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George Aldridge as Mayor in 1894
When Mr. Aldridge was stricken with a serious and what it was feared would prove a fatal illness, in December, 1920, the spontaneous outpouring of expressions of concern throughout the community, among people of all ranks and classes, and regardless of political and other limitations, demonstrated the remarkable place that he occupied in the regard of his fellow townsmen.

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.

It is impossible to express, in a few words, the unique place that Mr. Aldridge occupied in Rochester. He was a political leader, sagacious, wise and far-sighted; he inspired sentiments that made men unwavering in their friendship; he carved for himself a place in the inner councils of his party in state and nation that cannot easily be filled; but above all he was a genial, warm-hearted, approachable human being to whom the low and the humble went for help and advice as readily as those of the highest station.

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 will be kept alive 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. If he has walked our streets for the last 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.
GEORGE W. ALDRIDGE DIES ON GOLF LINKS

AT DESK OF COLLECTOR IN NEW YORK

REPUBLICAN LEAKER QUICKLY

SUCCEWS TO HEART ATTACK

ON A COURSE NEAR NEW YORK

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And, With Stricken Down.

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at age 76

Mr. Aldridge's body will reach Rochester shortly after 12 o'clock to-morrow morning. George W. Aldridge, Jr., the only child of Mr. Aldridge, will reach Rochester this morning.

Spirits Affected by Illness

Regrettably Mr. Aldridge's illness last March was too much for him. He suffered from pneumonia, which nearly proved fatal. His recovery was slow, but appeared to be complete. At the superintendency of the golf course of the City of Rochester, Mr. Aldridge said he could not realize what had happened.

Second Attack of Pneumonia

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Mr. Aldridge was often mentioned prominently for the governorship of the state. In 1896 he was one of the leading candidates for the Republican nomination, and two years later he came within a few votes of receiving the nomination.

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 connected 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. Harding 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 continued as the active head of the corporation, which has its main offices in Rochester, Ill. He was also one of the directors of the Lincoln-Anti-Llinois Bank and of the General Realty Service, Inc.

In 1913 Mr. Aldridge became president of the American Clay and Cement Corporation, one of the leading 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 inestimable value in his connection, and he continued as the active head of the corporation, which has its main offices in Rochester, Ill. He was also one of the directors of the Lincoln-Anti-Llinois 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 maintaining the efficiency of the 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 of the Exempt Firemen's Association of Storage and worked hard for the improvement of the services. He was a member of the National Firemen's Association of the Exempt Firemen's Association of Storage and worked hard for the improvement of the services.

Mr. Aldridge was a life member of various Masonic bodies, including York Rite Lodge, Hamiton Chapter, R. A. M.; Danas Temple, Knights Templar, and the University Commandery, Knights Templar, and he was a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason. With actual hundreds of matters being brought to him for advice or direction he was able more often than not to mold the thoughts of others 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, clear 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 "lighter." 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.

Always, Kept His Word.

Another side of his character was the care with which he kept his word. A promise made by Mr. Aldridge was as good as a promise kept. Even in little matters he always made it a point to redeem any promise he had made. With pressing business on every hand he would find time and opportunity to attend to some trivial affair, because he had made someone a promise.

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.
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ALDRIDGE DIES ON LINKS

POLITICAL FRIENDS OF GEORGE ALDRIDGE PAY TRIBUTE ON HIS LIFE

A profound shock has been caused among members of the city administration work by George Aldridge's sudden and unexpected death. Aldridge had been a lifelong friend and associate of many of the leading political figures in Rochester and Monroe County.

Aldridge was a member of the Republican Party and had been active in local politics for many years. He served as a member of the City Council for 15 years and was a member of the Planning Advisory Board. Aldridge was a respected and well-liked figure in the community.

Friends and colleagues of Aldridge have expressed their condolences and memories of his life. Mayor De Potter, who had known Aldridge for many years, said, "His death is a great loss to the city and to me personally." Senator James L. Whitley, who had worked closely with Aldridge on many issues, said, "He was a great public servant and a devoted friend." Mayor Clarence D. Van Zandt said, "Rochester has lost one of its most respected citizens.""
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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'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 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. Her doctor, the Aldridge family physician, was called in. He gave a sedative and Mrs. Aldridge was reported as resting quietly later. Mrs. 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 hear 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."

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 hear 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:

- 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."

- Commissioner of Public Works Herbert W. Pierce-"I have known Mr. Aldridge as a neighbor and as a friend all my life. I have no words to express my sorrow at his death. His life was a record of achievement in the interests of his home community."

- City Planning Superintendent Edwin A. Fisher-"Mr. Aldridge was one of the first members of the City Planning Advisory Board, and served up to the end of last December. He proved himself a man of large vision who looked out for the Interests of the city at all times."

- Commissioner of Railways Charles R. Barnes-"I have lost a lifelong friend. Rochester and Monroe County have lost their staunchest defender. His advice and counsel have been invaluable to those who were struggling to make Rochester a better place to live in."

- Mayor Clarence D. Van Zandt-"Mr. Aldridge coupled a lino intellect and vigorous mentality with a genial personality that none who came in contact with him could resist. His admirable record as Collector of the Port of New York was only a fitting climax to a lifetime of constructive achievement."
SUFFERS ATTACK WHILE AT WESTCHESTER C LUB FOR AFTERNOON 60LF

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-Baltimore 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.

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 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 on 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.

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 illustrative of Judge'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, N. Y., his father became interested in politics during the years he was a power in the town, 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 University of Michigan, Oxford, Massachusetts, 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 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 he was safe 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 Huibert S. Uremaker, 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 5,000, 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 1896. He went to the Saratoga convention with strong backing and would have carried the nomination over Governor Black, but for the fact that Platt 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 elected, as Governor Black won by 200,000 majority.

It has been claimed that Mark Hanna was responsible for the ddk,1 of Aldridge for the nomination in 1896, 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. Platt, 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 his in official responsibility, came in for sweeping criticism. An official investigation followed, which concluded with the finding that Superintendent Aldridge and others responsible for the detail of Aldridge's work were guilty of a gross waste of public funds. The "nine million dollar improvement" 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 his in official responsibility, came in for sweeping criticism. An official investigation followed, which concluded with the finding that Superintendent Aldridge and others responsible for the detail of Aldridge's work were guilty of a gross waste of public funds. The "nine million dollar improvement" was popularly known as the "Nine Million Dollar Act."
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. Mr. Aldridge, with William Barnes and Timothy Woodruff were the triumvirate who gained control of the state and brought about the election of Woodruff as a senator. In 1913, and continued in that position until his death, although absent from Rochester. He was a member of the General Realty Service and of the Lincoln-Alliance Bank and a member of the following organizations: the Geppesville 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 Rochester club affiliations, Mr. Aldridge is a member of the Lotus, Lawyers and Republican Clubs of New York City. He was a member of the Chamber of Commerce, the Municipal Art Commission and the City Planning Advisory Board.

PROSPERITY MENS 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 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.

A 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 the death of Mr. Aldridge last night expressed deep admiration for the qualities of the man they held 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 us, and that made him true to his friends and unflinchingly to the objectives he sought.

Mr. Aldridge was defeated for Congress in 1920, and regarded it as a forlorn hope against the popular administration and it was largely through the Hughes clubs. The next night at 9.40 o'clock for New York, that when he returned to Rochester,

Mr. Aldridge was for Hughes, the other 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 convinced him to forbid any election night celebration by the Hughes clubs. The next day, when the returns showed the defeat of Wilson, his premonition was vindicated.

Mr. Aldridge was defeated for Member of Congress at a special election April 19, 1906, 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.

Powerful in State. For nearly forty years Mr. Aldridge took part in Republican state conventions. He was an adviser of Governors Morton, Black, Ockli and Hughes and influence was powerful during the years Whitman administrations and it was largely through his support that Governor Whitman was again chosen and led the party in 1914.

With the defeat of Whitman, his importance as a factor in State Republican affairs inclined, and it is said, was seemingly increasing. 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 the strong supporter of Judge Miller and it was his support in no small degree, that brought victory first to the Miller club and eventually to his election. Mr. Aldridge's prestige retained a great imprint, 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 nominated in 1920, the President-elect offered Mr. Aldridge the choice of three Federal appointments. These were, Collector of Internal Revenue, New York, Commissioner of Internal Revenue, and United States Treasurer. After some deliberation Mr. Aldridge chose the last.

Mr. Aldridge is survived by his wife, who previous to her marriage was Mary Josephine Nich 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.

**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 the General Realty Service and of the Lincoln-Alliance Bank and a member of the following organizations: the Geppesville 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 Rochester club affiliations, Mr. Aldridge is a member of the Lotus, Lawyers and Republican Clubs of New York City. He was a member of the Chamber of Commerce, the Municipal Art Commission and the City Planning Advisory Board.

Mr. Powers said that he had never seen Mr. Aldridge look any better than when he was last here. Mr. Aldridge expressed himself as feeling as well as he ever had in his life, declaring that the 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 game 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 last three years, and the club house was erected, and in the last few years has passed a great deal of time on the course. It was not without effect, however, to play over the course during the time that it may have been possible to reduce the extra poundage he was carrying by constant golfing. Mr. Aldridge planned, said Mr. Powers, to play a good game of golf this summer, both in New York and Rochester.

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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 kingship 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 instinct 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 some-thing 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 main-spring of his political character and the warrant of his success.

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 8. 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."

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 express the personal sorrow with which I learned the news."

I. Harper Sibley—"Mr. Aldridge has been a public servant of
The Tribute of The President
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LEADERS OF THE NATION MOURN ALDRIDGE

The body was taken in charge by James L. Hotchkiss, who made arrangements for the shipment to this city. Mr. Aldridge, Jr., and his wife were notified by Secretary Tingley.

A day or two after the death occurred, Mr. Aldridge was fitted to follow his caddy when he reeled. The caddy summoned and he pronounced life extinct, and the body was taken in charge by an undertaker's establishment.

THE TREATMENT OF THE PRESIDENT
The body was to be taken immediate­ly to an undertaker's establishment.

The medical examiner was removed to the rotunda of the courthouse, there to lie in state until Friday afternoon, with funeral services to take place from the First Presbyterian church at about 4 o'clock.

The family of the late George W. Aldridge was celebrated in the funeral home Thursday by close family friends. The service was conducted by the Rev. Dr. Robert R. McPherson of the First Presbyterian church.

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Messages of Condolence Come in from High and Low Degree, iq >1

State officials of the nation mourned to-day with Rochester and New York state the death of George W. Aldridge, who died late yesterday on the golf links of the Westchester-Buffalo Country Club.

A counsel 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 his party—the greatest of a line of them belonging more to another generation—To a nation he was Aldridge of Monroe—a deliverer of majorities, pluralities; always a deliverer, ever to be counted upon.

The body will be escorted to-night by presidents of the United States, the Presidents' Cabinate, and officials of the United States, the President's Cabinet, and army and navy officials. Senators and congressman.

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

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Senator Wadsworth.

The following message was received by the Senate this afternoon from Senator James W. Wadsworth:

"Rochester and Western New York have lost in the death of Mr. Aldridge a distinguished public figure for more than a generation. His influence in public affairs was widespread and of great value an immense number of friends and acquaintances admired and trusted him. His was a good and judicious 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."

Senator Calder.

The following message was received by the Senate this afternoon from Senator William M. Calder by the Post Express:

"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."

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A Great Dominant Character
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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, unostentatious generosity. No other man has by sheer ability and unquestioned loyalty to every public interest maintained such a firm and lasting hold over the party which he has so nobly 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 in adversity, once a man won his friendship it was impossible for him to forfeit 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 officers of the Empire State society, 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. He was unselfishly devoted and deeply lovable. He was affectionately styled among his friends "G' Wash".

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 they were from leaders out of offices well as in.

Frank H. Hfscock, former postmaster general and at one time chairman of the Republican National committee—Death of your husband was my loss of a friend to whom I have rendered some service of kindness and love. We were friends and the profound respect and esteem I have always had for him and the love and appreciation I have always had for him and others."

Mr. and Mrs. Duane Armstrong, of Rochester, sent their sympathy:

"I have never had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Aldridge but I feel the loss of a true friend."

Charles S. Whitman, former governor of New York—"Accept sympathy, I have lost one of my best friends."

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; Olubert W. Pound, Albany; Frank M. Williams, state engineer, Albany; John Woodward, New York; Thomas Whitte, 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.
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fectionately termed, and was in the finest sense of the word. I
cannot tell my feeling of love, honor,
and respect for him, or that it's too close to my heart for utterance.

Justice S. Nelson Sawyer of the Su-
preme court—"Mr. Aldridge's death
is not only a shock and sorrow 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 in-
creased. It will be long before his
city will develop a man of his
useful judgment and leadership, both
as a man, politician and a citizen."

Frederick L. Dutcher, special coun-
ty judge—"In the death of Mr. Al-
dridge I feel the loss of a friend and
advisor whose acquaintance and asso-
ciation I have enjoyed for more than a
decade. He possessed those qualities of loyalty, fair-
ness and sympathy for all, coupled
with a devotion to principle which un-
deprecated him to every one 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 charac-
ter might be chosen for public office."

Justice John B. M. Stephens of Su-
preme court—"I share the universal
sentiment of recognition of Mr. Al-
dridge'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
courts—"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 I respect in fact, at
this time I cannot And words to ex-
press my deep sorrow."

Harry J. Baran, 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 de-
partment, and it stands to-day a mon-
tum 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
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titical position, an admirer of Mr.
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sion, a leader possessed of wonderful
tact and ability, with a personality
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he came in contact whether they dif-
fered with him primarily or other-
wise."

GEORGE EASTMAN PAYS
TRIBUTE TO MR. ALDRIDGE

"I have known George Aldridge
ever since we went to school to-
gether way back in the early seis-
ties 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 to-
day.

"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 Re-
search about seven years ago that
I came to really know and ap-
preciate his many good qualities as
leader of city affairs. The prelimi-
ary survey of the city made for
the bureau by the best outside ex-
perts that could be found showed
that it was one of the best. If not the
best, governed city in the Uni-
ted States under the spoils system
of government. I never knew his
use. This In itself was a tribute
to the man who had for so long a
period directed such an impor-
tance 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."

The death of Mr. Aldridge has
caused wide-spread, genuine grief. In
his long line of close contact with his
fellow men he had befriended thou-
sands 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—sym-
pathy, ready helpfulness, unserv-
ing 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 fu-
ture growth and needs in mind. In
this respect the role he played in
Rochester was comparable to that
of A. R. "Boss" Shepperd, so called
of Washington who while often com-
battled and reviled during the days of
his leadership was after his death,
admired 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 of the un-
usual 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
forming 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 an-
tagone the sentiment of any consid-
erable element of the city, and
while he did not and could not in-
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 govern-
ment, 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 or-
ganization. It is perfectly obvious
that he could, not have done this for
forty years had a majority of the peo-
ple of Rochester lacked confidence
in his leadership or in his earnestness,
to promote the general good.

