

E. W. THORP DEAD.

ATTORNEY E. W. THORP FOUND DEAD IN HIS OFFICE AT JAMESTOWN WEDNESDAY MORNING. DEATH WAS DUE TO HEART DISEASE.

The city of Jamestown was shocked early Wednesday morning when it was announced that Attorney E. W. Thorp had been found dead in his office. The body was discovered by Carey Draper at 6:05 in the morning. Mr. Thorp had been in his office Tuesday evening and Mr. Draper called on him about nine o'clock when on his way to his room, and while there Mr. Thorp opened the office door on account of the room being too warm. When Mr. Draper arose at six o'clock Wednesday morning he noticed that the door was still open and when he went to see why it was so he was horrified to find the dead body of Mr. Thorp on the office floor. Dr. DePuy was immediately summoned, but it was evident that life had been extinct for several hours. From the position of the body it appeared as though he had been passing from his office to his library when death overtook him. His features were composed as though in sleep and death must have been instantaneous. His wife was spending the night with her daughter-in-law, Mrs. George Thorp, George Thorp being at Carrington attending the judicial convention, so Mr. Thorp's absence from home was not noticed.

E. W. Thorp was one of the ablest attorneys in North Dakota. He had developed a good legal mind and was far above the average as a trial lawyer. He was a clear thinker and was quick to see and make a point. He was a native of Vermont and was admitted to practice in that state in 1875. He afterwards moved to Wadena, Minnesota, and later to Milnor, Sargent county, where he resided for ten years, being states attorney of that county most of that time. For the past five years he resided at Jamestown, where he built up a large law practice and it is said that in the five years he lost not to exceed four cases. He was a very pleasant gentleman to meet, being of a very genial disposition and made a host of warm friends, who sincerely regret his sudden demise. He was about 52 years old.

The funeral is being held this afternoon from the Methodist church at Jamestown.

The Fifth Judicial Convention was in session at Carrington on Wednesday and upon hearing the report of the death of Mr. Thorp the following resolutions were adopted:

The Republicans of the Fifth Judicial District of North Dakota, in delegate convention assembled, learn with profound regret of the sudden death of the distinguished member of that bar of the district and of Stutsman county, that Honorable E. W. Thorp of Jamestown. Judge Thorp has been for more than twenty years in the active practice of the law in this state. By his distinguished learning and ability, his sterling integrity, his high regard for truth and right, and his uniform and unflinching courtesy, he attained and kept an exalted station in the ranks of his profession.

Be it resolved by the members of this convention that we extend our heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of brother Thorp, and particularly to the bereaved wife, and to the son whom the sad and sudden summons called from his duties as a member of this convention.

Be it further resolved that these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this convention; that a copy thereof be sent to the family of the departed counsellor, and that a copy be furnished to the public press for publication.

Dated this 25th day of May 1904.

J. W. White,
Secretary.

The Probable Plan.

A good many have inquired regarding the plan under which the Devils Lake reservation will be opened to settlement. By way of explanation we publish a letter to a Devils Lake business man from an official at Washington, which is as follows:

"Regarding the plan under which the reservation will be opened it is entirely in the hands of the secretary of the interior but without doubt he will adopt the plan that was used in opening up Oklahoma. Under this plan everybody who desires to file makes an application, which is numbered, and the prior right to file is determined by a drawing. It is known as the 'lottery system.' The secretary will not at this time have any rules or regulations regarding the matter but I understand that in cases of this kind it is the practice to issue a circular letter answering all questions.

"As I understand it, a soldier will have exactly the same right to file on a homestead on this land as under the homestead laws except that the price of these lands is fixed at \$4.50 per acre as long as the president thinks any can be sold at that figure, after which he can sell the residue at such price, under such terms and in such quantities as he deems advisable. The first payment is \$1.50 per acre to be made at the time of entry and 50 cents per annum per acre until the land is fully paid for.

"The entryman can commute the same as under the homestead law by paying the remainder (\$3.50) in cash, and obtain a title exactly as good as he would under the ordinary homestead filing. If he prefers, he can do as you say, pay 50 cents per acre each year and live on the land continuously until it is paid for, that is for six years, and then make his proof."

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Public Notice.

To all whom it may concern.

The road from Corinne line and Mr. Kerr's corner south past James Reid's property and mine is impassable, being under water in two places, and all persons are warned against driving over my ground under penalty of the law. There is a good road one half mile further west.

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J. H. Reid.