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FUNERAL SERVICES OF LON V. STEPHENS HELD LAST FRIDAY

The funeral of former Governor Lon V. Stephens, whose death occurred suddenly January 10 of heart disease at his home in St. Louis, as briefly told in the Eagle of last week, took place Friday afternoon at Cabanne M. E. church, St. Louis, largely attended by those prominent in the church, business and civic affairs of the city and state in addition to relatives and friends of the family. Following the funeral ceremonies, which were impressive, the body was placed in a receiving vault at Valhalla cemetery, St. Louis, until arrangements for burial are made later when, it is said, burial may be in Walnut Grove cemetery at Boonville, where his parents and the other deceased members of the Stephens family are buried. Lon V. Stephens, third son of Col. Joseph L. Stephens, deceased, for many years a prominent citizen, lawyer and banker of Boonville, was born December 21, 1858, at Boonville, and grew to manhood here, attending the public schools, Kemper School and later Washington and Lee University at Virginia. Entered business upon his return from college as assistant cashier of the Central National Bank, Boonville, later becoming vice president. He was appointed State Treasurer by Governor Francis in place of the then defaulting treasurer and elected to that office by a large majority. Then nominated and elected as Governor for the four years term, ending in 1901, an administration marked by fine executive ability and success. His administration, as Receiver of the defunct Fifth National Bank, St. Louis, resulted in the saving of 98 percent to the stockholders and met with much commendation. Failing health and badly impaired eyesight forced his retirement from active public and business life during his latter years. He was married October 5, 1880, to Miss Maggie Nelson, daughter of James M. Nelson, for many years a prominent citizen, bank president and capitalist of Boonville, now deceased. Governor Stephens is survived by his wife, his sisters, Mrs. Wilbur T. Johnson of Boonville and Mrs. Paul B. Moore, of Charleston, Mo., his brothers, W. Speed Stephens of St. Louis and Alex Stephens, of Boonville.

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