, came running back almost immediately. That Mr. Aldridge showed Mr. Sweeney with the caddy was down in the street. They hurried to the prostrate figure.

The funeral services at the grave were in charge of Yonnonadio Lodge, F. and A. M., with Isaac Briekner, master, officiating. The flowers arrived first

bearing the heavy coffin up the hill with difficulty. Mr. Barnes was nearly exhausted just before the grave was reached, and the other bearers were showing the strain. As they neared the top of the grade, it seemed as if the strain would be too much for them, but the undertaker grasped the front and the rest of the trip was made without difficulty. The bearers had a hard task getting a grip for their feet in the shale path, and the oak coffin, enclosed in one of slate, was no light weight.

Masonic Burial Service.

Chairs were arranged around the grave for the immediate family, and the bearers grouped themselves at the east of the Aldridge lot. While the nearby fountain splashed merrily, and a mother on the hillside hushed her fretful child, Mr. Briekner repeated the impressive Masonic service, after which Dr. Stone gave a short prayer. The mortal remains of Mr. Aldridge then disappeared slowly into the flower-lined vault. The new grave is just at the foot of the grave of Mr. Aldridge's father, who died in 1877. A distant church bell tolled while the funeral procession approached the lot.

A battery of photographers and moving picture men were busy while the service was said, and while the coffin was being carried up the hill. Movie men were busy all day, taking pictures of the crowds and various phases of the funeral.

Additional honorary bearers who were added to the previously published list officiated as follows: Thomas J. Swanton, Edward Shaughnessy, James F. Hamilton, E. Hedgee and Joseph C. ... Ushers at the church included James Johnston, once a political opponent of Mr. Aldridge who later became a firm friend and who acted as usher; John R. Powers, Draper, Charles P. Howe, George Dake, Max L. Holtz, Roy P. Gall, Andrew Wiedenmann, Than Walbridge, Samuel K. Parry, James H. Hanna, Albert M. Flannery, Roy C. Kates, Clarence M. Curtis W. Barker, Walter S. G. W. i. Bunit, E. C. Redfern, Fied Hacker, B. C. Widman, James P. Duffy, George Herzberger, Fran Jameson and James P. O'Connell

Former Rochester Hotel Man, Partner of Mr. Aldridge in Fatal Foursome, Comes from New York City for Funeral

One of the first of the New York men who attended George W. Aldridge's funeral to reach the city yesterday was George W. Sweeney, manager of the Hotel Commodore in New York City, and Mr. Aldridge's golf partner in the fatal foursome at Rye last Tuesday. Mr. Sweeney was once a Rochesterian and ran the old Livingston Hotel, where the Exchange Street branch of the Lincoln Alliance Bank stands. He also operated the Ontario Beach Hotel at one time. He left here 22 years ago.

Mr. Sweeney told how Mr. Aldridge, was in excellent spirits at the good funeral he was displaying Mr. Aldridge drove first from the ninth tee and Mr. Sweeney followed into the rough. He started in one direction after his caddy, while Mr. Aldridge followed his youngster down the fairway. Aldridge's caddy came running back almost immediately. That Mr. Aldridge showed Mr. Sweeney with the caddy was down in the street. They hurried to the prostrate figure.

Mr. Sweeney's caddy was a Boy Scout of experience. He held Mr. Aldridge's tongue and attempted artificial respiration. His efforts were of no avail. They carried him to Mr. Sweeney's automobile and from there to the Rye mortuary.

Physicians, who examined Mr. Aldridge, said death had come almost immediately. Mr. Aldridge's friend of Mr. Aldridge who met the Governor was Job I. Hodges, Republican candidate for Governor in 1912. He was defeated by William Sulzer, the Democratic candidate. There were three candidates in the hold that year New York City. Straum said he said he had known Mr. Aldridge for many years anything except honorable and upright.

Senator William M. Calder said he spent many hours with Mr. Aldridge before he died. He said, and found the Monroe County man in high spirits, and apparently the best of health. Senator Calder had noth say of his own politics or fortunes.



# HOTCHKISS IS SUCCESSOR TO MR. ALDRIDGE

*Herald*

## Republican Politicians Ex- pect County Machine Will Still Run.

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Before leaving Rochester yesterday, George A. Glynn, chairman of the Republican State Committee, said he would appoint James L. Hotchkiss, chairman of the Republican general committee, to executive committee of the state committee at an early date, to fill the place made vacant by the death of George W. Aldridge. Mr. Hotchkiss is a member of the state committee from the Second Monroe District.

Mr. Glynn and other Republican politicians intimated that the coming appointment would carry with it the Republican leadership of Monroe County. In order to prevent Republican political chaos in the county, the Republican leaders are anxious that the various lesser powers in this county get in behind some successor to Mr. Aldridge as soon as possible, and there seemed to be no doubt in the minds of Mr. Glynn and others that Mr. Hotchkiss was the logical man. Because of his close association with Aldridge for many years and his familiarity with his methods of guiding the party destinies, the Republican politicians believe the political situation will remain unchanged for a while under Mr. Hotchkiss.

Mr. Glynn left Rochester for Syracuse at 6:35 o'clock.

After the funeral, Governor Miller dined with Mr. Hotchkiss, Superintendent of Public Works C. L. Cadle and William L. Ward, Westchester County Republican leader, at the Rochester Club. The Governor had nothing to say about his candidacy. As to the local situation, he said, he expected matters to continue as they had under Mr. Aldridge, with Mr. Hotchkiss directing activities. Mr. Ward and Mr. Cadle were confident that nothing disastrous impended over Monroe County Republicanism and that the organization built up by Mr. Aldridge would continue to function smoothly under direction of his old companion.

The Governor, Senators Wadsworth and Calder and other members of the New York and Albany delegations, left Rochester last night on the 9:40 train. The Governor will go to Lake George.

The Republican state committee will meet probably before July 16 to decide on the date and place of the state convention. There is a possibility the convention may come to Rochester. Vacancies in the committee, one of which was caused by the death of Mr. Aldridge, probably will not be filled at the meeting, and most likely will be left open until the party primary.

So far as Monroe County is concerned, Republican politicians say they are not looking for extraordinary activity until early August. The Supervisors' picnic will take place, according to precedent, August 8. It is the custom to announce candidates at

## POSTMASTER SUGGESTION OF ALDRIDGE

As a mark of respect for George W. Aldridge a plan was instituted at the Rochester Postoffice yesterday morning by Postmaster John D. Mullan in following with a suggestion made by Mr. Aldridge on the occasion of his last visit to the postoffice in the Federal Building.

Mr. Aldridge at that time said that in the New York postoffice he had noticed that in following with a plan common in banks and many manufacturing plant offices, cards or plates bearing the name of the clerk stationed at a particular window or desk, are displayed for the benefit of patrons of the office, and he thought the plan a good one to follow. Consequently yesterday, at the Rochester postoffice stations, all stamp, money order, parcel and general information windows bore a card giving the name of the clerk on duty at the window. Mr. Mullan said yesterday that it is his intention to have permanent receptacles placed over each window the display of name plates.

### GEORGE W. ALDRIDGE.

Memorial by Union League Club.

The Union League Republican Club of Rochester, deeply regretting its loss occasioned by the death of its highly valued member, Honorable George W. Aldridge, does hereby express its sincere sorrow; and extends its heartfelt sympathy to his bereaved family. The wise counsel, fatherly kindness and material assistance received from our lamented leader, will ever be treasured with grateful remembrance by this organization.

As a public servant, his superior judgment and keen perceptibility, coupled with patriotic purpose and courageous action, earned him the confidence and respect of the people of Monroe County, the City of Rochester, and the State of New York.

He had courage and fortitude and perseverance beyond the majority of mankind; while the current of his actions was pervaded by an unceasing flow of courtesy and deferential demeanor that won him the esteem and confidence of all with whom he had intercourse. Living, he was an important factor in the development of industry, education and all the progressive elements of civilization; dying, he leaves an unbroken record of spotless integrity chiseled into imperishable existence by the industry of his own head and hands and the rectitude of his own heart. He stood up in the dignity of a heart resting on righteousness, and with a faith that never faltered, coupled with consummate skill, he lived and labored a master among men.

Written on the tablets of enduring memory; unnumbered deeds of love and tenderness we find which speak of his eternal worth; while round our hearts a thousand fond associations cling-roused by the spirit of his memory.

The Union League Republican Club mourns its honored dead. Therefore, be it resolved that its action be made public through the press—a copy conveyed to his bereaved family—and a copy inscribed on the record book of our organization, also that his portrait be draped in mourning.

## O.S. APPRAISERS /f»-J

### PASS RESOLUTION

*Herald*  
ON G. W. ALDRIDGE

Resolutions on the death of George W. Aldridge were introduced in the Board of United States General Appraisers, which met a day or two ago in New York City. Assistant U. S. Attorney General W. W. ... introduced the resolution, and some remarks were made by General Appraiser I. F. Fischer, who has been a friend of Mr. Aldridge for 34 years.

Now that Mr. Aldridge's death is generally acknowledged that he was a Republican leader in the state, there is some discussion among Republican politicians as to who shall succeed him. County Chairman James L. Hotchkiss will be heard in the party in the county, but the state mantle will descend upon other shoulders. Some seem to think it will be Senator James W. Wadsworth, whose home is in Genesee County and who already has had quite a lot to say about Republican affairs in the state. Politics was the dominant passion of Mr. Aldridge's life; but it is asserted on pretty reliable authority that he had a liking for poetry and even tried to write it. There will be many who recall his quoting Tom Moore's poem which begins, "Let fate do her worst; there are relics of joy— on the sixtieth anniversary of his birth at the annual dinner of the Board of Supervisors in Powers Hotel. There were many politicians present who thought they knew him, but he appeared in a new light to them that evening. However, they understood him when he remarked, "We've few hurdles to jump together, boys."

THRONGS PAY LAST RESPECTS TO GEORGE ALDRIDGE

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Crowds in Front of First Presbyterian Church

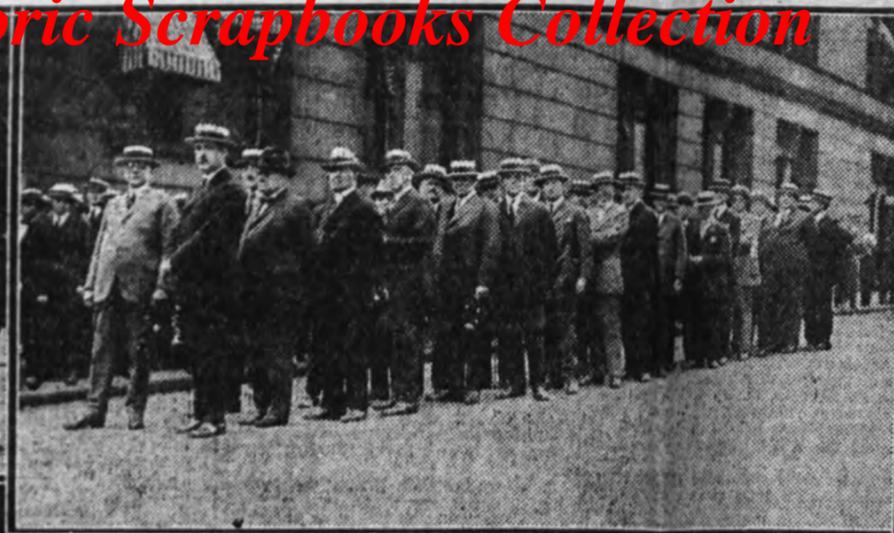
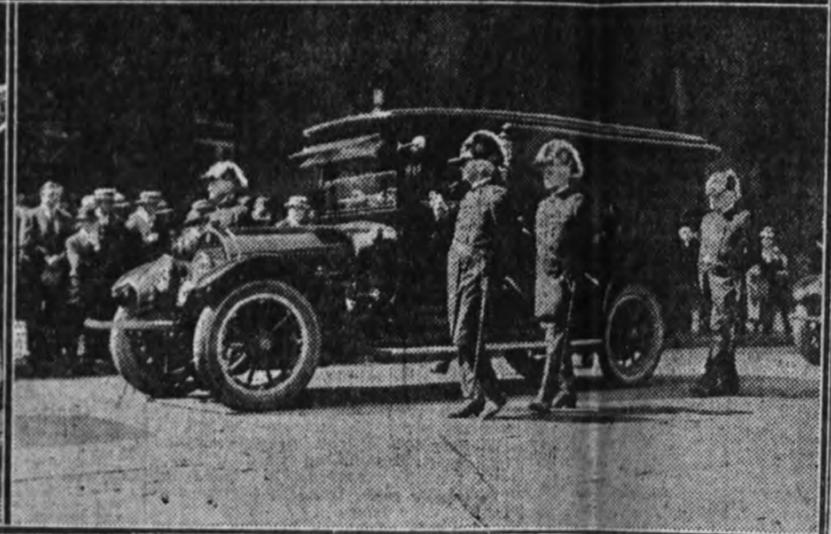


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Upper left—City employes waiting in Filhugh Street to view the remains, even before the coffin had been placed in the Court House.

Upper right—MAYOR VAN ZANDEL and his secretary, ALBERT FLANNERY, led the city officials who first passed by the bier.

Middle left—Knights Templar bring the casket from the hearse to the Court House through a lane of arched swords.

Middle right—Guard of honor, composed of Sir Knights of Monroe Commandery 12, K. T., accompanying hearse from Aldridge home to Court House.

Lower center—Hearse passing through guard of honor just before reaching the Court House.

Poem Best Loved 'Z,  
by Aldridge Has

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That the late George W. Aldridge was overflowing with sentiment, is evidenced from the following lines penned recently to Mr. J. O. Kalbfleisch, a friend of the Republican leader in boyhood days:

You are growing old they tell us, every year;  
You are more alone they tell us, every year.  
You can win no new affection,  
You have only recollection,  
Deeper sorrow and dejection, every year.  
There come new cares and sorrows,  
every year.  
Darker days and darker morrows,  
every year.  
The ghosts of dead loves haunt us,  
The ghosts of changed friends taunt us.  
And disappointments daunt us, every year.  
'Tis true, life's shores are shifting every year.  
And we are seaward drifting, every year.  
Old places changing fret us,  
The living more forget us,  
There are fewer to regret us, every year.  
But the truer life draws nigher, every year.  
And its morning star climbs higher,  
every year.  
Karth's hold on us grows slighter  
And the heavy burdens lighter,  
And the dawn immortal brighter, every year.

Crowds in Front of First Presbyterian Church



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*Much Sentiment*  
*Herald June 18*

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The Last Gathering at the Bier of "The Chief"



Left to right—Judge William W. Webb; George Eastman; P. V. Crittenden; J. J. Hickey; Francis B. Mitchell; William Bausch; William L. Ward; Charles S. Whitman, former mayor; William M. T. Miller, former state senator; James W. Wadsworth, Jr., United States senator; Governor Nathan L. Miller; Corone Thomas A. Killip; Mayor Charles W. Van Zandt; John A. Stapleton; James L. Hotchkiss, county chairman; Simon Stein; Charles S. Rauber; James F. Hamilton, president New York State railways; Arthur C. Wilson, city comptroller.

Flower covered grave of George W. Aldridge Rests



Flower covered grave in Mt. Hope cemetery.

MUNICIPAL MUSEUM  
ROCHESTER, N. Y.

*Where the Body of George W. Aldridge Rests*



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A. Killip; Mayor  
New York State railways;

MUNICIPAL MUSEUM  
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# TRIBUTE OF THOUSANDS! TO J-EADER J

Last Rites Over Body of  
George W. Aldridge

NATIONAL MEN PRESENT

Hundreds Unable to Gain Access  
to the Church.

Streets Traversed by the Cortege to Mt.  
Hope Cemetery Crowded with  
mourning Citizens.

With ceremonies befitting one who has occupied the highest place in the esteem of his civic neighbors and his political friends and opponents, the body of George W. Aldridge was lowered into the rose-lined grave in the family plot in Mount Hope cemetery late yesterday afternoon.

From 9 o'clock yesterday morning until 4.30 o'clock in the afternoon, when the body was removed to be taken on its last journey, thousands filed past the body as it lay in state in the rotunda of the Court house. Many had obtained rosebuds before entering and these were laid on the bier. The idea apparently occurred to the minds of the mourners spontaneously, with the result that before the last one had passed the casket was covered with (he crimson-hued blossoms, until they overflowed and fell to the floor about the catafalque.

Arrival of the Governor.

A short time before the body was removed from the Court house a delegation was sent to the New York Central station to greet Governor Nathan L. Miller and other prominent state officials who came to pay their respects to the departed leader. George W. Glynn, chairman of the Republican state committee, also was one of the party. In the delegation to greet the Governor were United States Senator James W. Wadsworth, James L. Hotchkiss, Mayor Van Zandt, Charles L. Cadle, state superintendent of public works; Edwin A. Fisher, superintendent of city planning; LeGrand Brown, deputy city engineer; George W. Sweeney, of New York city, George Otto. H. Alden Nichols, I commissioner of elections, James B. Martin, New Turk Central passenger agent, and Job E. Hedges, candidate for governor in 1912 and long a personal friend of Mr. Aldridge.

During the trip to the Court house and the ascent to the rotunda scarcely a word was spoken but all seemed wrapped up in the one thought. No sound, with the exception of the faint breathing and shuffling feet, was heard as the men filed past the casket and paid their tribute to the man who had done so much for many of them in the positions they occupied. It was the most they could do to show their gratitude and respect.

## Blanket of Roses.

After viewing the body the visiting officials passed into the the Surogate's court room, where the active and honorary bearers were gathered. When the casket was closed, an immense blanket of roses, a token of respect and affection from Mr. Aldridge's associates in the Custom house, was spread over the bier. The burden of carrying their departed friend to his last resting place was then taken up by the active bearers, who consisted of Mr. Hotchkiss, Charles R. Barnes, Charles L. Cadle, Herbert W. Pierce, Charles T. Chapin, Judge Willis K. Gillette, William H. Craig and William S. Riley.

As the cortege moved from the Court house, the bell of the City hall began to toll. Thousands gathered in the streets; with heads bared, as the body was lifted into the hearse. The cortege passed through a file of policemen standing at attention, while the active bearers fell in immediately behind the hearse.

Following them came the honorary bearers, headed by Governor Miller and former Governor Charles S. Whitman. Behind them came United States Senators Calder and Wadsworth. Then William L. Ward and Charles D. Hilles, national committeeman of New York, and George Eastman and James G. Cutler. Other honorary bearers were Pharcellus V. Crittenden, Mayor Van Zandt, George A. Glynn, Ralph A. Day, George W. Sweeney, Jeremiah G. Hickey, George F. Argetsinger, Adolph J. Rodenbeck, Charles H. Wiltsie, Simon N. Stein, Charles O. Rauber, Francis B. Mitchell, Dr. John A. Stapleton, Allan C. Ross, Thomas A. Killip, William Bausch, Thomas J. Swanton, Edward Shaughnessy, James F. Hamilton, Dr. Philip Conboy, Job E. Hedges and Joseph C. Wilson.

## Prominent Democrats Present.

The line passed up Main street to Plymouth avenue and continued to First Presbyterian church at Spring street. Here a large number of people, unable to gain admittance to the Interior of the church which was already crowded, had gathered. Perfect order was preserved by the mounted policemen at the head of the cortege. Inside the edifice the ceremonies conducted by Rev. Dr. Warren S. Stone, pastor of the church, were simple, according to the desire of the departed expressed some time before his death. Dr. Stone led in prayer and then read from the Scripture. There was a solo, "Lead Kindly Light," by George R. Frank, and another, "Crossing the Bar," by Mrs. C. A. Howland. George Barlow Penny was at the organ.

James Johnson was chief usher. Assisting him were Andrew Wledemann, Albert M. Flannery, Clarence M. Piatt, Roy C. Kates, Walter S. Green, Curtis W. Barker, William I. Burritt, Edwin C. Redfern, Fred Hacker, Edwin C. Widman, James P. B. Duffy, Charles F. Howe, George Herzberger, Franklin W. Judson, Edgar P. Edwards, William T. Plumb, Arthur Jameson, James P. O'Connor,

George Van Dake, John R. Powers, George B. Draper, Max L. Holtz, Roy P. Galligan, Thomas Martell, E. N. Walbridge, Samuel R. Parry, James H. Hanna, Lewis R. Decker and Charles W. Denniston.