His sudden death, when it was gen-
erally assumed that years of contin-
ued activity, lay before him, has
brought something like consternation
and dismay to some people, has up-
set many calculations and introduced ele-
ments of uncertainty into many more.
Can a successor carry on rI.f. 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 Wash-
ington 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 firm-
ness in decisions which must be made,
his vision 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 him-
sel
d and as such can have no equal
successor.
GEORGE W. ALDRIDGE DIES WHILE PLAYING GOLF; FUNERAL TO BE HELD IN ROCHESTER ON FRIDAY

End Of Monroe Republican Leader Comes While Engaged In Contest With C. D. Hilles And Ralph Day

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"Warren G. Harding."

Arrangements for the funeral of George M. Aldridge, who was fatally stricken yesterday afternoon on the golf course of the Westchester-Biltmore Country Club, had not been completed up to noon today, but tentative arrangements provide for the body lying in state in the Court House from early Friday morning until the hour of the funeral on that afternoon.

Mr. Aldridge’s son, George W. Aldridge Jr., who is in business in New York City, arrived in Rochester at 7 o’clock this morning. Mrs. Aldridge was prostrated when told of her husband’s death last night.

The body of Mr. Aldridge will be brought to Rochester early tomorrow morning by James L. Hatchkiss, county clerk, and Charles R. Barnes, commissioner of railways. A funeral car will be attached to New York Central Train 33, leaving New York at 9:30 o’clock tonight and arriving in Rochester at 6:29 o’clock tomorrow morning.

When the body is received here it will be taken to a local undertaking establishment and will be removed to the Aldridge home at 96 Plymouth Avenue south at noon tomorrow. The body will remain there until Friday morning, when it will be moved to the rotunda of the Court House, where it will lie in state, to be viewed by the thousands that will want to see for the last time the face of one who was so well known, locally as well as nationally. A guard of honor from Monroe Commandery, Knights Templar, of which Mr. Aldridge was a member, will be in charge.

The hour at which funeral services will be held in First Presbyterian Church, of which Mr. Aldridge was a member, on Friday afternoon has not been settled definitely. The Rev. Warren S. Stone, pastor, will be in charge. It is expected the funeral will be held between 3 and 4 o’clock. No prominent in public and political life will attend the funeral. It is expected that President Warren G. Harding and other nationally known men will be here, although no reference to whether he would attend was contained in a message of sympathy which the President sent to Mrs. Aldridge last night.

A Washington dispatch says that United States Senators Calder and Wadsworth and Representative Thomas B. Gunn will attend the funeral.

Governor Miller and all heads of state departments at Albany as well as many state employes will attend the funeral.

George W. Aldridge enjoyed the distinction of having held a commission in the New York National Guard. He was appointed to a staff position many years ago and held the rank of lieutenant. Later he became an honorary member of the Empire State Citizens’ Corps, which was for many years Company E, 54th Regiment, and later the Eighth Separate Company (Company A, 108th Infantry) New York National Guard.

Mr. Aldridge attended many military gatherings and many times remarked that he had held a commission in the guard.

Few Rochester men displayed more keen interest in the activities of the Rochester National Guard and Naval Militia units than Mr. Aldridge. It was very largely through his efforts that the Main Street armory was erected in 1905 and 1906.

And the veterans of the World War won a place in the heart of the great Republican chief. An incident is recalled when last winter he took two $50 bills from his pocket for veteran relief work, remarking that his name was not to be mentioned in connection with the contribution. The case is typical of many similar instances.
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 Franklin M. Oakes yesterday. Aldridge, who had a great deal to do with the founding of the city of Rochester, had his death announced yesterday by the members of the Republican state committee.

In a letter to the Times-Union, Governor Oakes said: "I have heard many things said and written about Mr. Aldridge, but I think I can truthfully say that I have never heard a word that was not complimentary to him. He was a man of integrity and honesty, and his fidelity was unswerving.

"I have known Mr. Aldridge for many years, and I have always respected him for his qualities as a public official. He was a man of strong character, and his influence was wide-reaching. He was a man of great ability, and his services to the city of Rochester were invaluable.

"I believe that Mr. Aldridge's influence was felt in many different ways, and that his influence will continue to be felt in the future. His death is a great loss to the city of Rochester, and I am sure that the people of Rochester will miss him very much."

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 to Rochester tomorrow by train, and a funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. at the First Presbyterian Church. The service will be conducted by the Rev. W. L. Graff of the Graff Military School in this city, and will be attended by the mayor and many other prominent citizens.

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 DeOsrey Aldridge. Soon after his birth the family returned to Rochester, where his father was a native of Chazy, N.Y., and his mother of Cin- cinnati, Ohio.

His education in the Carey Collegiate Seminary at Oakfield and the De- Graff Military School in this city, en- tered the building and contracting business with his father, an associa- tion that continued until Mr. Aldridge, sr.'s, death in 1877. The contract- ing 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-politically.

In 1883, then 28 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 suc- cessive terms he was chosen a mem- ber of the Board, the last election being by an Increased majority.

The knowledge of public affairs acquired during his early political life, with a growing popularity and per- sonality that seemed to the public like a sort of magic, formed for him the domin- ance he exercised in public affairs for many years. He was responsible for the selection as Republican candidate for mayor in 1894, a nomination fol- lowed by his election over Colonel Albert S. Greenleaf, Democrat and one of the most influential of local public men and who had at one time served a term as congressmen.

In 1894 Mr. Aldridge sought the Republican nomination for lieutenant-governor in the successful campaign of Governor Benjamin B. Odell and Governor Frank W. Higgins. In the primary two years ago when Bostwick personally challenged Mr. Aldridge for designation as state commit- tee chairman of the assembly district and was decisively beaten.

In the middle and late years, a leading figure in both the state and national assem- blages of the Republican party it was in this type of work that Mr. Aldridge's services were of greatest value to his party and to his country. The political work he did in connection with the organization of the Republican party and the organization of the Republican party and the county of Monroe, where, due to his influence largely, can be found a large number of Republican politicians who have held a place in the Republican party in New York for many years. He was a delegate to the Republican national convention in 1894, 1900, 1904, 1912, 1916 and 1920.

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Mr. Aldridge was prominent in the organization of the Republican party of that state, as well as political. He was a 32d de- gree Mason, a Knight of Pythias, an Odd Fellow, a member of the Genesee Valley, Rochester Athletic, Oak Hill and Rochester Country clubs, Rochester Whist Club and the Lotos, Law- yers' and Republican clubs of New York city, also the Rochester Histori- cal Society, Sons of the American Revolution, the Society of New Eng- land, the Municipal Improvement Commission and the Chamber of Commerce.

He had been president of the Aldridge, Clay and Cement Corporation, a di- rector of the Lincoln Bank and the Rochester Savings Bank. At the time of his death he was a di- rector of the Lincoln Alliance Bank.

Mr. Aldridge was a member of the Exempt Firemen's Association and also affiliated with the Rochester Volunteer fire service of the city.

As an officer of many organizations, his name was, of course, known and his influence was wide-reaching. He was a man of great ability, and his services to the city of Rochester were invaluable.

The political career of Mr. Aldridge extended over nearly four decades, and it was in this field that he made his greatest mark.

It was in 1898 that "The Big Fellow always kept a promise." Always Kept a Promise.

In that oft-repeated utterance of his followers was found one of the great factors in Mr. Aldridge's rise and hold upon the loyalty of the masses of the Republican organization. A promise once given meant a promise fulfilled, and that policy, even in the face of political dis- sension in the party, was closely adhered to.

Among Mr. Aldridge's intimates in the political world were President Theodore Roosevelt, Governors Benjamin B. Odell and Charles S. Whitman, Justice of the Supreme Court of New York, William H. Seward and Assistant Secretary of the Navy Theodore Roosevelt.

His acquaintance was not confined to those who moved in high places. Probably no man in local public life had a greater personal favor among the "rank and file," a following that ever found him ready to make a friend personal for themselves. In those circles where favors he was ever a ready listener, a trait that not only held him to the people but which he most un- usually added to those professing allegiance.

Mr. Aldridge was virtually the last of the "personal" leaders, the men whose adherents were bound even more closely to them by personal ac- tion to party principles. To those adherents he was always "able to turn to in a time of need," a fact that his time of stress—and those times were frequently many—were ever a ready listener, a trait that not only held him to the people but which he most un- usually added to those professing allegiance.

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


"Mr. Aldridge was one of the earliest and best friends I had. I have known him 35 years. Enormous 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 Geneese and as a public servant in Rochester and elsewhere where 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 at the death of Mr. Aldridge’s death. I had been my friend for some years. I have great admiration for his ability as a Republican leader of Monroe county for a full generation, as 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, ‘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’Neill 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 on a motion to adjourn, as a tribute to the dead leader, was adopted by a rising vote.

Previously, an ordinance, introduced by Alderman George S. Hart, supreme council for a full generation, as it 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, squawks 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 a vehicle shall stop or be parked with its left side to the curb in such streets as may be designated as one-way traffic.

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.

"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. Argentstein of Chicago, who announced that he would leave for Rochester tomorrow night; Mr. and Mrs. Duane Armstrong, Greenwich, Conn.; Mr. and Mrs. Francis, H. Ransom, H. Kaltfrisch, Cathcart, W. B. Pounds, Thomas N. Whittle, Jesse Phillips, Winslow 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.

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 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."

Mrs. A. E. Dunn.

My heart goes out to you in your deep sorrow. Associated with your beloved husband on the councils of his party 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 George W. Aldridge, the best type of conservative politician, and consider him a good example of the high political principles, 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, ‘men in the state.’"

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 to-day, has been postponed because of the use of Mr. Aldridge. Although the buses were to begin regular scheduled trips to-morrow 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, Brighton, has been postponed to a date to be announced later. This action was taken out of respect to Mr. Aldridge.
The Aldridge Home in Plymouth Avenue

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 great tenderness and winning personality for many years without feeling in his loss a sense of disaster to the community. I haven't lived in Rochester for years but I've known him for many years, and I have always thought of him as one of the finest citizens the city has, at all times."

Commissioner of Railways Churll

"I have lost a lifelong friend with a smile, faced adversity, and a fine leader in the community."

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 from the time it was organized. He was a man of Mr. Aldridge's ability and proved himself a man of large vision for many years."

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er. His advice and counsel have been invaluable and his efforts in striving to make Rochester a better place to live in.

James D. Hawver—"I am very much shocked and grieved to hear of M. Aldridge's death. He was a strong and great personality and his loss will be deeply felt."

Dr. Rush Rhese—"In the death of Mr. Aldridge we have lost a citizen who has contributed largely to the development of our city. He appeared in every movement that made for the advancement of the community. He believed in the constant improvement of Rochester. His loss will be greatly missed."

Roland B. Woodward—"Mr. Aldridge possessed a character, a personality and a great influence which was always used to advance the interests of this city and its citizens. As mayor of Rochester he gave the best services and was a dominant leader to recommend for office persons who would safeguard and advance the interests of the city which he loved—"it is a better and a bigger place in which to live."

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

William S. Riley—"The death 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 dear friend, in fact, at this time I cannot find words to express my deep sorrow."

Judge Willis K. Gillette—"The news of Mr. Aldridge's death came as such a shock that it seems almost incredible. 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 any and every counsel may be credited no small measure of the city's tremendous progress. Always deeply concerned in the welfare of Rochester, he was ever watchful of its interests, and to his zealous care we owe many of the improvements that place our city in the front rank.

"Rochester is the better for 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."

"I also loved him for the enemies he never had a keen insight of human nature. He was one of the most human men I ever knew. He had a wonderful faculty for making friends and he always stood for what was best and everything was not a political question with him."

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

Postmaster John B. Mullan—"It is sometimes difficult for one to speak of a man in that case for me. I knew Mr. Aldridge for 30 years. He had a wonderful faculty for making friends and he always stood for being loyal to him. He was one of the most human men I ever knew. He had a wonderful faculty for making friends and he always stood for what was best and everything was not a political question with him."

John D. Nolan, business agent of the United Shoe Workers—"His are shocked at the sudden death of Mr. Aldridge. Me too 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."

Federal Judge John R. Hazel—"When I was a clerk I was a member of the executive committee of the local organization. During the Democratic administration Mr. Aldridge worked just as hard for the interests of workers and their representatives as he did for those of his fellow citizens."

John D. Nolan, business agent of the United Shoe Workers—"I am sure that the postal employees feel as I do—that we have lost a very good friend."

"I am moved to express my feeling of loss of this great friend who has been taken from us."

George Eastman—"I have known George Aldridge ever since we went to school together here back in the early nineties under Mrs. Land's grammar school house that stood on what is now the northeast corner of West Market and North Washington streets.

"As we grew up we lost contact with each other for a time and it was not until I was engaged in the Municipal Research about seven years ago that I came to really enjoy and appreciate the qualities that made him a 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 of its kind in the country. In the United States under the spoils system it has been universally in use. This in itself was a tribute to Mr. Aldridge and I am sure that most of us felt this tribute in our daily work."

"He loved Rochester and took part in the development of the city, in its growth, development and reputation as an ideally governed city which today stands forth as a monument to his integrity."
"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 had 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 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 capacity 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."

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 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."

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 rite which preceded the exercises at the Court House.
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 outlive 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 prominent in Rochester affairs who were helped up from obscurity by Mr. Aldridge.

We are slowly advancing toward the time when city 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.
BODY OF MR. ALDRIDGE IS IN HOME CITY

LETTER WRITTEN BY PRESIDENT SOON AFTER INAUGURATION

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 you 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 to the body, No. 96 Plymouth ave-court House. On July 4, 1894, Mr. A. Killip, Joseph C. Wilson, Judge Willis and many others. Mr. Aldridge was a member, serving as guard of honor. Arrangements for the funeral will be completed to-day, when the body will be removed to the rotunda of the Court House. Burial will be made in the First Presbyterian Church. The family declined, with thanks, feeling that, if he should die, the services be as simple as possible.

Many Will Want to View Body.

Unostentatious funeral services will be held for George W. Aldridge at 4:45 o'clock to-morrow afternoon at the First Presbyterian Church, 113 North 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 so simple as possible.

It is expected that thousands of people 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.

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.

A delegation made up of Mayor Van V. Crittenden, chairman, including Governor Nathan L. Miller, Monroe county chairman, Robert A. Stapleton, William S. Riley, William A. Hotchkiss, Monroe county chairman; and many others. Mr. Aldridge often rode, will constitute a part of the procession in front of the Aldridge home yesterday and left their mothers to the cemetery after the funeral. A delegation of Mr. Aldridge's 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 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. The body will remain at the house until 1 o'clock to-morrow morning, when it will be removed to the rotunda of the Court House. On July 4, 1920, Mr. Aldridge, then mayor of Rochester, took part in the ceremonies incident to the laying of the cornerstone of the Court House from 9 until 3:30 on Friday, with guard of honor.

