ISLE OF WIGHT OBSERVER Saturday 1st July 1893

DEATH OF A WELL-KNOWN TRADESMAN. – It is with much regret we record the death of **Mr L. COLES**, the well-known draper of Cross Street. It appears that on Thursday last Mr COLES was on the Pier watching the races. He did not seem in his usual spirits, but it has been a severe shock to his many friends to learn that he caught a cold, which developed into rheumatic fever which, in spite of every care and attention, had a fatal termination on Tuesday evening. One of the "young" tradesmen of the town, Mr COLES was generally liked and respected, and universal sympathy is felt for the bereaved family. Mr COLES, who was only 32 years of age, was unmarried.

The funeral of the deceased is fixed to take place this day (Saturday), the first part of the service taking place at the Parish Church at 4 o'clock. The members of the Ryde Rowing Club, who are much grieved at the loss of a popular member, will assemble at the York Hotel at 3.30 p.m., and will follow to the Cemetery, and it is understood the members of the Ryde Conservative Club will also attend. They have subscribed for a magnificent wreath.

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