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to relinquish the active management to others. About eighteen months since the business was reorganized and the firm name was changed to Proctor, Cady & Co. The strictest integrity marked his business career and was one of the principal reasons for the success which he attained and for the large business which he built up and held for so many years against all competition. The long hours and heavy work together with the care which every business man is acquainted with, at last began to tell upon him and the symptoms of locomotor ataxia began to develop. From that time the disease made slow but sure progress till he was compelled to give up active business. In spite of the best medical skill to be obtained the disease made constant progress till his death which occurred at 2 o'clock a. m. of Thursday, December 5th, 1901.

The body was buried in Hazelwood cemetery on Friday, December 6th. The funeral was conducted by Rev. E. M. Vittum, pastor of the Congregational church. His wife, together with three daughters and one son are left to mourn his loss. (Manner R.)

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