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—The death of L. H. Barnes Tuesday night takes from our midst a man who will be greatly missed by the business men, with all of whom he held dealings. Mr. Barnes was in excellent health Tuesday until the middle of the afternoon. At the express office he was stricken with pain in his heart, and would have fallen to the floor but for the assistance of W. S. Robie who was near. A physician was called and he was carried home. He rallied and seemed to entirely recover. About midnight he helped himself to his medicine, and seemed strong. About one o'clock the severe pain returned and Mr. Barnes tried to rise. He was unable to walk even with Mrs. Barnes' assistance and in her arms he sank to the floor. Mrs. Barnes finding herself unable to assist him more, started to ask Mr. Joy for help. B. J. Ricker was going to the train and also came to her assistance but Mr. Barnes had already passed away. The specific name of the disease that carried him off was *angina pectoris*.

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L. H. Barnes was born at Peterboro, Can., May 5, 1834. When but a child he came with his parents to Monroe, Mich. About forty years ago, he came to Iowa with his father and for a number of years they conducted a line of stage coaches in northern Iowa and southern Minn. When railroads superseded the stage lines, Mr. Barnes entered the employ of the U. S. express company and faithfully served the company even till his death.

Jan. 1, 1874, at Ottumwa, Mr. Barnes was united in marriage with the esteemed lady who survives him, Mrs. Eliza E. Evans of Ravenna, Ohio. At that time time he was express messenger on the Iowa Central, with a run from Ottumwa to Mason City. A few years later on account of failing health the company offered him a choice of two good stations and he chose Grinnell, coming here in 1880. For 15 years he has faithfully served the company, so that one of his superiors recently said that few offices were kept as carefully as this. His humor, his strict attention to his business and his willingness to accommodate, made him numberless friends in Grinnell. He has served as alderman of his ward. The past five years he has not been strong, and last winter was ill for several months. The funeral service occurred at his late residence at 7:30 this morning, an Episcopal service conducted by Rev. E. M. Vittum. The singers were Mrs. Vittum, Mrs. Christian, S. H. Herrick and A. C. Harriman. The pall bearers were Ed Kemmerer, H. B. Westlake, I. S. Bailey, J. H. McMurray, Jr., G. H. Brown and D. S. Morrison. The remains are being taken to Ravenna, O., for burial, where they will arrive at ten o'clock tomorrow morning. Mrs. Barnes accompanies the remains to that place. Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Packard of Cedar Falls meet her at West Liberty and go as far as Chicago. Mr. C. E. Taylor of the U. S. Co. goes as far as Davenport.

Mr. Barnes leaves five children by a former wife, Mrs. J. D. Brockway of Jefferson, Ia., who has been here this week, and four daughters now living in California. He has done his work faithfully and well and has entered into his rest. May his devotion to duty, his geniality and generous nature, kind, gentle and loving in his home and abroad, be a help to others.