State and federal officials will be present, including Governor Nathan L. Miller and his staff, United States Senators James W. Warburton, Jr., and William H. Fuller, the principal secretaries of the state Department, William L. Ward, the leader of Monroe county, and many others.

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WILL LIE IN STATE IN COURT HOUSE FROM 9 UNTIL 3:30 ON FRIDAY, WITH GUARD OF HONOR

Simple Funeral Services to Be Held in First Presbyterian Church Beginning at 4:45; Burial in Mount Hope.

Unostentatious funeral services will be held for George W. Aldridge at 4:45 o'clock tomorrow 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 that at that time, if he should die, the services be as simple as possible.

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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 K. Barnes, commissioner of railways, and George A. Glynns, chairman of the Republican State Committee. All these men have been friends and political associates of Mr. Aldridge of many years' standing.

A delegation made up of Mayor Van Randt, his secretary, Albert M. Flannery; Thalereuil V. Crittenden, Coroner Thomas A. Killip, Joseph C. Wilson, Judge Willis K. Nutter, Charles I. T. Chapin, Charles A. Brady, Harry J. Barberham, Dr. John A. Stapleton, William S. Riley, William J. Craig, Herbert W. Pierce, George M. Alden, Nichols and Edgar F. Edwards met the train and escorted the body to the home, No. 96 Plymouth avenue yesterday.

The body will remain at the home until 4 o'clock to-morrow morning, when it will be removed to 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 Common House.

Many Will Want to View Body.

It is expected that thousands of people will view the body as it lies in state for six and one-half hours. Admission to the church probably will be by card. The services will be in charge of Dr. Warren S. Stone, pastor of the church. Burial will be made in the private plot in Mount Hope cemetery. Arrangements for the funeral will be completed to-day, when 11 bearers will be selected.

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 there should be as little pomp as possible.

Governor Will Attend Funeral.

President Harding will not 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. Mills, 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.

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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, sending the return of Mr. Hotchkiss and Mr. Barnes.

Pharcellu V. Crittenden, a close friend of Mr. Aldridge, was in close touch with the family 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.

Sentiments Attached to Car.

The limousine of Mr. Crittenden, in which Mr. Aldridge often rode, will carry 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 nt the disposal of any member of the family because of the sentiment attached to the use. It was usually in this car that Mr. Aldridge went to the superintendence of the common Picnic each year. Frequent visits to the Common Picnic each year. Frequent visits to the Common Picnic each year. Frequent visits to the Common Picnic each year. Frequent visits to the Common Picnic each year. Frequent visits to the Common Picnic each year.

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 mired in his time as present of the Common Council and filled out an unexpired term of a mayoralty 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. Y.

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, always, is your greatest pleasure, please know that Mrs. Harding and I feel deeply your bereavement.

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

"Of course, his unexpected death was a severe grief to me and his passing is a 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 of his passing."

From United States Senators.

United States Senator James W. Colmer, in a message, sent a copy to the Sentinel, said:

"From United States Senators. Warren G. Harding.

Mr. 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. G. Sanders, representative in Congress, the passing away almost at the time of an official Washington event, and will be felt greatly in the state and nation.

Telegram Received at Home.

Following are some of the many telegrams that were received yesterday afternoon at the Aldridge home:

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

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

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

From Dr. W. M. D., the fullness of a genuine friendship.

"I have known Mr. Aldridge for many years. He was the best governed city in the Union, and I have watched his every step with pleasure and satisfaction. He was a loyal public official and an admirable citizen."

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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 later 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 exclusion 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 made an excellent impression 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 he was not a much of a figure in the early days, although at 30 years of age he was a member of the Republican 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 who was going about, suggesting every name except that of Clar, once 1), Van Sandt.

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. After he waited until after 1 o'clock to make the announcement and did so only after he had consulted how early the afternoon papers would be out. He was pleased that the afternoon papers would 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.

GEORGE W. ALDRIDGE.

(Photograph Taken at Supervisors' Picnic.)
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
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 resident of Monroe County and from all over the
State are making their way to Mt. Hope Cemetery to-day to attend
the funeral of George W. Aldridge, one of the most revered
men of Rochester. Among those who will be present
will be M. J. Bareham, Dr. John A. Stapperton,
William H. Craig. Herbert W. Pierce,
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Funeral services will take place at the
first Presbyterian Church in Main Street, where the
services will be conducted by the Rev. Mr. Jones,
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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.
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 Sylve 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 Ormsby, William A. Barnes of Albany, Job E. Hodges, Frank H. Hiscock, Francis M. Hugo, Samuel S. Koenig, F. J. H. Kracke, surveyor of the Port of New York; Winlow M. Meade, who was assistant superintendent of public works under Mr. Aldridge; Judge Curney W. Pool of the Court of Appeals, Congressman P. H. Smell, Henry C. Stuart, William J. Tully, formerly a state Senator and counsel to the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company; former Governor Charles S. Whitman, State Engineer Frank W. Williams, R. A. C. Smith and many others.

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

"Men and county employees 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, but they plan to go early in the morning.

The Governor.
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 advisors 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 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 in favor of 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 have said, was 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 PRESIDENT TO HUMBLE WARD HENCHMAN, ALDRIDGE TESTIMONIALS ARE RECEIVED
From the highest dignitary in the land to the humblest ward henchman, case messages of condolence to the bereaved family of George W. Aldridge yesterday reached from opposite political beliefs, who in the open fighting of partisan contests have striven to overtop 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 humaneness, his sympathetic understanding, his friendliness—qualities that largely composed the personality of the man, who maintained the crown of his leadership, while bossism all about him crumbled and disintegrated.

There was the Story, circulated in Powers Hotel, of the little man who had opposed the great leader, bitterly, in the early years of his manhood. He was anti-Aldridge; no boss would rule him. And the "Big Fellow" 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" smiled. He was free and ready to help. "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 this." "Forget it," said the "Big Fellow," and you’d better hustle. They need you right away."

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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 sultry and hot and the effort of walking over the rolling links had tired him.

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Winnipeg at Death.
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value; an immense number of friends and acquaintances admired and trusted him. His word was good, his judgment sound, his high esteem. His death constitutes a great loss, which I am sure will be felt very much to come.

**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 Mr. Aldridge was the most governed only in the Union and he did this in a manner that the leadership of Mr. Aldridge. He always stood firm in our civic affairs. As one of his intimate friends I am shocked because he was like a man who loved and living friends.

**CORPORATION COUNSEL CHARLES L. PIERCE**

Mr. Aldridge had the sense of mourning all over the community. The government we have had in Rochester, and which has made us a great city, is the best one we have had. The government Mr. Aldridge had with us in Rochester was a great one. He always stood firm in our civic affairs.

**MRS. HENRY G. JADINORTH**

I have known Mr. Aldridge ever since we went to school together in the early sixties under Mrs. hang, a little frame-house that stood on what is now the northeast corner of West Main and North Bridge Streets.

"As we grew up we lost contact with each other for a time and it was not until 1894 that I became President of the Board of Municipal Reform about seven years ago that I came really to know and appreciate the qualities of Mr. Aldridge as leader of city affairs. The pres- ence of Mr. Aldridge on the bureau board of city experts could be found showed that it was the best of the best, not only in government, but in the United States under the spoils system, where the spoils system then universally in use. This in itself was a tribute to the man who had for so long a period directed the policies and accomplishments.

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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. He told members of the Republican national convention that he felt it would be an injustice to the employees under him. Many would have 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 nomination. 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 B. Barnes were seen 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 limburger cheese. This he contrived to slip into the folds of the marvelous necktie.

Mr. Aldridge’s next step was to tip off 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 anxiously 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 1920, when Roosevelt was nominated for the Presidency, Aldridge and Payn were both among the New York State delegation. 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, tending 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. Natchkiss, 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 some time before the convention. The pair 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 Sandt, 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 wooed him 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 deploving the loss of those who by his acts pointed out the Way was our faithful friend, George W. Aldridge."

President Abram DePotter 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. Kiallmaybury with James W. Hyde, William V. Clark, William F. Burnsmald, George King and Morv J. Caley.

The resolution as adopted follows:

“Tis 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 Fireman. Exempt Volunteer Firemen Association.”

Officers were elected as follows: President, William V. Clark; senior vice president, John P. Kislingbury; acting vice president, D. C. Fegan; recording secretary, A. H. Otep; financial secretary, M. H. Brandt; treasurer, P. Wulms; attorney, John Bernhard; foreman, P. Dyer; fire inspector, F. Caley; second-waiting Inhab; trustees, M. L. C. B. Smidt; W. H. Graglin, R. T. A. and C. H. Van Vorst. 6 to fifteenth annual New York State Firemen’s convention, at, Prec-
1 i P. Dyer and 1 l 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 the 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. W. Crissenden, Willis K. Gillette, Charles T. Chapin, William S. Riley, Herbert M. Pierce and William H. Craig, all close to Mr. Aldridge in politics and play, from the station platform, through the station to the Jeffreys funeral car. It was removed to the Jeffreys undertaking parlors at Court street. There it was to rest pending the completion of the 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 pallbearers 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 state men 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.
DEAD LEADER

FACED FIGHT
OF HIS LIFE
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 starting 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 admitted 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.

Aldridge had 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 chieftain, ofttimes in years past, and success has been one of his efforts. A strenuous effort will be made without doubt this year to wrest the state government 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 it became so, in the span of comparatively few months.

REPUBLICAN LEADER OF AUBURN PAYS HOMAGE TO MRS. 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 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 preeminent 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 passed. The committee which drew up the resolution, consisted of John P. Kisingbury, James W. Hyde, William Clark, George King, M. J. Caley and William F. Underhill.

The following officers were elected: President, William V. Clark; senior vice-president, John P. Kisingbury; junior vice-president, L. C. Piper; Warding secretary, A. H. Otto; financial secretary, M. H. Brandt; treasurer, W. Willens; attorney, J. R. Reinhart; foreman, F. Dyer; first assistant foreman, F. C. Miller; second assistant foreman, L. Reinhart; trustees, M. J. Caley and William F. Underhill.

The committee was adopted. The committee of firemen’s association fl resolution of sympathy at Freeport, L. S. Sunderlin, W. T. Gragen, R. T. Chapin, G. T. Van Vorst; delegate to fiftieth convention of New York State Firemen’s association at Freeport. L. L. F. Dyer; alternate, J. M. Caley; delegate to Western New York State Firemen’s convention at Lancaster. J. Hyde; alternate, C. W. Barker.
TRIBUTES TO MR. ALDRIDGE

FROM COURT

EULOGY BY JUDGE A. J. RODENBECK BEFORE ADJOURNMENT TILL MONDAY.

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 offices, 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, Supreme court, to-day, Justice Rodenbeck 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 God has reached out and taken him from our midst and in respect for his memory and as a testimonial to his accomplishments 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 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 refinement of his deeper nature.

"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 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 summer 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 attention, particularly those that come 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."

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

Court then adjourned until Monday.

Senator Pays Tribute.

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

"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. 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. Friends who followed him had faith in his ability, his integrity, and the wisdom of his leadership. He will be missed and time only will prove his worth to the community. He is dead, yet his memory and accomplishments will linger to light the way of those who follow."

Statesman, yet friend of truth, of soul sincere.

In action faithful and in honor clear; Who broke no promise, served no private end,

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6th WARD REPUBLICANS

PAY ALDRIDGE TRIBUTE

Honor Memory of O. O. P. Leader in Resolutions Expressing Sympathy to Family.

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

"In the death of our leader, Honorable George W. Aldridge, the city and each one of use 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 heart which made him loved by everybody who had the great privilege of knowing him.

"His word was sacred. His leadership was won by fair dealing with all men. The tributes of love and affection 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 national destinies. He loved Rochester. He aspired to make her ever more beautiful, her people more contented and happy.

"He loved his home. To the members 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 community and by this nation."
To the Editor of the Democrat _and Chronicle.

Our Faithful Friend and Leader.

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 in his intercourse with men he continually surpassed by that of any other. In all his public service, in his private life and in his intercourse with men he continually proved his worth to the community. He will be missed and time only will prove his worth to the community. He is dead, yet his memory and accomplishments will linger to light the way of those who follow.

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JAMES L. WHITNEY.

Rochester, June 12, 1928.
Mr. Aldridge's Body Brought to Rochester

Private Funeral Can This Morning

Mr. Aldridge's Favorite Verses

Indicate Deep Love of Sentiment

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That Mr. Aldridge had perhaps a premonition that his days were numbered, and his views upon death, may be inferred from the following verses, his favorites:

"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 timer life draws nigher, every year.
"And its morning star climbs higher, every year."
"Earth's hold on us grows slighter,"
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   Tilt living nunc forget us.
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3. **There come new cares and sorrow, every year,**
   Darker days and darker morrows, every year.
   Tim-glores of lead loves liist us.
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Knights Templar To Be Guard of Honor While Body Lies in State in Court House—Services at First Presbyterian Church Tomorrow at 3:30 P. M.—Train Bearing Body Delayed by Freight Wreck at Herkimer.

Rochester will pay its final tribute of respect to George W. Aldridge late tomorrow afternoon when the body of his father, The collector of the port of New York, is 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 funer, al service, both honorary, and active, will not be determined upon 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, Kindly Light" and "Crossing the Bar," favorites of the "U. I. O. W." The funeral oration will be delivered by Rev. Pierce, of the Saturday evening in the auditorium of the church. George W. Aldridge, jr., son of the collector, stated this afternoon that no invitations would be issued to the public, but pews in the center aisle of the church will be reserved for relatives and personal friends. The remainder of the pews will be for those who may wish to attend the services.

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 car on an eastbound freight train broke an axle, causing a derailment.


In making clear that the funeral of Mr. Aldridge from First Presbyterian Church tomorrow afternoon will not be private and that no invitations will be issued, George W. Aldridge, jr., stated this noon that reservations will be made in the church only for relatives, city officials and personal friends. The remainder of the pews will be for those who may wish to attend the services.
Plans Complete
For Funeral Of Geo. W. Aldridge

Knights Templar To Be Guard of Honor While Body Lies In State In Coffey House-Service at First Presbyterian Church Tomorrow at 3:30 P.M.—Train Bearing Body Delayed by Freight Wreck at Kertimer.

In spite of the fact that no formal invitations were extended, the downtown offices of George W. Aldridge, jr., and of his companies were jammed with people this afternoon to read the announcement of the death of Mr. Aldridge which was published in the Rochester Evening Democrat.

Prominent Citizens Attend

Despite the announced request that no Invitations will be issued, the services will be made in the church only for the immediate family, the general public being excluded.

Future plans complete, the body was later removed to the family home.

