

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1916.

OBITUARY.

H. L. Matteson.

The death Friday night of H. L. Matteson takes from Grinnell probably her earliest inhabitant. Mr. Matteson belonged to a pioneer family of this vicinity. His father, Perry Matteson, was born in Chenango county, New York, April 4, 1819. At the age of 21, in 1840, he came to Petersburg, Ill., where he married Fannie Altig, in 1844. Henry Matteson, the oldest son, was born here. In 1846 Mr. Matteson came to Lynnville, Ia., where Jas. Matteson was born. In 1847 the family moved to Burlington, Ia. Here, Jan. 28, 1849, Harvey Leroy Matteson was born. In 1850 Perry Matteson and family returned to Jasper county, where Mr. Matteson entered the land just over the county line, where he lived till his death in 1902 at the age of 82 years. The son, Lee, who has just passed away, has lived in Grinnell and vicinity since 1850, nearly 67 years. Perry Matteson came to this locality four years before J. B. Grinnell located this city, and when the pioneers came they found a hearty welcome at the Perry Matteson home in Rock Creek township, and in the days of Mr. Matteson's activity every one of our early settlers maintained a warm friendship for the grand old pioneer who gladly met and ably assisted them in the first few months of Grinnell's history.

What was true of the father was true of the son; he was a kind and helpful friend and neighbor, and lived a quiet, modest, useful life, respected by all. In the early days the Perry Matteson home was a merry and happy one, where music was loved for the joy it brings and the violin talked as only it can speak in the hands of one who is a master of the bow. Lee Matteson inherited the family love of music and used his knowledge to make

He began life as a farmer, but was for years manager of the creamery located just south of the fair grounds. In later years he has been engaged in other occupations.

Mr. Matteson leaves two children, Bert L. and Mrs. Lura Bogart, and four grandchildren.

The funeral was held at three o'clock Sunday at Mr. Matteson's late home, conducted by Rev. J. M. Brown. Singing was by Miss Lane and Mrs. E. A. Black.

It is an interesting fact that of the family of eleven brothers and sisters, six were able to be present at the funeral. They were: Henry, and Mrs. Geo. Woodard, who live in Grinnell; Mrs. Mary Moore, who lives south of Kellogg; James, of Leon, Ia.; Frank, who lives five miles west of Grinnell; and Charlie, who lives at Vandalia, Mo. The latter was accompanied by his son Leslie. The brothers and sisters have always stood by each other and pride of relationship has been a family characteristic. In the passing of Mr. Matteson, Grinnell loses its earliest settler, a man of character, probity and honor, who will long be remembered as one who did much to brighten and ennoble life, and gave unselfishly and generously with no thought of receiving in return.

Other living brothers are George and Will, who live in Dakota, and were unable to be present.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to thank our friends and neighbors for the beautiful floral offerings, kindness and sympathy during the sickness and death of our beloved father and brother.—Mr. and Mrs. Louis Bogart, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Matteson, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Woodard, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Moore, F. E. Matteson, H. C. Matteson, Jim Matteson, Geo. Matteson, William Matteson, and Charles Matteson.