Significant of the esteem in which even his political enemies held him was the fact that prominent Democrats were present. Among them were John Pallace, collector of the port of Rochester; United States Marshal John D. Lynn and Frederick D. Lamb.

At the Grave.

At the conclusion of the ceremonies, the procession moved in automobiles towards Mr. Hope cemetery. All along the route followed those who had waited for the cortege, some of them many hours, and their heads as the hearse passed. A space around the grave at the cemetery was roped off to define the limits of the approach of those who had congregated there to witness the final ceremonies. A large canopy had been spread over the roped area, under which six chairs had been placed for the members of the immediate family. Most of the flowers had been sent to the cemetery, so that when the procession arrived, the grave was surrounded by a semi-circle of color.

Masonic services at the grave were conducted by Isaac M. Brickner, master of Yonondio lodge, assisted by about fifty members. The services were eminently successful. With B. player by Isaac Stone. As the coffin was lowered into the grave, each brother of the Masonic order stepped forward and deposited a green sprig upon the bier, with the ritualistic farewell, "I lay My Brother."

The grave is situated just inside the Mount Hope avenue entrance to the cemetery, and at the front of the two mounds which contain the remains of Mr. Aldridge's mother and father.

Throughout the course of the trying day Mrs. Aldridge and the son, George W. Aldridge, Jr., bore up bravely under their bereavement. Former Mayor Hiram M. Edgerton was so affected while viewing the body lying in state in the Court house that he was unable to leave his home to attend the funeral. He was named to have acted as honorary bearer.

# HOWARD RUNS TRUE TO FORM ON PUBLICITY

IS ONE DISCORDANT NOTE IN  
CHORUS OF TRIBUTES TO  
DEAD LEADER.

## CHANGES NEWSPAPER HEADING

From "Praises" to "Designates" and  
Also Takes a Flyer on the  
Dry Law.

The one discordant note in all the tribute of nation and state to the memory of George W. Aldridge came to-day from Clinton N. Howard, who for the want of something more appropriate advertises himself outside of Rochester, as "Chairman of the World Peace Commission."

Howard stopped off in Albany Thursday evening and had himself well interviewed. The morning after, the Albany "Knickerbocker Press" told of his visit to his son at the Rensselaer Polytechnic institute, and then quoted him on political bosses. In the headlines of the interview there appeared a section reading:

"Howard Visits Son in R. P. I. Senior Class and Praises George W. Aldridge."

In the clipping received to-day by The Post Express, the words "and Praises," were marked off and written above were the words "Designates" and "Superlative Boss," to make the heading read:

"Howard Visits Son in R. P. I. Senior Class, Designates George W. Aldridge Superlative Boss," the words "Designates" and "Superlative Boss" were in a handwriting identical with other writing by Howard on file in The Post Express office.

In the Albany newspaper article where it read that Mr. Howard "gave high praise to George W. Aldridge," the words "gave high praise" were blackened out by penciling and below was written: "asked for an opinion of."

### The Story-

The complete article as it appeared in the Albany newspaper was as follows:

Clinton N. Howard of Rochester, chairman of the world peace commission, stopped in Albany last night on his way to Indianapolis where he will address the Northern Baptist convention Sunday on world peace. Mr. Howard made a hasty trip to Troy to visit his son, Neal D. Howard, who will be graduated to-day at the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, of which he is student marshal. He left for Indianapolis at midnight.

Mr. Howard, who is chairman of the Rochester Temperance federation, (here the words "gave high praise" were deleted in pencil to George W. Aldridge's Republican chairman of Rochester who has just died.

The only criticism he could make of what he called Mr. Aldridge's "municipal autocracy" in Rochester. Mr. Howard said, was the failure of the city administration there to enforce the prohibition amendment.

"I believe in political organizations," he said. "Organization is essential to success in every human activity. It must have some recognized head. In politics this head is designated as the boss.

"There are two kinds of bosses. good bosses and bad bosses.

"Mr. Aldridge belonged to the first designation. On the whole he gave the city of Rochester a good administration. Never in all my thirty years of residence in Rochester have I criticized any public department or Mr. Aldridge's connection therewith, except in one place, where his administration was inefficient and weak—the enforcement of the liquor law.

"In every other respect as to efficient and progressive municipal government, as compared with other large cities. Rochester stands in a class by itself. Nevertheless the day of municipal autocracy, government under the domination of an absolute boss, whether good or bad, is foreign and contrary to the principles of American democracy and is destined to pass away in Rochester with death of its superlative political representative. Mr. Aldridge."

# HOTCHKISS IS AGREED ON AS PARTY LEADER

GENERAL DEMAND THAT HE SUCCEED MR. ALDRIDGE AS REPUBLICAN STANDARD BEARER.

## TALKS BY THE LIEUTENANTS

Call for a Meeting of the County Committee Will be Made Soon in Tenth Ward.

Monroe county's Republican organization will carry on, and to James L. Hotchkiss the district leaders will accord the political recognition that belonged to George W. Aldridge.

That Mr. Hotchkiss, chairman of the county committee, would have his recognition of sine leaders was indicated in his advancement to membership in the executive committee to fill the place vacated by Mr. Aldridge, which was announced by George A. Glynn, state chairman, before he departed with Governor Nathan L. Miller, after the Aldridge funeral.

Mr. Aldridge was to have been leader of the state in the next gubernatorial campaign and had about completed a program for the nomination of Governor Miller. Whether Governor Miller will consent to be a candidate has yet to be said by him. His statement to local district leaders last night that it was up to them to carry on their organization in all the power that had been built for it by Mr. Aldridge was taken as significant of a definite announcement in the near future.

### The Logical Leader.

Governor Miller was with State Chairman Glynn, Senator William M. Calder and Job Hedges, national committeemen, in agreeing that Mr. Hotchkiss was the logical leader of the Republicans of Monroe.

All the Rochester lieutenants of the late leader were of the one opinion that there would not be a dissenter from the suggestion that Mr. Hotchkiss be recognized as the leader.

"There is nothing to it," said Andrew Weidenmann from the Fifteenth ward, "Mr. Hotchkiss has been the active man on the job for seven or eight years and is the logical man to direct the organization."

"I guess it is understood all around that Mr. Hotchkiss is the man and he will only have to do what he has been doing for some time. The boys have been seeing 'Jim' in a long line every time I have been in his office," said William H. Craig, long known as leader of the Fourth ward, and one of the most powerful of the Aldridge lieutenants.

"If the organization as built up by Mr. Aldridge was good enough for all the boys and for the welfare of the city, why shouldn't it go on. Of course Mr. Hotchkiss will be the recognized leader," said Herbert W. Pierce, who with Mr. Aldridge gone and Charles S. Owen about to remove to the Tenth ward will be the leader of the Third ward.

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Dr. Thomas A. Killip of the Seventh ward, and always of the inner councils of the organization when asked if he favored Mr. Hotchkiss, smiled:

"That's the surest thing in the world. Mr. Aldridge did not raise his soldiers to travel in different directions and the organization will be as closely knit as ever."

Joseph C. Wilcox, city comptroller and admitted to be most learned in the city as well as city taxes, to say nothing of being a recognized authority on taxation, in the Millie, said (that he favored Mr. Hotchkiss, and considered him the party leader from the time of Mr. Aldridge's death. Mr. Wilson had been suggested as a possible successor to Mr. Aldridge.

The lieutenants interviewed come from battlegrounds upon which the outcome of many campaigns have been determined. Mr. Hotchkiss, himself, is leader of the Sixth ward and an influence in the Twelfth, always a strong Republican territory.

The Tenth ward head, Harry Rupert was named to head the Republican regulars after Charles E. "Chip" Bostwick had been "ruled out," at one time was a contributor of record Republican pluralities. Just what would come about there was a question. The lieutenants were of the opinion that anything like a programme started by Mr. Aldridge would be carried out, and Bostwick would have to stay without the fold.

### County Comm. Meeting

A call for a meeting of the Monroe county committee is contemplated for the near future, and once all the members are assembled, prominent Republican orators of the organization will bring home with emphasis the necessity of united action.

Immediately after the Aldridge funeral last evening Senator James W. Wadsworth, Jr., left for Washington. Mullying officials were in conference with Governor Miller at a dinner given by Mr. Hotchkiss at the Rochester Club. William I. Ward, Westchester leader; George Greiner, Erie county leader; Charles S. Whitman, former gov.-i among those present.

# Prominent Men Of State And Nation Attend Last Services For Mr. Aldridge

Governor Miller, United States Senators and Congressmen Pay Silent Tribute to Departed Leader—Thousands Throng in and About First Presbyterian Church While Route to Cemetery Is Lined With Silent Mourners—Buried With Masonic

Rites in Mt. Hope Cemetery.

*Princess Lesson June 17-1922*

The funeral of Mr. Aldridge is a common sorrow, hundreds of men of prominence, including Governor Nathan L. Miller, former Governor Charles S. Whitman, United States Senators James W. Wadsworth and William M. Calder and Congressmen Archie D. Sanders and William L. Hill, attended the funeral of George W. Aldridge which was held at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon from the First Presbyterian church at Plymouth avenue and Spring street.

Governor Miller and the majority of those from out of town, who attended the funeral, arrived in Rochester at about 4 o'clock and were escorted to the Court House where they viewed the body, after which they joined the group of honorary bearers in the Surrogate's court. Governor Miller and former Governor Charles S. Whitman led the men who marched in the funeral procession from the Court House to First Presbyterian church and immediately following them came United States Senators James W. Wadsworth and William M. Calder. Congressman Archie D. Sanders was among the honorary hearers which included practically all the well known Republican chiefs who came from New York on the Empire State Express to attend the services.

Under orders from Commissioner of Public Safety Bareham, traffic in Main street west, between the Four Corners and Plymouth avenue, was suspended during the time the cortege was moving through Main street and all traffic was suspended in Plymouth avenue, between the canal bridge and Troup street while the services were in progress in the church. The Rev. Warren Sage Stone met the funeral procession at the door of the church and preceded the active bearers with the casket down the center aisle to the altar.

Except for the pews reserved for the relatives and the honorary and active bearers and city officials, the auditorium of the church was filled long before the services were begun. After Mrs. Aldridge and her son and other relatives had arrived the Rev. Mr. Stone offered up a prayer, George F. Frank sang "Lead, Kindly Light," the minister then read from Scripture, Mrs. C. A. Howland sang "Crossing the Bar," and after another brief prayer by Mr. Stone the funeral procession passed on to the Mt. Hope Cemetery where the Masonic burial service was conducted by the officers of Yonnonadio lodge, F. & A. M. Governor Miller, former Governor Charles Whitman, Senators Wadsworth and Calder, William L. Ward, of Westchester county, Charles D. Hilles, George W. Sweeney, George A. Glynn and other men of prominence from down the state went to the cemetery and attended the interment, remaining in Rochester until 9:40 o'clock last night when they boarded a New York train.

In First Church was a solid mass of flowers, hundreds of beautiful set pieces having been sent despite the request of the family that flowers be omitted. The casket was covered with the rose blanket sent by the employees of Mr. Aldridge's office in New York city and on it, as it was carried into the church, were placed baskets of roses sent by Governor Miller and P. V. Crittenden and a floral piece sent by Henry A. Kunze, superintendent at the Hemlock watershed, with whom Mr. Aldridge visited and dined on the occasion of his last visit here little more than a week ago. John Pallace, collector of the port of Rochester; United States Marshal John D. Llynn and Frederick D. Lamb, all prominently identified with the Democratic party, were among those who visited the church to pay their final respects to Mr. Aldridge.

Among the men from out of town were Elon Hooker, Frank M. Williams, state engineer; Thomas Fennell, judge of the Court of Claims; Thaddeus Sweet, ex-speaker of the Assembly; ex-Governor Horace White of Syracuse; Thomas Whittel, surveyor of the Port of New York; Lafayette Gleason, clerk of the Senate; John J. Lyons, secretary of state; Samuel Koenig, chairman of the Republican Committee of New York county; William J. Maier, state comptroller; Jeremiah Wood, lieutenant governor; John Woodward, former justice of the Appellate Division; Adelbert P. Rich, Appellate Division justice; State Senator Clayton R. Lusk, Cortland; Deputy Attorney-General Frank M. Cook, Public Service Commissioner Charles Van Voorhis; Congressman William L. Hill of Pinghamton; Attorney-General James J. O'Connell of Oneida; state Treasurer N. Monroe Marshall; Fred Orin, Republican leader of Erie county and State Senator Charles J. Hewitt.

George W. Benham, former warden of Auburn Prison and now a member of the state parole board, motored to Rochester with Fire Chief Edward Jewhurst, City Treasurer Frank Eldredge and George Penlard of Auburn. Mr. Benham is Republican leader of Cayuga county and he and Mr. Aldridge had been close friends for years. Chief Jewhurst also was a great friend of the Monroe leader. Mr. Aldridge in his early years had been an enthusiastic fire fighter and Mr. Benham said yesterday that one of the greatest pleasures the Rochester man had won never he visited Auburn was when he had sought out Chief Jewhurst and recalled old fire fighting experiences with him.

Thousands of persons thronged the street in front of First Presbyterian Church before, during and after the funeral and thousands of others were lined up in front of the court house

and along Main street west, while there was an immense crowd at the cemetery, all standing by silently until after the Rev. Mr. Stone had said the final prayer over the casket and the mourners had turned away from the "silent city."

During the time the body was being removed from the Court House to the church the City Hall bell was tolled, its solemn clanging carrying notes of sorrow to all parts of Rochester.

Additional resolutions of sympathy and esteem have been adopted by the Board of Supervisors, the Board of Education, the executive committee of the Monroe County Republican committee and the Union League Club. The expression of sympathy adopted by the latter organization reads:

The Union League Republican Club of Rochester, deeply regretting its loss occasioned by the death of its highly valued member. Honorable George W. Aldridge, does hereby express its sincere sorrow; and extends its heartfelt sympathy to his bereaved family. The wise counsel, fatherly kindness and material assistance received from our lamented leader, will ever be treasured with grateful remembrance by this organization.

As a public servant, his superior judgment and keen perceptibility, coupled with patriotic purpose and courageous action, earned him the confidence and respect of the people of Mondoe county, the city of Rochester and the state of New York.

He had courage and fortitude and perseverance beyond the majority of mankind; while the current of his actions was pervaded by an unceasing flow of courtesy and deferential demeanor that won him the esteem and confidence of all with whom he had intercourse. Living, he was an important factor in the development of industry, education and all the progressive elements of civilization; dying, he leaves an unbroken record of spotless integrity chiseled into imperishable existence by the industry of his own hand and hands and the rectitude of his own heart. He stood up in the dignity of a heart resting on never faltered, coupled with conscientiousness, and with a faith that mate skill, he lived and labored a trustee among men.

Written on the tablets of enduring memory; unnumbered deeds of love and tenderness we find which speak of his eternal worth; while round our hearts a thousand fond associations cling—roused by the spirit of his memory.

The Union League Republican Club mourns its honored dead. Therefore, be it resolved that its action be made public through the press—a copy conveyed to his bereaved family—and a copy inscribed on the record book of our organization, also that his portrait be draped in mourning.

At a term of Supreme court in Genesee yesterday Justice B. B. Cunningham adjourned court out of respect to Mr. Aldridge and paid a tribute to his memory.

### 'He Could Be Depended Upon'

(Editorial in Elmira Star-Gazette.)

A singularly astute and remarkably successful political leader was the late George W. Aldridge. For forty years he had been a conspicuous figure in the political and social life of Monroe county, and during latter years his influence had been felt even in the national councils of the Republican party.

An editorial comment in his home city of Rochester reveals the secret of that unique success, a leadership of such long tenure that it made him "almost the equivalent of a feudal lord." The reason was, "He could be depended upon. He was a staunch friend, a man who made no empty promises but carried out what he agreed to do."

He was ever on the alert to find young men of ability and to aid them in emerging from obscurity to fame and affluence. Many a man has had Aldridge's aid to rise in life, and their friendship and admiration for the Monroe county leader was reared upon the solid foundation of honest gratitude. With many men like that in the "Aldridge organization," small wonder that he retained his leadership until death cut short his career.

When men like Aldridge and Penrose die, the remark is heard on every hand that "the last of the big bosses has passed." Maybe the last of the big bosses of their generation are gone, but so long as there are men there will be leaders among them. They may not be leaders in the sense of the political bosses of the last few decades, but they will wield their influence, command a following and direct public affairs by sheer dominance of intellect, ability and personality.

There may be no one in Western New York to step into the breach left by the death of George W. Aldridge, but not many months will have passed before emerging above the head of the crowd will be someone whose advice will be sought and whose suggestions will receive first consideration—a new leader in place of the old. But it will be many a day before any leader in this section of the country becomes so thoroughly entrenched and is such an undisputed commander-in-chief of his large forces as was George W. Aldridge.

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### Comment On Death Of Mr. Aldridge In Mr. Barnes' Newspaper

Differences of opinion regarding political ideals and methods between George W. Aldridge, Republican leader of Monroe, and William Barnes, Republican leader of Albany, culminated in a complete hiatus between the two men when Governor Whitman assumed the office of chief executive of the state in 1894. Barnes has not been able to do state conventions of his own power, which had been for some time on the wane, was destroyed, and

the Republican organization in the state during Barnes' administration, Mr. Barnes, in the Albany Journal, made the following

path:  
On Mr. Aldridge's death came to without. Aldridge, who during many years was a conspicuous figure in Republican politics in this state, his friends are shocked and grieved. He had appeared to be in good health, even vigorous; but at his heart was trouble. A dispatch says it was of a blood vessel by a clot. Near the heart, a would have been probably fatal in a short time; but his death was hastened by the acceleration of circulation caused by the vigorous movements of the arms that are required in the playing of golf. He may have neglected to seek a physician and advice based on the results thereof, or he may have disregarded advice because he did not experience warning symptoms of his condition.

About a year and a half ago he suffered from pneumonia, but apparently had made complete recovery from the disease and its effects. It may be, however, that the cause of his death had its origin in that sickness and since then had made insidious progress.

Golf has come to be regarded as a sport in which men of advanced years may safely indulge. The sudden death of Mr. Aldridge is presumptive evidence to the contrary.

### Boy Scout Caddy Gave First Aid When Mr. Aldridge Was Stricken

It was a Boy Scout, a caddy on the Westchester-Baltimore Country Club links, who gave first aid to George W. Aldridge when he was stricken while playing on the links last Tuesday.

Mr. Aldridge had just played the eighth hole, making it in three strokes, and had driven from the ninth tee and was walking along chatting pleasantly to the caddy when he stopped suddenly, gasped and fell forward.

The caddy, who had qualified in first aid, as all Boy Scouts must, called to Mr. Aldridge's friends who were nearly 100 feet in the rear and then at once turned his attention to the task of giving such relief as was possible to the stricken man.

Older men, eager to assist, but lacking the knowledge which the boy had at his command, humbly worked under the lad's direction, moving Mr. Aldridge into a more comfortable position and raising and lowering his arms to induce artificial respiration. This was continued for 40 minutes until the arrival of the physicians. It was the verdict of the medical men that the aid given under the direction of the Boy Scout undoubtedly had prolonged Mr. Aldridge's life for several moments and that nothing more could have been done for him had they been on the spot at the time he was stricken.

SCENES AT FUNERAL OF GEORGE W. ALDRIDGE

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# J. L. HOTCHKISS IS ACCEPTED AS REPLEADER

Recognition Is Accorded by  
State, County and City-  
Wards and Townships Fall  
in Line Behind Republican  
County Chairman.

The tradition of political discipline cannot easily be broken in Monroe county, it became apparent this morning when political barons of the late George W. Aldridge's organization gathered informally to take stock of the situation caused by Mr. Aldridge's death. Contrary to some expectations, the leader's loss has not plunged the county Republican organization into chaos but has only tightened the circle of his friends, who say that the immediate future holds a situation that can only be met, by the united front of the elements which formed the picturesque battle array of the late state committeeman and collector of the Port of New York.

Today local political observers were assured that James L. Hotchkiss, Monroe county clerk, and chairman of the Republican county committee, was in fact the leader of the Monroe county Republican organization, and it was stated today that every town and ward leader recognized under Mr. Aldridge's leadership had laid his political falchion at "Jim's" feet.

