

OBITUARY.

11-17-1908

James J. Cleland.

James J. Cleland, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cleland of Pleasant township, died at his home near Ewart at about midnight on Tuesday night, of diabetes, aged 34 years, 3 months and 13 days. The deceased was born July 28, 1874, and was married August 8, 1892, to Miss Gertrude Wisner. He is survived by his wife and one daughter, Lois, his parents, a brother, Wm. J. Cleland, and three sisters, Mrs. Rose May Porter of this city, Mrs. Elizabeth Mollison of near Malcom and Mrs. Margaret Hayes of Malcom.

James Cleland, or "Jimmie," he he was affectionately called by his acquaintances, was as fine a young man as can be found. He was well known in Grinnell and in his own vicinity and everyone knew only good of him. Of the best character he had no bad habits, was industrious by disposition and frugal by nature. We knew him well at the Herald office, where he was always a welcomed guest and where he came often to read the papers and visit. He was very sociable and keenly alive to the topics of public interest.

He was interested in the welfare of his community and had held local offices in the township. He joined the Methodist church July 27, 1902, and remained a faithful member to the end. At the time of his death he was a steward in the church.

In spite of years of suffering from a dread disease that made his life despaired of from the first, he remained cheerful and everything was done by himself and others that possibly could be done to check the ravages of the disease. His death is a sad blow to his wife and child and to his

parents, brothers and sisters. His death just at the time when his life should have been opening to one of success and joy leaves a vacancy in the family circle that can never be filled. Both in his own community, where his influence was always for good, and in Grinnell he will be greatly missed. The writer had an opportunity to find out how well known and highly regarded Mr. Cleland was here a few years ago. At that time he was seeking a position which incidentally called for some references and he wrote to the Herald office to see if we could get him a few from Grinnell. We started out and in a few minutes had secured more than he wanted and could have gotten several times as many of the warmest kind of endorsements. Each one that we went to replied quickly and gladly when we stated our business, for all found it a pleasure to testify to the worth of "Jimmie" Cleland.

Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon at the Methodist church in Ewart, conducted by the pastor,

A. Hall. Those from abroad who attended the services were Frank [unclear] of Port Union, Mr. and Mrs. [unclear] Emory of Delta, Mr. and Mrs. [unclear] of Union Mills, John Mc[unclear] of New Sharon and M. M. Wis[unclear] of Clay Center, Nebr., father of [unclear] Cleland.

The family which has been stricken by the loss of so dear and worthy a member, the Herald extends its sincere sympathy, feeling that it, too, lost an esteemed personal friend.