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## John Saysell Is Summoned

Beloved Young Superintendent of  
Newburg Schools Died Saturday  
Night of Flu-Pneumonia.

FUNERAL SERVICES WERE  
HELD MONDAY AFTERNOON

John was a Graduate of Grinnell High  
School and College; Taught Here  
Before Going to Newburg.

John Saysell, Grinnell high school  
and college graduate, former popular  
teacher in Grinnell high school and be-  
loved and successful superintendent  
of the Newburg school since the fall  
of 1925, passed away at his home in  
Newburg Saturday evening of flu-  
pneumonia.

It is hard for Grinnell friends to  
believe that John is gone. His ath-  
letic frame and stalwart strength  
gave promise of many happy and use-  
ful years in the profession which he  
loved and in which he had already at-  
tained such a great measure of suc-  
cess. He would have been 34 years  
old had he lived until May 8.

John Matthew Saysell was born in  
Red Lodge, Montana, May 8, 1894, the  
son of William and Annie D. Saysell.  
His early life was spent in Red Lodge.  
He came to Grinnell as a boy with his  
mother in 1910, and John entered the  
academy of Grinnell College. Later  
he enrolled in high school from which  
he graduated in 1914 and he com-  
pleted his college work in Grinnell  
College in 1918. During the fall of  
1917 he played center on the football  
team which was conceded the champ-  
ionship of the state.

Mr. Saysell worked for the Herald  
chiefly in the pressroom, while both in  
high school and college, and was in  
the employ of the Herald when he en-  
tered the service in the World War.

Early in 1918 he enlisted in the  
army, leaving college Apr. 22, but was  
given full credit for his work, gradu-  
ating with the class of 1918.

After about three months in the serv-  
ice at San Antonio he was honorably  
discharged and returned to Grinnell  
and re-entered the employ of the Her-  
ald. However, he was soon elected  
to a position in the high school and  
taught here successfully seven years.

In June, 1925, he was united in mar-  
riage with Miss Bernice Randolph  
and in the fall of that year he and his  
bride went to Newburg, where John  
had been elected superintendent of  
schools. He was successful from the  
first. The Newburg school developed  
rapidly under his energetic and tact-  
ful administration and his third suc-  
cessful year was drawing to a close  
when he was stricken down by the  
illness which caused his death.

He is survived by his wife and his  
aged mother.

John united with the Congregation-  
al church of Grinnell in early man-  
hood and his membership was later  
transferred to Newburg. He was a  
member also of the American Legion,  
the Elks Lodge and the Masons.

Funeral services were held Monday  
afternoon from the Congregational  
church of Newburg which was filled  
by the company of sorrowing friends.  
Rev. Nelson Welrhan conducted the  
services, and a chorus of Newburg  
girls furnished the music. Pall bear-  
ers were members of the school  
board. Burial was in Hazelwood.