

OBITUARY.

WALTER B. SCATES.

Judge Walter B. Scates died yesterday morning at his home in Evanston of paralysis. Deceased was born at South Boston, Halifax county, Va., Jan. 18, 1808. At the age of 19 he commenced the study of law, and shortly after he was taken in the law office of Charles W. Morehead. His next step was to remove to Frankfort, Franklin county, Ill., where he remained five years, after which he was appointed attorney general, and removed to Vaudalla, the seat of the government at that time. In 1836 he married Miss Mary Ridgeway, the daughter of John Ridgeway, of Philadelphia. At the session of the legislature of the same year Mr. Scates was elected judge of the Third judicial district, which embraced the southern part of the state. Five years afterward he was made one of the five new circuit judges to the supreme court bench. At that time he removed to Mount Vernon, Jefferson county, where he continued to hold his office till 1847, when he resigned and commenced to practice law again. Six years later he was again elected to the supreme court bench, to fill a vacancy caused by a resignation. In 1857 Judge Scates removed to Chicago, where he entered into a partnership known as Scates, McAllister, Jewett & Peabody, and practiced law till the war broke out. He immediately joined the army, and in 1862 was commissioned with the rank of major, and later that of lieu-

tenant colonel. After the war closed he resumed the practice of law. He leaves a wife and several sons and daughters.