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Our community was shocked yesterday morning by the intelligence of the death, by drowning at Iowa City, of Lennie and Cora Parker, the only son and the youngest daughter of Professor Leonard F. Parker. The facts, as we learn, are as follows: The Professor with his niece, Miss Parker, and his two children, Lennie, aged 15 years, and Cora, aged 13, were enjoying a boat ride on the river just below the dam, at Iowa City, Tuesday evening, when rowing too near the dam, their boat was carried by the under-tow under the fall and capsized. The Professor and his niece were rescued, but the children were never seen after the boat capsized, and at this writing their bodies have not been recovered. We have no words to express our sympathy and that of this entire community with the stricken parents in this, their terrible bereavement. Grinnell was for many years their home. Here their lost darlings were born and spent their early childhood; and here, if their bodies should be found, they will probably be laid to rest by the side of their little brothers, Willie and Bertie, who preceded them to the other world a few years since. As we go to press at 11 a. m. no intelligence has been received of the recovery of their bodies.

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