George A. Glenn has determined upon the appointment of Mr. Hotchkiss to the State Executive Committee, the body of 12 men who guide the destinies of the state organization. That this action was taken so promptly is taken as indicative of the complete confidence of the state leaders that Monroe would remain loyal to the late leader's "left bower."

Last evening Governor Miller dined with Mr. Hotchkiss, and it is believed that the same vigorous support accorded the chief state executive under Mr. Aldridge's leadership was promised by Mr. Hotchkiss. The county clerk was evidently worn by the cares of the last three days when visited by a Times-Union reporter today, but was at his desk for business. He stated that he would spend the week-end at his country home at the lake and would return to his office on Monday with "business as usual" for his slogan.

That nobody can fill George W. Aldridge's political shoes, can be learned on every downtown Rochester curbstone, and appears to be literally true, but having lost its leader his political army seems disposed to accept the generalship of the man he chose as his "first second," James L. Hotchkiss, chairman of the Republican County committee and recognized local leader during Mr. Aldridge's tenure of office as collector of the Port of New York.

Mr. Aldridge's death, it is already apparent, will have a profound effect upon the political situation in the state. He was easily the strongest Republican factor in the state, and it was on open secret that he had given his word to Governor Nathan L. Miller that Monroe's and others' support would back the present state administration in its fight for continuance in power. Mr. Aldridge is known to have informed his close friends that he considered the strength of the Miller candidacy was growing daily and that a clear cut Republican victory would result at the polls in November if the Onondaga county man made the run again. With the loss of Mr. Aldridge to the party in the state the campaign initiative will fall into other hands, but today in Rochester it was apparent that Monroe would be at the forefront of the state situation.

As to any local vendettas which might have been smouldering at the time of Mr. Aldridge's death there appears to be nothing to menace the leadership of Mr. Hotchkiss this fall.

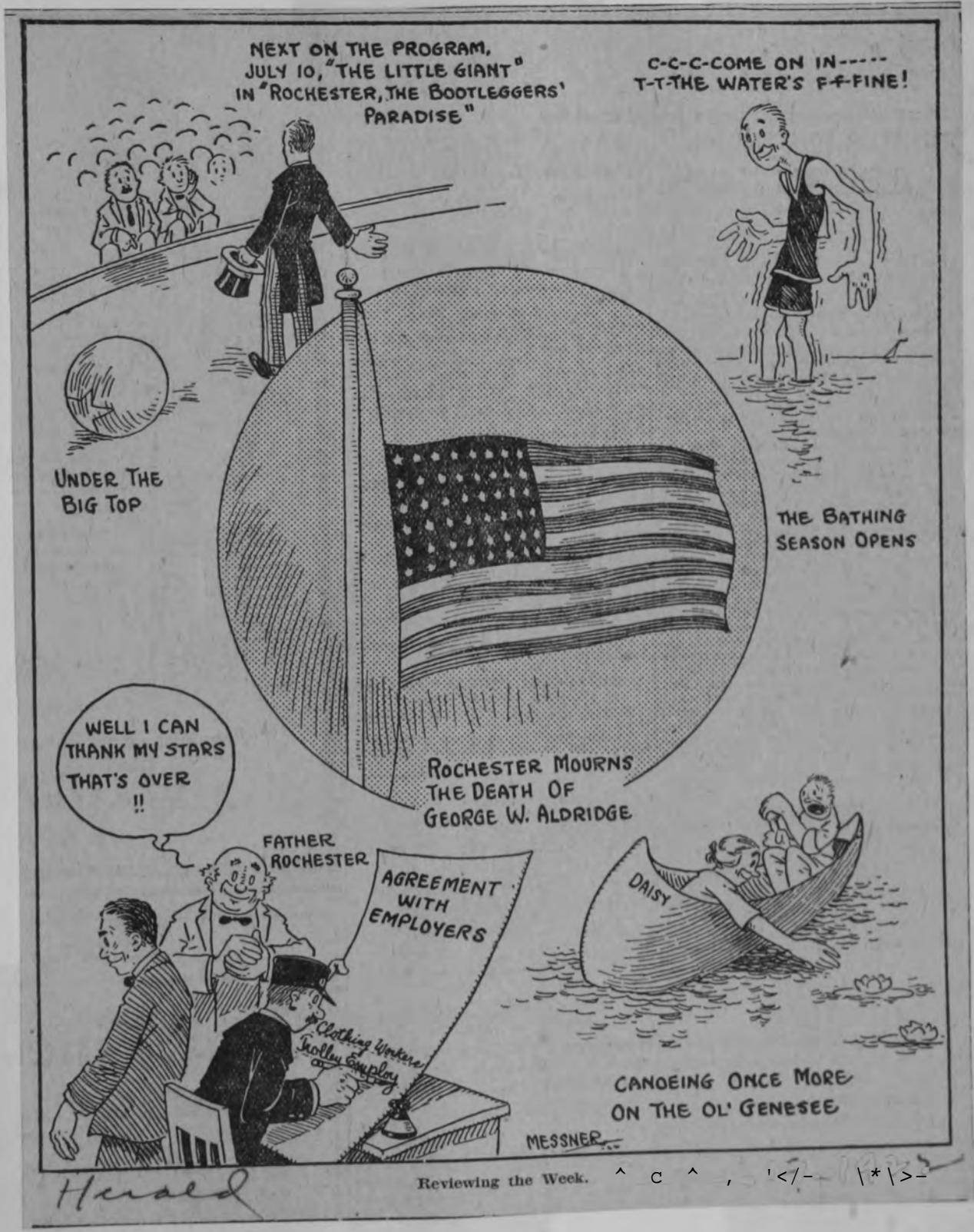
While the presence of Mr. Aldridge will be sadly missed, the general disposition shown by leading members of the Republican organization this morning was to get behind Chairman Hotchkiss and let the memory of their late leader be their guiding spirit. Mr. Hotchkiss has been personally assured that the men who were with Mr. Aldridge are solidly with him and he said that conditions would be met in the same manner as they have been met during the last year or more while Mr. Aldridge was devoting the major part of his time to the duties of his office in New York.

The appointment of Mr. Hotchkiss to the executive committee is to be announced within a few hours by Chairman Glynn and "Jim" said this morning that he looked for no further change in the situation until the primaries when it will be decided who is to be designated to succeed Mr. Aldridge as state committeeman, Mr. Hotchkiss already being one of the state committeemen from Monroe.

## Mr. Aldridge Could Have Been Rich But He Preferred To Play Straight

Had George W. Aldridge been a man of weak character and lacking in integrity, he could have made \$100,000 recently "without turning his hand," according to James L. Hotchkiss who said that within the last five weeks a man whom Mr. Aldridge knew well came into the collector's office in New York city, threw \$100,000 in bills on his desk and said the money was his if he would give the word to permit a quantity of liquor to be withdrawn from a bonded warehouse. "I can use the money, but I never got any that way and I never will," Mr. Aldridge told the man.

Another \$75,000 proffer, made under the same condition\*, was turned down by Mr. Aldridge within the last three months, Mr. Hotchkiss said.



UNDER THE BIG TOP

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THE BATHING SEASON OPENS

WELL I CAN  
THANK MY STARS  
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## URNS DEAF EAR TO OVERTURES FROM BOSTWICK

Republican Chairman Will Continue Aldridge Stand.

June 14 1922  
TO SHOW UNITED FRONT

Republican Slogan Now Is "All Get Behind Jim"—Plan to Carry Out Aldridge Plan to Roll Up Big Majority in County for Miller.

With men of political influence, all friends of George W. Aldridge, falling solidly behind James L. Hotchkiss, the Republican party of Monroe county is expected to present a united front this fall. Men have pledged themselves anew to work for unprecedented pluralities in the gubernatorial campaign this fall as a personal tribute to Mr. Aldridge, whose heart was set on establishing a record vote for the re-election of Governor Miller.

"Carry on and remain loyal to the organization in perpetuation of his memory," is the slogan that many of Mr. Aldridge's friends have adopted.

"All get behind Jim," is the battle cry of the coming campaign.

Friends of Charles E. Bostwick already have made overtures to the Republican organization. Representations are said to have been made to Mr. Hotchkiss by Bostwick's friends that the erstwhile leader of the Tenth ward be permitted to run for state committeeman for the Fourth district, unopposed. It was argued that in this way the breach between Bostwick and the organization would be healed.

Won't Make L.p.

Mr. Hotchkiss is not a man that gives vent to his feelings very often but when the matter was suggested to him he declared:

"If everything goes to pieces the Republican organization, as long as I have anything to say, will never make up with Bostwick."

This follows out Mr. Aldridge's own request. Various stories are told of the differences between Mr. Aldridge and Mr. Bostwick, but Mr. Aldridge maintained that Bostwick attempted to wrest the organization from him at a time when he believed lie was down and out physically. He was embittered beyond words against Bostwick. His intimate friends know the feeling he entertained. About a year ago there was talk that the trouble might be settled. Mr. Aldridge was asked about this and declared that he would never make up with Bostwick "either on this earth or elsewhere" if he met him. He also added that he spoke "from the heart."

Friends of Mr. Aldridge claim that Bostwick read himself out of the party when he supported John H. Hopkins, Democratic candidate for mayor in 1919. In 1921 Most wick threw his strength in the Tenth ward, which is now of negligible quantity, to Frederick D. Lamb, the Oeraocratic candidate for mayor. This act alienated most of his supporters from him.

Bostwick intended to oppose Mr. Aldridge for state committeeman this fall. Not that he had any genuine hopes of

winning but to keep up the figlv. A strong candidate will be found to oppose him.

The Bostwick version of the Aldridge controversy centers about a promise that he claimed the late leader made to promote Judge Joseph Feely of the City Court to the special county judgeship. The nomination went to J. Warrant Castleman. Mr. Aldridge claims that he never made any such promise, and that Bostwick was using the story in an attempt to discredit his integrity. Mr. Aldridge was especially embittered about a personal attack that was made on his family in a pamphlet that was distributed.

Says He's a Democrat.

Mr. Hotchkiss says that Bostwick is out with all sincere and loyal friends of Mr. Aldridge. He expects trouble from him but expressed confidence that it will be as ineffectual as if Mr. Aldridge had lived. He maintains that any person who held Mr. Aldridge in esteem should respect, his memory by opposing Bostwick, who in "reality is a Democrat."

A sheriff is to be nominated this fall. Henry W. Morse, incumbent, can not succeed himself because of constitutional restrictions. Party leaders anticipate no difficulty in agreeing upon a candidate. It is not expected that the announcement will be made much before the Supervisors' picnic early in August. A district-attorney and county purchasing agent is to be elected. Booth present incumbents are expected to succeed themselves.

Duun May Run Again.

Representative Thomas B. Dunn played with Mr. Aldridge when hew as a boy. They long have been fast friends. Representative Dunn is in California at the present time, having left a short time before Mr. Aldridge went back to New-York after his last visit, home. Two week? ago last Friday evening Mr. Dunn and Mr. Aldridge had a long talk at which time Mr. Dunn virtually consented to be a candidate to succeed himself if Mr. Aldridge desired him to. Mr. Dunn previously had expressed a preference for retiring from public life. People well qualified to talk for Mr. Dunn maintain that out of friendship for the late leader he will do anything that the organization desires this year.

Mr. Hotchkiss will confer with party leaders this week and it is probable that a special meeting of the County Committee will be summoned.

## Suggests Possible Site For Aldridge Memorial

Editor, Times-Union / tf X - ?

Referring to recent suggestions about a memorial site for the late George W. Aldridge, it has occurred to the writer that such a place rightly belongs in the Third ward and in the most conspicuous part of the ward.

It is my suggestion that the city use for that purpose the little plot at the corner of Exchange street and Clarissa street, already owned by the city, at the approach of beautiful Clarissa street bridge, and overlooking the contemplated entrance to the new University of Rochester.

Aldridge Admirer.

## MRS. ALDRIDGE SOLE LEGATEE OF THE LEADER

WILL IS EXTREMELY BRIEF AND IS CITED AS A MODEL IN FORM.

NO REAL ESTATE MENTIONED

June 20 1922  
Personal Property Is Statel to "at Least Equal In Value the Sum of \$5,000."

The will of George W. Aldridge was admitted to probate to-day by Surrogate Selden S. Brown. The document is brief, and the entire estate is bequeathed to his wife. No other bequests are made.

The will was drawn November 1, 1904, by William Werner, former Justice of the Court of Appeals. It was witnessed by Judge Werner and Charles W. Barnes, who was private secretary to Mr. Aldridge at the time, and both of whom have died since the document was drawn. The will was offered for probate by Frederick T. Plerson, of the law firm of Shedd, Morse, Plerson and Wynkoop.

According to the petition for proof of will there is no real estate, while the question of personal property is dealt with by the statement that it "at least equals in value the sum of 16,000." The family residence at 96 Plymouth avenue south is understood to have been bought in the name of Mrs. Aldridge. Mr. Plerson said to-day he had no idea what the personal property would amount to. He declared that it will be necessary to have an inventory before any estimate can be formed.

The authenticity of the signatures of the Witnesses was attested by James L. Hotchkiss, county clerk, and Thomas W. Swanton, president of the National Bank of Commerce, both of whom were well acquainted with the witnesses when they were alive. According to the papers filed with the will, George W. Aldridge, of Tuckuho., N. Y., a son, is the next and only kin.

A copy of the will, which is said to have been drawn in model form, follows:

"I, George W. Aldridge, of the city of Rochester, in the county of Monroe, state of New York, being of sound mind and memory, do make, publish and declare this my last will and testament in manner following:

"I give and devise and bequeath unto my beloved wife, Mary J. Aldridge, all my property and estate, both real and personal, of every name and description, absolutely and forever."

# TRIBUTES STILL PAID TO MEMORY OF MR. ALDRIDGE

Life Philosophy Is Revealed in Magazine Poem on Golf.

June 19 1922  
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Rev. Frank C. Doan, at Unitarian Church, Commends His Quality of Faithfulness in Small Things and His Faithfulness to His Word.

Tributes continue to be paid to George W. Aldridge. A special committee made up of all past exalted rulers and present officers of Rochester Lodge of Elks was appointed by Exalted Ruler Miller to draft resolutions on the death of Mr. Aldridge, who was a life member of the lodge. These resolutions extoll Mr. Aldridge's qualities and his achievements.

### As a Newcomer Sees Him.

Rev. Frank C. Doan, D.D., the new minister of the Unitarian Church, in his sermon yesterday paid the following tribute to Mr. Aldridge, which is significant because Dr. Doan is a newcomer in this city:

"I have been hearing many reports this last week of Mr. Aldridge, whose amazing and romantic career has now come to its close. Many conflicting reports, so conflicting, indeed, that I, a stranger to him and to this city in which he lived and wrought his work, am puzzled to make out exactly what manner of man he really was.

"On one street corner I hear a group of men speaking of him in terms of unqualified praise and on the very next street corner another group speaking in terms of equally unqualified condemnation. I conclude that in his public capacity he was a gentleman of the old school of politics—that feudalism, sometimes benevolent and sometimes malevolent, under which most of the large cities of this country have been ruled for the last generation. And I conclude from what I hear and from what I have read, particularly from the judgment of his friend, Mr. Eastman, that Mr. Aldridge belonged to the benevolent order of municipal rulers.

### Faithful In Little Things.

"But the thing that has stood out most conspicuously in all these reports of him has been the unanimity of praise, from friend and foe alike, of his fidelity to the little things in the great organization he built up about his person—his fidelity to his every least promise, his interest in the welfare of every least member, as a man as well as statesman, throughout his long constituency. This, I am told, was not at all a matter of politics with him but a kind of religion.

"Even so—Mr. Aldridge, will be remembered not, as probably he himself hoped; not as a great organizer; not as a man who held the destiny of a great city in the hollow of his hand; not as a man who made and unmade statesmen at will.

"Not for these things, but as a man who never forgot a promise, no matter how casually made nor how politically negligible, and who never deserted a duty no matter how politically unimportant."

### Estimate Borne Out.

Appropos of Dr. Doan's tribute is the experience of Fire Chief Jaynes with Mr. Aldridge. Eighteen years ago Mr. Aldridge promised Chief Jaynes that when Chief Little retired he would see that he was appointed to fill the vacancy. Only within the last year Chief Little retired and Mr. Aldridge remembered and fulfilled his promise.

A warm friendship existed between Supreme Court Justice Adolph J. Rodenbeck and Mr. Aldridge. Justice Rodenbeck was the mayoralty standard bearer that led the Aldridge forces to victory in the bitter contest of 1900.

How deeply Justice Rodenbeck took Mr. Aldridge's death will perhaps never be known. There was no concealment of the grief he sustained, especially when the body was lowered into the grave.

Only two weeks ago yesterday Mr. Aldridge visited the aged mother of Justice Rodenbeck at West. Webster. He was always willing to make a trip to bring a little brightness into the life of the mother of his friend. Last Christmas Mrs. Rodenbeck made Mr. Aldridge a rag carpet rug, which was one of his most cherished possessions.

### Golf Poem Expresses Creed.

John R. Powers, former assemblyman, was one of Mr. Aldridge's staunchest admirers. They were golfing companions and Mr. Aldridge frequently repeated to Mr. Powers the following verses in a poem on golfing that he found in a magazine: Said the pro to the dub, "You know what to do;

- "Keep your eye on the ball, and follow straight through.
- "Remember this rule in your everyday life. " 'Twill help you to work and to win in the strife.
- "When trial and sorrow would your Joy subdue,
- "Keep your eye on the ball, and follow straight through.
- "If fortune desert, and if comrades forget
- "If long seems the way, and the path thorns beset;
- "Don't whine and bewail, and get into a
- "Keep your eye on the ball, and follow straight through.
- "In working, in playing, in nil life's pursuits,
- "You'll find this a rule that goes down to
- "Be steadfast, be noble, in nil things be
- "Keep your eye on the ball, and follow straight through."

During Mr. Aldridge's severe illness in December, 1920, Mr. Powers never missed a day in writing Mr. Aldridge a letter. Mr. Aldridge was very pleased to get them for they were written in most breezy "K. C. B." style.

### Pythias Adopt Resolution.

Rochester City Lodge, Knights of Pythias has adopted a resolution of respect and condolence in memory of Mr. Aldridge, who was for so many years a member of that body. The resolution, adopted through its committee, A. J. Lindenberg, George R. Brown and Max I. Holtz, has been sent to the family.

# Aldridge Tribute from Employees of Water Bureau

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Messages of condolence continue to be received by Mrs. George W. Aldridge on the death of her husband. Following is a touching bit of sentiment, sent by George E. Cripps, on behalf of the repair, meter and garage divisions of the Water Bureau, Department of Public Works:

Mrs. George, W. Aldridge:

My Dear Friend:—Could you have been present at our shop on the morning when the sad news was broadcasted and the tear-stained faces of men who for two score years were proud to call him their friend and when with one

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Very respectfully,  
GEORGE E. CRIPPS.

# Hotchkiss Attends Meeting of G. O. P. Heads in New York

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June 22 1922  
fThis is "get-acquainted" day for  
James L. Hotchkiss, new leader of  
the Republican party in New York  
county. Hotchkiss last night  
attended a meeting of the state executive  
committee, having been appointed by  
Chairman George A. Glynn to succeed  
Mr. Aldridge. The executive committee  
is the steering gear for the state  
campaign, controls the disbursement  
of funds, and is the official organ of  
the state committee. Membership in  
the committee carries with it recognition  
of local leadership.  
Mr. Hotchkiss will bring back reports  
of the preliminary preparations for the  
state convention, also reports of who  
are the seeking state officers.  
An outing of lionel county committeemen  
will probably be held at the Hotchkiss  
farm near Walker on July, at which the  
local campaign will be discussed.

# C. R. Barnes Quit Golf with Lucky Drive, Made When Mr. Aldridge, An Enthusiast, Sought to Convert Him

#- F.C. June 21-1922  
As an enthusiastic golfer, the late George W. Aldridge tried to induce his intimate friends to take up the game. Charles R. Barnes, commissioner of railroads, long a close friend of the late leader, yesterday afternoon told of his experience with Mr. Aldridge when he was introduced to the game at the Aok Hill Country Club. Mr. Barnes and Mr. Aldridge had been intimate since boyhood. Every election day in the last forty years they spent together.

