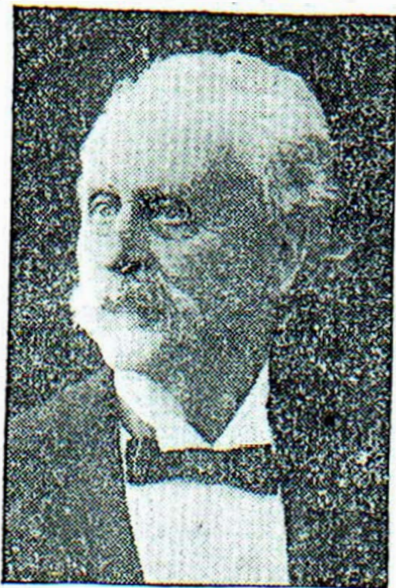


OLD CITIZEN DEAD.



COLLAMER SEVERANCE.

SEVERANCE—Thursday night, Oct. 11, Collamer G. Severance. Funeral from late residence, corner 58th and Wells streets, Wauwatosa car, Wells street line, Saturday morning at 11 o'clock. Interment at Eagle, Wis. Please omit flowers.

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**PIONEER DANCING
MASTER IS DEAD**

**COLLAMER G. SEVERANCE SUC-
CUMBS SUDDENLY.**

MUSICIAN OF EARLY DAYS

**HIS BAND ACQUIRED FAME
THROUGHOUT STATE.**

WAS FORTY YEARS A TEACHER

**Opened Dancing School in 1866
Which He Continued to Run
Until Week Ago.**

Collamer G. Severance, the dancing master, who for forty years had conducted a dancing academy on the west side of Milwaukee street, first in Bowman's hall, and later in Severance's hall, died last evening at his home, Wells and Fifty-eighth streets, of Bright's

disease. Mr. Severance was active for a man of his years, and notwithstanding the inroads of the disease which for years has been slowly undermining him, he was able to attend to his regular duties until a week ago.

Organized Famous Band.

Mr. Severance nearly half a century ago was one of the best known characters in the state. He was the leader of the Severance & Williams band, which was in constant demand all over the state to play for dancing parties. This band of musicians furnished the music for the first inaugural ball given in the state capitol at Madison, and for the following fifteen years they were the musicians that furnished the dance music for those state occasions.

A native of Vermont, Mr. Severance came to Milwaukee with his parents when he was but 10 years of age. The family settled in the town of Eagle, Waukesha county, where the father engaged in farming in the pioneer days. The two brothers, Collamer and Anson, developed a wonderful talent for music. Their first instruments were Jewsharps, and they became so skillful with these instruments that they were in constant demand to furnish music for the neighborhood parties. Their ambition grew with their years, and they managed to purchase a violin. Later they organized the band which became so famous over the state, and which was originally made up of young men in the little hamlet of Eagle, the sons of farmers.

Dancing School Forty Years Ago.

Forty years ago the Severance brothers came to Milwaukee and opened a dancing school in Bowman's hall on Milwaukee street. They remained together in business for one season, when Anson Severance withdrew, and the dancing school has since been conducted by Collamer Severance, in the same block in which he began forty years ago. Anson Severance, who was identified with the Spiritualists, died in North Chicago a few years ago.

In addition to a widow, Mr. Severance leaves two sons, Prof. Coello B., and Dr. Omro E., who were with him when he died, and an adopted daughter, Mrs. Dr. C. J. Steele, Hustler, Wis.

The funeral will be held at the residence Saturday morning at 11 o'clock.

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