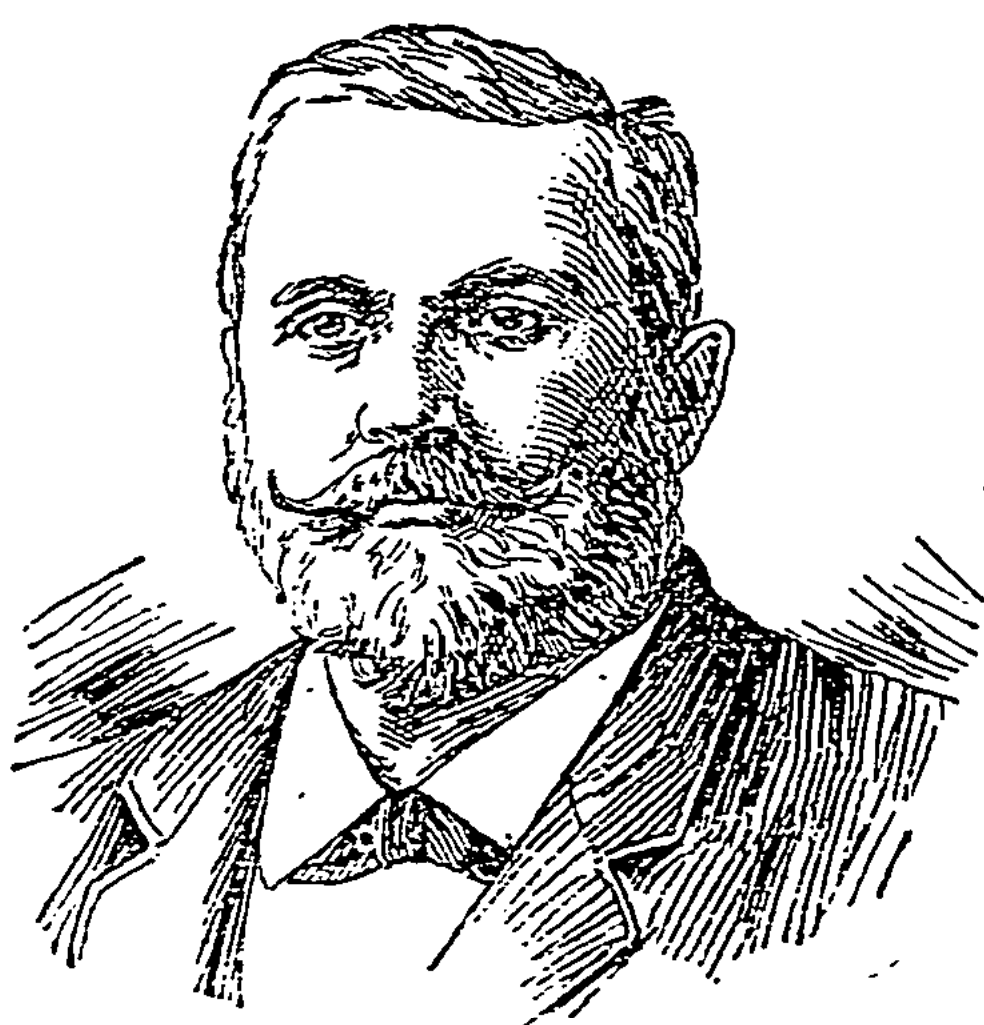


# DEATH OF COL. THOMAS W. KNOX

## THE LOTOS CLUB'S EX-SECRETARY PASSES AWAY SUDDENLY

**His Career as a War Correspondent,  
Traveler, and the Writer  
of Books for Boys.**

Col. Thomas Wallace Knox, widely known as an author of stories of travel for boys,



**Thomas W. Knox.**

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died suddenly yesterday at the Lotos Club. He was Secretary of the club from 1880 to 1889.

His vast experience as a traveler, newspaper man, soldier, and publisher; his courtesy and love of honor; his unassuming manners, and his devotion to his friends made up a personality which was dear to all who knew the man. His death will be felt by every one whose pleasure it was to know him.

Col. Knox was born in Pembroke, N. H., June 26, 1835. He obtained a good education, and early in life he became a teacher. He founded an academy at Kingston, N. Y., but in 1860 he went to Colorado in search of gold, and there became connected with *The Denver Daily News*. For a time he was also a correspondent of several Eastern newspapers. When the civil war broke out he joined the Army of the Southwest, and served as a volunteer in two campaigns. The letters he sent to Northern papers were re-published in 1865 under the title of "Camp Fire and Cotton Field." While Col. Knox's letters did not attract the general attention granted to those of Dr. Russell of *The London Times*, Whitelaw Reid, then of *The Cincinnati Gazette*; G. W. Smalley of *The New-York Tribune*, and the correspondents of other leading journals, they were of such marked value that these war correspondents ever afterward held him in high esteem.

When the civil war was over, Col. Knox made a tour of the world, taking part in the building of the first telegraph line across Siberia. The story of this journey he told pleasantly in 1870 in a book called "Overland Through Asia." Through his knowledge of the telegraph system he devised in 1875 a plan for telegraphing the international rifle score from Dollymount, Ireland, to a New-York newspaper, and by it he showed just where each rifle ball struck the target. This system he developed into one for topographical telegraphy.

Col. Knox made a second voyage around the world in 1877, and among the results of that trip were his series of thirty-nine books for boys.

Col. Knox was a bachelor. His only relative is a married sister, who lives in Philadelphia. For many years he made his home at the Lotos Club. He was also a member of the Union League and the Authors' Club, and was Managing Director of the Olympic Club, at Bay Shore, L. I., where he passed his Summers. The Lotos Club will take charge of the funeral.

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