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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 1916

Heman H. Sprague

Heman H. Sprague was born at Ellenburg, N. Y., April 4, 1857, and died at Grinnell, Ia., Sept. 2, 1916, aged 59 years, 4 months, and 28 days.

The deceased was left fatherless at the age of 5 years and motherless at the age of 18. Out of a large family only two sisters are now living, Mrs. Minnie Kent of Manson, Ia., and Mrs. Lydia Dorsey of Nashua, N. H.

Mr. Sprague left his native state in 1879 and settled in Leadville, Colo., where he remained for two years. From there he removed to Ewart, Ia., where he lived until 1887, when he went to western Nebraska, where he remained two years, and from there he came to Grinnell in the spring of 1889 and this city has been his home ever since.

He was married at Ewart, Ia., on March 13, 1884, to Ella E. Farley, who had come with her parents from Ellenburg, N. Y., a short time before. Both parties to this contract had known each other all their lives. To this union were born three daughters, Mamie E., who died in infancy; Ina-L., and Lena May, who with their mother sincerely mourn the loss of a loving husband and a kind and indulgent father.

Mr. Sprague was peculiarly a home man. He loved his home better than any place on earth and could always be found there outside business hours. He loved his family with all the intensity of his soul. A blank has been left in the home that he alone, who has promised to be a father to the fatherless and a husband to the widow, can fill.

Mr. Sprague was converted in early manhood and united with the Methodist Episcopal church at the age of 17. A coincidence worthy of note, right here is the fact that he and the lady, who several years later became his wife both united with the church on the same day and have continued loyal members ever since. It was on very rare occasions that Mr. Sprague's services in the church was vacant. He leaves an example of which no one can be ashamed.

He was affiliated with one of the labor unions of the city, and his fellow members have expressed their confidence in his honesty and integrity for some years past by electing him as custodian of the funds of the order.

The funeral was held from the family residence on Elm street Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock, conducted by the

Rev. W. B. Wilson in the absence of his pastor, Dr. J. M. Brown, who was in attendance at the session of the annual church conference.

The bereaved family have the sincere sympathy of the entire community in the sore affliction that has suddenly overtaken them.