

EX-MAYOR EDSON DEAD.

Began Successful Career as a Country School Teacher.

Ex-Mayor Franklin Edson died yesterday morning at his home, 42 West Seventy-first Street. Mr. Edson was seventy-three years old, and his death came after a year's illness following a general break-down. At the deathbed were his three sons, Dr. David Orr Edson, Franklin Edson, Jr., and Robert Stuart Edson, and his two daughters, Mrs. Willis Benner of Tarrytown, N. Y., and Mrs. Arthur H. Van Brunt.

Mr. Edson was born in Chester, Vt., April 5, 1832, and was descended from Puritan stock. He won his early education by working through the Summer on a farm and studying through the Winter until he was able to teach school. When he was twenty years old he joined his brother Cyrus in business at Albany. He was markedly successful, and was married in 1856 to Fanny C. Wood, a granddaughter of Jethro Wood, inventor of the cast-iron plow. Mr. Edson made a fortune during the civil war, and it was then that he began his charitable activities on the scale on which they were continued until the end of his life. He became the head of the grain commission firm of Edson, Orr & Chamberlain, and came to New York in 1866, the firm moving here. It was later known as Franklin Edson & Co.

Mr. Edson was President of the Produce Exchange in 1866, 1873, and 1874. He took great pride in being the inaugurator of the movement to build the present Produce Exchange building, and was head of the commission which had active charge of its building. He was a close student of the methods of transportation and grading, and many of the regulations now employed for the grading of grain were adopted at his suggestion. He was credited with abolishing tolls on the State railroads.

His election to the Mayoralty in 1882, in the year that Grover Cleveland became Governor, was a seven days' wonder in the political world. Always a Democrat, he had openly fought Tammany Hall. Threatened by an independent movement against Tammany, John Kelly agreed to the nomination of Mr. Edson, and he was elected. Among the events of his administration were the award of contracts for the new Croton aqueduct, the establishment of many parks, the completion of the Brooklyn Bridge, and an act for the building of new armories.

For twenty-five years ex-Mayor Edson was a Vestryman of St. James's Episcopal Church in Fordham, and also of St. Paul's in Albany. The funeral services are to be held at his home Monday morning, and the interment will be in the Rural Cemetery, Albany. The Produce Exchange adopted resolutions concerning Mr. Edson's death at a meeting yesterday afternoon.

Ex-Mayors now living are Edward Cooper, Seth Low, Robert A. Van Wyck, Hugh J. Grant, and Thomas Gilroy.

WENT ON VISIT, IS HELD.

Woman Who Lives in Ohio Detained at Ellis Island.

Apolonia Roliczky, who arrived here Sept. 12 on the Red Star steamer Finland, was yesterday ordered deported, notwithstanding the fact that she has lived in this country for a number of years and went back to her home in Hungary only last June for a visit.

She has taken an appeal from the decision of the Ellis Island Board of Special Inquiry, and Special Inspector Marcus Braun has indorsed her appeal, with a strong recommendation that the decision be reversed.

She got her ticket to go to Hungary from an agent at Akron, Ohio, her home. He gave her a letter of credit. Her husband and two children followed her. When she reached the other side she found that her letter of credit had been canceled. A dispute over the reason has arisen since. Her husband was detained on the other side because he had contracted trachoma. When she returned she had very little money, although she says she has plenty at Akron.

NO PUBLIC CLOTHES-BRUSHING

That Constitutes Disorderly Conduct, One Policeman Holds.

Isaac Weiner of 12 Broome Street, an assistant foreman of the Street Cleaning Department, was knocked down by an automobile at Forty-second Street and Broadway last evening. The owner and driver of the machine, Herman Hein of 1,678 Broadway, after learning that Weiner's injuries were slight, offered him \$5 as a balm for his injuries, and Weiner accepted it.

Then Weiner started to brush his clothes off. A big crowd collected and Patrolman Getzer of the West Forty-seventh Street Station ordered Weiner to move on. Weiner said he would when he had finished brushing his clothes. Getzer then arrested him on a charge of disorderly conduct.