Following arrival of the body here it was removed to Jefferson street where it was taken to the Aldridge home at 96 Plymouth avenue where the remains will be laid to rest in Mount Hope's Cemetery. The gravedigger was given notice of the hour.

J. J. Clark, Albany, New York, who returned from New York last night, spoke of the day when Mr. Aldridge was born. "That was a day for the summer capital, Erlanger."

George Washington Aldridge was the friend of humanity. To every person truly concerned with the welfare of the human race, his name was a symbol of fame and honor. To some, he was the voice of that humanity which, in the world to come, will move past the human line that will move past the threshold of the hereafter. To many who of other human qualities further revealing the human figure of human society, creating and retaining popular confidence and unswerving loyalty to friends—these and unswerving loyalty to friends—these and the general public is familiar with the virtues of his character. A signet of resolutions of sympathy and esteem, and was adopted by various organizations with which he was identified.

Among these was Rochester Lodge, No. 83, a member of which he was a member in and in the administration of which he was a constant and unswerving adherent. At a meeting of the advisory board of the Lodge last night a committee was appointed by Sealed Ruler, A. J. Brown, to draw up resolutions and to arrange for a proper tribute of respect which would express the deep sympathy of the Lodge at the passing of the great man.

No flowers be sent, several beautiful flowers 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 in this city. No finance appreciation of the man could be conceived of which was more widespread.

In the afternoon, during the time the body was lying in state members of Monroe County Commandery, Knights Templar, in uniform, will stand around it.

In the service, the Rev. Warren H. Aspinwall will be joined by the Rev. W. A. Aldridge to read a selection from the Bible. George W. Aldridge, jr., stated that no Invitations will be issued. The services will be made in the church only for the immediate family, the general public being excluded.

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Men And Women Citizens Pay Tribute to Mr. Aldridge

Additional tributes in the form of telegrams continued to pour into Rochester on Thursday to the family of Mr. Aldridge, who was in Monroe County for more than thirty years. The family of Mr. Aldridge has been kept informed of all the expressions of sympathy and sorrow from the public and the many personal friends. The family is grateful for the many and generous expressions of sympathy and sorrow which they received from all sides of the world, and they trust that the family of Mr. Aldridge will continue to receive similar expressions of sympathy and sorrow in the future.

Mr. Aldridge was a great leader, and his influence will be felt greatly in the state and nation. His leadership and influence in the Republican party were invaluable, and his influence in creating and maintaining the Republican organization of New York state was widespread and great.

Mr. Aldridge was a born leader and capable of appraising the value or the importance of local affairs. He always had a high regard for the worth of the present and what the worth of the future is. He was highly regarded for his integrity, and his leadership was marked by consistent and wise action.

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Editorial Expressions On Career And Death Of George W. Aldridge

The New York Evening Post (Dem.):
The late Republican chairman who ruled from Rochester never attained the power or the prominence of a Pitt or a Clay. 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 Albany Times-Union (Dem.):
One of the most prominent Republicans in New York state, one of the foremost and most successful county leaders of that political household, has obeyed the inevitable summons, in the home 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 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 ticket in Monroe county. He was a man of pleasing personality, very popular with everyone who knew him. As a man of business he was ready to do a favor for a friend. He held several offices of public trust and with distinction. The opinions of Mr. Aldridge have always been the controling influence in the policies and moves of his party.

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 the political leader, or "boss", of the state of New York. While he did not in the public mind command the attention of Pennsylvanians, he was no less a national figure in his party when it came to planning campaigns and shaping party plans. As a member of the local Republican committee, Aldridge has been an influential influence. He has been a man who united a wide variety of interests, from Republicans to Democrats, to carry on the politics of Monroe county. He was a man of pleasing personality, very popular with everyone who knew him. As a man of business he was ready to do a favor for a friend. He held several offices of public trust and with distinction. The opinions of Mr. Aldridge have always 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 he was a master of party, a politician in the fact that he required his nominees and appointees to fill their positions with honesty and efficiency, and a Democrat or a Republican on guard; but the men whom he thus favored were required to put up a fight for the nomination faithfully; and if they failed they were dropped without compunction and were not again trusted. As an officerholder 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 places 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 the county, and had intimate and friendly associations with Hon. James S. Sherman 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 places through his favor.

His death has caused a vacancy in the leadership of his party which it will be rather difficult to fill at the present time. A great achievement in the state, irrespective of the party affiliations of its 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 practice of 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 way to make censure take the place of analysis. That is not the way to make censure take the place of analysis. That is not the way to make censure take the place of analysis. That is not the way to make censure take the place of analysis. That is not the way to make censure take the place of analysis. That is not the way to make censure take the place of analysis. That is not the way to make censure take the place of analysis. That is not the way to make censure take the place of analysis. That is not the way to make censure take the place of analysis. That is not the way to make censure take the place of analysis. That is not the way to make censure take the place of analysis.

The Buffalo Times (Dem.):
By the death of George W. Aldridge, the Republican party has lost one of its finest politicians, one of its greatest political leaders. Mr. Aldridge was a man of pleasing personality, very popular with everyone who knew him. As a man of business he was ready to do a favor for a friend. He held several offices of public trust and with distinction. The opinions of Mr. Aldridge have always been the controlling influence in the policies and moves of his party. The qualifications which his career in office in his own city were valuable in the politics of the Empire State. The qualifications which his career in office in his own city were valuable in the politics of the Empire State. The qualifications which his career in office in his own city were valuable in the politics of the Empire State. The qualifications which his career in office in his own city were valuable in the politics of the Empire State. The qualifications which his career in office in his own city were valuable in the politics of the Empire State.

The Syracuse Journal (Rep.):
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The Syracuse Herald (Dem.):
George W. Aldridge, collector of the port of New York, suddenly struck down by death, was a unique product of American politics. He held no public trusts in the city of Rochester and his state of New York; 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 personality, 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 just been as energetic a party man as he would have been a militant Democrat, as he was a militant Republican. George W. Aldridge represented a party the opposite of that of The Times party the opposite of that of The Times. And the inversion of his party his ideals and system were not infrequently open to criticism. But while he had the human liability to will remember George W. Aldridge.
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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 defeat. 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 mayor of the city of Rochester. This was an extraordinary power in this respect, that the Executive Board wielded 19-20ths of the political patronage of Rochester. We need go no further to discover George W. Aldridge's orginal 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 those two score years, barring the two terms of Democratic mayor reinforced by Democratic members of the Executive Board in the 90s.

City Engineering Department Mourns

George W. Aldridge's long career as a city politician rendered him by Governor Morgan. In this capacity the charge of the expenditure of $9,000,000 for canal improvement. In his secretarialship and membershhip of the Old Railroad Commission, he was successful; and in the office which he held at the time of his death, the comptrollership of the City of Rochester, the work 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-emience 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 latter years, in what we may call a constructive way for the benefit of his municipality, and not in saying that he had a singular faculty for throwing his decisive influence for the selection of municipal officials of an admirable quality, or in claiming, therefore, that his Iron ascendancy worked to the detriment of his city, which had been 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 carry his city forward in the municipal race.
FITTING TRIBUTES TO MEMORY OF GEORGE W. ALDRIDGE

Central Library of Rochester and Monroe County
Historic Scrapbooks Collection
Former Mayor Edgerton Overcome by His Emotion When Hq Looks on Body of His Friend of Many Years

The emotion displayed by former Mayor Hiram R. 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.
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 opportunistically 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 Commandary, No. 9, will meet in its headquarters, Fred Battershill, commanding, and march in temple 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 prayer will be held in the Court House before the doors are opened. The prayers will be led 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 state the Knights Templars will act as a guard of honor. At 4:30 o’clock the honorary bearers will take charge of the body. At this hour the City Hall bell will ring to call and continue while the body is on view. The body will be taken from the Court House about 4:45 o’clock and be carried to the front door by the active employees.

The funeral cortège will proceed down Main street to Plymouth avenue and up Plymouth avenue to the Church at 5th grade street. The funeral cortège will be a squad of police, active bearers, honorary bearers, and honorary pallbearers. The headquarters will be the Executive Committee of the Republican County Committee.

Arrangements at Church.

Three hundred seats will be reserved in the church for mourners, bearers, visitors and county committee members. The rest of the seats will be open to the public. Those carrying the casket 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 interest for display if the services were open to all.

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

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Honorary and Active Bearers.


Public Employees First.

The city and county employees will view the body first. They will gather in Fisher street at 8:30 o’clock, including policemen and firemen 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 will report at the Court House and stay there until the body has been removed. They will act as escort in the procession to the church, with men. Police men will be stationed at the Court House, the Aldridge home, the church and the cemetery.

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FLOOD OF FLOWERS

No Sense Sent by Persons

Mourners 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 afternoon and evening. Few were undemonstrative before the casket.

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 his life the state has lost a public servant who gave her unstinting service. He was a true friend of all its inhabitants. Material benefits have sprung from the seeds his hands have planted and the flower of their full growth have brought for people the substantial and concrete benefits 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 an engineering force and a fire force in which the citizens take justifiable pride. Not alone the city, but the country, owes its thanks to the credit of Mr. Aldridge but the water works and government in general have made Rochester a place from which the affluence of others cities take their share. As an advisor in state and national affairs 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 Genesee, yesterday Justice Benjamin C. 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, George W. Aldridge, has departed. His loss is incalculable. Losses such as this have been few in the annals of the history of the 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 be better for his having lived amongst us."

Justices A. J. RODENBECK

"I am not going to try any cases while my friend lay 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 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 meet amid the tears of thousands who love and mourn him with genuine affection and sorrow. After an active, busy and oft 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 you 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 to many of those magnificient traits to which your honor has called attention, particularly those that came so closely to the human heart."

JAMES L WILBUR—"He is dead. Ye now his memory and let younger hands linger to light the way of those who follow."

EIGHTH 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.

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 re-election. Following Mr. Aldridge's return to New York early last week, a conference was held between the party leaders and 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 Northern Republican Committee and other politician. At that time, according to plan, the Miller campaign was to have been ushered in officially.
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GOVERNOR MILLER AND OTHER NOTABLES EXPECTED

Burial To Be Made Next to Father in Family Plot in Mt. Hope Cemetery

Funeral services for Aldridge's funeral were completed last evening by James L. Hotchkiss. The whole day, from 3:30 o'clock this morning, when Monroe Commandery No. 12, Knights Templar, will escort the remains from the Aldridge home to the Court House, up to the early even­
ing, 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 court room of Surrogate's Court for 3:30 o'clock in the morning to 4:40 o'clock in the after­noon. Up to 4:40 o'clock, the Knights Templar will act as a guard of honor at the court house. The body will lie in the center of the lobby so that the hundreds who will rev­

serve 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 continu­
eous service will be held in regular intervals while the body lies in the way to First Presbyterian-Church. The funeral service will take place. About 300 seats have been reserved for Mr. Aldridge and other members of the family, together with relatives, associates, friends and members of the county commit­
tee. The funeral will not be public, and anyone may attend, as long as seats are available. Plans will be provided among the reserved seats for Governor Miller, Senator Shirley and Wadsworth, Chairman of the Repub­lican State Committee George A. Gips, and various others who will be here from New York and Albany, and who have been associated inti­mately with Mr. Aldridge, either public­ly or socially.

Active Bearsers

The active bearers will be James L. Hotchkiss, Charles D. Kaczka, Carl L. Cadle, Herbert W. Pieron, Charles T. Chapin, Willis S. Gifford, 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 procession will proceed down Main Street to Plym­outh Avenue to the church at the Spring Street corner. The bearers will be preceded by a squad of police and will be followed immediately by the end of two delegations and the execu­
tive committee of the Republican gen­eral committee. Mrs. Aldridge and members of the family will enter the church after all are placed.

Honorary Bearers


Dr. Stone delivered the first part of the public address. He spoke of Mr. Aldridge's character and told of the many friends who will be present at the funeral. He said that Mr. Aldridge was a man of high principles and that he had always stood for right. He said that he was a man of great integrity and that he had always been true to his word. He said that Mr. Aldridge was a man of great strength and that he had always been able to carry his own weight.

The public address was followed by the reading of the Bible by Dr. Stone. The reading was followed by the singing of "Lead, Kindly Light" and "Creating the Bar." The singing was followed by a short sermon by Dr. Stone. The sermon was followed by the reading of the Bible by Dr. Stone. The reading was followed by the singing of "Lead, Kindly Light" and "Creating the Bar." The singing was followed by a short sermon by Dr. Stone. The sermon was followed by the reading of the Bible by Dr. Stone. The reading was followed by the singing of "Lead, Kindly Light" and "Creating the Bar."
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GOVERNOR MILLER AND OTHER NOTABLES EXPECTED 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 continue at regular intervals while the Court House, and the funeral procession will proceed down Main Street to Plymouth Avenue to the church at the Spring Street corner. The hearses 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.

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.

The Aldridge lot at Mt. Hope Cemetery 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.

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Honorary Bearers.


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 an oration, and the service will not occupy more than twenty minutes. At 6.10 o'clock it is planned to leave for Mt. Hope Cemetery, where Yvonin
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.
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 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.

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.

“Well,” said Mr. Aldridge. “You and ‘Dinny’ Dowd,” (former second ward alderman who had died), “were pretty good friends. If I were you, I would go down to the cemetery and put on his grave the message ‘Well, why didn’t you smile when you told me you wanted to be alderman?’”

**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 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, who are the candidates?” asked the reporter.

“Aldridge,” said Mr. Aldridge, if the reporter asked him who the candidates were to the candidate’s office.

After a brief talk with Mr. Aldridge the reporter railed Mr. Aldridge up at his home in Plymouth Avenue one night to ask some impertinent questions, and Aldridge answered his telephone.

“Hello!” he asked, “Is The Herald talking. Mr. Aldridge?”

“I recognize your voice, Mr. Galligan,” came back the immediate response from Mr. Aldridge.
Where Aldridge Funeral Service
Will Be Held This Afternoon

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, at Plymouth Avenue South and Spring Street, where at 4.40 o'clock this afternoon the funeral services for George W. Aldridge will be held.
MR. ALDRIDGE
GIVEN EULOGY
BY PHYSICIAN

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
seeing Mr. Aldridge shortly before
his untimely death in 1920: "Mr. Aldridge said to me, 'I fear something would prevent me
from preparing it at the proper time.'"

Dr. Little was called to see Mr. Aldridge
recovering in 1920 and was not brought
forth again until his untimely death
last week. Following is the article:

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who, by the way, is never a boss in
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"Bad habits? Yes, he was a man.
And you? But he was more nearly
than most men boss of himself.
For several years he fought against
fearful odds to be master of himself
—and he won! He may have lost an
occasional all I know, but this I do know—he won, as nearly as
as a man may, this greatest of cam­
paigns... For years past he was very
nearly master of himself. And you?
And I?"