Mr. Barnes said that Mr. Aldridge took to the game with much enthusiasm. One day Mr. Aldridge induced him to visit the course and see how the game was played. It was some years back- Mr. Barnes patiently followed Mr. Aldridge around nine holes and when the play had concluded the leader asked Mr. Barnes what he thought of it. Mr. Barnes said that "the game was the most nonsensical he had ever seen."

"Why the idea of a big man like you, takin a little club and walloping a little ball, nndthen chasing it," exclaimed Mr. Barnes. "You ought to hold your head in that, he couldn't even hit the ball,

There was some good-natured chaffing and Mr. Aldridge bet Mr. Barnes a dol-

Mr. Barnes wasn't sure that he could. The ball was placed on the tee. Mr. Barnes took a vicious swing at the ball, caught it squarely, and sent it sailing a much greater distance than Mr. Aldridge had in any of his drives. It was the first experience that Mr. Barnes had with a golf stick.

Mr. Aldridge was astounded. He offered to bet Mr. Barnes he could not repeat the performance in a hundred tries. "Go away," said Mr. Barnes. "It is too silly for me even to bother with." Despite much urging on other occasions Mr. Barnes never gave Mr. Aldridge an opportunity to redeem himself. Neither had Mr. Barnes ever attempted to play golf again.

Pictures of Mr. Aldridge's funeral were shown yesterday morning at 9 o'clock at the Regent Theater to about 150 public officials, including James L. Hotchkiss, chairman of the Republican County Committee; Mayor Van Zandt and Harry J. Bareham, commissioner of public safety. At 11 o'clock there was a private showing of the pictures at the home of Mrs. George W. Aldridge, No. 96 Plymouth avenue. George W. Aldridge, Jr., saw the pictures, as did Mrs. James L. Hotch-

## ACT ON ALDRIDGE DEATH

city and County: Employees' TUnion  
Adopts Resolutions. / ^ \* > ^  
The following resolution on the death of George W. Aldridge, has been adopted by the city and county employees' union organization:

Whereas, it has pleased the Almighty to remove from our midst, to that land from which there is no return, our most esteemed friend and always willing adviser, (George Washington Aldridge, who has for years occupied a prominent rank in our midst, always loyal in his principles, conscious to all, thoroughly honest in all of his dealings, maintaining under all circumstances a character untarnished, and a reputation above reproach.

Therefore, resolved, That in the death of Mr. Aldridge, organized labor and particularly our organization that has been the recipient of many courtesies at his hand, have sustained the loss of a friend whose friendship it was an honor and a pleasure to enjoy; that we bear willing testimony to his many virtues, to his questioned honesty and stainless life; that we pledge ourselves to carry on his aims and purposes; that we offer to his bereaved family and mourning friends, over whom sorrow has hung her sable mantle, our most heartfelt condolence, and pray that Infinite goodness may bring speedy relief to their burdened hearts and inspire them with the consolations that, hope in futurity and faith in God give even in the shadow of the tomb.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be presented to the family of our

## HOTCHKISS IS GIVEN MR. ALDRIDGE'S PLACE

Monroe County Republican Leader Has Place on Executive Committee.

New York, June 22.-The executive committee of the State Republican Committee to-day recommended the selection of the state Republican convention to be held on September 27th to 21st, inclusive. The recommendation will be voted upon July 18th at I meeting of the state committee. Saratoga, Syracuse and other cities bid for the convention.

Jamea L. Hotchkiss, Republican county chairman of Monroe, was appointed a member of the executive committee to succeed the late George XV. Aldridge.

## ALDRIDGE AND FORMER MAYOR TO BE HONORED

Efks Lodge to Pay Tribute by Resolution to Dead Members. / < ^ \* \* \* ^ 7 ^

Tribute will be paid to both George W. Aldridge and former Mayor Hiram H. Edgerton this evening at a special session of Rochester Lodge of Elks. Both men were members of the lodge and a committee headed by Past Exalted Ruler Richard L. Decker and composed of all past exalted rulers and officers of the lodge has been appointed to draft resolutions on the death of each and to represent the lodge at the funeral of Mr. Edgerton this afternoon.

In addition to a silent tribute which will be paid to the two members at tonight's meeting, testimonials, in the form of a resolution, will be read and adopted by the lodge.

Another resolution, sanctioned by the Advisory Committee, will come before the members. This resolution provides that all fees and dues received from new members shall be turned over to the trustees and deposited in a separate fund to be used only for the purpose of either building a new clubhouse or enlarging the present one.

A class of nearly two hundred candidates will be initiated to-night and it is expected that several hundred applications will be balloted upon. The "selective invitational membership campaign," which now is being conducted by the lodge under the direction of Leading Knight Charles XV. Miller, already has brought nearly 1,500 new members into the organization and an equal number is expected to be received within the next few weeks.

The lodge expects to send a large delegation to the Atlantic City convention next month. Arrangements for the trip are being made by a committee composed of Edward J. Ward, (George XV. Miller,

## Hotchkiss to Attend State G. O. P. Meeting Backed by Monroe County to Carry On Work of Mr. Aldridge

State leaders of the Republican party will confer to-morrow in New York city. James L. Hotchkiss, who was appointed member of the Executive Committee of the Republican State Committee, will leave Rochester this evening to attend the conference. He will be home again on Friday morning. Mr. Hotchkiss was appointed by George A. Glynn, state chairman, to take Mr. Aldridge's place on the committee. Before leaving Rochester last Friday Governor Miller said that Monroe county would be afforded the same recognition as if Mr. Aldridge had lived.

Governor Miller, United States Senators James W. Wadsworth and William M. Calder, urged members of the party to get squarely behind Mr. Hotchkiss so that the Republican organization will present a united front this fall.

The unanimous slogan of the men of Rochester is "Ally behind Jim" as a reminder of the little squabbling that has manifested itself has been adjoined with the cry by the loyal party adherents that, "you wouldn't do that if Mr. Aldridge was alive."

With the motto of loyalty

# Suggest Memorials To Aldridge And Edgerton

Prominent Citizens Favor Proposal of Friends—No Definite Action Taken, Pending Sentiment of Public—Monument to Former Mayor in Exposition Park?

George W. Aldridge himself would not desire a memorial. Those who knew him well are certain of that. He was a man who cared nothing for display and he objected to anything that would tend to bring public honor to him. Such honors as might come to him he preferred to accept in modesty and in private. But, while his friends would respect his wishes in this respect, they have recognized the reasonableness of the contention of prominent citizens who feel that his work should be marked by a suitable monument.

The suggestion that a monument of Mr. Aldridge be erected in Plymouth park has not, however, been received with general favor. It is felt that a statue or monument should be placed in a more conspicuous location.

Men who have been prominently identified with the city's progress in recent years feel at the same time that a similar memorial should be erected in honor of former Mayor Edgerton. It is pointed out that both he and Mr. Aldridge were really entitled to be numbered among Rochester's greatest men and it is probable that steps will be taken to establish a memorial to Mr. Edgerton as well. Ex-est sons.

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## George W. Aldridge Had Tried His Hand At Writing Poetry

George W. Aldridge was a lover of poetry, and it was not generally known that he himself tried his hand at writing. Following are two of his poems which have been discovered among his papers:

Somebody Care\*.  
Though the day may seem lonr' seem so dreary,  
And the task you perform even vain.  
There is always a thought that is cheery,  
At home you are welcome again.  
For there is always someone who is waiting.  
Someone who has I hile,  
i how in itle.  
To give you a sweet, happy smile.  
It may be a sister so gl  
Or a fath  
Yes, perhaps it's a mother who la walt-  
The It r t to  
But whoever lB wating: at evening.  
lakes your heart glad Jus  
kii\* /ou,  
There's always someone who waits Just for ]  
A smile or caress to hestow.  
Then homeward you hasten each eve-  
For the World to you seems all atune.  
There Is lo " some-  
one shares a  
Of your hopes and your fears, your  
And Joy comes for such  
utiful year\*.  
Joy you know soi ess.  
For you know somebody cares.  
Faced Out, and fr  
ung. to let myself down  
On the bed or the ground,  
Anywhere so it's own  
Just  
And the folks, I don't care,  
Want to go, llueis, the SM  
Aim \*? I don't want to  
What I want to raet;  
And I don't want  
Just to let down my nerv, Ink,  
TuRt to smoitn out my brain,  
Just to sleep and that's all,  
Please leave me alone all,  
w u h your pillows and things,  
'Tisn't that that I want,  
Nor a doctor nor folks  
I want to let go.  
(III, I want to let go.

Following is an extract from "Slippy McGee," which was one of favorites:  
"I have known life and love, I have known death and disaster;  
Foregather! d with fools, succumbed to sin, been not acquainted with shame;  
Doubted, and yet held fast to no doubt could o'ermaster.  
n and lost;—and I know it was part of the Game.  
Hope,  
youth and the dreams of youth, and the triumph of sorrow;  
I took as th. «\*»ame, I played t all; and I trun ped the tl 'ick  
when I could.  
And now, O Master of Men, let be today or tomorrow. the end,  
I ha 'staked and played for Myc and You and the Game were good." Q . . . V-1922

## MAY FOLLOW PLANS OF ALDRIDGE FOR \* U G K L H BRARY

An agitation is afoot for a central public library for Rochester. Shortly before the death of George W. Aldridge he went over the matter with President Charles H. Wiltzie of the public library board, and although nothing was decided, the interest of the two men is taken as evidence that the project would have been pushed had Mr. Aldridge lived. Those favoring the central library idea believe it would be feasible to raise a large sum of money in a city-wide drive for such a building in the city would donate a site and distribute what funds are available for the work. Under the will of Morton W. Rundel, who died a number of years ago, the city received a large sum of money for an art gallery. It is believed that under the terms of the will that money could be used for a public library and fine arts building. The amount received by the city with interest up to December of last year totaled \$391,300. There is still to come to the city \$100,000 worth of Eastman Kodak stock upon the death of Mr. Rundel's sister.

# CITIZENS PLAN MONUMENT TO

## MR. ALDRIDGE

COMMITTEE WILL TAKE UP  
WORK OF RAISING THE  
FUNDS.

*June 22-1922*

TO BE IN PLYMOUTH PARK

Near Old Residence of One Who  
Shaped Destinies of Many  
Men.

In recognition of the late George W. Aldridge's civic activities, and in honor of his masterful political leadership, a monument is to be erected in his memory. The tentative plan is to raise sufficient funds by popular subscription, so as to give all persons, irrespective of class, or station, an opportunity to contribute to this noble enterprise, the purpose being to make it as representative as possible.

A conference of intimate friends of the late Mr. Aldridge was held, at which it was determined to memorialize his great achievements by the erection of a large monument, either of bronze or marble. In Plymouth park. A life size statue of the famous leader mounted on a suitable granite base is the most popular design.

Plymouth park was selected as the ideal site for this monument by reason of Mr. Aldridge's long-time residence opposite that beautiful circle. Mr. Aldridge lived in a brick house facing Plymouth park many years, and held important political conferences there. It became as famous as Senator Thomas C. Platt's "Amen Corner" in the Fifth Avenue hotel, New York, and friends of Mr. Aldridge feel that the construction of a suitable monument there will be in keeping with the plans to perpetuate the fame of Mr. Aldridge as Rochester's most illustrious citizen.

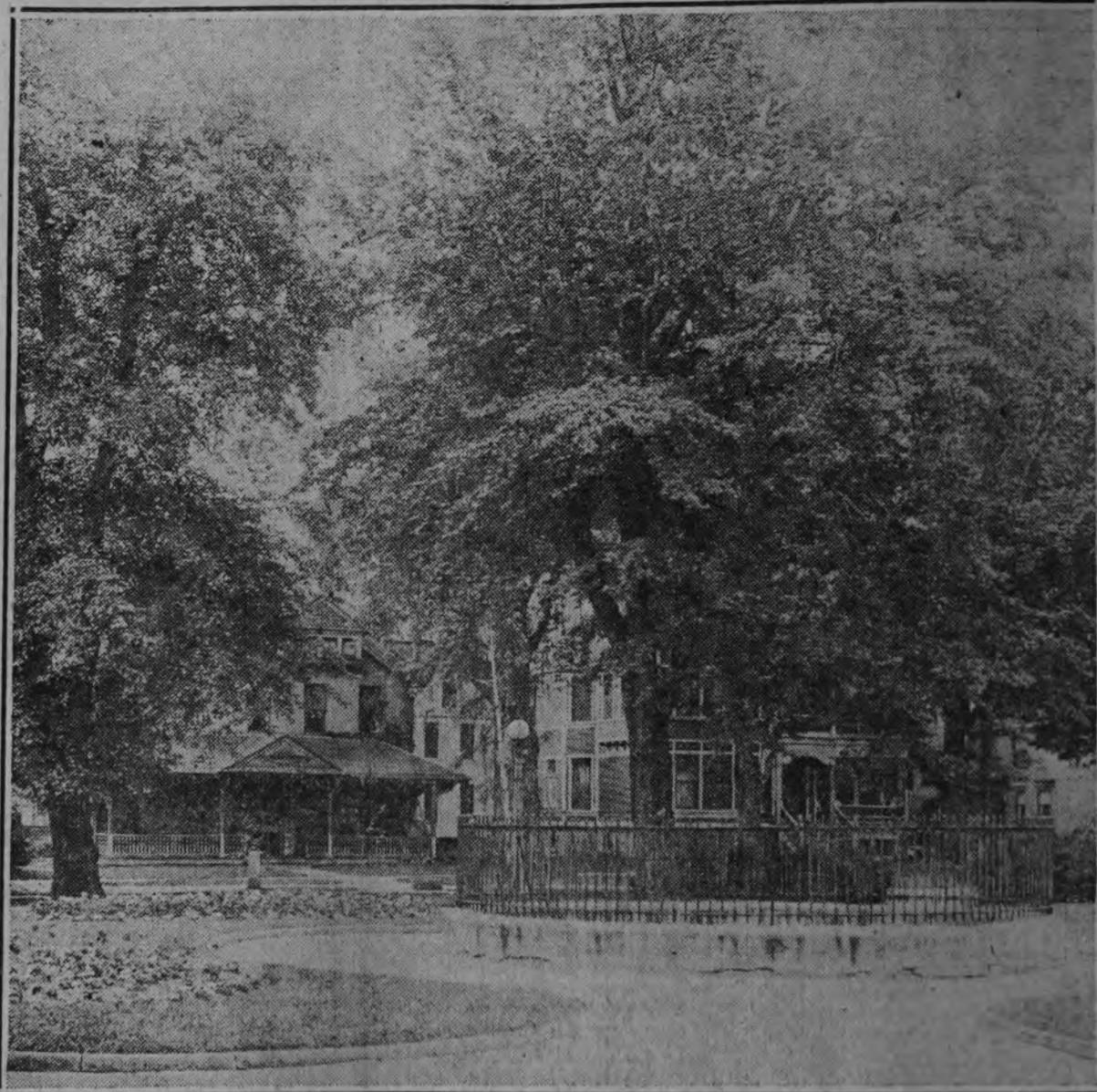
To Form Committee.

The George W. Aldridge memorial committee will be organized, with Pharellus V. Crittenden, James L. Hotchkiss or William H. Craig serving as chairman, and the membership will embrace intimate associates of the dead leader. A fund will be started, and it will be open to the general public, or, as Mr. Craig explained, "the workman's \$1 will be as welcome as the banker's check for a large amount."

Chairman Hotchkiss of the Republican county committee heartily approved the plan to erect a monument to the departed leader, and said:

"The monument will be a magnificent tribute by Mr. Aldridge's fellow citizens of his peerless civic activities, and also of his superb political management. Mr. Aldridge left Rochester in better condition than he found it, and we hope to pass to the coming generations the civic virtues of this great man."

## Site Proposed for Aldridge Monument



Site in Plymouth Park.

Superintendent Craig, of the penitentiary, and a leader in the memorial committee, said:

"Words cannot express our admiration of Mr. Aldridge's faultless leadership, and the monument will be a mute testimonial of our great love for him."

Andrew Weidmann, former sheriff, and loyal supporter of Mr. Aldridge's political system, said:

"I cannot wait until the subscription book is open to allow me to contribute my mite toward perpetuating Mr. Aldridge's fame. It is a splendid enterprise."

Judge William C. Kohlmetz, of City court, said:

"No project has ever been suggested in Rochester that will meet with such universal approval as that of erecting a monument to the memory of Rochester's foremost citizen."

The memorial committee desires to make this an all-Rochester movement, and not to restrict it to members of the Republican party, which Mr. Aldridge led for thirty years. Mr. Aldridge had many warm friends and admirers in other political parties, and it is felt they will welcome a chance to contribute.

### To Change Park Name.

Several members of the Board of Aldermen have expressed a willingness to officially recognize this memorial enterprise by passing a resolution to change the name of Plymouth park to Aldridge park, in keeping with the plan to honor the man who rose to the pinnacle of political fame by always manifesting the square deal to rich or poor. Republican or Democrat.



# Death Of Mr. Aldridge<sup>^</sup> Leaves State G. O. P.<sup>2-</sup> Looking For Reader

*Trans Union - June ->ci.*

Since the death of George W. Aldridge the question which has been agitating leading politicians here as well as elsewhere is: Who will be the new Republican leader in the state? The responsibilities of the state leadership of the party had rested on Mr. Aldridge for several years prior to his death and his passing away on the very eve of a campaign which, even at this early date, gives promise of being a stiffly waged battle represents a loss which the state organization feels keenly. It was Mr. Aldridge who guided the political fortunes of both Governor Whitman and Governor Miller, and at the national convention in 1920 his stand for Warren G. Harding clinched his position as the dominating figure in the Republican party in the state.

It was Mr. Aldridge who made the candidacy of Governor Nathan L. Miller possible two years ago and it was Mr. Aldridge who had been chosen by Mr. Miller to direct the fight for re-election next November. And now comes the question: Who will succeed him?

County Chairman Hotchkiss, who has been elected to succeed Mr. Aldridge as a member of the executive committee of the State Committee, said upon his return from New York yesterday that the state convention probably will be held late in September in Albany. Had the Democratic State Committee decided to hold its convention in Saratoga the week prior

to or succeeding that in which the Republican convention is to be held then the hotels of Saratoga would have remained open to accommodate the delegates, but the hotel men there would not help these places open after the season had closed simply to accommodate one of the big political conventions.

Several names are being spoken of for the state leadership but at the present time the party chiefs are admittedly all "up in the air." Among the names that have been heard none is more prominently mentioned than that of U. S. Senator James W. Wadsworth. He is popular and his selection would be pleasing to many of the Republicans. He was on close terms of friendship with Mr. Aldridge. Senator William M. Calder of Brooklyn also is mentioned.

William Ward, millionaire leader of Westchester county, is prominently mentioned as possible successor to Mr. Aldridge. It is not expected, however, that anything definite in the way of ascertaining who will be selected to succeed the Monroe leader in directing the party in the state during the fall campaign will be learned until the state convention meets.

State Chairman Glynn will probably lead Governor Miller's fight for re-election this fall. If he displays qualities of leadership equal to the job, he will probably remain in the saddle.

## ACT ON ALDRIDGE DEATH

*D. & C. July 1-*  
Nineteenth Ward flRepucIif/ans' > rite to  
Widow of Noted Leader. /yT'^

The Nineteenth Ward Republican Club has sent the following letter to Mrs. George W. Aldridge expressing sorrow at the death of her husband:

To Mrs. George W. Aldridge: The Nineteenth Ward Republican Club in common with the people of the city of Rochester, the state of New York and the nation, mourn the loss of your distinguished husband our neighbor, counsellor and friend, George W. Aldridge.

It was a pleasure and a privilege to work with him for he exemplified in full measure the thought in Kipling's poem - "To walk with kings, nor lose the common touch." It would be difficult to enumerate the many qualities which made him loved and respected by a host of in all walks of life but it may all be summed up in the single expression - He was a loyal friend.

Life is not measured by the years shown upon the records. Men live far beyond their time through the influence they have exercised and we feel that while we will sadly miss his counsel and kindly interest, the memory of his good work will remain to encourage us in the discharge of duty.

his immediate family who knew him best and loved him most we tender our sincere sympathy.

# Republican Candidate For Sheriff Selected Before Death Of Mr. Aldridge

*Trans Union June 30-1922*

While Candidates for the Republican nomination for sheriff continue to multiply, it might be of interest to them to know that the organization's candidate in the election next November already has been selected, although official announcement of his name is being withheld.

