

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1921.

## A PIONEER PASSES

Charles A. Ridley, Resident of Grinnell  
in 1857, Dies in California  
February 16th

WAS A RESIDENT HERE  
SINCE YEAR OF 1857

Served in U. S. Cavalry During Civil  
War and Lived Long Years in  
Washington Twp.

Charles A. Ridley was born in  
Searsport, Maine, March 11, 1841. He  
came from that same sturdy English  
stock that produced the martyr, Bish-  
op Ridley.

Owing to the death of his father Mr.  
Ridley had to make his own way in  
the world from early boyhood. At the  
age of 16 he came to Grinnell, Iowa,  
where he lived three years, then he  
went to Colorado, attracted by the  
newly discovered gold fields there,  
staked out a claim and engaged in  
mining. In 1861 he left his gold  
mine and enlisted in the army, serv-  
ing in Troop I, 2d regiment of caval-  
ry, U. S. Regular Army.

Under General Stoneman he par-  
ticipated in the famous ride around  
Richmond in 1862, and was with Gen-  
eral Buford at the Battle of Gettys-  
burg. Three times in battle his horse  
was shot under him, but he escaped  
unharmcd, and in 1864 was honorably  
discharged with the rank of corporal.  
He was a member of the John R.  
Godfrey Post of the G. A. R. in Pasa-  
dena.

After the war was over he returned  
to Grinnell, Iowa, and on Feb. 16,  
1866, was united in marriage to Maria  
Anna, daughter of John Brown, one  
of the best known pioneers of this  
part of Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Ridley  
lived on their farm three miles south  
of Grinnell until 1900, when they re-  
tired from the farm and made their  
home in Grinnell. In 1906 they went  
to California.

Five children came to their home,  
Emma M., wife of C. P. Colegrove,  
President of Upper Iowa University,  
Fayette, Iowa; Julia A., wife of Dr.  
H. E. Combacker, Osceola, Wis.;  
Charles H., of Orland, Cal.; Ralph L.  
of Yakima, Wash., and a daughter who  
died in infancy.

Mr. and Mrs. Ridley were spared to  
each other for 55 years. On Feb. 16,  
1921, the anniversary of their wedding  
he died in their home at 1079 N. Ma-  
rengo Ave., Pasadena. Funeral ser-  
vices were conducted by Rev. J. J.  
Jones, pastor of the Pilgrim Congre-  
gational church.