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T. E. Bray

Grinnell lost an old and respected citizen last Wednesday when T. E. Bray passed away, aged 64 years. He had lived in Grinnell since 1890 and is missed by many close friends whom he has made during this period of 18 years. Death was caused by a mental and physical breakdown, and followed an illness of thirteen months, during which time Mr. Bray has gradually grown weaker.

During the period of his active life in this community, Mr. Bray was extensively engaged in the live stock business. His work grew to large proportions and all with whom he had dealings will bear witness to his high sense of integrity and honor. His word was always his bond.

Thomas Edward Bray was born March 5, 1844, in Granby, Canada, and died at his home in Grinnell, December 30, 1908. He was married on September 18, 1876, to Miss Nora T. Farrell at Wells River, Vt. Mr. Bray made his home in North Danville, Vt., up to 1890, when he moved to Grinnell and has been identified with the progress of the city ever since.

Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Bray, all of whom survive. They are:

Thomas J., a lawyer in this city; William M., in the furniture business in Honolulu; Lillian M., teacher in Cooper school, this city; J. Farrell, court reporter for the Sixth district; Gertrude M., Blanche R., and Estella F., member of the class of 1910, Iowa College, and Lisle and Frances, students in the Grinnell high school. In addition Mr. Bray is survived by three brothers, Henry M., of Grinnell, John E., of Reno, Nev., and William J., of Hartford, Conn.

Mr. Bray was a prominent member of Gordon Granger post, G. A. R. He served during the Civil War in Company D of the Seventeenth Vermont Volunteer Infantry and took part in the battle of the Wilderness, at Spotsylvania and Cold Harbor. In the latter battle he received a wound from the consequences of which he never fully recovered.

He was a member of the Catholic church all his life and was a man of most most exemplary habits, having never used liquor or tobacco in any form.

The funeral was held in the Catholic church on Friday afternoon at 2:45. The Rev. Father Curtin conducted the services and spoke feelingly of his friend who passed to the other side. Suitable music was furnished by a male quartette.

H. I. Davis, John Goodfellow, L. J. Carroll, J. M. Campbell, S. W. Belden and A. B. Gage were pall bearers. Kreigh Carney, Bernard Carney and Samuel O'Brien were ushers.