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WILLIAM FREDERIC KEPCKE.

William Frederic Kepcke was born in Germany April 15, 1848 and at the age of four emigrated to America with his parents and settled at Sheboygan, Wisconsin, where he learned the wagoner's trade. About twenty-five years ago the family removed to Fairfield in this state and shortly after to Grinnell where he has since resided.

November 29, 1881 he was united in marriage to Alice Stocker of Marengo. Seven children were born to this union, all of whom are at home to mourn the loss of a kind and affectionate father.

Twenty years ago he joined the M. E. Church, taking an active part in church affairs until failing health compelled him to give up all business.

Saturday morning Mr. Kepcke passed away of that dread malady, Bright's disease, which had made him almost helpless for over a year. The funeral services were held from the house at 5:30 Monday, Rev. J. M. McClelland officiating. The Masons had charge of the services at the grave. The I. O. O. F. attended in a body but did not take part in the ceremonies.

Mr. Kepcke was a member of both orders and occupied the highest offices which these orders could honor him with. He has the love and esteem of all his friends and fellow members. The funeral services were well attended by a host of friends and neighbors.

Mr. Kepcke was a very delightful man to meet. Friends declare he never had an enemy and could not make one. He was quiet and unassuming and took a great deal of active interest in church affairs until sickness compelled him to drop all work.

The bereaved family have the sympathy of their friends.