"Was he 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 shirk­
ing our duty in allowing it. Let us stop
talking about an evil, If it be one, for
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THE BODY OF "THE CHIEF" LIES IN STATE

Men and Women of All Walks of Life in Solemn March to Pay Last Respects.

Rochester paid its final solemn respects to-day to all that is mortal of the man who staked his notions. The political essay of Monroe bowed for the last time before the commander-in-chief; the vast throng of personal friends showed a final farewell; the thousands who rarely 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.

At Court House.

Before the Knights Templar received a command to replace their荣ancre from the staff of the late Col. D. H. Stringer, Mayor Clarence D. Van Zandt was first to place a red rose upon the casket. It covered half of the coffin, hanging to the floor on either side. It was in remembrance of the minute of silence which the Mayor observed when the news of the funeral services of the 70-year-old Col. Stringer was announced.

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No solemn scenes within a king's palace were more impressive than that which at- tended the bringing and the resting of the hearse in the street.

At Court House.

Except for the reading of a prayer in the rotunda, and on the steps, and with tears.

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Just before the Knights Templar received a command to replace their chapels, James t. Hotchkiss brought from City hall park a blanket of white roses, and placed it over the lower half of the casket.

It covered half of the coffin, hanging to the floor on either side, and at the foot. It was in remembrance, from the staff and the late collector of the Port of New York, brought in a locomotive last night by Henry Hirst, of New York, a former secretary of the National Republican Club, to the National Republican Club to attend the funeral to-day. Above the rose—Mr. Hotchkiss then placed a huge place of orchids and green. It bore the card of the Monroe County Republican committee.

When this had been done Mr. McChillas whispered for the procession to move.

Knights Templar passed to City hall, leaving—half-length coat, Henry Marks, Morris Clark and Arthur Warren. Slowly they stepped alongside the hearse as it moved to Main street. Just behind in a funeral line, George A. Muhitch, P. V. O'Donnell, Herbert W. Pierce and George Otto. The Knights Templar concluded the cortège.

As the procession was arriving at the Court house the gathering citizenship and strangers converged both approaches for a half-block distance. Way as far as the eye could see south on Main street, were city and county officials, beginning with those of major responsibilities and ending with holders of the meanest positions in municipal affairs.

At Court House.

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 dimly lighted rotunda, were fllers and flowers, some of them of gaiety and beauty and cost to beggar description.

Reverend Mr. L. M. Green, presiding over 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 carry the remains from the house to the hearse in the street. Samuel Moulthrop, John Calder, Willard Wilson, Henry Marks, Morris Clark and Arthur Warren. Slowly they stepped alongside the hearse as it moved to Main street. Just behind in a funeral line, George W. Aldridge, James T. Hotchkiss, P. V. O'Donnell, Herbert W. Pierce and George Otto. The Knights Templar concluded the cortège.

No solemn scenes within a king's mausoleum could have been more simple or impressive than that which attended the bringing and the resting of the political leader's remains to a city's central spot that people could view the last time.

Except for the reading of a prayer and the exclamations of one friend anything which may have been said within the draped and beflowered rotunda was in hushed tones, whispers, and with tears.

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When police and firemen had passed, there were city and county employees by the 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 a ready taped 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's 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. Hiram 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. Hille, national commissar, Charles S. Whitman, former governor, George A. Glyn, state Republican chairman; Adelbert P. Rich, Supreme court justice, John Woodward, Ralph Day, William Leary, Thomas W. Whittle and Henry Birk, of New York.

Mr. Hille, of New York, and Geo 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 A. 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 Courthouse, the funeral cortège to proceed down Main street to Plymouth avenue to the church at the Spring street corner. The bearers 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.


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 5.15 o'clock, it was planned to leave for Mt. Hope cemetery, where Yonnondio lodge, F. 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 Phineas 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

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 had 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 parlor where the Rye man had placed the body in a plain box and closed it down at the side 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 called 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 on Sunday, following the funeral today.

Among the callers yesterday was George Aldridge Whitley. 25-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 Ward J. Gould and John A. Warhite.

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 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 College Seminary at Oakfield, N. Y. The elder Aldridge served as mayor and in other public positions. The young man carried on the commercial and building business until 1883 when he became a member of the Executive Board of the city. In 1888 he married Mary J. Mack. They had one child, George W. Aldridge, Jr.

In 1894 he became Mayor of Rochester, a position which he occupied until his death. In 1912 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 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 pioneer endeavor was to provide for the contentment for the comfort 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 willingness to sacrifice others that were in his way, "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 immortally inscribed upon the hearts of men. To the burdens of those hearts he was ever willing to add his, his hand was ever selfless and his influence an inspiration and a help. His loyalty and his instilled promises ever inspired admiration and affection. So many of his human kindnesses were anonymous that it can never be known how all-comprising a love he had for unfortunate mankind.

Most loyalty did he devote himself to the interests of his city, and no man has contributed more to its growth, its prosperity and the comfort 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 broadminded sympathy, striving for the spirit of cooperation and mutual regard which is the foundation of society, reflected in the affairs of government.

As an advisor in state and nation he displayed the same characteristic broadminded sympathy, striving ever to promote the spirit of cooperation and mutual regard which is the foundation of society, reflected in the affairs of government. He led with the wisdom and the vision of this forward-looking man Rochester has to-day an engineering and fire department whose services and work are an inspiration. In extending to his family and friends the heart-felt sympathy of the Common Council and the people of Rochester, I pledge ourself in devotion to the memory of George Washington Aldridge to continue the union of our best efforts to the end that all shall live 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 engraved with these resolutions, and presented to his family.

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TRIBUTES STILL

PAID TO MEMORY

OF MR. ALDRIDGE

Life Philosophy Is Revealed in Magazine Poem on Golf.

TRIBUTE FROM PULPIT

Rev. Frank C. Doan, at Unitarian Church, commands 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 extol 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 amusing 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 I 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 conclusively 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, as I am told, was not at all a matter of politics with him, but a kind of religio.

“Even so—Mr. Aldridge will be remembered not, as probably he himself fondly hoped; not as a great organizer; not as a man who had 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 friend 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 him. 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 1920.

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 rug 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:

“Keep your eye on the ball, and follow—straight through.

“Remember this rule in your everyday life.

“T’ll 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. Last Christmas 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 20 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
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 Overwhelmed With Emotion-Knights Templar Guard of Honor as Thousands Think of Mr. Aldridge's Service-Governor Miller Here.

The body of George W. Aldridge, 58 years old, a former mayor of Rochester, and a member of the executive committee of the New York Republican party, died at his home on First avenue, Wednesday, and the city was more or less in mourning. The body was removed to the Court House, where it lay in state for three hours, from 3 o'clock on. Mr. Aldridge was a fine public officer, and while in office, he was a great benefactor to the city.

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Several men of state and national prominence were among those who viewed the body this afternoon. In addition to Mr. Hedges the body was viewed by Henry Barrill, who is one of several men appointed by Nathan Miller, a Masonic member, to attend the funeral. The body was ready to be seen by the public at 1:00 o'clock and was opened from 1:45 to 4:45 o'clock. It was the hour of Mr. Aldridge's funeral.

Governor Miller and other state officers appeared at the Masonic Temple. Journalist Spingold, the chief of this department, was present and he had an opportunity to see the body. He was accompanied to Rochester by his secretary, Secretary of State Whitman, and other state officers.

The body was placed in a levier made by Mr. Hedges. The order of the funeral was as follows:

1. The Rev. Mr. Stone was to read from Scripture.
2. The Rev. Mr. Stone was to conduct a brief funeral service. It was to consist of incidental music while the body was being carried into the church, followed by the hymn, "Lead, Kindly Light," and then the尔 members of the Monroe County Commandery, and the body was ready to be seen by the public. The Rev. Mr. Stone was to conduct a brief funeral service. It was to consist of incidental music while the body was being carried into the church, followed by the hymn, "Lead, Kindly Light," and then the body was to be closed and removed to Mount Hope Cemetery, where the body will be placed in the Aldridge family vault, which is near the north entrance, off Mount Hope Avenue. The grave will be just to the east of his father's grave, a Masonic funeral service will be conducted by officers of the Masonic Lodge, F. and A. M., with the officiating master being E. H. Ely.

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P. J. Suggestion
y/jk Mr Aldridge
^/Car^edOut

Those who visited the postoffice today noticed nake 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, Mr. Aldridge saw similar cards above the windows patronized by the public.

Mr. Aldridge called at the postoffice and the window of the collector of the port, to see if the same cards were put up.

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 brooks no pass.

For so many people, not only in the city of Rochester and in the county, but in the state and nation did he play, that this going brings many, many personal griefs and his memorial is immutably inscribed upon the hearts of men.

To the burdens of those days 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.

Mostly 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 fruits of their full growth have brought the subtle sense of contentment from their sweet odor.

Some homely examples are the engineering and 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 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 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 city, county, state and nation and the citizens and inhabitants thereof, and be it further

Resolved, that the foregoing resolutions be printed and distributed among those who have heard of his good deeds.

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 Ickes and Daniel Lee.
Body Of Mr. Aldridge Lies In State

Top: Members of Monroe Commandery, Knights Templar, serving 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.
New York Newspapers Commend Mr. Aldridge For His Influence
On The Public Life Of Rochester

The New York Herald: The New York Herald: Many New York papers have already thought of George W. Aldridge as a very old man. He was not yet 66, but he had been in public life so long that it seemed as if he had been ten years older. He began his politics very young: so young that, although he died at a time when he seemed to have a decade or twenty years ahead of him, he had outlived all the other great liberal bosses of this state.

For a generation Uncle George, as his political name is familiarly known, was the master in a much greater sense than Charles F. Murphy is master of New York, for Murphy conducted only the Tammany organization, a vast and active body when there is real fusion between Republicans and independents.

No other leader of a great county of this state could compare with Uncle George in power. Bosses like Barnes of Albany and Greig of Erie were his inferiors, and his superiors were his models. There was no boss in the state all powerful as the Aldridge organization.

The strength of Aldridge in his own community came not so much from his own personal qualities as from the energetic cooperation of the Democratic and Republican party organizations in the city. Rochester owe much and his loss is most keenly felt there and in the county.

When Mr. Aldridge believed he was right, no force could change his opinion. This is exemplified in his consistent support of President Harding at the last presidential election. When, by his magnetism and political firmness, he swayed the New York delegation to the latter victorious candidate. It is significant in this connection that at the previous presidential convention he remained firm for Mr. Harding, who was then a little known candidate, and that although he failed, he predicted that the time would come when Mr. Harding would become president.

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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.

Cites Instances* 
Showing Honesty 

A $50,000 bribe was offered George W. Aldridge only four or five weeks ago and it was a nickel, according to James L. Riottkiss, who knew Mr. Aldridge. The bribe was offered in the treaty of 1911, Mr. Aldridge was then at the Central Library of Rochester and Monroe County Historic Scrapbooks Collection.
GRAVE HOLDS BODY OF GEORGE ALDRIDGE

UNE OF MEN AND WOMEN RUNNING BACK FROM COURT HOUSE MAIN ENTRANCE.

IN CITY FOR MR. ALDRIDGE'S FUNERAL.

PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN FROM A WINDOW OF THE POWERS HOTEL IN FORENOON.
In city for Mr. Aldridge's funeral.

In foreground, Governor Nathan E. R. Ward, Westchester States Senator William M. Calder; on left, William W. Miller: next to him, United
ALL MORNING AND AFTERNOON

THOUSANDS FILE PAST CASKET
IN CORRIDOR OF COURT HOUSE

Service in Church, Simple Throughout
Marked by Placing of Three Vases of Roses Each for a Person at Casket.

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 cortège from the Aldridge home, No. 96 Plymouth avenue, to the Court House at 9 o'clock, Monroe Commandary, 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 Commandary was in attendance during the time that the casket was open. Deputv, sheriffs and court officers, under Sheriff Horse, also were on duty.

Arrival of Governor and Others.

The body was removed from the Court House at 4:15 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. Glyn, chairman of the Republican State Committee. In the delegation to greet the Governor were United States Senator James W. Wadsworth, Mr. Hothkiss, Mayor Van Sandt, Charles L. Cadle, state superintendent of public works; Edwin A. Fishman, superintendent of city planning; LeGrand Brown, deputy city engineer; George W. Sweeney, managing director of the Hotel Commodore, George Olie, manager telephone commission of election; James B. Martin, division passenger agent of the New York Central, and Job K. Hedge, candidate for governor, and long a personal friend of Mr. Aldridge.

Limosines were waiting to take the Governor's party and other officials to the Court House. The arrival was at 5:15 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 cortége passed into the Court House of the Supreme Court of the United States of America, 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, was spread over the bier. On the head of the casket was placed a large piece of orchids and lilacs of lilac valley, from the garden of Mr. Aldridge, Mr. Hothkiss, Charles P. Barnes, Charles L. Cdale, Herbert W. Fiers, Charles T. Chapin, Willis K. Gillette, William H. Craufurd, and William S. Riley, and of Mr. Otto.

The bell of the City Hall tolled as the cortége moved from the Court House and the heads of thousands of people were uncovered as the body was lifted into the bier. The cortége passed between a file of policemen, standing at attention. Following the active bearers were the honorary bearers, 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. Wiltsie, state superintendent of public works, as Martin, then as Martell, Captain E. N. Walbridge, John R. Powers, George B. Draper, Max L. Holit, Roy P. Halligan, Thomas Martell, Captain E. N. Walbridge, Samuel R. Parry, James H. Hanna, Lewis R. Decker and Charles W. Denison.

An organ number was played by George Barlow Fenny as the body was carried into the cortége. The number was aower of floral pieces, tributes of affection and esteem, sent by Mr. Aldridge's friends, despite the family's omission 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 in it in accordance with 6 wish of Mrs. Aldridge.

At the head was the token of Pharellus V. Crittenden, long a close friend of the deceased leader; in the center was the tribute of Governor Van Dake, and at the foot were roses sent by Henry Kunze, who was held in esteem by Mr. Aldridge. The persons assembled around the casket were carried down the center aisle, and they remained standing until the opening selection was complete, when in turn were filled by the family. Mr. George R. Aldridge, Jr., entered the church. Everywhere handkerchiefs were to be seen.
Mr. Aldridge was at the casket when the cover was placed on it, and he took a rosebud from his lapel and placed it in the chest of Mr. Aldridge. It was the 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.

More messages from admirers of leader

**MORE MESSAGES FROM
ADMIRERS OF LEADER**

Poughkeepsie, also Continue to Arrive at Rochester.

Telegram and floral pieces continued to pour into the home yesterday. This wire was received from Chief of Police, Spilgery, who is on his way to New York.

"Have just read in Kansas City papers account of death of Mr. Aldridge. The people of Rochester have suffered a great loss. I am and extend my heartfelt condolences to the family."

