

Thomas H. Ford

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Ford. In this city on the 29th inst. at 8 o'clock p.m., Ex-Governor Thomas H. Ford of Ohio.

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Serious Illness of Governor Thomas H. Ford

We regret to announce that ex-Governor Thomas H. Ford, of Ohio, is lying very ill at his residence, (Mrs. Whitney's, Capitol Hill.) For some weeks Governor has been indisposed and within a few days past his disease with which he is prostrated is said to be pneumonia.

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Death of Hon. Thomas H. Forde

The citizens of Washington read with deep regret yesterday the announcement of the death of Hon. Thomas H. Ford, of Ohio, which occurred on Saturday evening, about 8 o'clock, at his residence on Capitol Hill. The disease of Governor Ford is known to medical practitioners as purpura, and is very painful, and generally fatal. Two or three weeks ago he accepted an invitation to deliver an address before Eagle Tent of Rechabites, at the Navy Yard. He spoke for more than an hour, leaving the ball immediately thereafter in a state of perspiration which, it is said, brought on a fatal sickness.

Mr. Ford was born in Rockingham county, Virginia, on the 23d of August, 1814, and expired in his 54th year. Early in life he removed with his family to the State of Ohio. Having become a bright lawyer, he naturally soon became prominent in political circles, and gained many warm friends. At the breaking out of the Mexican War, Mr. Ford was one of the first to raise a military company, with which he went to the seat of war, and did his country good service. He then returned to Ohio, from whence he came to this city during the session of the Thirty-sixth Congress, when he received the contract for the House of Representatives printing.

In 1855 he was elected Lieutenant Governor on the ticket with Salmon P. Chase, for the State of Ohio, which office he filled with ability, and in 1863 he again came to this city, entering into the practice of law. He soon made for himself a host of friends and during the past summer he espoused the temperance cause, and was the most ardent and successful supporter it had in this city. He was connected with Metropolitan Division, No. 19, and with the Washington City Temperance Society, he being the Worthy Patriarch of the first-named Division at the time of his death.

A meeting of the Washington City Temperance Society was held last evening, when speeches were made by Messrs. J.J. Coombs, O.K. Harris, T.G. Clayton, and F.A. Aiken, who expressed themselves feelingly in reference to the deceased; after which resolutions of respect to his memory were passed.

A special meeting of Metropolitan Division, Sons of Temperance, was held last evening at Union League Hall, Dr. Howard, W.P., in the chair, when speeches were made by J.H. Thompson, Arthur Shepherd, O.K. Harris, J.S. Hollingshead, Hon. S.F. Clarey, Wm. McPeters, Hon. S.S. Deihl, and F. McNerhany, expressive of the sorrow of the temperance men of the District in losing such an able advocate, after which resolutions of condolence with the family, and respect to the memory of the deceased were adopted.

Meeting of the Bar.--A meeting of the members of the bar was held in the Court Room at one o'clock today, to take suitable action in reference to the death of Hon. Thomas H. Ford.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. W.S. Cox, on whose motion Chief Justice D.K. Cartter took the chair, and Thos. Wilson was appointed secretary.

Mr. A.K. Browne offered resolutions of respect for the deceased and of condolence with the family.

Chief Justice Cartier, Mr. Woodward, and Mr. J.J. Coombs spoke in feeling terms of the deceased and his virtues.

The resolutions were adopted, and the following committee appointed to present them to the family of the deceased: Messrs. Combs, Phillips, Woodward, Brown, and Wilson. The meeting adjourned.

FUNERAL OF EX-GOVERNOR FORD

The funeral of Ex-Governor Ford took place this afternoon at two o'clock, from Whitney's, on Capitol Hill, and was very largely attended. Among others present were quite a number of Ohioans and many of our oldest citizens. The corpse was encased in a walnut coffin covered with cloth, with silver trimmings, on the breast of which was a massive silver plate with the name of the deceased, age, etc. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Dr. Ames, of Wesley Chapel, who spoke of the character and life of the deceased. At the conclusion of which the procession was formed in the following order: Metropolitan Division, No. 19, S. of T., with whom were representatives of George Washington, Ontario, and other divisions, and delegates from the Jonadabs and kindred organizations, marshalled by Mr. G.D. Egleston, of Metropolitan, assisted by J.S. Erby of Ontario, and Dr. Howe of George Washington, headed by Heald's Washington Brass Band; carriages, containing Minister, Dr. Ames, and the pall-bearers--Hons. John Sherman and T.C. Theacker, C.H. Snow, C. Wendell, J.H. Bradley, Judge Carter, Gen. Eckly, and J.J. Coombs; corpse; family and friends. The remains were under the superintendence of Mr. A. Buchly, undertaker, and placed in the vault of the Congressional Cemetery, temporarily.

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The Late Hon. Thomas H. Ford

The remains of Hon. Thos. H. Ford arrived in Mansfield, Ohio, on Saturday night, and were removed on Sunday to the Methodist Episcopal Church, where a funeral sermon was preached by Rev. J.A. Mudge, and a eulogy upon the deceased was pronounced by Hon Barnabas Burns, who has been intimately acquainted with him for more than forty years.