In the opinion of County Chairman James L. Hotchkiss, it is "too early to talk politics."

The term of William F. Love as district attorney will expire this year as will the term of Coroner Thomas A. Killip. Henry W. Morse cannot succeed himself as sheriff, and it will be necessary to elect a county purchasing agent. Mr. Morse was appointed to fill out the unexpired term of Fred erick S. Couchman and Lewis R. Decker was named his successor as county purchasing agent. The name of District Attorney Love and Coroner Killip appears to be a foregone conclusion. Also, it is expected that Mr. Decker will be designated to succeed himself. That limits speculation to the office of sheriff. This name is being considered in connection with the state committee that George W. Aldridge, some time ago, had selected. Mr. Argetsinger however, has prior to his death, practically always been a resident of the East the man who will be the Organizational Side.

To bear this out and while Mr. Hotchkiss would not say one word of public works, is considered who had been selected, it was reported a likely successor of Mr. Aldridge\* on that Al Baker of Greece is the man, the state committee?

*T. U. June 19-1922*

At a meeting of the 11th Ward Republican committee the following resolutions were adopted:

"In the death of the Hon. George W. Aldridge, our peerless leader, the community has suffered an irreparable loss. He was a natural leader, possessing unusual executive ability and always stood for the highest ideals for civic betterment. Mr. Aldridge was a keen judge of human character, demanding always the best service of all public employees. He was a loyal friend, possessing a generous nature, and always derived a great deal of pleasure in doing something for others. At all times he was unostentatious in his philanthropy, and was the exemplar of the adage that it more blessed to give than to receive. He gave unstintingly not only of his wonderful wisdom but of his earthly possessions and the poor will miss him keenly.

"While we bow in humble submission to the all Wise Providence we shall ever revere his memory. We extend to the members of his family our heartfelt sympathy.

"We pledge ourselves to renewed activity, perpetuate the high ideals he stood for so that it cannot be said he lived in vain."

**D** i r - , Standing Firmly. Together #1 7 ^  
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There is every indication that the sentiments expressed in the editorial published in these columns after the death of Mr. Aldridge, regarding the importance of harmony and unity in the ranks of the Republican party, have struck a responsive chord.

Mr. Aldridge was the leader of what was in many respects the most efficient and uniformly successful political organizations in the country. Rochester and Monroe county were looked to in every important national and state campaign to return substantial Republican majorities, and they seldom failed to meet such expectations.

City administrations here in Rochester have been Republican for more than two decades without a break, a record that stands alone among the large cities of the country.

The political sagacity and genius for leadership of Mr. Aldridge cannot be replaced, but the lesson of discipline which he taught and the example which he gave in placing the success of the party above any mere personal consideration, if lived up to by those who followed him in his lifetime, will insure the maintenance of Republican majorities at the polls next November, and will destroy whatever effort may be made to deliver Monroe county into Democratic hands.

The promptness with which those who worked with Mr. Aldridge have carried out the suggestions of State Chairman Glynn and tendered their support to James L. Hotchkiss, chairman of the Republican Liberty Committee, is the best promise of future unity and close cooperation in the Republican ranks.

With the ranks closed up and with any possible element of discord eliminated, it might almost be said that the hardest part of the winning battle is over. State Chairman Glynn recognized the importance of the position that Mr. Hotchkiss occupied, as one of the closest advisers of Mr. Aldridge, by selecting him as a member of the Executive Committee of the Republican State Committee to succeed Mr. Aldridge. The significance of this act will be understood by Republicans generally, and will strengthen the hands of Mr. Hotchkiss in taking up the work laid down by Mr. Aldridge.

With every indication pointing to the renomination of Governor Miller, in response to the demands of the great body of citizens and taxpayers, it is of the utmost importance for the Republicans of Monroe county to place themselves at once in a position where they can be of the utmost assistance to the Republican ticket.

# REPUBLICANS PREPARE FOR STIFF FIGHT

County Organization Does  
Not Expect Easy Victory  
in Election This Year.

## ON STATE TICKET

Rochester Expects Place  
and Organization Is  
Seeking Likely Man.

This is what is known as an off year in Monroe county politics, but the death of George W. Aldridge has placed an unusual aspect on the campaign and the line? are being drawn by the Republican organization for a contest based (in the assumption that they will meet the strongest kind of opposition. There will be no spirit of taking it for granted that the usual victory will be scored when the ballots are counted at the close of election day.

Mr. Aldridge realized that there would be many factors in the campaign this fall that required the closest attention and the most energetic kind of work to overcome. Omit of respect to his memory and as a memorial to his leadership, the county Republican organization, under the leadership of James L. Hotchkiss, intends to carry on so that Mr. Aldridge's ambition of turning in an unprecedented Republican plurality for this county will be achieved.

Stallknecht for Sheriff?

With a governor and United States senator to be elected the battle lines of the Republican organization are spread all over the state. In Monroe county interest centers in the contest for sheriff, representative in Congress, district attorney, county purchasing agent, five live assemblymen and two state senators.

A number of aspirants for the Republican nomination for sheriff have introduced themselves. The position is especially coveted and yields its incumbent upwards of \$30,000 for a three-year term. Perhaps no aspirant has a better chance than William Stahlknecht, the present undersheriff. Friends of Mr. Stahlknecht point out that he is very popular and is the logical man to fill the post, not only because of his qualifications for the position but in the interest of party harmony. Mr. Stahlknecht was seriously considered by Mr. Aldridge to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late Frederick S. Couchman. Henry W. Morse, present incumbent, is prevented by a constitutional provision, from being a candidate to succeed himself.

Rochesterian on State Ticket.

It is regarded as very probable that some prominent Republican of this city will have a place on the state ticket. There is growing sentiment among the Executive Committee of the Republican State Committee that men of prominence in the cities with large industrial centers be placed on the state ticket. Just who seeks such a place or who has necessary to strength to justify such a designation is one of the many matters to be worked out before the state convention, which probably will meet in Albany on September 18th and 19th.

Frederick D. Lamb is not adverse to being a candidate for lieutenant-governor on the Democratic ticket and his name is being mentioned. Mr. Lamb believes he will make a strong running mate to either Alfred E. Smith or William Randolph Hearst.

Young Mahaney Interested.

Austin J. Mahaney, the youthful Democratic leader of the Nineteenth ward, who did not hesitate to tell his intimate friends that he was all set to become Lamb's secretary, when Lamb was mayor of Rochester, now is inquiring whether the lieutenant-governor has a secretary. He figures that he has to make a start somewhere in politics and he doesn't care much where it is so long as he is among friends.

One thing is sure about the campaign this fall. The Republicans know they are in for a hard battle and are preparing to get solidly behind Mr. Hotchkiss as leader.

Harding Selected Aldridge.

Mr. Aldridge was personally selected by President Harding. He came from Rochester. The majority of New York leaders appear to side with Senator Wadsworth who believes that the policy in filling the collectorship should be observed in the present instance.

While Mr. Wadsworth has not made any recommendation to President Harding there is reason to believe he will urge the appointment of Lafayette B. Gleason or Philip Elkins, both of whom come from interior counties.

Senators Wadsworth and Calder has renomination is supposed to prefer F. J. A. Kracke, who has held several Federal, state and city jobs. The Brooklyn senator is confronted with a disturbing problem in connection with the collectorship by the reported ambition of Sam Koenig, chairman of the New York County Republican Committee, to hold the collector's chair. Mr. Koenig has drawn heavily on his Federal account and is not regarded as a serious factor in the collectorship contest.

Another uncertain element in the situation concerns the chances of Wilbur F. Wakeman, editor of the American Economist, and one of the recognized authorities on tariff matters. Mr. Wakeman, who is a personal friend of President Harding, has been urged by some of the Republican leaders not only in New York, but in other parts of the country. In the event of a deadlock between Senators Wadsworth and Calder, Mr. Wakeman is believed to have a good chance of landing the job.

To Select Four New Judges.

The New York senators and representatives have several other patronage problems on their hands. One concerns the selection of four Federal district judges in Manhattan and Brooklyn which are created by legislation soon to be passed by the Senate.

Candidates for three of these four posts have been practically agreed upon. These are H. J. Hendrick of New York county, P. A. Winslow, of Westchester county and Marcus B. Campbell, of Isings county.

For the fourth place the most active candidate is Representative Isaac F. Siegel, of the twentieth district, which is in Manhattan. Mr. Siegel is supported by Senator Calder and the New York County Committee, but some objection to him has been raised by influential members of the Bar Association.

Mr. Calder is insisting that Mr. Siegel be appointed. In the event of a compromise, Municipal Court Justice George L. Genung is believed to stand the best chance of several competitors.

# SPIRITED FIGHT OVER CUSTOMS COLLECTORSHIP

Republican Leaders Divided  
on Successor to Late  
George W. Aldridge.

Washington, June 28. (Special Dispatch to the Herald and Chronicle) — The Republican organization of New York state seems to be squarely split over the selection of a successor to the late George W. Aldridge as collector of Customs. There is spirited competition for the biggest political Federal crumb in New York city among the supporters of a half dozen men who think they are entitled to the place for one reason or another.

Senators Wadsworth and Calder have not agreed on a man and both display a tendency to open the doors to as many applicants as cure to enter the lists. The great man wears the job of collector has gone to a man from up the state although President Wilson departed from the custom.

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Plan Aldridge Memorial. \* \* \*  
Some of the late George W. Aldridge's political friends are proposing the erection of a monument in his honor. Two places have been mentioned as being appropriate for the erection of a shaft, Plymouth Park, which is opposite the house where Mr. Aldridge lived before moving to 96 Plymouth Avenue, and the square between the Court House and Hall. Those who have been named as endorsing the project are James H. Kline, P. V. Oittendin, H. Craig, Andrew Wiedenmann and Judge Kohlmoaz.

Herald June 25

# STATE LEADERS EXPECT MONROE TO DO ITS DUTY

Look to County to Carry  
Out Determination That  
Mr. Aldridge Made.

**A<sup>^</sup>C?, --**  
WAS TO ELECT MILLER  
Monroe Leader Had Set His  
Heart Upon It and Been  
Named to Lead Fight.

Plans for the coming campaign were discussed informally at a conference of Republican state leaders in New York on Thursday, in which James L. Hotchkiss, chairman of the Republican County Committee, participated. At the meeting Mr. Hotchkiss was formally named a member of the Executive Committee of the Republican State Committee to fill the vacancy caused by the death of George W. Aldridge.

The appointment carries with it recognition as leader of this county. A message of support and condolence at the death of Mr. Aldridge was brought back by Mr. Hotchkiss from the state leaders to the party adherents in Monroe county. The state leaders look to the organization here to carry on an aggressive campaign this fall, under the leadership of Mr. Hotchkiss. Added to the energetic campaign that will be conducted in the interests of the party is the sentiment of remaining loyal to the organization and canying on the work of Mr. Aldridge, who had his heart set upon re-electing Governor Miller this fall. It was agreed that Mr. Aldridge would lead the gubernatorial campaign.

Believe Miller Will Run.

Governor Miller has not announced whether he will be a candidate for re-election. The state leaders are proceeding on the theory that he will be. Mr. Hotchkiss pointed out that it was rather difficult for anybody to speak for Governor Miller for he was a man of his own convictions and views. His political confidants believe that he is certain to accept renomination, but no public announcement is expected until July 15th, when he is expected to make a formal statement of his decision. He has gone to Lake George for his vacation and is expected to make up his plans there.

The state leaders are perfecting their preliminary plans for the gubernatorial campaign on the theory that William Randolph Hearst is going to be the independent candidate. It is admitted that Hearst is meeting with opposition in his efforts to secure the nomination. Hearst has declared himself as a candidate. His friend, William J. Connors, of Buffalo, his admitted manager, is bending every effort to place him as a candidate. His apparent lack of unity among Monroe County Democrats is expected to be a factor in the Democratic campaign who he is, will get anything but ragged support.

## Loyalty Pledges Continue.

Mr. Hotchkiss said yesterday afternoon that expressions of loyalty to the organization continued to pour in on him and that all people of influence in the party had pledged themselves anew to continue the work to which Mr. Aldridge devoted his life. The Republican state convention probably will be held in Albany on September 28th and 29th.

# REPUBLICANS PRAISE WORK OF ALDRIDGE

Memorial Adopted By Republican Committee at

New York.

## POLITICAL/LIFE SKETCHED

ADMINISTRATIONS OF HARDING AND MILLER INDORSED IN RESOLUTIONS AT SESSION.

New York, July 19.—The administrations of President Harding and Governor Miller were indorsed in resolutions unanimously adopted at a meeting of the state Republican committee, which decided that candidates for state offices should be nominated at a convention to be held in Albany, September 27th.

Chairman Glynn was authorized to recommend to the convention that Elihu Root be made temporary chairman.

The committee unanimously adopted this memorial to George W. Aldridge, Republican leader in Monroe county, who died recently, after 36 years of service as a member of the state committee:

It is fitting that the Republican state committee should adopt a minute on the death of George W. Aldridge, whose service of thirty-five consecutive years as a member of the committee was unprecedented.

He entered the state councils of the party September 15, 1887, the day on which the committee chose as its chairman the late Cornelius N. Bliss. For a span of years that measures the average active life of a generation, he was a faithful, influential, regressive and effective member of this body which was, during the period, the real guiding force in the affairs of the Empire state. True in his case, as in the case of all men who survive the changing conditions of practical politics, and weather violent storms, that he was a man of parts and of many sides he had a serious purpose, a definite goal and ideals to which he conscientiously adhered. He made his own place in the state's history.

Early in Mr. Aldridge's life, he family moved to Rochester, and it was there that he was educated and commenced his business and political career. His father had been a member of the Executive board of the Monroe County Democrats. He was appointed to the position of public works commissioner and was appointed to the position of public works commissioner.

He expressed a preference for the collectorship of the port of New York, and the President acceded to that request. He represented his Congress district in the Republican national conventions beginning with that which nominated McKinley in 1896. In that year Mr. Aldridge cherished a justified and laudable ambition to be nominated for governor. That ambition was not realized. The cup passed from him without bitterness. It seemed to be his rule of life never to look back upon an action that could not be revoked. He could emerge from a prolonged and severe ordeal, and face a future ordeal which threatened to be severer still, without flinching or complaining. Neither defeat nor weariness of flesh would induce him to relinquish the reins. According to his code, to have done so would have been cowardly. He had assumed the leadership of an important constituency. He had sense of trusteeship. What others regarded as a reward, he regarded as a responsibility. He realized that the reconstruction of any organization necessarily turns upon a personality. From time to time men had been induced to part company with former associates and align themselves with him. Their reliance on his fidelity and honor placed him under a special moral obligation to continue his leadership. Men seemed to delight in fighting under his direction. If they lost, they knew it was not through lack of their leader's devotion to the cause, or through his lack of courage or industry or sagacity. They surrounded him and stood fast, and in time became a compact, cohesive and conquering force. Patient and prudent.

Patience and prudence are two of the many indispensable assets in the case of Mr. Aldridge the ordinary superficial ambition did not outrun the sagacious depths. He did not again voluntarily advocate his own political advancement in the state-wide field; he did not enter again into vehement competition for such advancement. Nor did he lead for artificial decorations or consolatory prizes. No man was able to distinguish tinsel from substantial. He had grown up and developed under a system which invested party leaders with power. Witt, direct primary many men enthroned in the era were enthroned. The difference between the two schools of power was not popularly intelligible, but the difficulty of keeping together if there were a force of authority in the representation of leaders. He saw that it was almost an insuperable task to build in a wide fighting machine. He did not, further, that he trusted in the future to avoid disunity. He refused to abdicate. He fell in the various important changes in his political relations but he so the siege. He was a man of a resolute, astute, shrewd and insight and almost unlightful human instinct. There form a definite destiny. With his capabilities, in spite of his shrewdness and coolness of imagination and ideals, he had a passion for advancing his country's interests to the front rank as the best governed citizen. He had a large degree of the courage for himself. Mr. Aldridge had a large heart and a wide view. It was by employing quietness of the state committee upon the wisdom of whatever message. Not only a particular natural talent, but in his whose judgment was in which he had a high potential to the day of his death. The quality of thought and effort, in his life, was a commercial success. He was injured greatly to his associates. Yet he did not courses he advocated. He had no rival in his counting house. He remained to his life companion. He valued and whose political influence remained that should have been (rave to the public service an amount and qualified American. He was a man of unswerving persistence in his financial benefit and to the fine benefit of his poor man.

^V\*\S?- ' \* A Fitting Memorial. ^ ' 1924

George W. Aldridge and Hiram H. Edgerton spent long years in helping to make Rochester a better city in which to live, and thereby they aided in making living conditions better in all Western New York. Their active work is done and they gone on to life beyond the grave, but the benefits they brought to the community will continue as a lasting memorial to them.

Rather, these benefits continue as a memorial of them to the community. Now, it is in order to consider what should be done by the community that a fitting memorial of its regard for their efforts may be provided. This is a question that is going to come before the public very shortly, and the sooner discussion of it is begun, the sooner will some adequate token of respect be in existence.

It is the opinion of the Democrat and Chronicle that no better solution of this question can be found than in the establishment of a Road of Remembrance, dedicated to the memory of these two men. There are several reasons for this belief.

In the first place no better testimonial could be provided for any man or men than a fine highway, constructed in the best manner possible, kept in perfect repair, and beautified by noble trees.

Particularly is this true of Mr. Aldridge and Mr. Edgerton. They were fully alive to the benefits of progressive ideas, and they were exceedingly practical men. A beautiful highway is the very embodiment of progress, and it is one of the most practical things on earth.

They believed in facilitating intercourse between communities and among residents of the community, and that is the peculiar province of the highway.

It was their ambition to have Rochester the most beautiful city in the world, and the region around Rochester equal in beauty of its kind. Nothing could more perfectly carry out their idea than the creation and maintenance of such a Road of Remembrance as is in mind.

Furthermore, no monument of granite or bronze could begin to commend to the thought of strangers in this region the memory of these men as would such a road. This is the day of the automobile, and a great part of all touring in this region is done by motor car. Strangers who might come this way, if some stately monument should be erected, would cast a glance at it and drive on. But if they were rolling for miles through a Road of Remembrance whose beauty would be present to their eyes for a considerable time, they would be constrained to think of those who could be remembered in the hearts of their fellows that such a magnificent memorial would be given them, a memorial of constantly increasing beauty.

These are just a few reasons in favor of a Road of Remembrance.

# ANNOUNCE PRIZES FOR HORSE SHOW

*Herald*  
Cups and Plates Add More Than  
**^5J00tYAwards**  
MAYOR 7 DONATES TROPHY

Aldridge and Edgerton Cups Offered;  
Rochesterians and Others Show  
Great Interest in Exposition.

Many valuable silver and gold trophies will be competed for the Exposition Horse Show at Exposition Park during Labor Day, the cups and plate adding about \$5,000 to the \$15,000 in cash prizes to be competed for by the exhibitors from a dozen States and Canada.

To take the place of the famous Rochester Challenge Cup for saddle horses which was captured last year by Mrs. Walter H. Manley, the ever-popular Providence horsewoman whose sportmanship has established her in the firm favor of Rochester horse lovers, the Exposition this year will have the "Mayor's Trophy" class. Mayor Van Zandt has given a beautiful silver pitcher valued at \$200. The Challenge Cup had to be won twice by the same exhibitor, but the Mayor's trophy goes to the first winner.

Caused Keen Competition.  
The challenge cup was given by Congressman Thomas B. Dunn. It was won in 1918 by Miss Eleanore R. Sears, the famous Boston sportswoman. The following year Mrs. Walter H. Hanley won it, and the year after that Miss Janice Liggett, daughter of the chain drug store map maker, contended with the blue. Last year Mrs. Hanley returned, and won the competition with Driftwood Blaze, and thus became the meat possessor of the trophy. The point is offered by James I. Hotchkiss, County Clerk and Republican leader, in memory of

Aldridge. This cup will be sent to the winner of the class for mounted police traffic men. It was an officer in uniform. The trophy is offered by William B. Riley, park commissioner, in memory of the late Hiram H. Edgerton, if the best pair is

Prize for Saddle Class\*  
William Bausch, a vice president of the Exposition, is the donor of the horse owned by Mrs. The Rochester show last year in this class. It is Walter H. Hanley's Driftwood I with Miss Janice MacIntosh second. Bausch has offered trophies in the harness division, but so important have the saddle classes become that this year he expects to have this division of the show.