Rabbi Solomon S. Sadowsky, chief rabbi of the orthodox congregations of Rochester, wired:

"I am the Jews of the Republican party of Rochester were saddened to hear the news of the loss of the great leader, Hon. George Aldridge. Please accept our sympathy and convey it to the family."

Resolutions on the death of Mr. Aldridge were adopted in the Board of Supervisors' as by standing vote. The resolutions extolled his qualities and were adopted by the young woman from Mr. Aldridge.

Mr. Aldridge's death. Mrs. Hotchkiss as 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.

**AS A MARK OF RESPECT**

Death of Mr. Aldridge.

A final and only dividend of 4 per cent on claims amounting to $9,786.44 has been declared in the matter of the Porto Brothert Manufacturing Company, makers of the B & W, door and blind inks. The GYLD fund amounts to $367.19.

**FUNERAL AT Ender BY MEN OF PROMINENCE**

State Officials and Leaders in Politics:

Among the many prominent men in the city to attend the funeral were Elks Booker. Frank M. Millan, state engineer; Thomas Ford, judge of the Court of Claims; Thaddeus Sweet, ex-Dear of the Assembly; ex-Governor L. (race White, of the State; Thaddeus Whittle, surveyor of the York; Lafayette Gleason, clerk of the Senate; John J. Lyons, secretary of state; Samuel Ewing, chairman of the Republican Committee of New York. Mr. Ewing's address was submitted to Mr. Aldridge. He had more than a thousand people within the cemetery. The services concluded, the procession departed. The family plot and part of the ad.

**ALWAYS CONSIDER TOWARD HIS FRIENDS**

This One of Pronounced Characteristics

Many incidents of Mr. Aldridge's considerate treatment of other people have been recounted. Jean Hotchkiss, the young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James L. 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 fight an inaudible act that might have hurt someone's feelings. This was demonstrated by the daughter of Herbert M. Pierce, commissioner of public works. The young woman sent girly lines to her on his last birthday. She had been married shortly before, but when Mr. Aldridge acknowledged the flowers he ordered her husband's name.

**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 placed on the casket. Mr. Hotchkiss had been up in the goal of a city to attend the funeral were

**Mr. Pierce joked with Mr. Aldridge over the telephone about the omission, asking if a mechanic 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 writing of a article about the responsibilities that fell upon him as collector of the Port of New York. The point was that the understanding that no photograph would be taken of the yacht connected with the Cortlandt Bar, "by Mrs. C. A. Howland."

Mr. Aldridge held up bravely at the services at the church, but sobbed as the body was moved. The services concluded, the procession departed. The family plot and part of the ad.

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This His Word on Eve of His De­parture from Rochester.

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 McAdoo, chairman of the Republican State Com­mittee. This was the word to the Re­publican adherents in Monroe County by four 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 Mr. Aldridge were living. 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 plaudits of Mr. Aldridge's loyalty to his leaders who are now to fill his place. "Mr. Aldridge did not raise his political soldiers to travel in different di­rections," Governor Miller.

Governor Miller, Charles L. Cadle, state superintendent of public works; "William E. Ward, leader of Westchester county and high in the councils of the state, and Mr. Hotchkiss bad 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 would 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 event¬ually. This committee was made up of Charles G. Miller, Republican national­chairman 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 Port of New York, and Henry Bir­mell.

Senator (Macks said that within twenty­four 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 Saller, 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 1924 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 pravA 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, Acquaintances 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.

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At Church, at Court House and Bearers with Casket
Top, masses of flowers in First Presbyterian Church where casket rested. Middle, just before casket was carried from Court House; active and honorary bearers. Bottom, at the church.
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TO GEORGE ALDRIDGE
THOUSANDS FILE BY COFFIN
AS REMAINS REPOSE IN STATE IN
ROTUNDA OF THE COURT HOUSE

Police Reserves Forced To Clear Way for Funeral Cor­
edge en route from the Church to the 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 govern­
ment 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 Ald­
ridge 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 molding of their political des­
tinies had passed out of their lives.

Crowds Everywhere.

The firm, shrewd, shrewd 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, shoving and jostling around. First Presbyterian Church, where
the remains had lain, was a torrent, and staring silently in dense masses in the cemetery, itself. It is esti­
imated 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 char­
acterized 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 Na­
tional 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 oth­
ers 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 Republi­
can 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 under­
taker had closed the lid, he dropped
a rose on the dead face. The bear­
ers came and carried their heavy bur­
den 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 secre­
tary for some twenty years past, and
almost as familiar a figure in Republi­
can 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
brought out with as much fidelity as
Mr. Aldridge's own plans were ac­
customed 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 four
some last Tuesday when Mr. Aldridge
fell dead; F. J. H. Krakke, appraiser
under the Collector of the Port of
New York; State Treasurer N. Mont­
roe Marshall, Samuel S. Koening
Thomas W. Whittle, Henry
Stuart, surveyor of the Port of New
York; Elon H. Hooker, Thaddeus
Sweet, Henry Burrell and all
the New York and Albany deliga­
tion arrived on the Empire State
press at 4:05 o'clock and was met by
Mr. Sweeney, Senator Wadsworth,
Mr. Hotchkiss, Mr. Otto, Mr. Hilles,
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 bouton­
niere on his father's coat lapel, after
"Nich F. V. Crittenden, Herber W.
Pistor, and Mr. Otto added their quotas
of roses. Rev. Dr. Warren S. Jews
of First Presbyterian Church made a
short prayer, after which Monroe Com­
mandery 12, Knights Templar, which
acted as a guard of honor throughout
the day, took charge of the coffin.

Thousands View Remains.

After through the day, the bodies
poured through the Court House lobby
in a double line, and up to 4,000 o'clock
in the afternoon, when the Governor's
party arrived through a way of the city by the police. One of I
who viewed the body was Charleston
Aldridge, a former aide-de-camp of
Mr. Aldridge.
It was exactly 3.46 o'clock, at the minute planned, when the coffin was carried to the hearse for its journey to the church. The house bell tolled and the people bared their heads as the bearers passed along with their burden. Streetcars were stopped as the cortège wound its way to the church through Main Street West to Plymouth Avenue. The sidewalk was filled with 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 sexton had begun the work of filling in the grave.

Police Clear Path.

Eight mounted policemen, sixteen patrolmen and Commissioner of Public Safety Barse attempted, Philip and Capt. Mohle 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 song, and the air was heavy with their music. A. M., with Isaac Briekner, master, tolled and the people bared their heads as the bearers passed along with their burden. The coffin was carried to the hearse for its journey when the coffin was completed and was asssisted to the automobile by her son. Then Aldridge, Mr. Edward Hunt Aldridge, her brother, Stevenson, said at Mr. Alldridge’s Sedan; Mrs. William Otis and Mrs. Mallon, companion to Mrs. Aldridge, accompanied Mrs. Aldridge.

former rochester hotel man, partner of Mr. aldrige comes from rochester for funeral

One of the first of the New York men who attended George N. Aldridge’s funeral to reach the city yesterday was Dr. Stone, who delivered the eulogy. At 11 a.m. yesterday, the Anyone but Mr. Aldridge who was down in th., church was only admitted to seats at the side. The mortuary was completed and was asssisted to the automobile by her son. Then Aldridge, Mr. Edward Hunt Aldridge, her brother, Stevenson, said at Mr. All.

R. A. Aldridge, Democratic candidate for Mayor last year. A number of other guests of the church also were in attendance. WU, big basket of flowers presented by P. v. Crittenden, and a garland of roses of the church and the corner, and was introduced by the Governor. At the foot of the grave of Mr. Aldridge’s father, who died in 1877. A stone-lined vault. The new grave is just

Former Rochester Hotel Man, Partner of Mr. Alldridge in Fataf Foursome, Comes from New York City for Funeral

Mr. Sweeney told how Mr. Aldridge, a man of high spirits, and apparently best fitted for a political fortune.
EVERY STRATUM OF SOCIETY IS REPRESENTED BY THOSE WHO FELL BY ALDRIDGE BIER

The citizenry of Rochester marched solemnly past a flower-banked catafalque in the rotunda of the Court House yesterday to pay final homage to its dead leader. From every stratum of society, forgetful for the time of racial demarcations, partisan inter­ests, and the differences of creeds, men and women filed past the casket of George W. Aldridge to gaze for the last time on a face, strong and full of character even in death, of the man who had guided their destinies for so many, many years.

Remarkable Tribute

It was a tribute such as could be paid only to a leader who had tempered his iron-like despotism with mercy, who had won and held the vast good will of the city and the fear of his great humanity and the fear of his mighty spirit. No pure altruist, known mere­ly for his philanthropy, could have drawn so cosmopolitan a gathering, no man who had ruled solely by might, could have elicited such spontaneous expressions of real sorrow as escaped the lips of hundreds of men and women who passed beside the Aldridge coffin.

Men there were in that endless line that trod softly through the darkened, mourning-shrouded Court House, who had fought bitterly against the per­sonal anguish who lay dead and robed of his power; men there were who, up to the moment of his death, had spoken—malignantly, invectively, of the leader. But death had brought forth the char­ity of their souls, and eased the sour of their petty jealousies. The ven­geance they had planned had died with the earthly departure of him upon whom they had intended to wreak it. They were sorrowful and sincere.

Big Men Shed Tears

In that line there were men who probably held a greater love for the dead man in the flowered coffin than they possessed for any other living thing, and they cried yesterday, when little children, orphaned by the sud­den taking away of a guiding parent. There were women, who sensing the loss of his great benevolence-benevo­lence, perhaps, alloyed in some degree by self interest, but benevolence, none the less, was there, as they wiped their eyes swept over the forever rigid countenance of the man who had been personally by Harry Bisrell of New York, a former secretary of the Na­tionwide Republican Club and a mem­ber of the committee sent by the club to attend the funeral. A large cluster of orchids sent by the Monroe County Republican Committee was merged with the roses.

When the flowers had been placed, the Knights Templar passed on to City Hall Park, leaving Harry C. Engfer, past commander, and Captain-general of the Commandery, and George Yost in charge of a guard committing the Commandery’s guard of honor. The guard consisted of the following:


The first delegation, after the body had been placed, to pass in review, consisted of city officials, headed by Mayor Clarence D. Van Rens. Mr. Van Sant placed a rose upon the crossed hands of the dead leader, and, after a lingering pause, left on through the corridor. Albert M. Flannery, secretary, followed the Mayor, and on the opposite side of the coffin was Bob E. Hedges, famed as an orator and national Republican Com­mittee man. Then came a small group of the long been a close personal friend of Mr. Aldridge. Municipal and county judges followed, each bearing a rose as their final token to the man, who, in many Instances, had been responsible for the office that they now fill.

Policemen and firemen, all wearing­uniforms, followed, and be­hind this delegation were the long lines of non-uniformed city employees, from heads of departments to labor­ers. Many in that crowd had looked upon Mr. Aldridge as a personal friend and benefactor, and the sin­cerity of their sorrow was impres­sive. In the line were corps of law­less laborers, many of foreign nativity; there were bent, gray, old men, who had slipped into manhood to old age in the service of the city and in the patronage of the dead leader. They wept tears away, as they passed by the casket, and shuffled on.

Justices of the Supreme Court, who had risen to their important rank through the assistance of the dead man, oried as they passed his coffin, a word in minor service of the Rochester city government, were deep in grief.

"George! George! My friend!" moaned an aged man who leaned heavily on a cane, as he halted for full thirty seconds before the casket. He went on, weeping. In the lapel of his coat was a G. A. R. button.

A young woman in deep mourning, who carried a child in her arms, stopped at the casket. She gazed down for a moment, turned away, sobbing.

"He’s the man who helped your father aboard, now he’s dead," she said in an undertone to the child.

Business and professional men came to the office building, and to the waiting six members of Monroe Commander 12, Knights Templar, and the Command­ery, the members in full regalia, ex­cept the hearse to the Court H.

1 approaches to the county building were con­gested as the funeral pro­cession came into sight, but no con­fusion was experienced, a detachment of mounted, police clearing the way until the hearse drew up at the curb.

Sir Knights Templar, who carried the remains from the hearse to the resting place in Monroe, were Samuel P. Moulthrop, John Cal­ders, William Williams, Henry Marks, Henry Quackenbush.

After the body had been placed, James L. Rotchkois, County Clerk, brought from City Hall a blanket of white roses and laid it half of the coffin. The last of the...
HOTCHKISS IS
SUCCESSOR TO
MR. ALDRIDGE
Republican Politicians Expect County Machine Will Still Run.

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 6:13 o'clock.

After the funeral, Governor Miller dined with Mr. Hotchkiss, Superintendent of Public Works C. L. Cadle, W. J. 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. Cadle 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' plant will take place, according to precedent, August 8. It is the custom to announce candidates at the convention.

POSTMTSWWRITOUT

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 Farmers 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 plants, cards or plates bearing the name of the clerk stationed in 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 post and general information windows bore card giving the name of the clerk on duty at the window. Mr. Mullan said yesterday that it is his intention to have permanent recognizers placed over each window, with display of name plates.

O.S. APPRAISERS

PASS RESOLUTION ON G. 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, 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 perception, coupled with patriotic purpose and courageous action, earned him the confidence 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 unspotted 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 and labor a master among men.

Written on the tablets of enduring memory are innumerable deeds of love and tenderness which we find which speak of his eternal worth; while round our hearts a thousand food associations cling-tossed 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.

George W. Aldridge.

So that Mr. Aldridge may live in the remembrance of his fellow citizens, the resolution may be introduced by the President James T. Seworth, 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 the waltz at one time. There will be many who recall his quoting Tom Hood's poem which begins, "Let fate do her worst; there are roads of life to follow 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 that he would have appeared in a new light to those who knew him when he remarked, "We've swept together, boys."
THRONGS PAY LAST RESPECTS TO GEORGE ALDRIDGE

Crowds in Front of First Presbyterian Church

Poem Best Loved by Aldridge Has

That the late George W. Aldridge was overflowing with sentiment, is evidenced from the following lines penned recently to Mr. J. O. Kahl-
felser, 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, every year;
You have only recollection, every year.
Deeper sorrow and dejection, every year;
There come new cares and sorrows, every year.
Darker days and darker sorrows, every year.
The ghosts of dead loves haunt us, every year.
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.

Photo by Stone. Herald Photographer.

Upper left—City employes waiting in Filthugh Room to view the remains, even before the coffin had been placed in the Court House.

Upper right—Mayor Van Zandt and his secretary, Albert Flannery, led the city officials who first passed by the bier.

Middle left—Knights Templar bear ring 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 II, K. T., accompanying bier from Aldridge home to Court House.

Lower center—Hearse passing through guard of honor just before reaching the Court House.

