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## THOMAS A. SHIELDS CALLED BY DEATH

**One Time Leader in Politics and  
Member of Assembly.**

• After taking treatment for a number of weeks for a complaint which was not causing him much trouble, Thomas Alden Shields was suddenly taken ill while in the physician's office, where he remained for a few days and returned home.

He suffered a relapse and was taken to the Easton, Pa., General Hospital, then transferred to Warren Hospital, Phillipsburg, to be under the care of Dr. Thomas Barber.



Mr. Shields was a graduate of Hackettstown High School, and Lafayette College in the class of 1906, with a C. E. degree. His first employment was with the Pennsylvania Railway at Revono, Pa., where he met and married Miss Irene Gardner.

He was past master of Independence Lodge, No. 142, F. and A. M. He served the state as Assemblyman for two terms and aspired to the office of Congressman, State Senator and Freeholder. He was a man of courage and defeat never dampened his ardor.

Mr. Shields is survived by his wife and one sister, Mrs. Luella S. Cox, of Hackettstown, and a large number of cousins.

Funeral services were held in the Methodist Episcopal Church Tuesday at 2 o'clock, where about six hundred people gathered to pay their last tribute to the deceased. Rev. W. C. James, pastor of the Viena M. E. Church, officiated. Interment was in Union Cemetery.

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NAME: Thomas A. Shields

DATE OF DEATH: