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OBITUARY.

Paschall Newton Latimer.

Paschall Newton Latimer was born in Manard County, Illinois, June 20, 1841. Died June 13, 1911, aged sixty-nine years, eleven months and twenty-four days. He was married to Elizabeth Howell July 28, 1864. To this union were born six children, four boys and two girls, four of which with the mother are left to mourn the loss of the husband and father. Mr. and Mrs. Latimer have lived in Nebraska for nearly twenty-three years. Mr. Latimer has been a member of the Methodist church for a score or more years and his dying testimony was to the effect that he was ready for the last great change.

Among his last words were expressions of peace in God and a willingness to depart and be at rest with him. His cheerful, helpful life, his devotion to his wife and family and kindness to everybody will long linger as a fragrant memory in the home and community that his presence once brightened.

But he is gone! Another name is stricken from the ever lessening roll of our old settlers, a solitary woman in the sunset of life and a lonely home are left to attest how sadly they will miss him. It must be so; these tender ties cannot be severed without a pang. Yet in such a death there is really no cause for grief. His life work was done and well done. He had passed nearly seventy of life's milestones and, wearied with life's duties and cares, weary of the suffering he had patiently endured for several months, he lay down to rest. Though he is gone his record has been made and will remain with us as a lasting treasure.

He had borne adversity and suffering bravely and filled the various relations of life as son, husband, father, brother, friend, and filled them well. Who can do more?

As a Christian Mr. Latimer lived a conscientious life, and was an untiring church worker for many years. While living in Missouri he faithfully superintended two Sunday schools, one in the forenoon and one in the afternoon for three years. He organized the first Sunday school in the Bell Prairie neighborhood—his old home. This first school was held in Finch's sod house.

For seven years of his life Mr. Latimer worked for the Randolph Header Works at Grinnell, Iowa. Six years of this time he had charge of the shops as foreman and superintendent. Only six machines had been built before Mr. Latimer entered the employ of this concern: he helped with the seventh and continued with the firm until the shops were moved to Harvey, Ill., when, owing to poor health, he came Western Nebraska, notwithstanding

the earnest entreaty of Mr. Charles Craver, the head of the concern; that he accompany them to Illinois and continue in the work.

When he first came to Nebraska Mr. Latimer settled on a homestead about eight miles northwest of Wellfleet, where he made his home until seven years ago last April when he moved to Maywood.

Grandpa Latimer, as he was known among his friends, will be keenly missed by hosts of friends in this community as well as by those of Wellfleet and Bell Prairie. May the sorrowing relatives find solace in the assurance expressed in the following verses:

"Ho sees when their footsteps falter,
When their hearts grow weak and faint,
He marks when their strength is failing.

Though there be no word of complaint,
He bids them rest for a season
For the pathway has grown too steep,
And folded away in green pastures
He giveth His loved ones sleep.

"Weep not that their toil is over;
Weep not that their race is run.
God grant we may rest as sweetly,
When, like theirs, our work is done.
Till then we would yield with gladness
Our loved ones to Him to keep.
And rejoice in the sweet assurance,
He giveth His loved ones sleep."

Funeral services were held in the M. E. church in Maywood, conducted by Rev. Parkef of Farnam, a former pastor of this church. The funeral procession then went to Wellfleet where the remains were laid to rest in the Wellfleet cemetery, near his old home. Rev. Bishop of Wellfleet conducted the services at the grave.

Relatives had gathered at the grave.