

TUESDAY, AUGUST 30, 1921.

OLD RESIDENT DIES

D. A. Laros, Manufacturer and Useful Citizen of Grinnell, Passes Away in Cedar Rapids.

**BODY WILL BE BROUGHT
HERE FOR BURIAL**

Mr. Laros Attained Prosperity as Founder of the Laros Buggy Company.

D. A. Laros, pioneer business man and manufacturer of Grinnell, died last evening in Cedar Rapids at the home of his daughter, Mrs. K. E. Gibbs, with whom he had been making his home for some time. Death followed a lingering illness. Mr. Laros had been steadily growing worse and though he rallied occasionally his death was expected.

The body will be brought to Grinnell for burial but no funeral arrangements have been made as yet.

For many years Mr. Laros was an honored resident of Grinnell. Sober and industrious, equipped with sterling qualities, he steadily built up the business of the Laros Buggy Co., with the assistance of his sons, until it was one of the wellknown buggy concerns in the state.

When the buggy business began to decline on account of the advent of the automobile, the company retired from business and Mr. Laros spent his declining years in the enjoyment of the fruits of his labors and of the love of his children.

He will be greatly missed by the many true friends whom he made during his many years of residence in Grinnell.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 1921.

WORTHY CITIZEN DIES

In the passing of D. A. Laros Grinnell has lost a man whose sheer courage, ambition, industry and thrift won for him a name in this community whose memory may well long be cherished and honored by the children who survive him.

Mr. Laros was born in Kutztown, Pa., Feb. 3, 1848, where he spent his early manhood. At the age of 18 he enlisted as a soldier and served in the Civil war. In 1869 he was united in marriage with Sarah E. Snyder at Kutztown.

In 1887 he moved with his family to Lisbon, Iowa, coming to Grinnell in 1889 to enter the trimming department of the Spaulding Mfg. Co. Mr. Laros was an expert trimmer, and in 1897 he decided to enter business for himself in Grinnell as a manufacturer of buggy tops. His sons were associated with him and their thrift, energy and honesty made the business grow and enlarged until it assumed great proportions. Just at the height of its development occurred the big fire one wintry Sunday morning which destroyed the plant and compelled them to build again from the ground. Their plant sprung speedily up and buggies were again turned out as good as before. However, the day of the Ford car had come and the use of buggies gradually fell off until the Laros Mfg. Co. closed up their business.

Mrs. Laros died six years ago. Since then Mr. Laros has visited mostly with his children until his death at Cedar Rapids last Monday.

A most worthy citizen has passed away whose life of usefulness has borne much fruit in the worthy lives of the children who survive.

Rev. W. B. Wilson conducted the funeral services from the Congregational church at 2:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Interment was in Hazelwood, beside his wife who died several years ago. The services at the grave were in charge of the Masons. Members of the G. A. R. and of Hermon lodge were present at the funeral in

Honorary pall bearers, all members of the G. A. R., were John Campbell, H. I. Davis, E. Shadbolt, B. A. Stowe, T. J. Noll and P. D. Burton. The active pall bearers were R. G. Coutts, Charles Hansen, F. L. Abel, C. E. Carter, H. S. Lowrey and E. Henely.

In addition to Charles Laros and family of Grinnell, the following members of the immediate family were present: Mr. and Mrs. K. E. Gibbs, sons Gus and Willard and daughter, Mrs. J. C. Michaels, of Cedar Rapids; Mrs. Bess Gruyer and little daughter, of Allentown, Pa.; Mrs. Naomi Goodrich of Chicago, and Gerald Laros of Cincinnati, O. The other sons, Fred and Gus, of Hart, Mich., and the remaining daughter, Mrs. Sadie Lorish, of Allentown, Pa., were with their father in Cedar Rapids during his last illness.