

GEORGE B. CORKHILL DEAD.

THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY IN THE
GUILTEAU TRIAL DIES SUDDENLY.

WASHINGTON, July 6.—Private dispatches received in this city to-night announce the death at Mount Pleasant, Iowa, of Col. George B. Corkhill, ex-District Attorney of this District. Col. Corkhill served in the Union Army through the late war, and at the close of the rebellion was made District Attorney for one of the judicial districts of Iowa. Subsequently President Hayes appointed him United States District Attorney for the District of Columbia, which position he held until near the close of President Arthur's term, and since that time has been engaged in the practice of law in this city. He became widely known as the successful prosecutor of the assassin Guiteau. He left here last Thursday for Iowa in good health, and the news of his death caused a great shock to his numerous friends in this city. He was one of the best known and most popular men in the District.

George B. Corkhill was born in Harrison County, Ohio, 48 years ago. His father was a preacher in the Methodist Episcopal Church. When George was nine years of age his parents removed to Iowa, and after attending one of the public schools in Burlington, he was sent to Mount Pleasant, where he died, to study in the Wesleyan University, from which he was graduated in 1859. Afterward he entered the Harvard Law School, but forsook his studies at the beginning of the rebellion and enlisted in the Union cause. He was made a Commissary of Subsistence with the rank of Captain, and soon afterward was made a Paymaster with the rank of Major. He was in the army throughout the war, and at its close was offered an appointment as Paymaster in the regular army. He entered instead upon the practice of the law in St. Louis, and afterward removed to Burlington, Iowa, where he filled the position, at different times, of clerk in the Circuit Court and District Attorney. He went to Washington in 1872, and was for some time the editor and part owner of the *Daily Chronicle*. When the newspaper failed he resumed the practice of the law. He received the appointment of United States Attorney for the District of Columbia in January, 1880. Mr. Corkhill was twice married, his first wife being a daughter of Justice Miller of the United States Supreme Court, and the second a daughter of Gen. Hiram Walbridge. During his term of service as District Attorney in Washington he occupied a handsome residence in the suburbs of the capital, overlooking Rock Creek and known as Ingleside, which had formerly been the home of his wife's father. Mr. Corkhill was a man of genial and attractive personality, and he counted his friends by the hundred.