Photo by stone. Herald Photographer.
Poem Best Loved by Aldridge Has*'

Much Sentiment

That the late George IV Aldridge was overflowing with sentiment, is evidenced from the following lines penned recently to Mr. & Mrs. Kalb, a friend of the Republican trade, in boyhood days:

You are growing old they tell us, every year.
You are mere alone they tell us, every year.
You can win no new affection.
You have only recollection,
Deeply, and dejection, every year.
Thou Com Du rise, every year.
Darker and darker and deeper.
The ghosts of dead lovers, haunt us,
The rigid friends taunt And dread us, every year.
'Tis true there age shifting.
And we are seaward drifting, every year.
Old places changing from us,
The living more forget us,
And the truer life draws nearer, every year.
And its morning star climbs higher, every year.
Earth's hold on us grows Blighter And the heavy burdens light.
And the dawn Immortal brighter, every year.
The Last Gathering at the Bier of "The Chief"

Wforg E&v Bti> o/ George W. Aldridge Rests

Flower covered graves in Mt. Hope cemetery.
Where the Body of George W. Aldridge Rests

Flower covered grave in Alt. Hopa cemetery.
TRIBUTE OF THOUSANDS!

TO J. EADER

Last Rites Over Body of
George W. Aldridge

NATIONAL MEN PRESENT

Hundreds Unable to Gain Access to the Church

Street 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 a 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 of them obtained rosebuds before entering and these were laid on the bier. The idea apparently occurred to the mourners spontaneously, with the result that before the last one had passed the casket was covered with the 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 Nathaniel 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 A. Hotchkim, Mayor Van Sandt, 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 Nichols, commissioner of elections; James B. Martin, New York Central passenger agent; and Job E. Hedges, candidate for governor. Judge Anson, a personal friend of Mr. Aldridge.

During the trip to the Court house and the ascent to the rotunda a Carlyle word was spoken but all seemed wrapped up in the one thought. No sound, with the exception of the bodies breathing and shuffling feet, was heard as the men filed past the body and paid their last tribute to the man to whom in the opinion of many of them the positions they occupy. 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 Supreme court room, where the active and honorary bearers were gathered. When the doors 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 taken up by the active bearers, who consisted of Mr. Hotchkiss—Charles R. Barnes, Charles L. Cadle, Herbert W. Fisco, Charles T. Chapin, Judge Willis K. Gillette, William H. Craig and William S. Riley.

As the party left from the Court house, the bell of the City hall began to toll. Thousands gathered in the streets, with heads bare, as the body was lifted into the bier. The cortege passed through a file of policemen standing at attention, while the active bearers fell in immediately behind the hearse.


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 get admission 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 Scriptures. There was a solo, "Lead Kindly Light," by George R. Frank, and another, "Crossing the Bar," by Mrs. C. A. Bowland. George Barlow Fenn was at the organ.


Significant of the esteem in which even his political enemies held him was the fact that prominent Democrats were present. Among them were John Palace, 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. Ali along the route followed those who had waited for the cortege, some of them many hours, to see their heads as the bearers 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 Aldridge family. Most of the flowers had been sent to the cemetery, so that when the procession arrived, the grave was surrounded by the cast circle, of familiar Masonic services at the grave were conducted by Isaac M. Brick, master of Yonndondio lodge, assisted by about fifty members. The words were minned with a player by Dr. 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, "Farewell, My Brother."

The grave is situated just inside the Mount Hope avenue entrance to the cemetery, and at the foot 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 loss. 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 longe to attend the funeral. He was present as the honorary bearer of the Coffin.
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 tributes of the world press to the memory of George W. Aldridge came to-day from Clinton N. Howard, who, for the want of something more appropriate perhaps, chose to hit 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 "Praises," were marked off and written above were the words "Designates" and "Superlative Boss," to make the heading read:

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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 and then go to the city administration there to enforce the prohibition amendment.

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The Logical Leader

Governor Miller was with State Chairman Glynn, Senator William M. Calder and other national committee men, in agreeing that Mr. Hotchkiss was the logical leader of the Republicans of Monroe.

All the Republican leaders 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 Weidemann of 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 well 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 move to the Tweed ward will be the leader of the Third ward.

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 smartest 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. Will in-city comptroller and admitted to be the most learned in the city, sat down at his table, to say nothing of being a recogm'ad au
city on taxation in the Mills, said that he favored Mr. Hotchkiss, and considered him the party leader from the time of Mr. Aldridge's death. Mr. Wilson E. Wilson, as a possible successor to Mr. Aldridge.

"The lieutenants in the organization from battles to the outcome of many campaigns have been determined. Mr. Hotchkiss, in his position as leader of the city, and an influence in the Twelfth ward, always a strong Republican ward territory, --"The Twelfth ward part was headed by the Top Pol's, can regularly after Mr. Aldridge's death, at one time was a control bureau of the Republican publicanism. Mr. Hotchkiss, I feared, was in the same territory. The question was what would be the state of the organization. I don't know anything like a procession of the lieutenants of Aldridge's to be anything like a procession of the lieutenants of Mr. Hotchkiss, would be carried and by the organization."

"We have the need of a leader to move the fold."

County Committee Meeting

A call for a meeting of the ID Monroe county committee is contemplated, and, as near the future, and once all the members; or the greatest Republican of the organization will bring home with emphasis the necessity of the organization.

Immediate only after the Aldridge funeral last evening Senator

J. J. Bostwick, who was with Governor Miller at a dinner given by Mr. Hotchkiss last evening, sent word that the organization there to carry on their organization in all the power that had been built for it by Mr. Aldridge, take the form of a definite announcement in the near future.
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"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 they will wield their influence, command a following and direct public affaire 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.

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 split of the two men when Governor Chittison assumed the office of executive of the state in 1876. Barnes had been able to control state conventions of his party by his power, win, it had been for some time on the wane, was all to the Republican organization in the State during Barnes' administration, Mr. Journal made the President of the House in the Assembly read this message as follows:

"To the gentleman who was known as Mr. Aldridge, who during many years was a conspicuous figure in Republican politics, whose friends and followers appeared to be in good health, vigorous but at his heart was the trouble. That is otherwise. Blood flowed by a cause. Near the heart, blood caused by a clot. The fatal clot has been probably fatal. A clot it is."

It was a Boy Scout, a caddy on the Westchester-Biltmore 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

Central Library of Rochester and Monroe County
Historic Scrapbooks Collection

Below: Carrying the make* into First Presbyterian Church.
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.

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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 the legality of liquor to be withdrawn from a bonded warehouse.

“IT 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.
NEXT ON THE PROGRAM, JULY 10, "THE LITTLE GIANT" IN "ROCHESTER, THE BOOTLEGGERS' PARADISE"

C-C-C-COME ON IN-----T-T-THE WATER'S F-F-FINE!

UNDER THE BIG TOP

THE BATHING SEASON OPENS

ROCHESTER MOURNS THE DEATH OF GEORGE W. ALDRIDGE

WELL I CAN THANK MY STARS THAT'S OVER!!

FATHER ROCHESTER AGREEMENT WITH EMPLOYERS

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Reviewing the Week.
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WILL IS EXTREMELY BRIEF AND IS CITED AS A MODEL IN FORM.

NO REAL ESTATE MENTIONED

Personal Property is Stated to "at least equal in value the sum of $5,000."

The will of George W. Aldridge was admitted to probate to-day by Surgeons G. B. Miller. The document is brief, and the entire estate is bequeathed to his wife. No other requests 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. Pierson, of the law firm of Shedd, Morse, Pierson 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. Pierson 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 Tuckahoe, 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:

"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 to my wife, Mary A. Aldridge, all my property and estate, both real and personal, of every name and description, absolutely and forever.

Suggests Possible Site

For Aldridge Memorial

Editor, Times-Union

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.
TRIBUTES STILL PAID TO MEMORY OF MR. ALDRIDGE

Life Philosophy Is Revealed in Magazine Poem on Golf.

JUNE 19, 1922

TRIBUTES FROM PULPIT

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C. R. Barnes Quit Golf with Lucky Drive, Made When Mr. Aldridge, An enthusiast, Sought to Convert Him

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 railways, who was 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 invited him to visit the course and see how the game was played. It was some years back- Mr. Barnes patiently followed Mr. Aldridge around on a course and then 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.

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There was some good-natured chaffing and Mr. Aldridge bet Mr. Barnes a dollar that "the game was the most nonsensical he had ever seen."

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 flying 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 trial. "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. Aldridge an opportunity to redeem himself. Neither had Mr. Barnes ever given Mr. Aldridge an opportunity to redeem himself.

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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 Sandt and Harry J. Barahem, 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. Hotchkiss, former mayor, who was appointed to draw the portrait. Mr. Aldridge was his intimate friend and a member of the executive committee to the State Republican convention to be held on September 27th to 29th, inclusive. The recommendation will be voted upon July 15th at the state meeting of the state committee. Saratoga, Syracuse and other cities bid for the convention.

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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-day recommended the selection of the state Republican convention to be held on September 27th to 29th, inclusive. The recommendation will be voted upon July 18th at the state meeting of the state committee. Saratoga, Syracuse and other cities bid for the convention.

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HOTCHKISS to Attend State G. O. P. Meeting Backed by Monroe County

Monroe County Republicans 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.

Mr. Aldridge was appointed by George A. Clymer, 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. Claflin, 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 influence in "albany and elsewhere," what little squabbling that has manifested itself has been done down with the cry by the loyal party adherents that, "you wouldn't do that if Mr. Aldridge was alive."

With the muflchina motive 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 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 long, 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 for you, and when you come
There is love; "somebody cares.""*

Yes, perhaps it's a mother who waits.
The tears in her eyes, the gentle
But wherever I'm waiting at evening.
She takes your heart glad, your
There's always someone who waits just for me.
A smile or caress to bestow.
Then homeward you hasten each evening.
For the world is new and your part
There is love; somebody cares.

Peace there is, and joy, and
And the task you perform even vain.
There is love; somebody cares.
At home you are welcome again.
And the folks don't care.
You're not a lover of blues, the strait.
Ain't I don't want to
What I want to forget.
And I don't want to
Just to let down my pet
To turn to smooth out my brain,
Just to sleep and that's all.

They leave me alone
With your pillows and things.

But whoever is waiting: at evening.
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And joy comes for such a

At Writing Poetry

George W. Aldridge

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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 hillside site 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 plan 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 Percival V. Crittenden, James L. Bottomkiss 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 working man’s $1 will be as welcome as the banker’s check for a large amount.”

Chairman Bottomkiss of the Republican county committee heartily approved the plan to erect a monument to the departed leader, and said: “If we could 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.
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Treasury Decisions.


and Special U. S. Attorney Charli Lawrence, President Sullivan said:

“With this afternoon, as you are aware, for the presentation and adoption of resolutions with reference to the death of Honorable George W. Aldridge, late collector of the Port of New York, a prominent citizen of our country, highly respected for his integrity and upright.

Should give some expression concerning Mr. Aldridge as one of our leading citizens.”

Mr. Hoppin offered the following resolution:—

“Whereas, It has pleased the Alm this afternoon to remove from our midst the colleague of our times, also the Honorable George W. Aldridge, and

Whereas, During his incumbency of that high office, he has always shown not only a high devotion to duty, but

It is now in order to present the resolution of the members of the board of the United States General Appraisers to convey to his family and friends our sympathy in his loss, and

It is further stated that I, Thai and the of these I, respectfully request, your esteemed
courtesy, "Honor and to the family of the deceased.

General Appraiser Fischer Said: I have a few words to say second in motion to adopt the

Offered by the assistant appraiser, Mr. James L. Whitley’s remark.

Others speaking highly in favor of the Monument were Charles H. Mulhiney, former executive officer and William S. Riley, superintendent of Parks, Herbert W. Pierce, commissioner of public works, etc.

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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 the season having closed simply to accommodate one of the big political conventions.

Several names are being bandied about for the state leadership but at the present time the party chiefs are admitting 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.

Mr. Aldridge was the exemplar of the adage that it is more blessed to give than to receive. He gave unstintingly not only of his wealth 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. Men live far beyond the years shown upon the records. Men live far beyond the years shown upon the records. Men live far beyond the years shown upon the records.
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 if 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 suggestion of State Chairman Glynn and tendered their support to James L. Hotchkiss, chairman of the Republican I County Committee, is the best promise of future unity and close co-operation 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 mining 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 sneer 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 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 on 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.

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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, chief bear 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 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 carrying on the work of Mr. Aldridge, who had his heart set upon re-electing Governor Miller this fall.

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Believe Miller Will Run.

Governor Miller has not announced where he is 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. Mr. political leaders 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 then.

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Memorial Adopted By Republican Committee at Buffalo

New York, July 19.—The resolutions unanimously adopted at a meeting of the state Republican committee, decided that candidates for state offices should be nominated at a convention to be held in Albany, September 27th.

Chairman Glynn was a-ohed to receive the following resolution from 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 24 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 Mr. Aldridge, whose service of thirty-five consecutive years Mr. Aldridge cherished a Justified ambition to have served his party with power. Mr. Root, the direct primary many states were enthusiastic over, the clash between the party leaders and the public in New York, the political and other factors, was not realized. The cup passed from Mr. Aldridge to Lake George for his vacation and is expected to make up his plans the 2nd.

He entered the state councils of the party September 15, 1881, the day on which the committee chose as its chairman the late Cornelius N. Bliss. For the state's history Mr. Aldridge 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 pragmatic politics, he was men of average active life of a generation, he was a faithful, influential, aggressive and effective member of the body which, during the period, the real guiding force in the affairs of the Empire State.

In his case, as in the case of all men who survive the changing conditions of pragmatic politics, he was a serious purpose, a definite goal and ideals to which he conscientiously worked. He planned the state's history, which is an "A" in the book of Mr. Aldridge's life early in Mr. Aldridge's life family moved to Rockport, and it was there that he was educated and managed his business and his life. His father had been a "V" of the V's. He acquired his political power before the age of 23 was elected a member of the Executive Board. He was appointed by the Governor, and as a member of the Board, his appointment was renewed in the Board. He was appointed the state railroad committee, one of the mainstays of the Republican party for many years, and was a member of the committee for the state railroad committee.

In short, he was an abiding, hell-bent for advancing his cause, or through his lack of courage 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 own part, but through the cause, or through his lack of courage or industry oracity. They surmised that he was not a man of his word. He gave them freely of their contest, and as a member of the committee was under a special moral obligation to continue his leadership. It was not realized. The cup passed from him to Lake George for his vacation and is expected to make up his plans the 2nd.

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George W. Aldridge and Hiram H. Edgerton spent long years 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 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 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 wear their eyes 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

Cups and Plates Add More Than $5,000 Priced

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 to a beautiful silver pitcher valued at $200. The trophy goes to the first winner.

Dr. William B. Riley, park commissioner, in memory of the late Mr. Aldridge, who was always an ardent friend of the Exposition, and it was at his suggestion that the classes for young riders were arranged. William V. Hibbard, president of the Exposition Association, gives the cup for the boys this year, and Mrs. Hibbard for the girls.

