

GRINNELL, IOWA, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1910.

ALL GRINNELL MOURNS A GOOD CITIZEN

One of the builders of Grinnell was carried to his last resting place this afternoon. Senator E. W. Clark is interred today in all Grinnell, and at the hour of his funeral, factory wheels ceased to turn, business houses closed their doors and a whole city paid homage to the man who has exemplified to a great degree, the possibilities of a life of service.

Dr. Clark was a part of Grinnell. For almost forty years he was a practicing physician in this city, and he practiced with a devotion and a self-sacrifice hardly realized. It was considered so much as a matter of course. No matter what his own ailments, no matter how worried he might be from previous calls, he was always ready to answer the summons of those who needed him. He was a power as a doctor. Though graduated from Rush medical college at an early day, before the institution had reached its eminence which it has since attained, he kept abreast of his profession. He possessed, an unerring sense of diagnosis. He went to the seat of the trouble with a common sense and a sound judgment rarely mistaken as late years have shown of his exertions among the people he has served so faithfully. No better parallel can be found to the light in which he was considered by the people of



DR. E. W. CLARK

DZ-16-1910

E.W. CLARK

Grinnell than that of Dr. McClure, the loved physician of Drumtochty. To him, the spontaneous movement to do him honor which has been shown today bears eloquent witness.

As a citizen Dr. Clark has been called often to positions of public trust. As member of the school board, of the city council, of the house of representatives, of the state senate, where his term is just closing, as a trustee of Grinnell College, he has shown the same devotion to duty which marked his career as a physician. It is a good man who has gone and his memory will long be kept green in Grinnell.

The words of his biography may be briefly given. Elbert Warren Clark was born in Glover, Orleans county, Vermont, February 11, 1842, of Scotch-American parentage. He moved when 12 years old to Bureau county, Illinois, where he resided on a farm until 1865. His education was acquired in the

country district school and the high school at Kewanee, Illinois. In 1866 he entered Rush Medical College, Chicago, graduating in February, 1871. In May of that year, he came to Grinnell, where he grew up with the city in a way with which all the readers of the Herald are familiar. He was married, in 1874, to Miss Julia Brainard. His wife and one son, E. W. Clark, Jr., survive him. Dr. Clark was elected five times as a member of the city council of Grinnell. For six years he was president of the school board. He has been a trustee of Grinnell College since 1898, has served as a trustee of Stewart public library, and was mayor of Grinnell from 1893 to 1897, during which time great improvements in the way of sewers and water works were installed. He was president of

the State Medical Society in 1907. He was a lifelong republican, casting his first ballot for Abraham Lincoln and voting for every republican candidate for president since that time. All party honored him, calling him to serve first as representative from Poweshiek county in the Thirty-first General Assembly and then electing him in 1906 to the state senate from the Twelfth district, composed of Poweshiek and Keokuk counties. His service in the legislature was marked by great devotion to duty. He rarely missed a session and even last winter, when his attendance was a matter of difficulty on account of his physical condition, he was always in his place.

Of late years, Dr. Clark's friends had noted that the efforts of long years of arduous practice were beginning to tell upon him. He had never spared himself. Time and again, when he should have been in bed himself with sickness, he had gone out at night to answer the call of some one in distress. In July of 1908 he made a trip to Carneyville, Wyoming, where he had property interests and while there suffered a heavy fall, striking his side violently against a piece of machinery and fracturing a rib. The injury was not in itself serious, but the shock was great and soon after his return to Grinnell, his condition became such as to cause great alarm. He was taken to California for the winter and when he returned to Grinnell in the spring, he was apparently much improved. Declining to desist entirely from the work to which his life had been devoted, he persisted in his office practice during the summer, but in September was forced to desist by the combination of ailments, which finally caused his

death, which was due to chronic bronchitis and the general collapse of a body worn out by untold services to his fellowmen. The most generous and was given him until the end. In addition to the kind care of other physicians, the expert advice of Dr. N. C. Morse, of Elkhart, and Dr. C. C. Brown, of Grinnell, old time friends, was called for and freely given, but the best medical skill was of no avail. Death came peacefully on Wednesday morning at 11:15 o'clock.

