

OBITUARY

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Grinnell friends will read with interest and appreciation the following obituary notice from the Omaha World-Herald, regarding Mayo C. Wallace, former Grinnell boy, who died a few days ago:

Mayo C. Wallace, veteran passenger train conductor of the Union Pacific and affectionately known among railway men as "Pop," died Wednesday morning at his home, 1515 William street, where he resided with his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Edward T. Morris.

Mr. Wallace was born in Grinnell, Iowa, and would have been 62 years old next August. He came with two chums, Ira Mallory and George Beard, from the Rock Island road, thirty-two years ago, to the Union Pacific. He has been one of its finest passenger conductors handling limited trains. He happened to be conductor of the limited held up by bandits on Lane Cutoff and was so impatient to start on that he found himself facing a bandit with a pistol in his face.

Mr. Wallace was a great baseball fan, both here and at the world's series. When Pfeister was bought from Omaha by the Chicago Cubs, Wallace went to Chicago and stayed four days to see him pitch. It was not his turn yet, but Frank Chance, finding what Wallace wanted, put Pfeister on that afternoon so he could see him.

Mr. Wallace had been nineteen years a member of the Elks and belonged to the Order of Railway Conductors.