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OBITUARY.

Miles Chafee.

A life rich in good deeds, helpful and marked by distinguished proofs of the affection and confidence of fellow townsmen was ended when Miles Chafee passed away last Monday night. He would have been ninety-one years old on the twentieth of next October and the twenty-fourth of that month would have been his sixty-fifth wedding anniversary.

The position which Mr. Chafee held for so many years in the life of Grinnell is evidenced by the fact that he was justice of the peace for twenty-eight successive years, township clerk for the same time, overseer of the poor for seventeen years, treasurer of the city of Grinnell for six years, county coroner for five years and deacon in the Congregational church for twenty-four years.

He is survived by his wife, the helpmeet of so many happy years, by three children, Mrs. J. C. Walker, of Grinnell, with whom he made his home, Charles M. Chafee, of Billings, Mont., and Mrs. C. A. Taylor, of Evanston Ill.; also by ten grandchildren and two great grandchildren. All the children were present at the funeral. Mr. Taylor accompanied his wife from Evanston.

Miles Chafee was born in Springville, N. Y., October 20, 1821, his parents having moved to that place from Vermont a short time before, traveling by ox team. He was educated at the Springville Academy and for a time was a successful school teacher, later working at the carpenter's trade. On October 2d, 1847, he was married in Springville to Caroline Miner and in 1855 moved to Allen's Grove, Wis., where he carried on business as a contractor and also operated a small farm. He became interested in building fanning mills and having come to Grinnell in connection with this business he was impressed by the character of the town and its educational facilities and came here to make his home in December of 1868. The fanning mill business prospered. It became known as the "Grinnell" and 150 of them were placed in warehouses, mills and the like in the locality. Mr. Chafee continued the business successfully until 1889 when he was burned out and did not resume.

Of late years he was content to fill his public offices and manage his property, which included the Chafee block on Commercial street, where he maintained his office for many years. Almost until the end he was able to be about the streets and to visit his

office; a friendly man with an active interest in all matters of the public welfare.

Rev. P. F. Marston conducted the funeral services, held on Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the home of Mrs. J. C. Walker on High street. Music was furnished by a quartet, composed of Mrs. Aldace Child, Mrs. C. F. Childs, Frederic Morrison and George H. Walker. The pall bearers were Aldace Child, A. A. Foster, A. McIntosh, G. H. Hamlin, H. G. Lyman and N. W. Cessna.

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A GOOD LIFE ENDED.

The old 'Squire has gone. For forty-four years his face and form had been among the best-known and most familiar of our citizens. During thirty-six years of that time he led an active life, active in church, social affairs, in politics and in his occupation as Justice. Few men had more friends none has been held in greater respect. For many years he was, in all the words imply, a leading citizen, not in wealth but in influence and respect.

His quiet, gentlemanly exterior was but the expression of the true, warm soul within. His cheerful smile, his kindly word, but above all the human sympathy that marked his every act endeared him to all alike. He was the poor man's friend and the rich man's adviser. None was more active than he.

For the past few years as age weakened his body his old Grinnell friend looked with regret upon the inroad it was making upon his physical strength. For he was a strong man strong in body, in heart, in usefulness. It sometimes seems a sad thing to see a strong, useful citizen gradually sinking into retirement. Yet in a life such as Esq. Chafee led, there could be little regret. It was ever a helpful and manly life, and for years to come Grinnell people will remember in love the kind old man who has just been laid to rest in Hazelwood.