After a private service at 10 o'clock this morning at the home the funeral was held at 2 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon from the Congregational church. By general consent, music was suspended and the church was crowded with those who had come to pay the last tribute of respect to the good man who was gone.

From 12:30 until 2 o'clock the body was at the church, and an opportunity was given to all who desired to lay their last upon the face of a friend, an opportunity of which many availed themselves.

The impressive services were in charge of Rev. H. N. Durcomb, assisted by Professor L. E. Parker, Dr. J. H. T. Main and Hon. J. P. Lybrand. Music was furnished by a quartet composed of Professor Ralph Lybrand, A. C. Lyon, H. B. Brand and Mrs. David Peck, with Professor H. W. Matlack at the organ.

The active pall bearers were B. J. Pooley, R. J. Ricker, A. D. Talbot, G. H. Hamlin, Representative George Grier of Deep River, and C. F. Roe, of New Sharon.

The honorary pall bearers were H. W. Spaulding, R. G. Combs, Professor Jesse Stacy, J. A. Flook, C. W. H.

ELBERT

—Dr. E. W. Clark came to this city in 1871 and began the practice of medicine. Two years later he entered into the drug business in partnership with G. H. Hanlin in the room now occupied by the firm of which he is a member. The firm name was G. H. Hanlin & Co. About '75 Hanlin retired and Dr. E. H. Harris was received as a partner, the firm being known as Harris & Clark. This firm continued to do business for about five years when it became again Hanlin & Co., Dr. Clark being the rest of the firm designated as the company. In succession, the style of the firm changed to Macdonald, Snider & Co., then to Snider & Co., next it became Snider, McConnell & Co. and finally it became Paul McConnell & Co., which title it now bears. During all of these changes Dr. Clark has always had an interest in the business and at one time was sole owner of the drug store. While his name has appeared but once in the name of the firm, he has always had more or less control of the business of the firm. His advice and counsel has been sought and has had weight in the conduct of the business. The company has enlarged its quarters and fitted the rooms up with elegant shelvings and furniture and now has one of the most pleasant rooms in the city. As assistants in this popular drug store we notice Miss Anna McConnell, C. P. Roe and Willis Myers. Not only has Dr. Clark been an active practitioner and business man, but he has been sought for by the public and has served them as member of the school board for a long series of years, from which office he was called to the highest position within the gift of the city, the office of mayor. Each of these positions he filled with credit.

1-12-1900

The Grinnell Herald

RAY, HAINES & FRISBIE
PUBLISHERS
Official Paper of Poweshiek County.

Entered as second-class matter at the post-office at Grinnell, Iowa.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1910.

EIBERT

DR. E. W. CLARK.

So many good things are being said about Dr. Clark, that it seems almost impossible to add a new word to the multitude of kind words already spoken. The closed business houses and factories, and the large attendance at the church service, are brief but conclusive testimonies to the large share he had in the activities of Grinnell. Quiet, reserved and unostentatious, a stranger would not suspect the great force and energy of character beneath such modest demeanor. But when ready to speak or move, he would find a well-formed and well-founded judgment backed by prompt, well directed and decisive action.

That was Dr. Clark in business. And because of his almost unerring

it was because of his judgment followed by speedy and forceful service that he came to be so great a power in all Grinnell enterprises requiring coolness, decision or hard work.

In his private life the Doctor was a warm friend, and kept that friendship fast thro' all conditions. Reserved tho he was, he was very approachable to those who knew him, and never failed in time of need. Generous to the limit of his financial ability, he was among the foremost givers in every charitable or public enterprise.

As a physician, so much has been publicly said and so completely, that the Herald would, if it said more, but weakly echo the good things of a whole cityful of friends.

Grinnell mourns a man who will be missed in every walk and phase of life, in public or private, in sickness or health. His memory will be cherished and revered as long as there remains living a single member of the present generation of Grinnell to speak his praise or recall his life of unselfish service. Some there be whose memory is soon forgotten. That of Dr. Clark will live on and on, growing brighter as the years increase. His life will always be a help and example and an inspiration for righteousness to the young.