

OBITUARY.

CAPTAIN S. P. FERRIS.

At military headquarters a dispatch was received Saturday announcing the death at Fort A. D. Russell of Captain Samuel P. Ferris, who died of acute gastritis. Captain Ferris graduated from West Point June 24, 1861, and entered the war with the brevet of Second Lieutenant in the Eighth Infantry. He was in the campaign of Manassas in July of that year, participating in the battle of Bull Run. Until October he was on duty in the defenses about Washington, remaining on garrison duty in New York until October, 1862. He was stationed in the Department of the Gulf from that time until August, 1863, having received his promotion as First Lieutenant Feb. 19, 1862. From December of 1862 until February, 1863, he was in garrison at Pensacola, having been appointed Colonel of the Twenty-eighth Connecticut Volunteers Nov. 15, 1862. At the time of the expedition against Fort Hudson, La., from May to July, 1863, he was in command of the Nineteenth Army Corps, and June 14 of that year received his brevet as Captain for gallant service during the siege and the assault of June 14. Two months later he was mustered out of the volunteer service, and was stationed in New York during the draft riots in September, 1863. For two months he was engaged conveying prisoners to Hilton Head. He was appointed Quartermaster of the Eighth Infantry, and was on provost guard duty with the Ninth Corps during the Richmond campaign, which position he held until Oct. 8, 1864. During the next month he was in command of his regiment in the army before Petersburg. He was brevetted Major for gallant service in the engagement of Hatcher's Run, Oct. 27, 1864. He was on garrison and recruiting duty until December, 1867, when he was made Captain in the Thirteenth Infantry, being transferred to the Fourth Infantry March 23, 1867. He has since been on frontier duty, and had been stationed at Fort Russell since Dec. 2, 1878. His death is severely felt by all his old comrades, among whom he was deservedly popular.

FREDERICK RICKCORDS.

Frederick Rickcords was buried at Graceland Saturday. He had lived in Chicago since boyhood, until last April, when he went to Nebraska to recover health. He lived 52 years, 20 of which were devoted to service in the Postoffice here.

MRS. F. H. KALES.

Saturday, from her late residence, 301 Erie street, occurred the funeral of Mrs. Francis H. Kales. The Rev. Frederick Courtney officiated. The pall-bearers were E. F. Aver, P. H. Smith, Jr., John N. Jewett, W. W. Fuller, and James Charnley. The remains were taken to Rose Hill.

H. W. PHILLIPS.

Saturday, at Prospect Park, Harris W. Phillips died. He was born at Pittsford, Vt., April 3, 1806. He came first to Illinois in 1834, but returned after a year. He came to this State to reside permanently in 1849, engaging in farming. He was a man well beloved.

OTHER DEATHS.

Special Telegram to The Inter Ocean.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—Last evening, at 7 o'clock, Thomas J. Durant died at his residence, aged 64 years. Mr. Durant at the time of his death held the position as attorney for the United States before the Spanish and American Claims Commission, and contracted the disease (pneumonia) which terminated his life while attending the funeral of the late J. J. Stewart, one of the commission, in Baltimore on Friday week. Mr. Durant was born in Philadelphia, and at the age of 17 settled in New Orleans, being for a time a clerk in the Postoffice. Studying law, he was admitted to the bar, and was soon one of the leading lawyers of the bar of that State. After serving as a State Senator, he was appointed First District Attorney by President Polk, and subsequently was the Attorney General of the State. He remained in the State during the war, and was the recognized

leader of the Union citizens of the State. When the city was captured from the Confederate forces by General Butler he at once took measures to organize the State on the basis of a free State, and the position of Governor was tendered to him. This he declined, on the ground that he could not be Governor and at the same time be subordinate to the military authority. He left Louisiana in 1863 and came to this city, and as a member of the bar took a high rank. He leaves a wife and five children. The announcement of his death was made in the Circuit Court yesterday by General Henkle, and Judge McArthur, in respect to his memory, directed the adjournment of the court.