

Grinnell, Iowa, Tuesday, July 9, 1907.

OBITUARY.

Bernard Joseph Carney.

Bernard J. Carney, who died at his home here, of stomach trouble, after an illness of some months, Monday evening, May 4, 1908, was born in Castlebar, County Mayo, Ireland, in June, 1852, and so at the time of his death was nearly fifty-six years old.

When a boy of nine years his parents came to this country and settled in Chicago, where his father engaged in business. There he grew to manhood, getting his education in the public schools and graduating from Bryant and Stratton's College, the leading business school of the city in those days.

He had been a book-keeper there for some time when he became ambitious to get into business for himself. His brother, W. J. Carney, who was in the lumber business in Chicago, had had dealings with Stephen Goss, who then owned a lumber yard here, and Mr. Carney secured from him a half interest and moved here in 1880. From that time he grew steadily and surely into one of Grinnell's most successful business men, acquiring large interests. His whole career has been one of a self-made success. He has always gone forward—never backward.

A year and a half after coming here he bought with his brother, W. J. Carney, Mr. Goss' interest in the lumber business, which was conducted by the firm of Carney, Brande & Clark was formed with E. B. Brande and E. W. Clark, Jr. This continued until a year ago when Mr. Carney and Mr. Brande sold their interests to Mr. Clark and J. L. Fellows, and organized the firm of B. J. Carney & Co., carrying on a wholesale business in poles.

Mr. Carney was one of a family of seven children of whom five survive him. They are W. J. Carney, T. J. Carney, Mrs. G. W. Kelly, Miss Nora Carney and Miss Mary Carney of Chicago. He was united in marriage to Miss E. M. Tibbits at Plymouth, Ind., in 1888, and to them were born five children, Cyril, Krieh, Bernard, Kathleen and Aileen, who with their mother survive him.

Mr. Carney was a keen business man in every sense of the word. He enjoyed business, he studied and mastered

besides being a member of the firm of B. J. Carney & Co., here, he was vice-president and one of the organizers of the Carney Coal Co., of Carneyville, Wyoming; vice-president of the Saylor Coal Co., of Des Moines; president of the Coaldale Fuel Co., of Des Moines; a director of the Scandia Coal Co., of Madrid, and president of the Mitchellville Telephone exchange. He was also for many years associated with W. F. Hammond in the electric light business in Grinnell.

Mr. Carney was more than a business man—more even than a very broad business man; he was a student, both of books and of human nature. In spite of the large business duties, which called for constant attention, he found time to read and he read the best literature. Few men in Grinnell were so well informed and on such a wide range of topics as he. His versatility, as it showed itself even in chance conversations, was remarkable. A few years ago he became interested in German and attended evening classes enough to acquire a speaking knowledge of it. Shortly afterwards he wrote and read a paper before a lumbermen's association in Minnesota in German. It was with difficulty that he proceeded for the idea of an Irishman with so rich a rogue as Mr. Carney's, reading German, took the convention by storm.

Another of Mr. Carney's chief characteristics was his rare sense of humor. He fairly sparkled with good nature and many a one, we imagine, like the writer, will always remember him pleasantly, with his eyes twinkling and his conversation fairly scintillating with the bright things that came as naturally as the smile to his lips. To meet him and talk to him was a tonic for the jaded spirit and refreshment for the mind. It was the writer's custom to have a chat with him on every possible occasion and such a chat always left him indebted to Mr. Carney. He was by nature one of the brightest and pleasantest men it has ever been our good fortune to know.

In his private and family life Mr. Carney was ideal. He was strict with himself in all his habits, though liberal in his views towards others. He was abstemious to a degree and lived cleanly and circumspectly. To his family he was the personification of care and goodness. It was a joy to see him in his home. No business cares ever replaced the prime interest always there.

He was a public spirited man, especially in the latter years of his life. Said a Grinnell banker yesterday: "There is no man to whom I would have gone sooner or from whom I would have received help more readily than from Mr. Carney." Especially in more recent years he has taken an interest in public movements, being loyal to his town and its institutions. A close business associate testifies to the fact that in the time he has known Mr. Carney he never knew him to fail to support any movement looking to

to support any movement looking towards public improvement. He was deeply interested and well informed on the latest developments in politics, science and art, but never held a public office excepting that of councilman.

During the twenty-eight years he lived here Mr. Carney grew in public esteem and in importance until he was without question one of Grinnell's leading citizens. Whenever any public enterprise is started, whenever the Fortnightly Club meets, whenever men have occasion to do business with the firm of which he was a member, whenever there are social gatherings of his friends and whenever the Catholic church needs support in the coming years, B. J. Carney will be missed. But most of all will he be missed in the beautiful home by his wife and children and other relatives who were bound to him by every tie of affection which a kind and clean life can form with those nearest it. To them the sincere sympathy of the community goes out.

Funeral services were held yesterday morning at 10:30 in the Catholic church, conducted by the Rev. Fathers Joyce, Callahan, and Heeney of Chicago, Mulvahill of Des Moines and Curtin of Brooklyn. The ushers were H. F. Lanphere, T. J. Bray, Leonard Walker, E. W. Clark, Jr., and E. B. Brande. The active pall bearers were L. S. Harper of Omaha, T. W. Carpenter of Des Moines, J. Joseph Wright of Chicago, J. B. Ryan of Colfax, J. Macy and O. K. Cole of Grinnell. The honorary pall bearers were the members of the Fortnightly Club, H. W. Spaulding and I. S. Bailey, Jr. A Requiem Mass by Schmidt was sung by a quartette consisting of Miss Lillian

Joyce, Miss Helen Thomson, E. B. Brande and D. E. Peck. Miss Lillian Joyce sang "Thy Will be Done," by Marston; E. B. Brande sang Gounod's "Ave Maria." Professor E. B. Scheve was at the organ and played, among other things, Chopin's Funeral March very effectively.

Those from out of town who were here for the funeral, besides those mentioned above, were W. J. Carney, T. J. Carney, Mrs. G. W. Kelly, Miss Nora Carney and Miss Mary Carney of Chicago, brothers and sisters of the deceased; Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Carey, Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Cooke, Thomas P. Hallinan, Frank E. Doherty, Andrew W. Lynch, William P. Sexton of Chicago; Judge Robert Ryan and S. T. Slade of Des Moines; Mrs. Henry P. Scholte, of Pella; Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Kiestler of Mitchellville; C. B. Seymour, of Carneyville, Wyo.

The funeral was largely attended by business men and personal friends, many coming from a long distance in the country to add their testimony of good will and esteem.

The profusion of flowers in which the body was embowered, lent a gentle fragrance to the services and seemed to breathe the incarnate spirit of the deceased. Among them were gifts from friends everywhere. Even the younger members of the community in the universal desire sympathy and love.

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