Captain Bertram W. Miller, of London, England, has offered two cups through the American Hackney Horse Society. One is for the best hackney brood mare more than 14.2, and the other for pony under 14.2. The cups are to be competed for at Rochester, Devoft, Brockton, and the National Horse Show, and must be won three times by the same exhibitor. If not won outright, the competition will be continued at these shows next year. R. R. M. Carpenter, of Dilwyn Farms, Del., won the competition at Devon.

Children Passe\* Retained.  
The "Seat and Hand" classes for children, which were started last year, and which proved so popular, have been retained. In these competitions it is the horsemanship of the rider that counts, not the mount. Last year the late Mr. Aldridge gave prizes to three being one for boys and one, for girls, not over 14 years of age. Mr. Aldridge always took a deep interest in Rochester's international exhibition, and it was at his suggestion that the classes for young riders were arranged. William W. Hibbard, president of the Exposition Association, gives the cup for the boys this year. Mrs. Hibbard for the girls.

The cups for the local saddle horse classes this year will be given by the Pi-pi-pi Harper Bibles of the city. The other for the horse over that size.

Lt-Col. Herbert C. Coa, of Bunnville, arms, Oakville, Ont., again stepped up for hunters' OK. He has ridden in the hunting turns. W. E. Shuttleworth of New York, a horse dealer in the city for a model the famous hunter, Outlaw, last year, has given a cup for a model hunter up to carrying 166 lbs. and his Morgan of

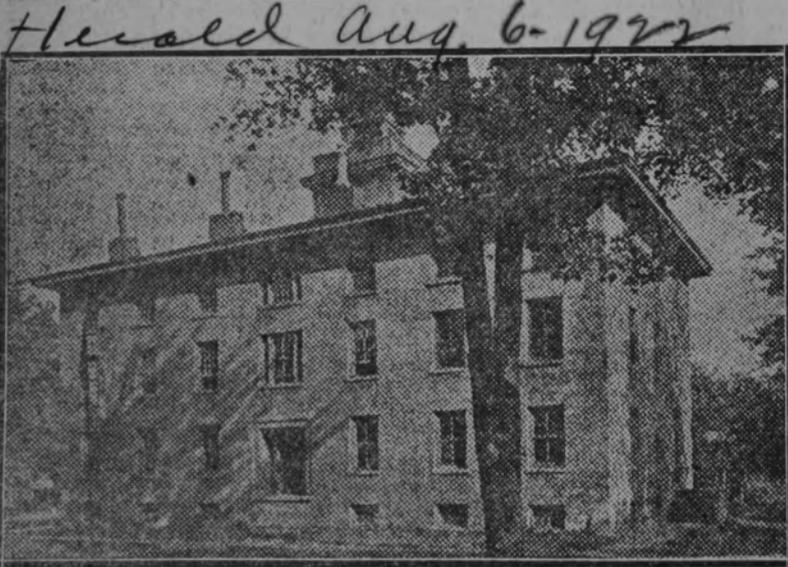
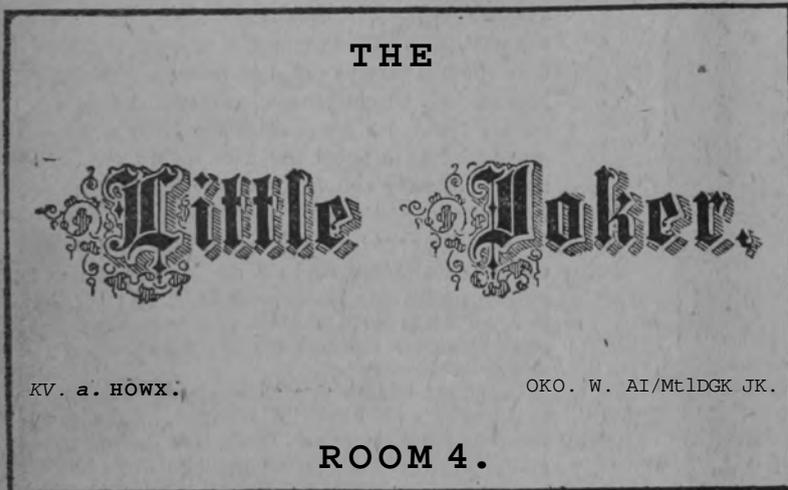
hunters' up to carrying 166 lbs. to the town. S. Townson gives a cup for the Cavalry, gives a cup for a full field equipment, and Miss Barry class for a rider. The trophy is given to the winner of the military classes, Major Ken Morgan of the Cavalry, gives a cup for a full field equipment, and Miss Barry class for a rider. The trophy is given to the winner of the military classes, Major Ken Morgan of the Cavalry, gives a cup for a full field equipment, and Miss Barry class for a rider.

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def 16 B. Hoi on by child of 14; age 11, John M. E. Bowman of New York. The trophy is given to the winner of the military classes, Major Ken Morgan of the Cavalry, gives a cup for a full field equipment, and Miss Barry class for a rider.

Local Pony Class, children not over 14 years; Mrs. Edward W. Mulligan. Local Pony Class, children not over 14 years. Chs H W. S. K. r.

# "Little Joker" Card Proves George Aldridge Was a Jokester When a Boy



Upper—George Aldridge's "little joker" card.  
Lower—Cary Seminary, in Oakfield.

On evening recently a reporter Aldridge, learned that it did, and gave for The Herald called on Colonel Moulthrop, presented in 1873 principal of No. 26 School. The conversation turned upon affairs of more or less ancient vintage, and Colonel Moulthrop reached his hand into his pocket, took out his billfold and extracted from it the name card which is here reproduced. An inspection of the card will show that it has the names of Ed G. Howe and George W. Aldridge, Jr., inscribed on it. "How many years ago was that card printed, do you think?" inquired the reporter. The reporter looked at the card. Aldridge, Jr., referred to the late Mr.

he gave me that card with the remark, as nearly as I remember it now: 'If you ever come to Rochester, come and see me.'

"In 1876 I came to Rochester as principal of the old House of Refuge, but it was not until 1881 or '82 that I again met Mr. Aldridge. In one of those years we had a fire at the House of Refuge, and young George, then connected in some way with one of the volunteer fire companies, came over to help subdue it.

"I've met you before somewhere. I weren't you the schoolmaster at Oakfield?" he asked me. I said that I was, and we became friends then, and our personal friendship lasted down to the day of his death. I don't know why I kept his card when he gave it to me as a lad, but I suppose I must have been impressed by him."

"That is all very interesting, Colonel Moulthrop," said the reporter. "Will you let me tell those facts to the readers of The Herald? I feel sure they would make interesting reading."

Mr. Aldridge, who was 65 years old when he died, had been buried only a few days, so Colonel Moulthrop suggested that the matter be held in abeyance for a time out of deference to the family. When it was brought to his attention last week, he stipulated that, before anything be printed about the card, Mr. Howe should be consulted as a matter of courtesy, as his name also was upon the card. Mr. Howe was seen at his residence at Floverton Street and Blossom Road. Without any warning, the card was placed in his hands. His face immediately wreathed in smiles of recognition.

"A Tenr Ahead of George."

"Well, well, well," he exclaimed, chuckling. "That card was printed fifty years ago. 'Hod' Bryan, who has a print shop in North Water Street, printed those cards. They were made when George and I roomed together at the Cary Collegiate Institute at Oakfield. Well, well, well. Where on earth did you get that? I was a year ahead of George. I've got a picture of the old school somewhere among my belongings. George was a great boy."

"What do the words, 'The Little Joker,' mean?" Mr. Howe was asked.

"Hal Ha! Ha!" he laughed. "A saloon by that name stood where the Corinthian Theater now stands, and I suppose we thought it was quite a clever idea to name our room after that old saloon. Ha! Ha! Ha! We never would think of doing anything like that now. Ha! Ha! Ha!"

From Mr. Howe the reporter learned that when Mr. Aldridge came back to Rochester he quickly identified himself with old Alert Hose 1, which had its headquarters in North Fitzhugh Street at what would now be the north end of the Duffy-Powers building. At that time Mr. Howe's father was proprietor of the old Howe Bakery, which stood on the site of the Duffy-Powers building nearer Main Street. Mr. Howe's father established the business in 1814. His brother, Jacob, succeeded the father, and Edward G. Howe joined his brother in the business. They stayed together for ten years. Mr. Howe later was with the New York Biscuit Company, and still later with the National Biscuit Company.

Both of them were members of Alert

Hose 1 and bunked together for two years as hosenmen.

"Were you ever interested in politics?" Mr. Howe was asked.

"Well, I always voted the Democratic ticket," he replied. "But I never sought any office or took any part in politics other than as a private citizen. But that never interfered with my feeling of friendship for Mr. Aldridge, or his for me."

"What did you think of George Aldridge as a boy?" the reporter inquired.

"It was a clear case of the boy being father to the man," was the rejoinder. "He always was in the middle of anything, especially if there was a fight."

Horace D. ("Hod") Bryan, of Bryan & Elchelman, 42 North Water Street, was visited next. The card was flashed on him. His somewhat wrinkled face lit up.

"I printed that card in 1872," he said, without faltering. "I was just starting in business at that time." Then some more history came out.

Some More History.

"George Aldridge's family and my family lived in a double house in North Fitzhugh Street when we were children. My people occupied one part of the house and his parents the other part. He was an active member of Alert Hose 1 as a young man, and I was equally attached to old Active Hose, which had its headquarters here in North Water Street. George used to spend a good deal of his time over with us. Alert Hose was composed principally of the 'tonier' young men. Old Active Hose was nearly all old Fifth Warders."

"Was there any politics in the old hose companies?" queried the reporter.

"I've seen the boys lying around the fire house for days before an election as thick as bees," said Mr. Bryan. "Most of Active Hose were Democrats, but they got whatever they went out after for the old Fifth."

"Did you ever take any leading part in politics?" Mr. Bryan was asked. He smiled.

"No," he answered. "I always was a Democrat, excepting when George Aldridge wanted anything, and whatever he wanted, I was for."



# ABSENCE OF ALDRIDGE IS KEENLY FELT

Only Ward Left of Three  
Best Known Figures at  
State Conventions.

## MILLER STANDS PAT

Not Interfering with Any  
Ambition, He Says, But  
Has Stated His Stand.

Albany, Sept. 20.—(Special Dispatch to the Democrat and Chronicle.)—The absence of George W. Aldridge, veteran Republican leader from Rochester, is being commented upon here with regret on all sides. The astute Monroe county Republican chieftain for many years had been a conspicuous figure at the Republican state conventions and was an important factor in the deliberations of his party.

of the triumvirate. Barnes, Ward and Aldridge, William L. Ward, leader of the Westchester county Republican organization, alone is on hand. Mr. William Barnes of Albany is not a delegate, and up to the present time has not been seen in the lobby of the TenEyck Hotel which is the headquarters of the state committee.

The Monroe county delegation is quartered at the Hotel Wellington, half a block away from the TenEyck. Assemblyman Harris and Senator James Whitely are conspicuous figures in the TenEyck lobby where old acquaintances are renewed. Judge Arthur B. Sutherland, County Chairman Hotchkiss and many others from Monroe county are the centers of attraction for the Monroe delegates.

### Mayor VanZandt's Comment.

Commenting upon the absence of Mr. Aldridge, Mayor Van Zandt of Rochester laid to-night:

"The absence of Mr. Aldridge is the one thing which fills me with sadness. He was always in evidence in affairs of this kind I can hardly remember when his kindly face and distinguished personality was not to be seen in the conferences and at the Monroe county headquarters.

"Mr. Aldridge was responsible for my occupying my present position. It is the first state convention that I have attended that he has not been present. He is being greatly missed. I wish, indeed, that he were here."

The Monroe county delegation will not formally meet until Wednesday morning. It will assemble in the rooms of the Public Service Commission across the street from the Ten Eyck Hotel. It is contemplated then to adopt a resolution favoring the existing of one ballot for the delegation for the nominee for Governor and for all other candidates on the state ticket as well.

### Woman Delegation Present.

Among the woman delegates who are here from Monroe county are Mrs. William E. Werner, Mrs. Bert VanWie, assistant chairman of the Monroe County Republican Committee, and Mrs. John Swanson.

Monroe county has no candidates and it is standing by awaiting developments like the majority of the other delegates.

United States Senator James W. Wadsworth, of Geneseo, the home of Attorney-general Charles D. Newton, is looked to to persuade Attorney-General Newton not to be a candidate for re-election. He called upon Governor Miller late this afternoon.

Governor Miller was asked if Senator Wadsworth urged the claim of Attorney-General Newton for a renomination.

"You must excuse me from discussing the subject," replied the Executive.

When asked if he was going to meet any of the Republican leaders in any sort of conference, Governor Miller replied:

"I am not. I meet everybody who comes here. They are all leaders as far as I know. There are a great many people who come into the office to see me and the door is open."

### Has Stated His Position.

When pressed for further information as to whether Attorney-General Newton or Secretary of State John J. Lyons had said that if they could be shown that the ticket would be strengthened by their withdrawal they would step out of the picture, Governor Miller declined to be budged from his position of silence.

"I have said once before," was his reply, "that I am not going to interfere with anybody's ambition or what the convention will do. I simply stated what I will do."

Asked if any other statement might be expected from him, the Executive stated that he had already said enough.

"Perhaps too much," he added with a smile.

The atmosphere of the present convention is far different from that of those of former years. The delegates have no cottages for their headquarters as at Saratoga, and it is a continuous using of the elevators, which are always crowded, which makes the environment less cheerful. There are no airy verandas to promenade and the TenEyck lobby is crowded to inconvenience.

To-morrow morning the convention will open at 11 o'clock. The keynote speech will be delivered, the platform will be whipped into shape and the various convention committees will function. The delegates look for final harmony.

# ANDERSON PAYS FINE TRIBUTE TO GEO. W. ALDRIDGE

Says Appointment Late Re-jector Would Be Affront to Law-Abiding Citizens of State, *odpyt^tfry*

William H. Anderson, state superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League, gave out last night at his office in New York city, the following statement:

"I am advised, apparently reliably, that Phillip Eltinge of Kingston, Ulster County, New York, has the inside track for appointment as collector of the Port of New York. If this is true, I desire, in behalf of a strong majority of the churches of the state to protest against such appointment.

"This is generally considered an up-state appointment." The Republican party of up-state New York is overwhelmingly against liquor and for law enforcement. Mr. Eltinge is offensively and irreconcilably wet, having just recently, by means which are well understood and the use of enormous

sums of money, renominated, the only man left in the National House of Representatives who carried his subserviency to the liquor traffic to the point of voting against the food conservation act when America entered the war.

"While Mr. Eltinge has much respectable backing, having even some pliant prohibitionists into the organization, he is absolutely at variance with the sentiment of his party in this state. For example, the late collector, George W. Aldridge, though not a prohibitionist, recognized the obligation of a decently fair party leader to give representation to the commitment of his party, and rendered indispensable assistance in the ratification by New York of the Prohibition amendment; and the congressmen, in this territory voted right. To, sue Mr. Aldridge with a man of Mr. Aldridge's stand would be regarded as a deliberate affront by the moral and law-abiding constituency upon which the Republican Party must depend for its victories in this state which has already been outraged about to the limit on this question.

Further, the collector of the port has much to do with the question of sieving the smuggling of liquor in violation of the 18th amendment of the national prohibition act, and in the face of the difficulties already encountered it would be palpably bad administration policy to appoint an enemy of that law to enforce it. We have no candidate to suggest, it is the policy of the league to fight such matters to the point of emphatic protest against improper appointments."

Portrait of Aldridges, Father  
and Son, Both Mayors, to Hang  
in City Hall; Birthday To-day

D. & C. Dec 1924

Portraits of father and son, both mayors of Rochester, will hang in the Common Council chambers when plans of a group of intimate friends of the late George W. Aldridge are realized shortly after the first of the year. An oil portrait of Mr. Aldridge has been prepared and will be hung with appropriate ceremonies in the "gallery of mayors" in the aldermanic chambers in the City Hall.

Shortly after Mr. Aldridge's death on June 13, 1922, on the golf links of the Westchester-Biltmore Country Club at Rye, N. Y., a New York artist came to Rochester with a portrait which he said Mr. Aldridge had ordered before he died. A group of intimate friends of the late Republican leader, headed by James L. Hotchkiss, who succeeded Mr. Aldridge as head of the Republican organization in Monroe county; Mayor C. D. Van Zandt; Pharellus V. Crittenden and Herbert W. Pierce, superintendent of city planning, arranged to purchase the portrait.

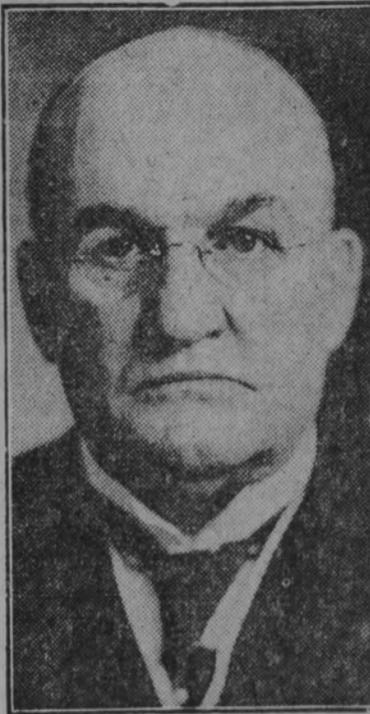
To Keep Memory Dear.

The portrait hung in Mayor Van Zandt's private office for a time and finishing touches have now been made to it and plans for the ceremonies attending its installation in the council chambers are being made. Funds for the purchase of the portrait and the erection of a simple but impressive tomb on Mr. Aldridge's grave in Mount Hope cemetery were raised by private subscription among the late leader's friends. Contributors included such friends of Mr. Aldridge as Charles R. Barnes, commissioner of railways; Supreme Court Justice Benjamin B. Cunningham; Supreme Court Justice Adolph J. Rodenbeck; William S. Riley, commissioner of purks; James F. Hamilton, president of the New York State Railways; Barry L. Braham, commissioner of public safety, in addition to the four men who headed the group, and a score of others.

One of the most impressive details of the tribute that the friends of Mr. Aldridge have arranged to keep his memory dear to them is placing of a wreath on his grave, three times a year forever. This plan was suggested by Mr. Crittenden, who was numbered among Mr. Aldridge's close friends. A neighbor of Mr. Aldridge in Plymouth avenue, south, it was his habit to walk with him at night, for a long walk and discussion of public life.

The three of them were elected for the year ending June 30, 1922, on the day of his death; the anniversary of his death, the anniversary of his birth, in accordance with the establishment of a fund for the erection of a tomb on his grave or the erection of a monument to his memory.

The sixty-eight year old man's wreath will be placed on the tomb to the eighth anniversary of his death. There has been deposited with the trustees of the Mount Hope cemetery a sum of nearly \$1,000, which has been invested so that it will return about \$350 a year, which the friends of Mr. Aldridge are confident will purchase three wreaths and provide the sum for the care of the tomb.



GEORGE W. ALDRIDGE.

Writer Praises Him.

Mr. Aldridge was elected mayor in 1892 and resigned during his term to become state superintendent of public works. His father in the seventh year of his public life and was elected mayor. The senior George Washington Aldridge was a prominent contractor who died when the late Republican leader was a young man. The political prominence that Mr. Aldridge attained was due to his father, who was a public life long before him.

Henry L'uyne, editor of the "The Rich and Poor in Politics," said of Mr. Aldridge: "The state of New York, a distinctly conservative tendencies perhaps slightly reactionary. was George W. Aldridge, a Republican leader of unquestioned brains and character and commonly known as the 'Boss' of the large industrial cities of Rochester. To the public generally he was simply a politician; to those who knew him in his later years, even those who were opposed to much that he stood for, he was an engaging and even charming humorist with a keen sense of humor and a rather broad tolerance.

"Very near the end of his life, 70 years of age, he had seen much of American life. And you know," he said one day, after reviewing some of the turbulent political periods of the last twenty-five years, "that when I see the conditions, social and political, in America to-day, I am glad that my life was cast in the past seventy years rather than in the seventy years to come."