The trophy was won outright, the competition will be continued at these shows next year.

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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 to a beautiful silver pitcher valued at $200. The trophy goes to the first winner.

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"Little Joker" Card Proves George Aldridge Was a Jokester When a Boy

THE HERALD

Upper—George Aldridge’s “Little Joker” card.

Lover—Cary Seminary, in Oakfield.

ROOM 4

Herald Aug. 6, 1898

By H. N. W. AI/7T/IDGK JK.

BY THE EVENING evening recently a reporter, Aldridge, learned that it did, and gave for The Herald called on Colu- up the conundrum.

Edward P. Moulthrop, President, 1873

Cigal of No. 26 School. The conver-

sation turned upon affairs of more or

less ancient vintage, and Colonel

Moulthrop reached his hand into his

pocket, took out his billfold and ex-

tracted from it the name card which

owed to him. This card was printed by

George M. Howe, and George W. M.

Alldridge, Jr., Inscribed on it.

"How many years ago was that card

too. He was always a vigorous, two-

printed, do you think?" inquired the flumed rightier, even in his school days.

The reporter asked whether the name "George M. Aldridge as looked to for leadership.

schoolmaster. And if there were any activities that

met Aldridge, Jr., Inscribed on it. I do not 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 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 stipu-

lated that, before anything be printed about the card, Mr. Howe should be consulted as a matter of courtesy, and his name also was upon the card.

Mr. Howe was then at his residence at Fiverport Street and Blossom Road.

Without any warning, the card was placed in his hands. His face imme-

diately wreathed in smiles of recogni-

tion.

"A Tenz 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 did you get that? I was a year ahead of George. I've got a picture of the old man, and I sent it to my belongings. George was a great boy.

"What do the words, 'The Little Joker,' mean?" asked Mr. Howe.

"Ha! Ha! Ha!" he laughed. "A sa-

loon by that name stood where the Corinithian 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 identi-

fied himself with old Alert Hose No. 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

building. Mr. Howe's father established the business in 1814. His brother, Charles, 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 No. 1 and bunched together for two years as housemen.

"Were you ever interested in politics?" Mr. Moulthrop was asked.

"Well, I always voted the Demo-

cratic ticket," he replied. "But I never sought any office or took any part in politics otherwise than as a private citi-

zen. But that never interfered with my feeling of friendship for Mr. Ald-

ridge, or his for me."

"What did you think of George Ald-

ridge as a boy?" the reporter in-

quired.

"It was a clear case of the boy be-

longing father to the man," was the re-

sponder. "He was always in the middle of anything, especially if there was a fight."

Horace D. ('Hod') Bryan, of Bryan & Eichelman, 42 North Water Street, was visited next. The card was flashed on him. His somewhat wrinkled face lit up.

"I printed that card in 1873," 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 chil-

dren. My people occupied one part of the house and his parents the other part. He was an active member of Alert Hose No. 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 Irishers and Yankees."

"Was there any politics in the old hose companies?" queried the re-

porter.

"I've seen the boys lying around the fire house for days after an election as thick as bees," said Mr. Bryan. "Most of Active Hose were Demo-

crats, 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, except when George Aldridge wanted anything, and whatever he wanted, I was for."
To the Editor of The Help

The correspondent who writes to you under date of August 4th and signs himself as "Friend of Decency" is an excellent example of the type of persons that follow the lead of Clinton Howard. May the Lord spare Rochester from municipal administration in the hands of such unreasoning men! To read "Friend of Decency's" letter and believe it, one must cast aside all reason and permit himself to be carried away with that faked sincerity so characteristic of the gentlemen who are now thrusting themselves into the limelight as the original, simon-pure upholders of law and order. Notice how lightly "Friend of Decency" passes over the fact that Mr. Howard gathers between $35,000 to $50,000 a year going about the country and painting his city as the "Bootlegger's Paradise." I wonder what would be your correspondent's attitude toward someone for whom he has less admiration than for Howard, if such a person accumulated $35,000 to $50,000 a year going about the country and shouting of Rochester, the "Auto Thieves Paradise," or "Rochester, Where Murder Thrives," "Rochester, the Burglars' Happy Hunting Ground."

One would have just as much right to do such things as Mr. Howard has. The liquor law is not the only law violated in Rochester or anywhere else. Rochester, in respect to the liquor question is not worse than other cities—it is better than most.

No, Mr. Howard is out after the money. If he wanted to do really constructive work he would stay home and clean up his city and not be chasing around the country at so much per veft making capital out of his home town. It is better than most.

Relive Howe's credit, I believe he has led a clean life, that no scandal has darkened his past, but he is a dangerous man from the same and I cannot help but believe that he is using prohibition and exaggerating conditions in Rochester as a means of getting publicity and speaking dates in his favor.

Tribute Paid to G. W. Aldridge

G. W. Aldridge

Jtepublican Club

New York, Sept. 10.—The National Republican Club in-nupt adopted resolutions on the death of George W. Aldridge, collector of the port of New York, lauding his qualities and referring to his public services both here and in Rochester.

"It is not too much to say," the resolutions declare, "that although his long public career was at times tempestuous, and although for more than a generation he was a participant in many of the bitter partisan struggles in the state, the people of New York, in his last years, grew to understand and to love George W. Aldridge and are united in mourning the loss of a great citizen and a noble man."

A copy of the memorial resolution, prepared by a committee of which former Governor Charles B. Whitman was chairman, will be sent to the Aldridge family. At tonight's meeting the club also received reports from various committees dealing with the achievement of the Republican state and national administrations. The club approved these and in closing, Governor Miller bid stress on the opinion of the club members that he has brought about a reduction of taxes and placed the state on a business basis.
ABSENCE OF ALDRIDGE IS KEENLY FELT

Only Yard 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 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 Ten Eyck 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 Ten Eyck. Assemblymen Harris and Senator James Whit ley are conspicuous figures in the Ten Eyck lobby where old acquaintances are renewed. Judge Arthur B. Sutherland, County District Attorney and many others from Monroe county are the centers of attraction for the Monroe delegation.

Mayor VanZandt's Comment. Commenting upon the absence of Mr. Aldridge, Mayor VanZandt of Rochester lated to-night: "The absence of Mr. Aldridge is the one thing which fills me with sadness. He was always in evidence in a crowd 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 from the Ten Eyck Hotel. It is contemplated that 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 that they will 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."
Portrait of Aldridge, Father and Son, Both Mayors, to Hang in City Hall; Birthday Today

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 realised 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 Sandt; Pharrallus 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 Sandt'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 E. Alley, commissioner of parks; James F. Hamilton, president of the New York State Railways; Barry L. Bareham, 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 closest friends.

Mr. Aldridge, in Plymouth Avenue south, was 83 when he died Dec. 13. The Republican leader spent every Sunday afternoon with Mr. Hotchkiss, as well as other friends, for many years. His death was followed by a three-day mourning period.

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"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 present 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 exceptional character. I had known him for a quarter of a century. I can recall 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 and valued friend of mine, and time and again I sought him out. 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 public 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 disinterested. He did not seek honors or advancement for himself. He strove for better government for the people and a cleaner spirit 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, Monroe county made for itself a reputation unsurpassed in our state. When a man of the type of George Aldridge; when there are only enough legislators delivered upon him and his work. It is right that there should be, but we must not lose sight of the fact that I though egos and praise are good, they amount to squatting 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 admire him there is but one way that we can show it beyond the proof of the pudding is the eating. The proof of our accomplishments in the party is that only the real tribute that George Aldridge would have desired to his memory is the ideal of the party in the state in which we Republicans may justly pride ourselves.

"Time is short and I can therefore, if I hit the high spots. You know as well as I know that real advance has been put on the

books. You know as well as I know that the catch-as-catch-can government popular with the Democratic forces has been swept aside and in its place the Republicans have 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 the operation was along the road of progress by constructive legislation and action.

"With regard to the first, in both state and nation, we have reorganized 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 always been that it is our duty to view every governmental activity with the same pair of spectacles that we would have used if those activities had been in our individual business. Not 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? But one answer to the question. There were many employees on the rolls not necessary 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 employment by the results of their work, 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 attacked any element of extravagance. The same procedure was followed by proof of the pudding is the eating. The proof of our accomplishments in the party is that only the real tribute that George Aldridge will have desired to his memory is the ideal of the party in the state in which we Republicans may justly pride ourselves.

"The strength of Monroe county in the past has been the fact that it presented a solid front. Remember the old fable of the bundle of sticks: 'In unity there is strength.' When we fight between ourselves we weaken our opponent. You people of Monroe have influenced greatly the trend of affairs in the state. You have influenced 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 Aldridge would have desired to his memory from all of us, would be earnest and effective work for country and party. In line with this thought I want to briefly to speak of the justification of the advance of the last few years, on which we Republicans may justly pride ourselves.

"Time is short and I can therefore, if I hit the high spots. You know as well as I know that the advance has been put on the..."
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 an inaugurated joint purchasing board. 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 the navy has 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 expect 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 the country the ordered prosperity on which its greatness depends.*

*The history of Europe bears witness to the failure of the nations that have sought to group themselves in a case in competition, building of naval armaments which will 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 worth 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. Harding lay at the table of the opening of the conference a carefully worked out plan which in large measure was presented in the resultant treaty. You have read much of what that conference 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 want to speak of now. 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 great British navy. 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 the navy of 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 were at the convening of the conference, the relations 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.*

*For the building programmes had been completed 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 had 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.*

*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.*

*What does not desire war. The United States does not desire to undertake wars of aggression. We will fight, as every right-thinking people do, in justice and the defense of our rights, but we have no designs on what other nations possess. This is not a large measure, it included 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 indecipherable 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 group the countries in such fashion as to make it indecipherable for either group to attack the other, as countries generally do not wish to go to war. Instead they feel that their strength is sufficiently great to make victory probable.*

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Secretary Roosevelt Warns of Crisis Facing Nation 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 now facing 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 have 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 scuttleful 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 coming 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 read a verse which expresses exactly what each one of us should ask himself now. It runs:

-It isn’t the task of the few-
-It’s the pick of the brave-
-It’s he and I and it’s you-
-And the good vessel alone-

Mulucru'say! Will you work? Will you pull? Will you pull your weight, or are you pulling you're weight on the boat?
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 equally 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, Mr. J. Ott., Charles S. Owen, Charles T. Chapin, Thomas A. Killip, and many others.

Mr. Aldridge's body was received 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 H. Sweeney, and George W. Sweeney, roanag., and George W. Aldridge, Jr., who was then the head of the Democratic party.

Woodrow Wilson's Birthday - And Geo. W. Aldridge's Birthday - 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 and 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

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 Mr. 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 to provide for perpetual care of the monument and the placing of the wreaths on his 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 1119 Westchester Biltmore Country Club when playing golf on June 13, 1922. He was succeed 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 high places in all strata of society and of various political affiliations.
Friends of Aldridge Gather at Flower-strewn Grave

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 Mr. Aldridge as 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 many years.

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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 Summitville 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.

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Symbolically of the vast range of friendship 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, whose friendship were pledged during his lifetime, visited his resting place and left a few strands of flowers upon the grave in silent manifestation of the reverence in which they held his memory. In contrast to those simple tributes were the elaborate floral pieces that arrived in a steady stream during the day.

All Classes Pay Tribute.

"Many of Mr. Aldridge's friends brought the flowers to the cemetery while others spotted them there to lie placed on his grave. John W. Keller, superintendent of the cemetery, said the grave was visited 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 political 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 many years.

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Friends Erect Tribute to George W. Aldridge

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 V. Pierce, have erected a monument on his grave in Mount Hope cemetery. No ceremony attended the unveiling of the granite tombstone, as the intimate associates of the late leader felt that the late leader would approve "could be seen here."

The memorial is cut from perfect granite, on one side is the inscription: "An expression of sorrow and farewell to a great leader and true friend."

On the other side of the inscription:

GEORGE W. ALDRIDGE
Born December 28, 1856
Died while serving the United States
Collector of the Port of New York June 13, 1922

As part of the tribute to Mr. Aldridge, the establishment of a fund with the trustees of Mount Hope cemetery, the proceeds of 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 birthday; June 13th, the anniversary of his death; and Memorial Day.

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 were in tribute to a beloved friend whose memory will not be forgotten."
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 L. 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 when 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.

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 is composed of Sol Levin, Nathan J. Lawrence and Charles II Relin. A community dance and a slac dance, the auspices of the Aldridge Club already are being contemplated.
Presents Aldridge Fire Helmet To Municipal Museum

Memories of George W. Aldridge, late Republican leader, were stirred today when Mrs. Aldridge presented 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. Parsons a certificate of his service in the city. 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 the city's foremost personalities.

The certificate which has a historical 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 to 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 the fire fighting days of Mr. Aldridge and also the types of apparatus.
Fine Record of Comradeship Which City Will Not Forget

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.
A portrait of George W. Aldridge, former mayor of Rochester, and late Republican chairman of Monroe county, was presented to the city by the 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 ashes, and which made the gift to the city, was composed of P. V. Critten, John James Hotchkiss, and Herbert W. Tierce. The presentation speech was made by Eugene J. 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, are Discovered.  

From the dust of a long neglected desk in the state capital 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. Critenden, and James J. 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 capital.

In 1896, the capital 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 and finally reached a point at which nomination was assured on the first ballot. At this point he made one of the few political mistakes of his life. An urgent request of William Barnes he consented to an adjournment until the next day. Delegates the following morning to find the ratbags had been literally plastered with a poster very damaging to the Monroe leader. Before the Barnes maneuver could be met the convention hall assembled and, on the first ballot, nominated Frank S. Black, who that fall was elected governor of the state.
Portraits of Aldridges, Father and Son, Both Mayors, to Hang in City Hall; Birthday To-day

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 15, 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 J. A. Hotchkiss, who succeeded Mr. Aldridge as head of the Republican organization in Monroe county: Mayor C. D. Van Zandt; James 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. Contributors included such friends of Mr. Aldridge as Charles R. Barnes, commissioner of railways; Supreme Court Jus­ tice Benjamin B. Cunningham; Supreme Court Justice Adolph J. Rodenbeck; Mil­ Ham B. Titus, commissioner of parks; James V. Hamilton, president of the New York State Railways; Harry J. Bareham; and a group of his intimate friends. In addition to the four men who headed the group, 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. It will be the practice of Mr. Crittenden and other friends of the late leader's friends. The three dates selected for the three wreaths are June 15, the anniversary of his death; Election day, November 4, and Memorial Day, May 30, the anniversary of his birth. In accordance with the establishment of the perpetual decoration of Mr. Aldridge's grave, on these three dates, wreaths will be placed on his tomb.

There has been deposited with the Central Library of Rochester and Monroe County Historic Scrapbooks Collection...