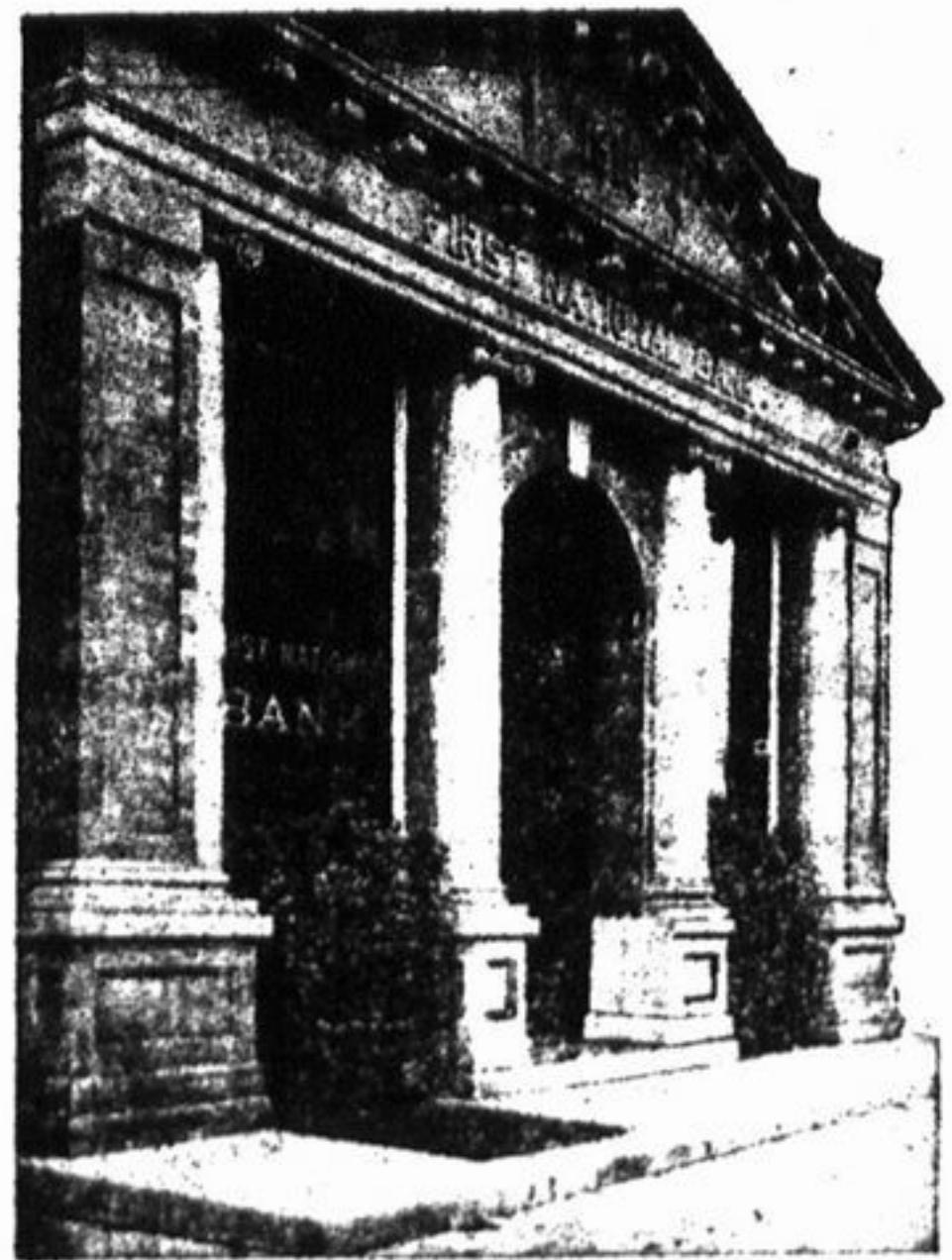


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DEATH ENDS CAREER OF ONE OF DOWNERS GROVE'S MOST SUCCESSFUL BUSINESS MEN

Friends of Melville B. Downer in the Village Are Greatly Shocked Over
The Sudden and Untimely Loss of His Death Which
Opened At Rockford, Illinois.

Death which came suddenly last Tuesday morning to Mr. B. Downer not only closed a career of marked success but robbed the village of one of its foremost individuals, his family of a kind husband and father, his friends of a true companion and his country of a patriotic citizen.

Since 1892, Mr. B., or "Mellie" as friends loved to call him had been an integral part of the village office. Although he held no village office he was always active in community affairs and supported by word and deed numberless plans for the improvement of his home town.

His death came while he was on business trip at Rockford, Illinois. He left home Monday morning, returning

to Rockford would be complete which did not mention that he was a Democrat and formed a democrat who loved his party only second to his country and who was equally ready to take up the cudgels of either.

Melville Downer was born December 27th, 1851 in St. Charles, Illinois, his father being George Downer, a brother of the late Elton Downer and son of that Pierce Downer from whom the village of Downers Grove took its name.

His boyhood was spent in St. Charles and in early manhood he took up railroading and became a freight conductor on the Burlington. Not satisfied with the railroad life he embarked in the book publishing business and in the early "Eighties" established the Union Publishing House which



to be home by Friday. Tuesday grew and prospered and of which he word came to his family that he had been found dead in his hot tub in Rockford. A few weeks ago he suffered a slight attack of the prevailing malignant influenza and since the force of his personality extended then had complained several times of itself to countless young men who dizzy spells. A recurrence of such an attack it is believed affected his heart and with fatal results.

It is doubtful whether any one person in the village was so widely known in business under his supervision. On May 24th, 1892 he wedded Miss Adelia Sevenstock to the man who had known in the picture of health, never ill, and vigorous with no sign of a hair. Long ago in spite of the sixty-seven years which he had seen,

"It can't be true," was the exclamation of many on receiving the sad tidings. "Why I saw him only a few days ago." Gertude Downer, now with her husband at Camp Logan, Houston, Texas, also mourns his death. He left about

His was a vigorous personality. A brother, John Downer, village post master.

Melville Downer was a Mason and a member of the Patriotic Order Sons of America, of which order he was a member. An enthusiastic partisan of any cause he espoused, and yet always

Masonic funeral services were held ready to forget all differences of opinion when his sympathy or aid was needed.

Friday afternoon, interment was in the West Side cemetery.

EDWARD H. BRUNSON

Edward H. Brunson died Monday morning, October 28th, at the Emergency Hospital in Youngstown, Ohio, of influenza followed by pneumonia. He is survived by his mother and step-father, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Woodward of Niagara Falls, N. Y., and one brother, Emery of the village as well as a number of other relatives and a host of friends. He was born here on January 20th, 1900. Interment at Youngstown, Ohio.

BY THE DEMOCRATIC CLUB

In the death of Melville B. Downer his community loses an upright citizen, a staunch upholder of the fundamental truths of democracy which makes the name of America glorious throughout the world, and a businessman who was both honorable and successful.

The Democratic Club of Downers Grove mourns the loss of a respected member and a wise counsellor.

We tender our earnest sympathy to the family of our departed friend, By J. R. Schaffer, President.

Samuel Johnstone, Secretary.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our neighbors and friends for their kind sympathy and beautiful floral offerings during our recent bereavement.

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