# U.S. ECONOMIC I POLICY LAUDED BY ROOSEVELT

Vast Savings Affected by  
Paring Useless Expenditures  
— He Declares.

## TRIBUTE TO ALDRIDGE

NAVY OFFICIAL G/ISITS WIDOW OF  
LATE REPUBLICAN OHTEF  
OF STATE HERE.

Theodore Roosevelt, assistant secretary of the navy, who arrived in j  
Rochester this morning unheralded  
i except to newspaper men and the i  
Republican county leaders, passed a  
strenuous day in consultation with I  
his party's leaders here and in greet-  
ing friends and speaking at the Su-  
pervisor's picnic at Newport. His  
only social call was on Mrs. George  
I.W. Aldridge.

"Teddy" arrived at 9.15 a. m. and  
was met by the committee and James  
; L. Hotchkiss at the station. No an-  
nouncement had been made of his  
arrival but despite that the Colonel  
was recognized by several at the sta-  
tion and stopped several times to  
shake hands.

After a consultation with Repub-  
lican leaders he went to the Repub-  
lican headquarters to meet leaders of  
the party here. His movements were  
unheralded but when he came from  
the Union Trust building he was re-  
cognized and surrounded by hun-  
dreds on the street.

Goes to Aldridge Home.

Accompanied by the committee  
members he then went to the Al-  
dridge home. "George Aldridge was  
one of the finest friends my father  
and myself ever had," he told Mrs.  
Aldridge, "and I could not pass this  
opportunity to call on you. I have  
often sought your husband's counsel  
as my father did before me and it was  
with the keenest regret I could not  
come to Monroe county to live as he  
wanted me to after I came from the  
army."

Roosevelt then went to the Uni-  
versity club where he was met by old  
army pals. The place was thronged  
with veterans who greeted Roosevelt  
in "real army style."

"Rochester is the finest place to live  
in during the summer I ever saw,"  
declared the colonel in parting.

No mention was made of the state  
political situation for publication.

Beside Mr. Hotchkiss Roosevelt was  
met by a committee composed of the  
following: T. Carl Nixon, chairman;  
Arthur T. Smith, James P. O'Connor,  
James F. Gaflivan, Lewis R. Decker  
and Russell B. Griffith.

Praise for Aldridge.

"Mr. Chairman and fellow Republi-  
cans of Monroe county:

"it is a great privilege to appear  
here before you to-day. To-day is a  
day which, for all of us, is touched  
with sadness, for the man whom we  
admired, George W. Aldridge, our  
friend, the man who was always pres-  
ent on these occasions, is not with us.  
He has gone to his final reckoning,  
and I can wish no better fortune for  
all of us than that we, when our time  
comes, may be able to present as clean  
a bill at the seat of judgment as he  
could,

"George Aldridge was a very excep-  
tional character. I had known him  
for a quarter of a century. I can re-  
call him when he advised with my  
father in the days when my father  
was governor of the state. In these  
later years he became a dear ami val-  
ued friend of mine, and time and  
again I sought his advice. Indeed, it  
was but ten days before his death that  
I saw him for the last time.

Life to Public Service.

"George Aldridge, in the best sense  
of the word, dedicated his life to pub-  
lic service. He was a leader of the  
first order. His power in the councils  
of the party was based upon the fact  
that he was absolutely clean and dis-  
interested. He did not seek honors or  
advancement for himself. He strove  
for better government for the people  
and clearer sight for the party. It  
was proverbial throughout the state  
that George Aldridge's power was  
based on the firm rock of disinterested  
service. With the aid of you men,  
whom he gathered around him, Mon-  
roe county made for itself a reputa-  
tion unsurpassed in our state. When a  
man of the type of George Aldridge  
; dies, there are many eulogies deliv-  
ered upon him and his work. It is i  
right that there should be, but we j  
must not lose sight of the fact that, I  
though eulogies and praise are good,  
they amount to but little in the long;  
run. In the long run it is actions  
that count. If we are really sincere  
in what we have said of him; if you  
and I really admired him there is but  
one way that we can show it beyond  
dispute, and that is to prove it by our  
deeds. We must cany on. We must  
set our faces to the future determined  
through our work to forward the  
ideals to the achievement of which  
he dedicated his life.

Solid Front Monroe.

"The strength of Monroe comnty in  
the past has been the fact that it pre-  
sented a solid front. Remember the  
old fable of the bundle of sticks: 'In  
unity there is strength.' When we  
fight between ourselves we strengthen  
our opponent. You people of Monroe  
have influenced greatly the trend of  
affairs in the state. You have in-  
fluenced them because of your unity  
of purpose. If you fail in your unity  
of purpose your influence in the state  
| will wane, i have spoken of the fact  
! that the real tribute that George Ald-  
ridge would have desired to his mem-  
i ory from all of us, would be earnest  
| and effective work for country and  
; party. In line with this thought I  
I want briefly to sketch for you certain  
I of the achievements of the last couple  
of years, on which we Republicans  
may justly pride ourselves.

"Time is short and I can therefore,  
i but hit the high spots. You  
know as well as I know that  
nre after measure representing  
' real advance has ben put on the

books You know as well aa I know  
that the catch-as-catch-can govern-  
ment popular with the Democratic  
forces has been swept aside and in  
its place there has been supplied the  
ordered regime of common sense and  
business methods. The tale in state  
and nation is the same.

Task Was Two-Fold.

"The task that lay before us was  
two-fold. When we took control of  
the government we had first to bring  
order out of chaos and second to  
make further advances along the  
road of progress by constructive leg-  
islation and action.

"With regard to the first, in both  
state and nation, we have reorgan-  
ized and are working on sound lines.  
Both President Harding and I have  
marshaled our endeavors and directed  
our work effectively to this end. Our  
attitude has been that it is our duty  
to view every governmental activity  
with the same pair of spectacles that  
we would have used if those activi-  
ties had been in our individual busi-  
nesses. Naturally the first question  
we put to ourselves, with this in mind.  
was: Are there employees on the  
rolls who are not necessary to the  
public service? There was but one  
answer to the question. There were  
many employees on the rolls not nec-  
essary to the public service. We  
have cut thousands of positions from  
the rolls of government departments.  
We have taken the attitude that,  
since in private business men or  
women must justify their employ-  
ment by their work, in government  
it should be the same. Sauce for the  
goose is sauce for the gander.

Sold Surplus Property. good.

"Next we said have we property, or  
are we carrying on activities that are  
not necessary for the public  
Again we went over the departments  
with a fine tooth comb, and again we  
attained considerable results. The proof  
of the pudding is the eating. The  
proof of the pudding is the eating. The  
proof of our accomplishments I  
fact that the governmental exp  
tures this last year were n  
well over a billion. I could give you  
item after item to illustrate what I  
mean. I'll confine myself, however,  
to a few Illustrations from my own  
department, the navy department. We  
started a survey to see what our real  
estate holdings were. We found odds  
and ends that were entirely useless.

•For example, we found a timber  
reservation in Georgia which the navy  
had owned for about seventy years. It  
was originally bought to furnish white  
oak for the wooden ships of the fifties.  
These ships, like the dodo, are long  
since extinct, but nevertheless the tim-  
berland had been kept.

Found Old Holdings.

"We found naval holdings where  
only a caretaker had resided for  
years. These we have sold or are get-  
ting permission from Congress to sell.  
and the money received therefrom  
will be turned into the general treas-  
ury. In many cases we found that  
the government used rented space  
when a slight shift could transfer all  
activities to government-owned prop-  
erty. This we took advantage of and  
our expenditures for space "•ntau  
have been cut 75 per cent. We found  
side by side in the same cities two  
men in different offices doing identical  
work. We combined them.

"Where one man could do the work of two had been doing one man is doing that work. We found ships that had outlived their usefulness. We have sold them. We found supplies that were deteriorating on the shelves. We sold them. In our department we found instances where one district would be buying material which another had on hand, or where one would be selling what was needed in another place. All these items are insignificant individually, but taken collectively they amounted to a great deal. Over and above all this it was found that the various branches of the government would be carrying on as separate concerns; indeed, in many cases, as rival concerns.

U. S. One Unit.

"The President realized this was entirely wrong and he inaugurated a policy whereby the entire government was treated as one unit. Co-operation and co-ordination between all branches has been accomplished. For example, the navy trucks were used last year in New York to help the post-office when that department was in need of transportation, and the hiring of separate trucks was avoided thereby. This instance could be multiplied a hundred fold.

"Under General Dawes there had been inaugurated joint purchasing boards. Now, where possible, purchases are combined and thousands of dollars are being served through our being able to buy in bulk. We know now what surplus stocks the army have on hand and, if the navy can use them, we do so. In effect, throughout, we have tried to treat the government as if it were a business concern from which all of us expected dividends and not simply assessments. Figures talk and figures for next year show just how successful this work has been.

Executive Budget.

"So much for a brief sketch of the economic organization that we have put into effect. I have spoken of constructive work. Along that line we too have numerous accomplishments, such as the executive budget. Congress has been working on measures to crystallize the accomplishments of which I have spoken, to reduce taxation, and to bring back again to this country the ordered prosperity on which its greatness depends.

"I have said that our Republican administration did not content itself with reorganization and rehabilitation, but in addition it made for itself a record of constructive achievement. There are many measures that I could point to in this connection but there is one that overshadows all in its importance—the recent conference for the limitation of armaments. When we took over the reigns of government, the countries of the world were running a race in competitive building of naval armament which not only cost their peoples countless millions which might more properly have been expended in furthering civilization, but also which tended in no way to decrease the possibility of future wars. Realizing the evils of such a programme.

Harding Issued Call.

"President Harding boldly issued the call for the great naval nations of the world to meet in Washington to discuss the limitation treaty. You all know the history of this great event. You all know how Mr. Hughes lay on the table at the opening of the conference a carefully worked out plan which in large measure is represented in the resultant treaty. You have read much of what that conference did and did not do. What you and I are interested in primarily is—what practical benefit does the United States get from it? That is what I intend to lay before you.

"This country gets a navy fixed by the treaty second to none in the world, concretely, she gets a navy equal to that of Great Britain, the proverbial mistress of the seas, and 40 per cent. greater than the navy of any other country. Furthermore, this naval supremacy is not attained at a greatly increased cost, but at a greatly decreased cost. If the nations of the world had completed the building programme that they had last November, the position of the United States in relation to Great Britain and Japan would not have been as favorable as it is under this treaty. If the nations had finished the plan for naval construction that they had at the convening of the conference, the relation in battleships on a percentage basis would have been:

Percentage Basis.

- "United States, 100 per cent.
- "Great Britain, 106 per cent.
- "Japan, 97 per cent.
- "Under the treaty, the relative strengths are:
  - "United States 100 per cent.
  - "Great Britain, 100 per cent.
  - "Japan, 60 per cent.

"If these building programmes had been completed not only would the relationship have been changed to the detriment of the United States, as indicated above but also it would have been very costly. Over two hundred millions of dollars additional would have been spent in completing the vessels we have under construction. Furthermore, it would have been necessary to spend approximately six hundred million dollars a year in maintaining the navy that would have resulted. This coming year our navy will cost not much more than half of that sum. Therefore not only have we cut the potential charge in the future approximately in half, but in addition, we have decreased the cost over last year by close to 20 per cent. Bear in mind, friends, that with all of this reduction in cost, we have not sacrificed our national interest and we have a navy second to none.

Does Not Desire War.

"The United States does not desire to undertake wars of aggression. We will fight, as every right-thinking people should, for justice and the defense of our rights, but we have no designs on what other nations possess. This treaty has, in large measure, precluded the possibility of wars of aggression between the powers who have signed it. In Europe, in the past, statesmen struggled to preserve peace by trying to maintain what they called the 'Balance of power.' They attempted to do this by making alliances between the various nations. In these alliances they tried to group the countries in such fashion as to make it inadvisable for either group to attack the other, as countries generally do not wish to go to war unless they feel that their strength is sufficiently great to make victory probable.

History Witness of Failure.

"The history of Europe bears witness to the failure of this attempt to preserve peace. The naval treaty we have accomplished the same end by a different method. because we have left each nation with ample defense but with insufficient strength to make her confident enough of success to tempt her to make aggression. With any nation who may be... I fear or another, there is no better defense from aggression than a doubt as to whether she can make the war successful or not.

*Herald*

**Lighted Candles Placed  
CA, on Two Mt. Hope Graves**  
*Dec. 26 - 1970*

Lighted candles butted art last night on the graves of George W. Aldridge and J. Hanv Stedman in Mt. Itopo Cemetery. The candles were specially made to withstand wind and when burning at an early hour this morning.

The former Mr. Stodman is generally credited with reviving the custom of placing lighted candles in the windows of the home on Christmas Eve, attached to a candle on the mantel.

Mr. Aldridge, a 30-year-old friend, broke a promise, his son's friend, to place a candle at his grave.

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ALDRIDGE GRAVE FRIDAY**  
*Herald Dec. 26*

A wreath will be placed on the grave of George W. Aldridge, former Republican leader, Friday, in accordance with arrangements made by friends of Mr. Aldridge recently in placing a monument on the grave. Provision was made for the perpetual upkeep of the grave, and also for the placing of a wreath on January 28, June 13 and Election Day. Mr. Aldridge's birthday was on December 28 and his death took place on June 13. The monument was provided and a fund established for the maintenance of the grave by James I. Hotchkiss, who succeeded Mr. Aldridge as leader; P. V. Crittenden, and Herbert W. Pierce, all lifelong friends of the former leader.

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## Secretary Roosevelt Warns of Crisis Facing Na- tion To-day.

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supplies would fail, the people would be without the necessities of life.

"The President has striven earnestly to bring both strikes to an end. In so doing he has acted as the spokesman of the public. His good offices may yet be successful. Up to this time, however, one party or the other has refused to accept. The responsibility for impending condition in the country must be faced by those who refuse to accept a reasonable compromise. They must bear the onus of the suffering of the women and the children. In the actual matter of disagreement in the railroads and coal mines but a minority of the country is engaged.

Duty to Majority.

"The primary duty of the government, however, is to a majority of the people, not to any minority. Should these negotiations fail to bring results we will have to move at once to protect the people in their need, furthermore such dangers as we are confronting must not occur again. All those engaged in these Industries, employers and employees, will have to work out some method of mutual adjustment to prevent these troubles.

"These matters are of such grave concern to the country that. If they do not, the government will be forced to find some method of its own for preventing their occurrence. The interests of the people as a whole must be guarded. The men and women who buy coal by the scuttles must be protected.

In the long run, however, the prevention of these troubles lies, as I in a recent speech in recognizing the partnership relation between labor and capital. They should not be organized against one another in hostile camps but as but on some partnership basis so that the success of the business reflects directly to the benefits of both.

Aldridge a Patriot.

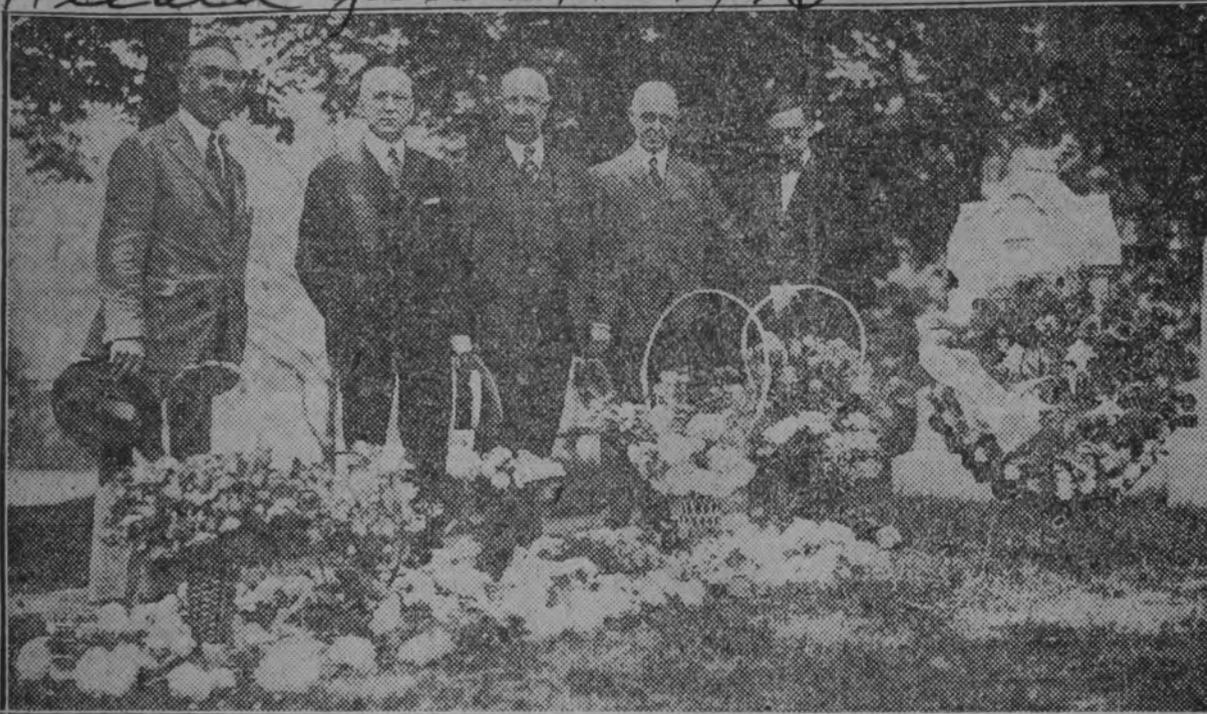
"In state and nation we have worked for the greatest good of the greatest number. In state and nation we are beginning to reach the benefits of sound thinking and sound acting. George Aldridge was a patriot and worker and he held as our party holds that no amount of talk justifies lack of action. It is not coining high-sounding phrases that counts, but registering achievements. If we are to live up to his example and to maintain our record in the troublous times that lie before us, we cleave to these tenets. Just yesterday I recited a verse which expresses exactly what each one of us should ask ourselves now. It runs:

It isn't the task of the few-  
The PICK of the brave and the  
It's he and I and It's you

With the good vessel alone  
Will you work? Will  
Are you on your  
Are you carrying your weight?  
Are you pulling your weight in the  
boat?

**.Place Flowers on Grave of Former Republican Leader**

*Herald June 14 - 1923*



One of the groups that visited the grave of the late George W. Aldridge in Mt. Hope Cemetery yesterday. From left to right: JOHN KELLER, HERBERT W. PIERCE, JAMES L. HOTCHKISS, P. V. CRITTENDEN, and GEORGE J. OTTO.  
-Photo by Stone, Herald Photographer.

FLORAL tributes in memory of George W. Aldridge were showered on his grave in Mt. Hope Cemetery yesterday by scores of friends and relatives, in observance of the first anniversary of his death. Roses predominated in the mass of blossoms on the green mound, but many other varieties were represented. Various fraternal organizations, of which Mr. Aldridge was a member

also observed the day with floral tributes. Among visitors to the grave were Charles R. Barnes, P. V. Crittenden, both lifelong friends of Mr. Aldridge, George W. Aldridge, jr., and his wife, Mrs. Aldridge, James L. Hotchkiss, George J. Otto, Charles S. Owen, Charles T. Chapin, Thomas A. Killip, William H. Fraig, Andrew L. Wilson, and a large number of other friends. John

Keller, superintendent of the cemetery, received flowers to be placed on the grave from leaders of national importance. Mr. Aldridge fell dead, while playing golf on the Westchester-Biltmore Country Club links at Rye. At the time of his death, he was with National Committeeman Charles D. Hilles, Prohibition Director Ralph and George W. Sweeney, roanag, of the 11th district.

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**Woodrow Wilson' tf- -  
And Geo. W. Aldridge  
t- y Born On Same Day**

During the life of the late George W. Aldridge and the term of Woodrow Wilson as president, Rochester newspapers always commented on the fact that the birth of these men occurred on the same day—Dec. 28, 1856.

It was of special significance in those days, as Mr. Aldridge was one of the most prominent Republican leaders, not only in Rochester in Monroe county, but in New York state while Wilson was the head of the Democratic party.

