

A PATHETIC ENDING TO HAPPY ROMANCE

**OKE GRIER'S BETROTHED RE-
TURNS WITH DEAD LOVER.**

**Young Man Taken Very Ill on Way
From Montana to Grinnell—
Dies at City Hospital.**

A week ago last evening an automobile party from Kallispell, Mont., arrived in Grinnell. Oke Grier, a young man about twenty-two years of age, a grandson of the late Thos. Foster, of this vicinity, his affianced wife, Miss Blanche Hartman, her brother and her uncle, making up the party which had made the trip. The uncle of the young lady, who lives at Rock Island, Ill., had been visiting in the west and the young people, taking advantage of the opportunity to enjoy a wonderful cross country drive came with him; his niece and nephew to visit relatives at different points in Iowa and young Grier to visit at the homes of his mother's sisters, Mrs. Ralph Sherman, Mrs. H. A. Burell, and his uncles, B. W. Foster, Clyde Foster, J. E. Foster, his grand-uncle, A. A. Foster and many other relatives in this community. Mrs. P. Y. Fuller, who died recently was also a sister of the young man's mother.

When the party arrived in Grinnell the young man was very ill, scarcely able to stand. He was taken to the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Foster and a physician called. He was ordered taken to the city hospital at once. It seems that on the way what appeared to be a small boil, appeared on the young man's face at first giving slight discomfort but rapidly growing worse. Physicians consulted on the way pronounced the trouble erysipelas but on arrival here he was said to be suffering from a severe case of blood poisoning. He was a very, very sick boy from the time he arrived in Grinnell and although everything possible was done to relieve his condition he steadily grew worse; pneumonia developed and he passed away Friday morning, November 10 at 4:30 a. m.

His people were notified of the seriousness of his condition and his mother was on the way to Grinnell when he died. Word was gotten to her that her son had passed away and she returned to her home at Kallispell, Montana, and on Friday night his heart broken betrothed and her brother started on the return journey with the earthly remains of her young lover.

Oke Grier was born June 29, 1894 in Poweshiek county. When a babe his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Grier went west locating at Kallispell, Montana, where the young man spent practically all his life. His grandfather, Thomas Foster had visited them in their western home and also P. Y. Fuller and family and other Poweshiek county relatives. Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Foster met the young man in California last winter and learned to care a great deal for him. He had planned for a year or more to make a trip to Iowa to visit and to make the acquaintance of his many aunts, uncles, numerous cousins and other relatives, having never been in Iowa since he left here a mere child.

The young lady to whom he was engaged, Miss Blanche Hartman, also has relatives and friends in Grinnell, among them John Campbell. No one was permitted to see the young man until shortly before his death but as soon as she was allowed she went to him and stayed with him until the end came. The relatives and friends here are deeply grieved over the untimely death of this promising young man and doubly so on account of his being far away from his own people. They had planned to hold short funeral services here but on hearing that the mother had been stopped on her journey and that his people desired his body sent home at once all prearranged plans were dropped and the party started at once on their long journey home. It is indeed a sad ending to a joyous trip.

Oke Grier

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