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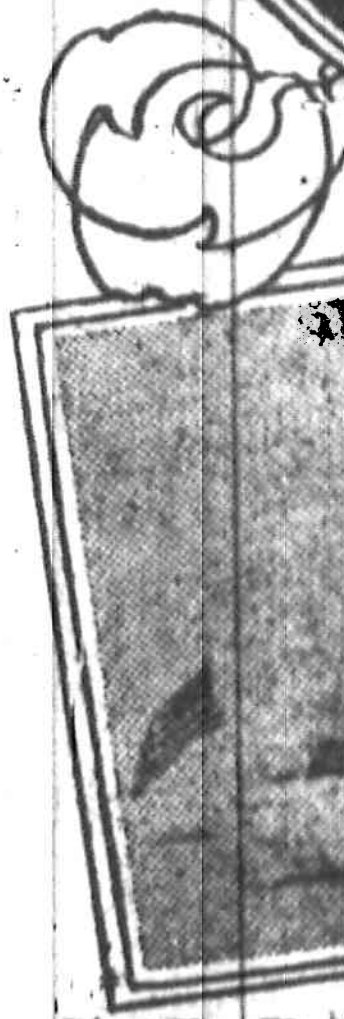
The funeral services will be conducted at the home of the son, south of Indianapolis, tomorrow morning, with Dr. Lewis Brown, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal church, in charge, and burial will be in the family lot at Crown Hill. Both the funeral and the burial will be private. The following pallbearers have been selected: John S. Tarkington, Charles Latham, William A. Hughes, Ralph K. Smith, G. H. Mueller and Hugh Dougherty.

Aside from Stoughton A. Fletcher, the son, three daughters survive. They are Mrs. Julia Fletcher Barnard, Pasadena, Cal.; Mrs. Booth Tarkington, wife of the author, and Miss Hilda Fletcher. Mr. and Mrs. Tarkington, who were in New York at the time of the death, wired that they would reach Indianapolis in time for the funeral services.

Stoughton J. Fletcher was the third Stoughton Fletcher that has lived in Indianapolis. His father, who died in 1862, was Stoughton A. Fletcher, Sr. Stoughton A. Fletcher, Jr., who is dead, was a nephew of Stoughton A., Sr. The fourth is Stoughton A. Fletcher, the son of Stoughton J. The fifth Stoughton Fletcher is the baby son of Stoughton A. and a grandson of Stoughton J.

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Mr. Fletcher inherited a half interest in the bank when his father died in 1882. Before that time the bank was owned by Stoughton A. Fletcher, Sr., and Francis M. Churchman, and was a private institution. Allen M. Fletcher took over the interest of Mr. Churchman in 1882, and then he, with his brother, Stoughton J., managed it for several years. Later Stoughton J. Fletcher became the sole owner of the bank, and it was conducted as a private institution until 1898, when it was changed to the national plan and became known as the Fletcher National Bank. Some of the stock was sold at that time, but Stoughton J. Fletcher continued as practically sole owner, and was president of the institution until his health began to fail, about five years ago. He was then succeeded by Stoughton A., his son, who now holds the position of president of the bank.

Father Successful Banker.

Stoughton J. Fletcher's father was a successful banker. The father came to Indianapolis in 1831 with little capital. He was engaged in the mercantile business. In 1839 he became a private banker, and his bank grew rapidly. He was also one of the founders and principal owners of the Indianapolis Gas, Light and Coke Company. He died March 17, 1882, at which time the son took over his half interest in the bank.

As a banker Stoughton J. Fletcher, who has just died, was highly successful. He believed in devoting all his time to his banking business. As one of his associates in business said today, his bank was his pet. When he was actively connected with the bank he usually reached his office at 7 o'clock each morning and at 1 o'clock each afternoon had returned from lunch. At 3 o'clock each afternoon he ceased work in his office. He kept up

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