**HONOR TO MEMORY OF STATE  
REPUBLICAN LEADER WILL BE  
PERPETUATED BY TRUST FUND**

*£ + C. Dec. 26 - 1923*

Three times a year forever, a wreath will be placed on the grave of the late George W. Aldridge in Mount Hope cemetery. The occasions selected to do honor to the memory of the late Republican leader are the anniversary of his birth on December 28th, the anniversary of his death on June 13th and Election Day.

This Friday the first of the wreaths will be placed on Mr. Aldridge's grave. Through the activities of P. V. Crittenden, James L. Hotchkiss and Herbert W. Pierce, a fund was raised among Mr. Aldridge's intimate friends to erect a simple but impressive monument on his grave. In addition, a fund was created

monument and the placing of the wreaths on the grave three times a year forever. The fund is placed in trust, with the trustees of the Mount Hope cemetery and the income will be used for the wreaths and the care of the monument.

Mr. Aldridge died at the Westchester Biltmore Country Club when playing golf on June 13, 1922. He was succeeded to the leadership of the Republican organization of Monroe county by Mr. Hotchkiss, who also took Mr. Aldridge's place on the Executive Committee of the Republican State Committee. Mr. Aldridge left friends in all strata of society and of various political affiliations.

# EVIDENCE REGARD FOR ALDRIDGE ON DATE OF DEATH

## Friends of Aldridge Gather at Flower-strewn Grave

Friends of Political Leader  
of All Stations Pay  
Tribute at Grave.

FLOWERS SENT BY 1,000

Suggestion for Permanent  
Memorial Is to Name  
Boulevard for Him.



Among the earliest to visit the grave of the late George W. Aldridge in Mount Hope cemetery yesterday, the first anniversary of his death, were those who were closest to him in life. Some of these pictured above at the grave. They are, from left, Commissioner of Railways Charles R. Barnes, an intimate of Mr. Aldridge for many years; Republican leader James L. Hotchkiss, who succeeded the Republican leader; Commissioner of Public Works Herbert W. Pierce; P. V. Crittenden, one of Mr. Aldridge's closest friends, and George Otto, who was confidential secretary to Mr. Aldridge for twenty years.

Symbolical of the vast range of friendships possessed by the late George W. Aldridge were the varied floral tributes laid on his grave in Mount Hope cemetery yesterday in memory of the first anniversary of his death. Pretentious floral sets were piled solidly on the mound and sprinkled among them were cut flowers, the tributes of more than 1,000 persons who visited the grave during the day.

Mr. Aldridge, a man of strong friendships, and of democratic spirit had hundreds of admirers in all lines of endeavor. This was evident from the great variation in the floral offerings. Many persons in humble circumstances, whom Mr. Aldridge befriended during his lifetime, visited his resting place and laid a few strands of flowers upon the grave in silent manifestation of the reverence which they hold for his memory. In contrast to those simple tributes were the elaborate floral pieces that arrived in a steady stream during the day.

### Suggestions for Memorial Made.

Discussion of plans for a permanent memorial to Mr. Aldridge's memory now is being heard. Such an undertaking will be sponsored solely by his friends. It has been suggested that the Summerville boulevard be widened and named for Mr. Aldridge and a monument erected in the park at the foot of the boulevard, facing on the lake. Incorporated in his suggestion is the planting of trees along the boulevard in memory of each resident in Monroe county who lost his life in the service of the country.

It is expected that sentiment for the establishment of a permanent memorial to Mr. Aldridge and to the late Hiram H. Edgerton, who was identified so closely with the political leader in working out much of the city's progress, will crystallize within a short time.

Mr. Aldridge dropped dead when playing golf at the Westchester-Biltmore Country Club at Tye, X. Y., on June 13, 1922. Mr. Edgerton, who served seven terms as mayor, died the following Sunday. His end was hastened by the death of his friend and political mentor. When visiting Mr. Aldridge's bier the mayor said, trembling with grief, "Good-bye, old pal, I'll be with you soon," and in a few days the prophesy came true.

### All Classes Pay Tribute.

Many of Mr. Aldridge's friends brought the flowers to the cemetery while others sent them there to be placed on his grave. John W. Keller, superintendent of the cemetery, said the grave was visible from early in the morning until the cemetery was closed and that the wealth of flowers equaled the display when Mr. Aldridge was laid to rest a year ago.

Among the early callers were Charles R. Barnes, commissioner of railways, and a life-long friend and intimate of Mr. Aldridge; James L. Hotchkiss, his first lieutenant in political activities; P. V. Crittenden, Supreme Court Justice; Adolph J. Rodenbeck, John B. M. Stephens, Benjamin B. Cunningham, all personal friends of Mr. Aldridge in years and years. Others who visited the grave included John J. McInerney, Dr. Thomas A. Killip, Herbert W. Pierce, William H. Craig, George J. Otto, who was confidential secretary to Mr. Aldridge for years; Mayor Van Zandt, County Judge Gillette, William E. Porter, and representatives five men and women by the score.

Political affiliations knew no distinction among the persons who paid tribute to Mr. Aldridge, for his friendship embraced persons of all party allegiance, in all strata of society, and in all lines of business activity. Many of his political friends pledged anew at his grave to carry on the work to which he had devoted his life.

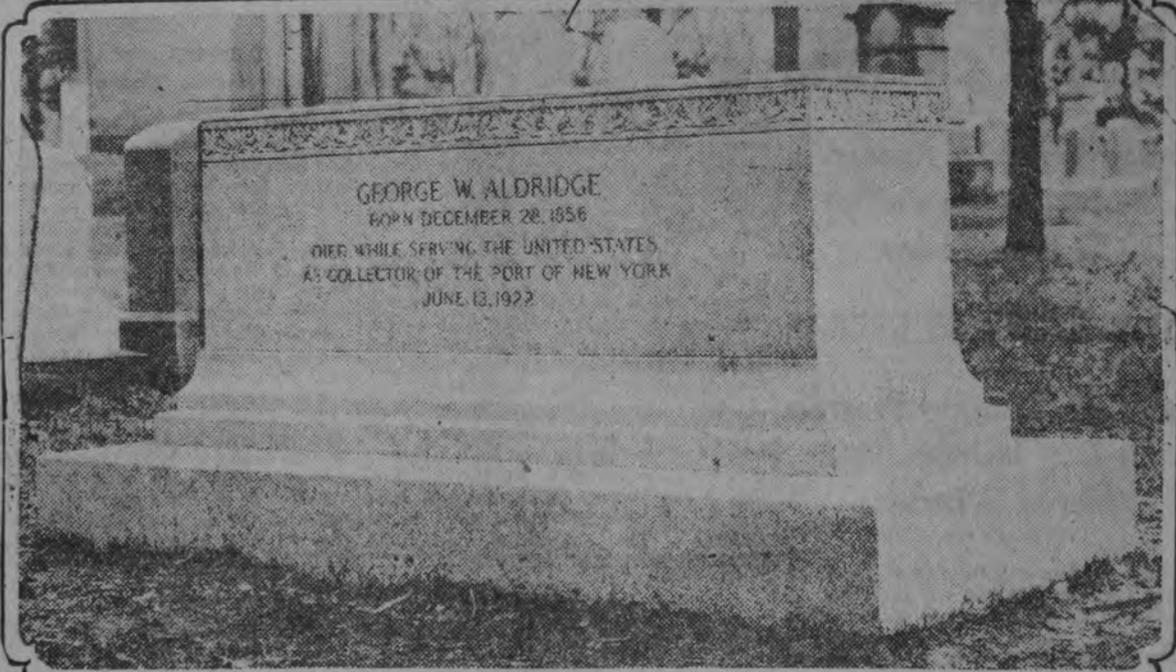
### Tribute Paid Memory Of George W. Aldridge

George Henry Payne, author and publicist, pays strong tribute to the late George W. Aldridge in his article on "The Rich Man in Politics," appearing in the

...oyne writes: "For many years one of the politicians in the State of New York, a man of distinctly conservative views, Aldridge, a slightly nary, was a republican of ungi! commonly known as the "Boss" of the large ludui city of Kocheiter. "To the public generally he was simply a politician; to those who came to know him in his yearB, even those who weru opposed to much that ho stood for, he was an engaging and even charming philosopher with a keen sense of humor and a rather Ore ance. Very nearly 70 years of day, he had seen much of American life. "And, you know," he said one st 26 after reviewing some the irbu- lent political periods of the la years, "that when I seo ditlons, social and political. In lea today, I am glad that my life was cast ln the past 70 j rather than ln the 70 years to come." "Two weeks later Mr. Aldridge died."

Friends Erect Tribute to George W. Aldridge

D. & C. Dec. 6 - 1923



Two views of the monument which has just been erected at the grave of the late George W. Aldridge, for many years county leader of Republicans, in Mount Hope cemetery.

As a mark of affectionate tribute to the memory of the late George W. Aldridge, a group of his personal friends, headed by P. V. Crittenden, James L. Hotchkiss and Herbert W. Pierce, have erected a monument on his grave in Mount Hope cemetery. No ceremonies attended the unveiling of the granite tombstone, as the intimate associates of the fallen leader would not be in keeping with his taste. The memorial is simple, yet impressive and dignified, one which Mr. Crittenden, who was one of Mr. Aldridge's warmest friends,

feels that the late leader would approve "could he see it."

The memorial is cut from perfect granite; on one side is the inscription, "An expression of sorrow and farewell to a great leader and a true friend."

On the other side is the inscription:

GEORGE W. ALDRIDGE  
Born December 28, 1856

Died while serving the United States  
Collector of the Port of New York  
1822 June 13,

As part of the tribute to Mr. Aldridge is the establishment of a fund with the trustees of Mount Hope cemetery, the

inconvenient which is to be used for the perpetual care of the grave and granite monument, also for the placing of a wreath on his grave three times a year, forever.

The three occasions selected for the placing of a wreath on the grave are December 28th, the anniversary of Mr. Aldridge's birth; June 13th, the anniversary of his death, and

Mr. Hotchkiss, speaking for the group of intimate friends of Mr. Aldridge, declared that "this simple tomb and the fund for its everlasting care and honor was in tribute to a beloved friend whose memory will not be forgotten."

Place Wreath<sup>73</sup> on  
Aldridge's Grave

on Anniversary  
D.H.C. June 1, 1923

A wreath was placed on the grave of George A. Aldridge in Mount Hope cemetery yesterday, the second anniversary of his death. A group of Mr. Aldridge's intimate friends have established a trust fund and three times a year forever a wreath will be placed on his grave. The occasions selected to do honor to the memory of the late Republican leader are on the anniversary of his birth on December 28th; the anniversary of his death on June 13th and Election Day.

The wreath placed on the grave yesterday was the second. It was through the activities of P. V. Crittenden, James I. Hotchkiss and Herbert W. Pierce, that the fund was raised to erect a simple but impressive monument on the grave, and to provide for the perpetual care of the monument and the placing of the wreaths on the grave three times a year for.

The fund is placed in trust with the trustees of the Mount Hope cemetery and the income will be used for the wreaths and the care of the monument.

Mr. Aldridge died at the Westchester Biltmore Country Club while playing golf on June 13, 1922. He was succeeded to the leadership of the Republican organization of Monroe county by Mr. Hotchkiss, his closest political associate. Mr. Aldridge left friends in legion in all strata of society and of various political affiliations. Mr. Hotchkiss also succeeded his as member of the Executive Committee of the Republican State Committee.

ALDRIDGE CLUB  
FORMS AS ARM  
OF REPUBLICANS

Will Be Devoted to Jews  
in Party; A. Shulman  
Chosen President.

--ifTO

A new arm of the regular Republican organization in Rochester, proposed several days ago, was organized last night when officers were elected for what henceforth will be known as the Aldridge Club. A. Shulman is the first president of the new club, the purposes of which have not yet been specifically defined. Workers for the new group believe in slow and solid progress and a committee is being formed to draw up a constitution defining the aims of the organization, tentatively sketched as a Republican club to look after the interests of Jews in the party. The only qualification for membership stressed so far is that the applicant be a regular Republican.

Last night's meeting, for which thirty-five invitations were sent out, had an attendance of nearly seventy-five, an indication in the eyes of its promoters of the need of the organization. The meeting took place in the home of Sol Levin, in Joseph avenue. Mr. Levin was elected honorary chairman.

Other officers chosen were: Vice-president, Joseph Kielson; secretary, Simon Stillman; and treasurer, Mas Shapiro. The board of directors will consist of Larry Pekarski, Al Joffe, Harold Ginsburg, Nathan Wrence and Charles H. Relin. A community dance and a slac, under the auspices of the Aldridge club already are being contemplated.

Presents Aldridge Fire Helmet To Municipal Museum

J. U. A. p. l. v. - 1922



Memories of George W. Aldridge, late Republican leader, were stirred today when Mrs. Aldridge presented to the Municipal Museum the fireman's helmet her husband wore as a smoke eater in the Rochester Fire Department 50 years ago.

Mr. Aldridge served five years as a fireman, and on Sept. 8, 1880, received from Mayor Cornelius R. Par-

sons, a certificate of his service. This certificate, which is reproduced in these columns today, was also presented to the city museum.

Director Arthur C. Parker of the museum expressed his pleasure at receiving these several evidences of civic duty performed by one of Rochester's foremost personalities.

The certificate which has a his-

torical significance reads:

"This is to certify that George W. Aldridge has served as a fireman in the City of Rochester the full term required by law and is entitled in all the exemptions and privileges secured thereby.

"Witness the hands of the Mayor and the City Clerk and the Seal of this City

"This eighth day of September, 1880.

"Cornelius R. Parsons,

"Mayor.

"L. M. Mandeville,  
City Clerk."

The reproduced certificate shows the style of helmet worn in his fighting days of Mr. Aldridge and also the types of apparatus.

**Fine Record of Comradeship Which City Will Not Forget**

D. + C. June 12 - 1922



Photo by Rowa

This is probably the best available photograph of the two men, who, having co-operated for years in public service for the betterment of Rochester, were taken dramatically by death within the same week. Hiram H. Edgerton, mayor of Rochester for fourteen years, and George W. Aldridge, former mayor and Republican leader, both were at the peak of their careers and in evident good health when the photograph was taken.

Portrait Of G. W. Aldridge  
Is Presented To City

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Jan. 4 - 1926



A portrait of George W. Aldridge, former mayor of Rochester, and late Republican chairman of Monroe county, was presented to the city by His Excellency George W. Aldridge Memorial Association in connection with the organization meeting of the Common Council Saturday afternoon. The committee which had charge of preparation of the portrait, for the asso-

and which made the gift to the city, was composed of P. V. Crittenden, James L. Hotchkiss and Her- bert W. Tierce. The presentation speech was made by Eugene L. Dwyer, former president of the Common Council. The picture hangs among the portraits of other deceased mayors of Rochester on the wall of the Common Council chamber.

NEGLECTED DESK  
IN CAPITOL TURNS  
UP ALDRIDGE FIND

1896 Campaign Buttons  
of Famous Leader

Were Discovered. /

Feb. 8 - 1926

From the dust of a long neglected desk in the state capitol were unearthed recently a number of campaign pins, which recalls an event in the political career of the late George W. Aldridge when, thirty years ago, he was a contender for the Republican nomination for governor. The pins were turned over to Simon L. Adler, majority leader of the Assembly, who has distributed them to a group of personal friends of Mr. Aldridge, including Charles R. Barnes, P. V. Crittenden and James L. Hotchkiss. A dozen of the pins were sent to Alderman Haskell H. Marks for distribution to members of the Aldridge Club.

The pins have an interesting history and Mr. Adler prepared the following memorandum about them:

This pin, which harks back to 1896 when the late George W. Aldridge was a candidate for the Republican nomination for governor, was unearthed from the dust of a long neglected desk in the state capitol.

In 1896, the capitol was under construction. In that year Mr. Aldridge was a candidate for the Republican nomination opposed to Frank S. Black. The stone cutters, the masons and others employed on the construction of the capitol were, to a man, enthusiastic supporters of Mr. Aldridge and wore this pin which was the campaign emblem of the Aldridge faction.

What happened at the Saratoga convention that year is a matter of political history. For many hours Mr. Aldridge held the ascendancy over and finally reached a point at which nomination was assured on the ballot. At this point he made one of the few political mistakes of his life.

On an urgent request of William Barnes he consented to an adjournment until the next day. Delegates the following morning to find that Saratoga had been literally plastered with a poster very damaging to the Monroe leader. Before the Barnes maneuver could be met the convention had assembled and, on the first ballot, nominated Frank S. Black, who that fall was elected governor of the state.

# Portrait of Aldridges, Father and Son, Both Mayors, to Hang

## K in City Hall; Birthday To-day

Nov. Dec. 28 1924

Portraits of father and son, both mayors of Rochester, will hang in the Common Council chambers when plans of a group of intimate friends of the late George W. Aldridge are realized shortly after the first of the year. An oil portrait of Mr. Aldridge has been prepared and will be hung with appropriate ceremonies in the "gallery of mayors" in the aldermanic chambers in the City Hall.

Shortly after Mr. Aldridge's death on June 13, 1922, on the golf links of the Westchester-Biltmore Country Club at Rye, N. Y., a New York artist came to Rochester with a portrait which he said Mr. Aldridge had ordered before he died. A group of intimate friends of the late Republican leader, headed by James I. Hotchkiss, who succeeded Mr. Aldridge as head of the Republican organization in Monroe county: Mayor C. D. Van Zandt; Phellus V. Crittenden and Herbert W. Pierce, superintendent of city planning, arranged to purchase the portrait.

### To Keep Memory Dear.

The portrait hung in Major Van Zandt's private office for a time and finishing touches have now been made to it and plans for the ceremonies attending its installation in the council chambers are being made. Funds for the purchase of the portrait and the erection of a simple but impressive tomb on Mr. Aldridge's grave in Mount Hope cemetery were raised by private subscription among the late leader's friends. Contributors included such friends of Mr. Aldridge as Charles R. Barnes, commissioner of railroads; Supreme Court Justice Benjamin B. Cunningham; Supreme Court Justice Adolph L. Rodenbeck; William B. Tiley, commissioner of parks; James V. Hamilton, president of the New York State Railways; Harry J. Barenham, winner of public safety, in addition to the four men who headed the group, and a score of others.

One of the most impressive details of the tribute that the friends of Mr. Aldridge have arranged to keep his memory dear to them is placing of a wreath on his grave, three times a year forever. This plan was suggested by Mr. Crittenden who was numbered among Mr. Aldridge's closest friends. A neighbor of Mr. Aldridge in Plymouth avenue south will be the practice of Mr. Crittenden to join the Republican leader night after night for a long walk and discussion of intimate affairs of public life.

The three occasions selected for the placing of the wreath on Mr. Aldridge's grave are June 13th, the anniversary of his death; Election day, and December 28th, the anniversary of his birth. In accordance with the establishment of the fund for the perpetual decoration of Mr. Aldridge's grave on these three dates, a wreath will be placed on the tomb today, the sixty-eighth anniversary of Mr. Aldridge's birth.

There has been deposited with the trustees of the Mount Hope cemetery a fund of \$1,000, which has been invested so that it will return about \$300 a year, which the friends of Mr. Aldridge are confident will purchase three wreaths and provide a fund for the care of the tombstone.



GEORGE W. ALDRIDGE.

### Writer Praises Him.

Mr. Aldridge was elected mayor in 1892 and resigned during his term. He became state superintendent of public works. His father in the same way was very active in public life and was elected mayor. The senior George Washington Aldridge was a prominent contractor. He died when the late Republican leader was a young man. The political independence that Mr. Aldridge attained was due to his own achievements rather than any initiative from his father, who passed out of public life long before his son became a factor of consequence.

George Henry Payne, associate editor of the Forum, in an article, "The Rich Young Man in Politics," said of Mr. Aldridge:

"For many years one of the ablest politicians in the state of New York, a man of distinctly conservative tendencies, perhaps slightly reactionary, George W. Aldridge, a Republican leader of unquestioned brain and character, and commonly known as the Boss of the large Industrial City of Rochester, to the public generally he was simply a politician; to those who knew him in his later years, even those who were opposed to him, he was a man of an engaging and even charming philosophy with a keen sense of his own and a rather broad tolerance.

Nearly 70 years of age, he had seen much of American life. And you know, on one day, after renewing his acquaintance with the turbulent political period of the last twenty-five years, that the old man, in his own mind and political philosophy, was a man of the America of today, I past seventy years old, was cast in the seventy years to rather than.





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